

ALL SAINTS

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL



Love God • Serve Others • Form Disciples



**December 30 & December 31, 2023;
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

*Blessed are
those who fear
the Lord and walk
in his ways.*

Psalm 128:1

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
Sunday 5:30 pm



WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday 8:00 am
Wednesday 8:00 am
Thursday 8:15 am
Friday 8:00 am

Embracing the Church as Family



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Please Pray for the Following People

(Why people want prayers isn't important, *the prayers are!*)

Sarah Lala, Shelly Zaugg, and the Marek Family.



Parishioners & Family Members on Active Duty:
Matthew Reitzel



To add a name call Dan Alpers, at 363-6130, ext. 100. Names will be listed for 4 weeks and may be renewed. †, Recently deceased will be listed for two weeks.

Stewardship Corner

"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive." - COLOSSIANS 3:13



Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then in Stewardship, share the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up

the phone or text someone right now.

Service to Others

Metro Catholic Outreach



PANTRY NEEDS: Macaroni and Cheese, Potatoes, Instant/Canned, Canned Soup, Tuna/Hamburger Helper, Canned Fruit, Rice, Pork and Beans, Pasta Sauce, Jelly, Syrup, Snack/Gallon ZipLock Bags, Paper/Plastic Grocery Bags*, Kid Friendly Food Items (for the school bags).

PERSONAL CARE NEEDS: Soap, Laundry Pods, Lip Balm, Toilet Paper, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Aspirin, Ibuprofen, Wet Wipes, Body Lotion.

HOMELESS SUPPLIES NEEDED: Hormel Complete Meals, Canned Meat, Beef Sticks, Easy Open Cans of Food, Hand and Foot Warmers, Gloves, Mittens, Hats, Socks, Blankets, Sleeping Bags, Men's/Women's Underwear, Backpacks, Wash Cloths.

**We always need large brown paper and plastic grocery bags to use for food distribution*

The All Saints Podcast



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<https://feeds.buzzsprout.com/2233953.rss>

SCAN TO LISTEN



You Are Cordially Invited...



Today is the Feast of the Holy Family. We are participants in the story of Mary and Joseph presenting baby Jesus to God at the temple. To Mary and Joseph, this begins as an ordinary part of their Jewish faith. But as the account unfolds, the Holy Family encounter two people at the temple who transform this ritual into a life giving event. It is life giving because the characteristics and emotions revealed in the words and actions of Simeon and Anna give us the model of faith, hope and love that we are called to become as we travel the journey of life.

Have you ever wanted something so badly that it almost consumed your life? I have, and I am sure that many of us have experienced this same depth of longing. It's almost uncanny that we are talking about this right after Christmas. I remember one year when I was about 10, I wanted Santa to bring a certain doll. My parents told me over and over that I was too old for dolls and that Santa would bring something more age appropriate. I can laugh now, but I remember how I sulked, begged and pleaded for them to talk to Santa. I wanted that doll and the desire of wanting it briefly became my entire life. As a parent and grandparent now, I am sure that I was not a lot of fun to be around. As I have grown older my longings have centered more on wanting to heal and build relationships with people, most especially family, rather than having new things. Family dynamics can be challenging. Most of us can identify with that same depth of yearning for a family or life change that Simeon and Anna knew in their hearts as they awaited the fulfillment of the promise from God that they would see a person (the Christ) who would provide redemption and salvation to the Jewish people in their lifetime; i.e. healing for the Jewish people. We learn that both of them are advanced in years, so the wait has been long. Unlike child me or even adult me at times, they did not plead, sulk or bargain with God as time dragged on. What did Simeon and Anna do? They prayed. They were patient. And when they were both in the presence of the Christ child they were both joyous and thanked God. Quite a difference from how we act at times.

I recently read an article that really got me to thinking. The article talked about the differences between goals and habits. Goals, once reached, are likely to be abandoned. They guide our lives in the short term, but rarely make a lasting life impact. Habits, on the other hand, can be singular, but more often are building blocks that develop and shape the course of our lives for years, maybe even a lifetime. One successful habit often leads to adding another layer with the intent to be a better person or a better child of God. Perhaps instead of setting goals for the New Year, we could take an honest look at the habits in our lives. Which ones connect us to God and which ones carry us away from Him? Really, isn't all of life like one big Advent as we await our human reunion with God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit? So this year, instead of setting goals for our human bodies and lives, couldn't we diminish the habits that don't serve us well and build or add habits that do? Faith, hope and love.

And so, I invite you to attend Mass this weekend (and then the next and the next...) If you know someone who has been absent, invite them to join you! By the way, Santa brought the doll! Praying with you always.

Tracy Huk
Business Manager
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Parish Office Holiday Hours



During this holiday season, parish office staff will have very limited availability. Office staff will enjoy time with friends and family for the New Years holiday on **Friday, December 29** and on **Monday, January 1**. If you require our assistance, please feel free to email us or leave a voicemail and we'll get back in touch with you upon returning to the office on **Tuesday, January 2**.

