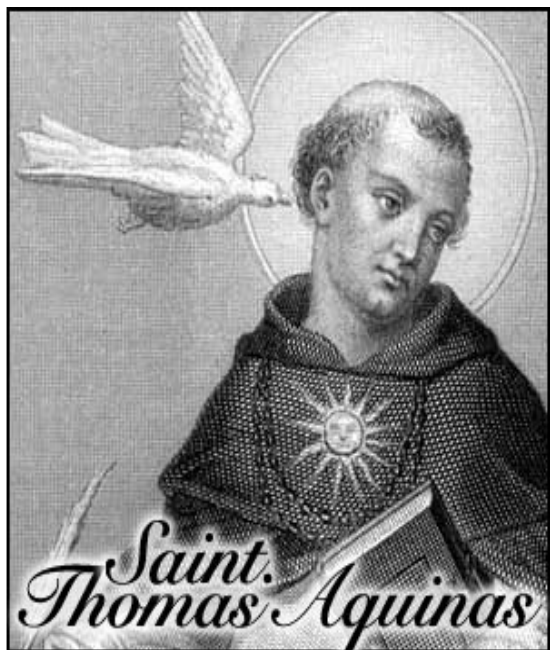


# St. Thomas Aquinas Cluster

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



## Saturday

4:30 PM at St. Matthias

6:00 PM at St. Patrick on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of each month  
at Sacred Heart on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month  
at St. Peter on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month  
see bulletin for location when there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday

## Sunday

8:00 AM at St. Matthias

10:00 AM at St. Matthias

Weekday Liturgies - see bulletin for times/location

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturday - 4:00 PM at St. Matthias

Baptisms - Pre-baptism class required, next class is September 13

Contact Ray & Carol Noonan at 852-3181

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

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## A Bit About Novenas

Its name deriving from the Latin word "*novem*," meaning "nine," a novena is nine days' private or public devotion in the Catholic Church to obtain special graces. Though they are not part of our official liturgy and remain a popular devotion, they've been prayed since the very beginning of the Church -- and before its official beginning: Mary and the Apostles prayed from His Ascension to the Pentecost, a period of nine days (Acts 1). The Christian and Jewish meaning of the number "9" entered into Christian thinking on the matter, as "9" was associated with suffering, grief, and imperfection, making it a fitting number for when "man's imperfection turned in prayer to God." St. Jerome wrote that "the number nine in Holy Scripture is indicative of suffering and grief."

Novenas, then, often, but not necessarily, have about them a sense of "urgency"; they are typically made for special intentions, one's own or another's. Novenas to certain saints are often made according to that saint's patronage. For example, because of his New Testament letter encouraging Christians to persevere in the face of persecution, St. Jude is the patron of desperate situations and "hopeless" causes, so a person who finds himself or a loved one in a real tough bind might make a novena to St. Jude. (It is traditional, after making a novena to St. Jude, to make a public expression of your gratitude. This is the reason for those mysterious thank you notes to St. Jude that you might see in a newspaper's classifieds section). There are four main types of novenas (a novena may fit into more than one category):

- novenas of mourning, such as the novena made during the novendiales -- the nine day period following the death of a Pope
- novenas of preparation, or "anticipation," such as the Christmas or Easter Novenas
- novenas of prayer
- the indulgenced novenas

Be aware that some people think about novenas in a superstitious manner. Any novena instructions that include words such as, "say this prayer for 9 consecutive days and your wish will be granted to you," or that describe the novena as "never fail" in some sense that would lead one to believe that we have God at our beck and call rather than *our* being *His* humble servants. Inside today's bulletin, you will find copies of two of my favorite novenas one to St. Anthony and the other to St. Therese of the Child Jesus.

## 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time July 25, 2010

Jesus is describing God's immeasurable generosity when He says in today's Gospel, "Whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; whoever knocks, is admitted." But it should also be the description of us as Christian stewards - those seeking to follow Christ by using our gifts in service to others.

