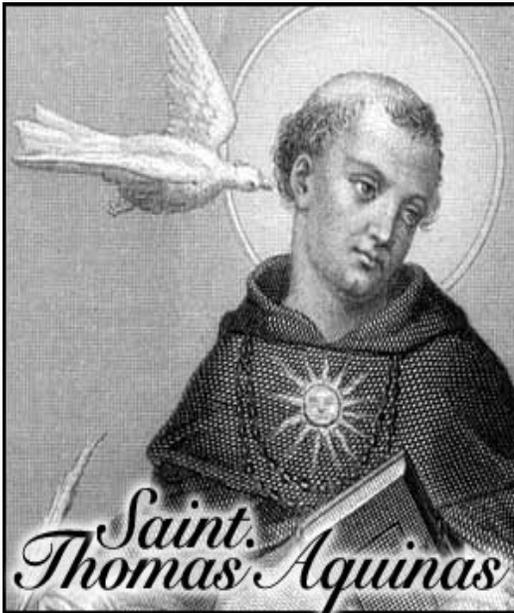


St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate

SACRED HEART, ST. PATRICK, ST. PETER, ST. MATTHIAS



Saturday

4:00 PM at St. Patrick on the 1st & 4th Saturdays of each month
at Sacred Heart on the 2nd Saturday of each month
at St. Peter on the 3rd Saturday of each month
see bulletin for location when there is a 5th Saturday

5:30 PM at St. Matthias

Sunday

8:00 AM at St. Matthias

10:00 AM at St. Matthias

Weekday Liturgies - see bulletin for times/location

Sacrament of Reconciliation – see bulletin for times when scheduled

Baptisms - Pre-baptism class required, next class is June 4, 2012

Contact Ray & Carol Noonan at 852-3181 to register for class

Contact the pastorate office, 852-3524 to schedule a baptism

Marriages - Contact Fr. Loecke at least six months prior to the wedding date.

Care of the Sick - Contact Jean Conrad for home visitation or the

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Business Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM, 852-3524

A Mother's Love

Today's second reading and Gospel, which focus on God's love, are beautifully appropriate for Mother's Day. There's no greater earthly example of God's unconditional, life-giving, nurturing, and sacrificial love than the love of a wonderful mother.

Like God, our mothers loved us first – before we could ever respond. Like God, our moms know us most intimately and love us unconditionally through childbirth's pain, infant helplessness, childhood challenges, and the struggles of emerging from adolescence into adulthood. Like the Lord, my mom is still the one I know I can count on to be there to provide constant love, support, encouragement, counsel, and a listening ear. Moms take our hands and gently guide us in the way of God's commandments, because they desire what Jesus desires for us: fruitful lives and complete joy.

*God created Mothers for He knew there had to be,
A very special person who could guide a family.
He gave them warmth and tenderness, and lots of love to share.
He taught them how to listen, and showed them how to care.
He sent them here to guide us, from the moment of our birth.
God's very best creation was our Mom here on earth.*

Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 13, 2012

Pastorate Liturgy Schedule

(Cascade-C; Fillmore-F; Garryowen-G; Temple Hill-T)

Mon, May 14	7:00 (C) Lucy Green
Tue, May 15	8:30 (C) Owen & Elizabeth Howard
Wed, May 16	7:00 (C) Madonna Redmond 8:00 (F) Word & Communion Service
Thu, May 17	7:00 (C) Rusty Finn
Fri, May 18	7:00 (C) Becky Dolphin
Sat, May 19	1:30 PM (C) Nuptial Ceremony for Katie Noonan & Luke Hillyer 4:00 PM (T) The Raymond & Helen Koppes Family 5:30 PM (C) Frank & Rosalia Fah
Sun, May 20	8:00 (C) Steve O'Brien 10:00 (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate

Scripture Readings - May 13-20, 2012

5/13	Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48/ 1Jn. 4: 7-10/ Jn. 15: 9-17
5/14	Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26/ Jn. 15: 9-17
5/15	Acts: 16: 22-34/ Jn. 16: 5-11
5/16	Acts 17: 15, 22 - 18: 1/ Jn. 16: 12-15
5/17	Acts 18: 1-8/ Jn. 16: 16-20
5/18	Acts 18: 9-18/ Jn. 16: 20-23
5/19	Acts 18: 23-28/ Jn. 16: 23b-28
5/20	Acts 1: 1-11/ Eph. 1: 17-23/ Mk. 28: 19a, 20

From Father Loecke

As we recognize mothers on this Mother's Day, we thank our mothers for the love and care they have provided for us. Motherhood is an important vocation that the Church sees as having tremendous value in a world that in many ways degrades women and the important role of motherhood. May Mary the loving and tender mother of Jesus intercede for all of us, but especially mothers on this day that we will all be faithful to fulfilling the Will of God in our lives.

Thank you to all who helped to make the Sacred Heart Spring Fling a great success. The evening was quite nice. I appreciate all the effort that goes into making these types of events so successful.

