

ALL SAINTS

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL



Love God • Serve Others • Form Disciples



March 16 & March 17, 2024;
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord, and where I am, there also will my servant be.

John 12:26

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday 8:00 am
Tuesday 6:05 pm
Wednesday 8:00 am
Thursday 8:15 am
Friday 8:00 am



... but if it dies, it produces much fruit.



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Please Pray for the Following People

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



† Kathleen Todd & Family, and † Paul Phelan Sr.

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



“If anyone would serve me,” says Jesus in today’s Gospel, “let him follow me; where I am, there will my servant be.” In what way is Jesus inviting *me* to follow Him? What service is he asking of me?

We Need Your Help



The All Saints Podcast is still a very new thing but the feedback that we’ve received thus far has been very positive. For that, we thank you. Now that we’ve poured the foundation of the podcast, we want your help to build this up to reach the potential we feel it deserves. Do you have a story to tell? Is there a story you want to hear? This could be anything from bible stories to your anecdotes and experiences. Or maybe just tell us about what All Saints means to you. Drop us a note by emailing Dan your thoughts: officemgr@allsaintscr.com

Calling All Meat Smokers!



All Saints Church is hosting its 1st Annual Smoke-Off Challenge on May 4th after 4pm Mass and we need people who are willing to participate in the fun event. If you’re a “backyard” or “patio” smoker and want to enter this event or have questions about it, contact Jason Ainsworth at ainsworthjason21@gmail.com by March 31st or fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/a9kfj1rozKQVMr5k6>



Evolution of Schools in Haiti?



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By: Kelly Loeffelholz

Prize Question: What percentage of Haitian Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is spent on education vs U.S.? * GDP is the total value of goods produced and services provided in a country during one year.

**keep in mind while researching that, due to political turmoil, statistics from Haiti have not been publicly reported in several years so many stats are old.*

(Hint: the answer is in the article below. Please deposit your response, name, phone number or email in the little red schoolhouse near the Haiti display case by the parish office, or submit your answer at bit.ly/HaitiLentQuiz by Friday morning.)

LEARN

The right to free public education was added to the Haitian constitution in 1987, although it was also in their first constitution in 1805 “... **education shall be free. Primary education shall be compulsory... State education shall be free at every level.**”

However...

In 1960**, 20% of students went to private school that required tuition. Dictator Baby Doc (Duvalier) later instituted the rule that any religious missionaries had to build a school if they built a church. By 1980, that rose to 57% and today 80% of primary students attend private schools, run by communities, religious organizations, or non-government organizations (NGOs). Approximately 75% operate with no certification or license. Additionally, only 15% of primary school teachers have basic teaching qualifications. Needless to say, many of these schools are not meeting minimum standards.

Currently the Haitian government “supports” public schools but does little to fund them (Haiti spends *1.4% of its GDP on education*). Nearly 80% rely on tuition and fees to operate, and rural families are least likely to be able to pay these fees. In addition, state exams to be promoted to the next grade have a fee. These exams are often failed, requiring students to repeat grades, at more cost to families.

What about our sister parish schools? Certainly, they are all private Catholic schools. (It is possible there are two public schools in the area encompassing our parish). About half show up on a Catholic Relief Services survey done in 2012. Few are certified. They are run by local school/chapel directors who are leaders in the community. They are taught by teachers with quite a range of teaching abilities. The predominant form of teaching is rote memorization and repetition, probably due to the way the teachers were taught themselves. Teachers are paid by student tuition (if it is paid) and our contributions. No schools have electricity, bathrooms or running water, and only some have roofs.

All schools are better than NO schools!

** so much happened between 1805 and 1960 – look it up!

DO

- Sit in contemplation. Think about what education has meant to your life.
- Donate books to the library, senior living homes, schools.
- Learn something new about Haiti. Miami Herald has good coverage of current events. As you read the paper, look up information on your phone and computer, contemplate a life without any those resources.

Healthcare in Haiti (cont.)