### Cluster Liturgy Schedule

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

Mon, July 26	7:00 (C) Special Intention
Tue, July 27	7:00 (C) Martha & Jake Cigrand
Wed, July 28	7:00 (C) Dianne Knepper 8:00 (F) Word & Communion Service
Thu, July 29	7:00 (C) Martha & Jake Cigrand
Fri, July 30	7:00 (C) Charlie Allen
Sat, July 31	1:30 PM (F) Nuptial Mass of Kristine Bartels & Jared Meyer 4:30 PM (C) Monica Manternach 6:00 PM (F) Berneice Gassman
Sun, August 1	8:00 (C) Tom Topping 10:00 (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Cluster

### Scripture Readings July 25 - August 1, 2010

7/25	Gn. 18: 20-32/ Col. 2: 12-14/ Lk. 11: 1-13
7/26	Jer. 13: 1-11/ Mt. 13: 31-35
7/27	Jer. 14: 17-22/ Mt. 13: 36-43
7/28	Jer. 15: 10, 16-21/ Mt. 13: 44-46
7/29	Jer. 18: 1-6/ Jn. 11: 19-27
7/30	Jer. 26: 1-9/ Mt. 13: 54-58
7/31	Jer. 26: 11-16, 24/ Mt. 14: 1-12
8/1	Ecc. 1: 2; 2:21-23/ Col. 3: 1-5, 9-11/ Lk. 12: 13-21

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### Cluster News

#### Recent St. Thomas Aquinas Cluster Baptisms:

- Sacred Heart: Jayda Rose Meier, daughter of Bill and Andrea Meier
- St. Peter: Julia Kay Knepper, daughter of Scot and Karen Knepper

#### Novena to St. Thérèse of Lisieux, the Little Flower

*Many people report unexpectedly finding or being given a literal rose or roses (or smelling the perfume of roses) after praying to St. Thérèse, who said on her deathbed, "After my death, I will let fall a shower of roses. I will spend my Heaven doing good upon earth. I will raise up a mighty host of little saints. My mission is to make God loved..."*

O little Thérèse of the Child Jesus, please pick for me a rose from the Heavenly gardens and send it to me as a message of love.

O little Flower of Jesus, ask God today to grant the favors I now place with confidence in thy hands.

*(Mention your intentions here)*

St. Thérèse, help me to always believe as thou didst, in God's great love for me, so that I might imitate thy "Little Way" each day. Amen.

#### Novena to St. Anthony of Padua

O holy St. Anthony, gentlest of saints, your love for God and charity for his creatures made you worthy while on earth to possess miraculous powers. Miracles waited your word, which you were ever ready to speak for those in trouble or anxiety. Encouraged by this thought, I implore you to obtain for me the favor I seek in this novena (*mention your request*). The answer to my prayer may require a miracle; even so, you are the saint of miracles. O gentle and loving Saint Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of the Infant Jesus, who loved to be folded in your arms, and the gratitude of my heart will always be yours.

Fr. Krapfl has been enjoying the cards and notes he has been receiving. His address: 786 Stone Ridge Place, Dubuque, IA 52001. Fr. Krapfl would like to thank the cluster parishioners for their many many prayers and continuing prayers over these coming weeks.

St. Patrick's Pork Chop Supper: Sat. Sept. 25. Save the date and plan to attend!

#### **Sacred Heart, Fillmore**

Liturgical Participation: July 31 – 6:00 PM – *Commentator:*

Shirley Curoe; *Lector:* Marty Mausser; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Ann Callahan, Ann Kerper; *Servers:* David Turnis, Tonya Menke; *Cross Bearer:* Maggie Ryan

Sacrificial Offering: July 17-18: Budget: \$430.00; Total: \$430.00

Church Cleaners (before August 7): Kay & Bill Hutchins, Joyce & Greg Knapp, Theresa Drew, Karen & Stan Callahan

Prayer Chain: If you have any prayer chain requests please contact Shirley Curoe at (563)852-3864. Please take note of the new phone number.

Mary's Candle burns for a special intention.