We are nearing the end of the strategic planning effort. The planning group met with the pastorate council and the four parish councils a little over one week ago. A basic presentation was given that night about the proposed plan which has three primary focus areas: welcoming, communication and youth ministry. A question and answer period followed. The meeting was very positive and uplifting. There was, amongst those present, a great deal of support for the plan which will be presented to the pastorate in a few weeks. The Second Vatican Council tells us that we all have a baptismal responsibility to be actively involved in the life of the Church and in promoting the faith we profess. Being involved means taking personal responsibility for one's faith development and the continued development of the parish/pastorate community. I firmly believe this plan will help to bring about a greater sense of clarity and understanding about this important responsibility that we all, ordained and non-ordained, share. God has brought us safely

to this point in this effort and I believe deeply that the same Spirit that was poured upon the Church on that first Pentecost will continue to guide our efforts to build up the Church in this area.

At the end of January, the October Count numbers from 2011 were released. With so many things going on, I did not get this information into the bulletin. The individual percentages for the four parishes in this pastorate are not that important as we have people from all four parishes attending Mass at the various parish churches. What matters is the overall average of Mass attendance in the pastorate. Our average is about 52 percent. Some might say, "52 percent is that all?" Fifty-two percent is really quite high in comparison to the Dyersville Deanery average which is around 37 percent attendance. I am so thankful for your dedication and support in terms of Mass attendance. The St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate percentage is a tremendous sign of life and spiritual health. All I can say is keep up your good work and dedicated effort to love and serve God for in the end this is all that matters.

Pastorate News

Mass Server Training for students currently in grades 4 – 11 will be Wed. May 16 from 8:30 – 9:30 AM and Sat. May 19 from 9:00 – 10:00 AM at St. Matthias. The training is for those interested in becoming Mass servers at any of the pastorate churches. Any students interested may register by picking up a form from their teacher at Aquin, from their Aquin CCD teacher or at their RTR classes. Forms will also be available in the back of all pastorate churches. Pre-registration is required. Any questions call the pastorate office, 852-3524. The next schedule will start on June 23.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: If you or someone in your family is or will be hospitalized and a visit from a priest is desired, please call the pastorate office to let us know the name of the person and where the person can be found. Sometimes the hospital will call to provide the names of parishioners and sometimes they do not. If the patient is admitted through the emergency room, the hospital does not call us. Sometimes the information from the hospital is a day or two old and by the time we receive the call and can stop by the person has been discharged. In general, nursing homes do not call to let us know when a parishioner is admitted. Pastoral care of the sick is important, but such visits cannot be made if we don't know that parishioners are in the hospital.

St. Martin Church Renovation: Tuckpointing and cleaning the stone is now in progress. Pedestrians are asked to observe the barriers that section off the construction zone. The church will continue to be locked when construction crews are working except for Mass times. If you need to use the church during this time please phone the pastorate office and we can let you know if it will be available. Remember – safety is our #1 concern. Thank you for your cooperation while this work is being done.

Prayer Shawl: Mon. May 14, 2:00 PM, pastorate office.

The Aquin Educational System

Aquin Registration: Aquin is still accepting applications for the 2012-13 school year. If you are interested in registering

your child in any of our programs: 3-year old preschool (spaces limited), 4-year old preschool (spaces limited), K-8, or Latchkey, please contact the school office at 852-3331.

High School students: are you looking for a leadership training opportunity? Then plan to attend the Christian Leadership Institute (CLI) to be held August 5-10 at the Christian Conference Center near Newton, IA, sponsored by Dubuque Archdiocese and Davenport Diocese. CLI is designed to teach skills necessary for effective leadership with other youth and adults in a parish or school youth ministry setting, and it enables each person to discover his or her own leadership style. CLI is open to young people ages 15-18, who will be at least entering the 10th grade this fall. Registration deadline is July 13. Parents with current emails, a flyer has been emailed to you. A brochure can be found on the bulletin board at St. Matthias or in the RTR classroom or contact Rebecca Smith, 852-5265.

St. Patrick, Garryowen

Liturgical Participation – Sat. May 26, 4:00 PM –

Commentator: Denny Brackemyer; *Lector:* Sr. Marlene McDonnell; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Judy Coyle, Janet Felton, Margie Bradley; *Ushers:* Rich Molony, Don Meloy; *Acolytes:* Dane Brackemyer, Sara Redmond, Mitchell Redmond

Rosary before Mass: Sat. May 26 – Volunteer please

Sacrificial Offering: May 5-6: Budget: \$1,966.00; Offertory: \$95.12; Easter: \$110.00; Cemetery Road: \$35.00; 3-in-1: \$270.00; Total: \$2,476.12

Church Cleaning in May: Richard & Sandy Pfab, Tom & Laura Reis, Ann Curoe

St. Patrick's Church Trim: So far \$13,312.00 has been raised toward the goal of \$14,232.00 to paint the trim. Thank you for all your donations for this project.