Help Us Help You



As we celebrate the holiday season, we kindly request scheduling appointments for in-person meetings with Parish Office staff due to the increased demand. This allows us to give your request the time and attention it deserves.

To streamline your experience, we have placed drop boxes for donations and Hy-Vee receipts at various locations around the parish. This provides a convenient alternative to visiting the office for non-urgent matters.

To schedule appointments or for any inquiries, please reach out to us at (319)363-6130 or officemgr@allsaintscr.com

Wishing you a holiday season filled with warmth and joy!

Save the Date for a CEW



The Christian Experience Weekend, or CEW, is a renewal weekend for adults, designed to enable them to more deeply “experience” themselves and their relationship to God and the Christian community.

In Cedar Rapids there is a separate weekend each year for women and men. Both retreats are held at La Salle Middle School. For 2024, the women's weekend will be February 9 - 11. The men's weekend will be February 23 -25. The weekend begins on Friday evening and ends at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.

The weekend is specifically designed to focus on our self-worth and relationship with Christ but also how to carry that into our Christian mission. Save your spot soon for this retreat! You can register at <http://crcew.org> for more information.

Mass Intentions

Tues. January 2 8:00 am
† Rev. Msgr. James Barta

Wed. January 3 8:00 am
For the People

Thurs. January 4 8:15 am
For the People

Fri. January 5 8:15 am
For the People

Sat. January 6 4:00 pm
† Bob & Mary Hook

Sun. January 7 9:00 am
For the People

Sun. January 7 5:30 pm
For the People

Scripture Readings

Week of December 31, 2023

Sunday:

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
or, in Year B, Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Heb 11:8,
11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
(17)

Monday:

Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 (18)

Tuesday:

1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28 (205)

Wednesday:

1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34 (206)

Thursday:

1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42 (207)

Friday:

1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51 (208)

Saturday:

1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or
3:23, 31-34, 36, 38 (209)

Sunday:

Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 (20)

All Saints Nights at Green Square Meals



All Saints helps prepare and serve dinner at Green Square Meals soup kitchen, 2-3 times a month. Sign up to help at the link below or contact Melissa Peckosh (847-975-1785 or missypeckosh@yahoo.com).

ALL SAINTS NIGHTS: 2nd & 5th Tuesday, 3rd Monday

All volunteers in sixth grade and up are welcome. Sign up at:
<https://signup.com/go/vJYiFPm>

The Power of *Planning Center*



Planning Center offers a range of features that cater to the needs of Parishioners at All Saints Catholic Church, enhancing their overall experience in managing People, Giving, and Registrations. In the People module, parishioners can easily access and update their personal information, ensuring that the church database remains

current and accurate. This feature promotes efficient communication and fosters a sense of community by allowing members to connect with each other seamlessly.

The Giving module provides a user-friendly platform for parishioners to contribute to the church financially. Through secure and convenient online giving options, members can support the church's mission and activities with ease. Additionally, this feature offers transparency, allowing individuals to track their donation history and stay informed about the impact of their contributions on the community.

For Registrations, Planning Center simplifies the process of signing up for events, programs, and services within the church. Whether it's registering for a religious education class or signing up for volunteer opportunities, parishioners can navigate the registration process effortlessly. This ensures smooth event planning and coordination while empowering members to engage actively in various church activities.

In summary, Planning Center provides Parishioners at All Saints Catholic Church with practical tools for managing personal information, making financial contributions, and participating in church events. These features are designed to streamline administrative tasks, promote community involvement, and contribute to the overall well-being of the church congregation.

This app may be found in the app store on your Smartphone. Click the search button and enter **church center** app in the search bar. Download it, open and explore the many features of this app.

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**WE ARE
HIRING**

**JOIN OUR
TEAM**

OPEN POSITION

**PART TIME:
EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER/K-5
BRUINS CARE**

**ALL SAINTS IS SEEKING A LOVING,
CARING, RESPONSIBLE PART-TIME
EMPLOYEE.**

HOURS: 3:00-6:00 M-F

BEGINNING 01/04/24

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Ministry Schedule

December 30, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan

Cynthia Gunsolly, OFS

Extraordinary Ministers

Jean Bell
Riley Hoover
Suzanne Lammers
John Myers
Daniel Prentice
Alison Prentice
Stephen Schmitz

Altar Servers

Emerson Eichorn
Martin (MJ) Golobic
Noelle Robbins

Lectors

Stacy Cataldo
Tim Nash

Hospitality Ministers

Jen Colby
Chris Colby
Daniel Greene
Dick Kettelkamp
Marcia Meyers
Peg Schmitz

December 31, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

John Michael

Extraordinary Ministers

Tom Amosson
Stephanie Guzman
Ann Hunter
Larry Hunter
Sara Lang
Cindy Lyness
Dennis Mullarkey

Altar Servers

Rocco Schmidt
Hunter Schmidt
Cayden Suby

Lectors

Lynn Holverson
Todd Holverson

Hospitality Ministers

Jeanne Amosson
Maureen Dale Ernst
John Ernst
Bea Rethwisch
Pete Rethwisch
Diane Weimer