#### **St. Peter, Temple Hill**

Liturgical Participation: (Saturday, Aug. 21 at 6:00 PM)

*Lector:* LuAnn Manternach; *Commentator:* Marci Roe; *Eucharistic Min.:* Matt Manternach, Lucinda Turnis & Ryan Schockemoehl; *Ushers:* Joe Strang, Warren Callahan; *Servers:* Ray Kurt, Marty Kneper, & Kylie Kelchen *Gifts:* Jim Welter; *Greeter:* Mary Kay Kelchen

Church Cleaners (before Aug. 21): Lois Andrews (leader), Tom & Evelyn Stoll, Al & Liz Takes, Charles & Jackie Kies, Travis & Katie Andrews, Warren & Bonnie Callahan, Robert & Linda Stoll, Doug & Amanda Stoll, Betty Felton  
Sacrificial Offering: July 17-18: Budget: \$1,546.00; Youth: \$2.75; Offertory: \$113.50; Votive Stand: \$13.54; Hall Rent: \$50.00; Total: \$1,725.79

Rosary Night will be Wed. July 28 at 6:00 PM with refreshments afterwards.

DRA Grant - St. Peter's, Temple Hill has received a \$2,500 grant from Dubuque Racing Association to repair the steps

in front of the church. This is half of the amount required to complete the project. Donations to assist with this project and other needs are welcome.

### **St. Matthias, Cascade**

Liturgical Participation – Weekdays July 26 – July 30: *Server:*

Mark Otting; *Lector:* CeAnn Brickley; *Eucharistic*

*Ministers:* CeAnn Brickley, Mark Otting, Rita Kauder

Weekend – July 31, 4:30 PM – *Lector* – Lisa Vander Lugt;

*Commentator* – Rosalie Hughes; *Ushers* – Kevin & Lisa

Ahlers; *Eucharistic Ministers* – Lisa Ahlers, Judy Coyle,

Patti Schuster, Rosalie Hughes, Jeanne Driscoll; *Servers* –

Race Cuckler, Katelyn Trumm, Kurt Trumm; *Music* – Piano

Choir

August 1, 8:00 AM: *Lector* – Cheryl Reiter; *Commentator* –

Randy Schell; *Ushers* – Mike & Naomi Steffen; *Eucharistic*

*Ministers* – Randy Schell, Bobbi Schell, Naomi Steffen,

Mike Steffen, Chuck Reiter; *Servers* – Joseph Cigrand,

Cory Knepper, Kylie Knepper; *Music* – Guitar Choir

August 1, 10:00 AM: *Lector* – Barb Sauser; *Commentator* –

Nikki Manternach; *Ushers* – Steve Sauser, Phil Manternach;

*Eucharistic Ministers* – Nikki Manternach, Susie Steffen,

Sheila Beringer, Mary Mescher, Caroline Noonan Koppes;

*Servers* – Cole Haan, Courtney Sadler, Zach Kurt; *Music* –

Dolphin's

Sacrificial Offering: July 17-18: Budget: \$4,894.00; Offertory:

\$665.45; 3-in-1: \$20.00; Food Pantry: \$6.00; Total:

\$5,585.45

EFT Capability for Contributions: St. Matthias has the ability

to accept electronic funds transfers (EFTs) as a way of

making your contributions to the parish. If you are

interested please stop by or contact the parish office to

receive a form that must be completed and returned to the

parish office before you can be included in the following

month's EFT. Please feel free to contact the parish office

with any questions.

Volunteers are needed at Calvary Cemetery (St. Martin's

section) to haul tree limbs to the city landfill on Wed. July

28 at 9:00 AM, weather permitting. Any questions please

call Fred Neiers or Bill Gehl.

Fun Fest and Auction: Preparations have begun for this year's

St. Matthias Fun Fest and Auction to be held on Sept. 12 at

the American Legion Park starting at 11:00 AM. In order to

make the Fun Fest and Auction a continued success, we are

requesting the help, support and donations from

parishioners. Committee members are looking for

parishioners to donate pies, baked goods, farmer's market

foods, cash and items for the auction. A few fun ideas from

last year for the baked goods and farmer markets were

puppy chow, Rice Krispie treats, apples, tomato juice and

peppers. We are also looking for an attendance prize and

raffle prizes if anyone is willing to donate cash for these.