New Council Members Needed: Three new parish council members are needed to replace people whose terms are ending. Anyone interested please contact Mike Weber at 563-590-4993.

Thank You: The parish would like to thank Terry Gravel and Rick Gravel for the use of the skid loader and the tiller for seeding and landscaping.

Thank You to Bill Miller Logging for donating his time and equipment in helping to remove the trees from the cemetery. Please consider patronizing Bill Miller Logging when you need landscaping mulch and firewood.

Sacred Heart, Fillmore

Liturgical Participation – June 9, 4:00 PM – *Commentator:*

Ann Callahan; *Lector:* Marty Mausser; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Kayleen Turnis, Ruth Rea; *Servers:* Claire Rea, Chloe Rea, Calli Recker

Sacrificial Offering: May 5-6: Budget: \$720.00; 3-in-1: \$20.00; Total: \$740.00

Church Cleaners (before May 26): Brian & Linda Recker, Matt & Jenny Recker, Jack & Katie Koopman, Marv & Rita Recker

Hall Cleaners (before May 26): Joan & Mike Turnis, Brenda Turnis, Cheri Hunt, Ralph & Gertie Hunt)

Sacred Heart Community would like to express their thanks to the Louis Callahan Family for the memorial gift of the new chairs, in memory of Darby.

Mary's Candle burns for the intention of Pat and Ruth Rea.

St. Peter, Temple Hill

Liturgical Participation: (May 19, 2012 - 4:00 PM) *Lector:* Julie Orris; *Commentator:* Jen Manternach; *Eucharistic Min.:* Shelley Schockemoehl, Joe Trumm, LuAnn Manternach; *Ushers:* Marty Rausch, Carl Koppes; *Servers:* Dylan Roe, Megan Loes, Robert Trumm; *Gifts:* Joe Staner; *Greeter:* Jim Welter

Church Cleaners (before May 19): Matt & Jennifer Manternach (leaders), Tom & Mary Beth Stecklein, Larry & Lois Manternach, Loren & Lori Manternach, Sarah Foulks, Dennis & Lora Hoffmann, Jill Manternach, Jim & Dianne Koppes

Rosary: Wed., May 23, 6:00 PM

The Next Mass is Saturday, May 19 at 4:00 PM. There will be a potluck social following Mass in the parish hall honoring students receiving the sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation and the 2012 graduates. All are welcome.

Sacrificial Offering: May 5-6: Budget: \$295.00; Youth: \$2.00; 3-in-1: \$350.00; Total: \$647.00

Parish Council Positions are open for Women's & Men's Community Life, Pastoral Council, & Youth Representative. If you are interested, please call or e-mail Julie by Thursday, May 17.

Tickets & Chances for the 40th annual St. Peter's Pork Barbecue will be available after the Temple Hill Mass on May 19th. Please pick yours up to avoid mailing costs. Posters will also be available to be distributed.

St. Matthias, Cascade

Liturgical Participation – Weekdays May 14 – May 18:

Server: Blair Gleason; *Lector:* Jane Strang; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Jane Strang, Blair Gleason, Betty Green

Sat. – May 19, 5:30 PM – *Lector* – Kay Takes; *Commentator* – Shelley Annis; *Ushers:* Greg & Mona Manternach; *Eucharistic Ministers* – Pat Lyons, Dale & Sharon Manternach, Jacquie Manternach, Rita Martin; *Servers:* Morgan McMullen, Ava Moriem, Kurt Trumm; *Music* – Children's Choir

Sun. – May 20, 8:00 AM – *Lector* – Liz Decker; *Commentator* – Liz Decker; *Ushers* – Ryan Hosch, Scott Soppe; *Eucharistic Ministers* – Anne Kauder, Matt Knepper, Cathy Knuth, Jessi Koob, Dianne Koppes; *Servers:* Kendra Johnson, Kayla Kauder, Joe Knepper; *Music* – Becky

Sun. – May 20, 10:00 AM – *Lector* – to be determined; *Commentator* – to be determined; *Ushers* – to be determined; *Eucharistic Ministers:* to be determined; *Servers:* Rachel McDermott, Sam McDermott, Madeline Rhomberg; *Music* – Teen Choir

Sacrificial Offering: May 5-6: Budget: \$4,423.00; Offertory: \$606.00; Easter: \$2,100.00; 3-in-1: \$425.00; Total: \$7,554.00

Area Events

River Bend Retirement Community – Public Welcome:

- Every Wed. at 9:30 AM – Bible Study

Hospice of Dubuque will host the annual Tree of Life Memorial Service and Lighting Ceremony in Washington Park at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, May 22. You are invited to attend the service and purchase a light, in memory or honor of a loved one, by sending a tax-deductible gift to Hospice of Dubuque. For more information, please call Hospice of Dubuque at 563-582-1220.