Ministry Schedule

January 6, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan

Mary Pat Wilkinson

Extraordinary Ministers

Aaron Kelly
Andrew Lang
John Lutkenhaus
Cindy Lyness
Ellen Mouw
Marvin Stallman
Sharon Warden

Altar Servers

Bo Dittmar
Sean Kelly
Logan Kelly

Lectors

Gavin Miller
Tim Nash

Hospitality Ministers

Elie AbouRaad
Ryan Donnelly
Daniel Greene
Jan Merfeld
Peg Schmitz
Mike Votroubek

January 7, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

Chris Conway

Extraordinary Ministers

Brian Conway
Ann Hunter
Larry Hunter
Stephanie Klappholz
Ellen Mouw
Dennis Mullarkey
Gregory O'Connell

Altar Servers

Julien Jiacinto
Annmarie Jiacinto
Lucy Klappholz

Lectors

Robin Brown
Mick Erdman

Hospitality Ministers

Jason Ainsworth
Kim Ainsworth
Jeanne Amosson
Maureen Dale Ernst
John Ernst
Tony Satariano

Family Ministry

December 31, 2023 • The Holy Family • Luke 2:22-40

The Holy Family

Jesus is born in Bethlehem, and following Jewish law he is circumcised eight days later. While Mary and Joseph are at the Temple they encounter two people. Simeon is a very old devoted man. God has promised him that he would not die until he had set eyes on the Christ. Anna was a prophetess. They both proclaimed Jesus as Israel's salvation.

On the night of Jesus' birth the shepherds came to the stable to see if the message they received from the angels was true. How wonderful it must have been for Mary to hear their amazing story. Eight days later, when Jesus is taken to be circumcised, two others proclaim Jesus' greatness. Simeon and Anna and the shepherds reaffirmed for Mary the message to which she had said yes to nine months earlier.

Jesus' mother was certainly a woman of faith, but I wonder what went through her mind when Joseph told her there was no room for them at the inns. She must have been concerned about giving birth to the future Messiah in a stable. No doubt, Joseph made the space as clean and comfortable as possible. But Mary was a first-time mom, away from her family in a strange town; she must have been afraid and confused.

In the afterglow of giving birth, Mary undoubtedly forgot all of her concerns. Certainly her faith was reaffirmed as she looked at her beautiful baby boy. However, God, being a gracious God, also sent the shepherds, Simeon and Anna so they could confirm the message, leaving no doubt in Mary's mind that all was well.

God may not send shepherds or prophets, but if we keep our eyes and ears open we may well discover God's messengers in our own life, people who affirm our faith and let us know that all is well. Like Mary, we need to remember those moments, reflecting on them often in our hearts, especially in times when our faith needs a lift.

FAMILY RESPONSE

As a family, talk about who are or have been the angels and messengers in your life.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

How has your child been God's messenger to you? What have they taught you about God or your faith? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

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Sacrament Information

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays at 3 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptism preparation class is required for parents. Contact Deacon Ed Martin (DeaconEd@allsaintscr.com or 319-364-7524) to schedule a class and date for the baptism (some date restrictions may apply).

Sacrament of Matrimony: Couples are to make arrangements at least six months before the intended date of the wedding in order to fulfill the necessary requirements. Please contact Deacon Mike Klappholz (DeaconMike@allsaintscr.com) to begin the process.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA): Classes are scheduled for Monday evenings beginning in the Fall. Contact Bob Lillibridge, Director of Formation, for more information (adultformation@allsaintscr.com).

Confirmation: High school sophomores meet bi-weekly on Sunday evenings from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM, September through February to prepare. Contact Isabelle Werner for more information (youthministry@allsaintscr.com).

First Reconciliation & Eucharist: Second graders combine home study and retreats to prepare for these sacraments. Contact Stacy Cataldo, Director of Catechesis, for more information (catechesis@allsaintscr.com).

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact the office at 319-363-6130, ext. 100 to schedule anointings.

Miscellaneous Information

Newcomer Registration: Call the Parish Office at 363-6130, ext. 100, or register on line at <http://www.allsaintscr.com>.

Bulletin Deadline: Items must be submitted electronically to the parish office by Noon on the preceding Monday to: bulletin@allsaintscr.com.

Opportunities for Prayer

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Thursdays, 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM in the Church.

All Saints Prayer Group: Tuesdays at 3:00 PM in the church lower level.

Prayer Tree: Available to anyone who would like us to pray for their intentions. Please call Ramona Welsh at 319-366-1770.

Women's Prayer Group: Tuesday mornings after 8:00 AM Mass.

M.O.M.S Rosary: 7:30 PM 1st Monday of the month, Queen of All Saints Chapel.

Prolife Rosary: Fridays after 8:00 am Mass.

Parish Website: You may both submit and view prayer intentions any time at:

<https://allsaintscr.churchcenter.com/people/forms/413117>.