If you are willing to donate pies, bake sale goods and

farmers market foods, please contact Kim McCleary at 852-

5093. If you are willing to donate auction items and cash,

please contact Rob and Abby Manternach at 599-0089 or

Jim and Amanda Trumm at 852-5284. Next, if you are

willing to donate cash to the attendance prize and raffle

prizes, please contact Mark Weber at 926-2432, Jill Gehl at

852-3416, or Jeb and Jill Supple at 852-7705. Lastly, we

are hoping the St. Matthias Friendship plate will make a

return to the auction. If you are the current owner of the

plate and would like to donate it, please contact Rob and Abby Manternach.

We will be looking for volunteers to work at the Fun Fest. In August there will be sign-up sheets in the back of church for those who have agreed to work this event, and anyone else who is interested. Thank you.

### **St. Patrick, Garryowen**

Liturgical Participation: August 7, 6:00 PM – *Commentator:*

Wanda Loewen; *Lector:* Kelly Molony; *Eucharistic*

*Ministers:* Jean Brackemyer, Mike Redmond, Rita Martin;

*Ushers:* Paul Kane, Mark Kauffman; *Acolytes:* Emily

Weber, Anthony Weber, Nick Weber; *Music:* No Music

Sacrificial Offering: July 17-18: Budget: \$565.00;

Improvement Fund: \$40.00; Total: \$605.00

Church Cleaning: Before August 7: Janine Capesius, Janet

Felton, Rita Kurt, Kathy Martin, Peggy Ruden

Rosary before Mass: August 7 – Volunteer please.

Pork Chop Supper: Sat. Sept. 25. Please mark the date on

your calendar, plan to join us for a wonderful evening.

### **The Aquin Educational System**

Aquin System Cash Raffle: \$10,000 cash giveaway, consisting

of 1 - \$5,000 prize and 10 - \$500 prizes; \$20 per chance or 6

chances for \$100; Drawing will be Sun. Aug. 22 at the

Aquin softball tournament; need not be present to win.

Please support this fund raiser as it helps to keep down the

subsidies for all of the cluster parishes. Envelopes for

cluster parishioners are available in the back of St. Matthias

church. Please take yours home with you.

Aquin Preschool has openings for 4 year olds. 3 days per week

is free and 4 days per week is \$60 per month. Contact Mrs.

Yamoah at Aquin with any questions.

The Aquin Softball Tournament will be held Aug. 21-22. To

sign up a team contact Nick Callahan.

Catechists are needed for the Cascade Center. We are looking

for people who are faith-filled, and in full communion with

the Catholic Church. If you are interested in sharing your

faith please contact Rebecca Smith, 852-5265.

Aquin Little Angels Daycare is in need of volunteers in the

infant room 3 to 5 days per week from 9:00 – 11:00 AM

and/or 1:00 – 3:00 PM. Duties would include tending to the

infants, rocking, bottle feeding, etc. Contact Lisa Merritt at

(563)852-7020 if you are interested.

### **Area News**

Cascade's 2010 Music Fest: July 30, Aug. 27; Music

6:00 – 11:00 PM, Adults \$5.00, 16 & under free; Join us for

food, music and fun at the Cascade Riverview Park!

19<sup>th</sup> Annual "Crime Night Out": Aug. 3, 5:00 – 7:00 PM;

Cascade Community Park. Local merchants volunteer fire

department, ambulance crew, police force, and local scouts

gather along with our community to display and

demonstrate their merchandise and talents.

32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cascade Athletic Booster Club Golf Fun Day:

9 hole four person best shot; Fri. Aug. 6, 5:00 PM Shot gun

start; Call Fillmore Fairways at (563)852-3377 to reserve a

spot; Limited to 20 teams.