PRAY

More than anything, Haiti needs our prayers right now. Please pray for the people of Haiti as they H.O.P.E. for the end of chaos and the return of peace to their country. This week in particular, we reflect on their education challenges:

- **Help one another through prayer** – Pray for all Haitian teachers to reach as many students as possible.
- **Open one's heart to God and to fellow man** – Open your heart to the millions of people in this world who have no access to education. They are not stupid. They're God's children.
- **Pray daily for world peace** – Pray for peace in Haiti and peace to come to the hearts of all students.
- **Enable to give others strength through our example** – learn new things every day. Use your knowledge to make our world better.

Thank you for your support of our parish mission in Haiti. We would love to have you join the Haiti committee. We need your talents to continue supporting our sister parish.

If you would like to give financially, visit allsaintscr.churchcenter.com/giving and use the dropdown menu to select "Haiti Education." You may also send a check to All Saints with "Haiti Education" on the notes line. Each gift helps support our Sister Parish through education, faith formation, pastoral functions and urgent needs. In particular, our sister parish experienced crop failure due to drought last fall, which means they need seeds for their spring planting. Your generosity will help us send \$5,000 to Haiti to help farmers purchase seeds.

Renmen Bondye, Sèvi Lòt Moun, Fòm Disip // Love God, Serve Others, Form Disciples.



Eucharistic Adoration



Please help us keep Vigil with Jesus through Eucharistic Adoration on Good Friday (March 29th) from 8:00 a.m. through 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall at the Chapel of Repose. Please enter and exit through the Social Hall doors.

Upcoming Dates for Communal Reconciliation



Saturday, March 16 at 10:30 am at St. Ludmila, **Tuesday, March 19** at 6:00 pm at St. Matthew, and **Thursday, March 21** at 6:30 pm at St. Paul (Newhall).

Service to Others *Metro Catholic Outreach*



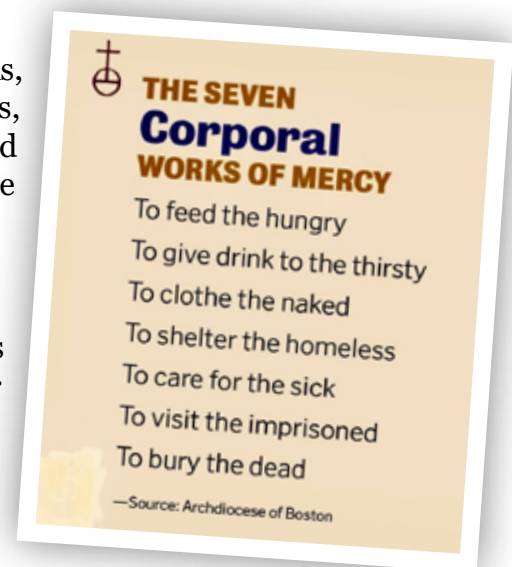
Pantry Needs: Granola Bars, Canned Fruit/Fruit Cups, Canned Chicken, Chili with Meat, Potatoes, Soup, Macaroni and Cheese, Hamburger or Tuna Helper, Peanut Butter, Canned Corn, Rice, Pork and Beans, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Jelly, Syrup, Kid Friendly Food Items (for the school bags)

Personal Care Needs: Dog Food, Laundry Pods, Soap, Lip Balm, Toilet Paper, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Shampoo Conditioner, Body Wash, Aspirin, Ibuprofen, Wet Wipes, Body Lotion, Throat Lozenges

Homeless Supplies Needed: Granola Bars, Underwear, Socks, Hormel Compleats Meals, Canned Meat, Beef Sticks, Snack Crackers, Bottled Water, Gatorade, Bus Passes, Easy Open Cans of Food, Hand and Foot Warmers, Blankets, Sleeping Bags, Backpacks, Wheeled Luggage or Small Carts.

Mission of Mercy Magnified

Working with charitable organizations that focus on the Corporal Works of Mercy, Mission of Mercy Magnified is an active group here in Cedar Rapids. This week, Sue and Christy brought in a large donation for our pantry.



Everyday Metanoia



Today is the Fifth Sunday of Lent. We often focus on the parable of the grain of wheat, so it is very easy this week to gloss over the sentence immediately preceding this, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.” What is Jesus saying and what might He wish for us to reflect upon this week?

We need to back up just a bit further to enter into our reflection. The Gospel begins: “Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, ‘Sir, we would like to see Jesus.’ Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.” Francis Martin and William M. Wright IV in their book *The Gospel of John*, help us to unite the announcement from Andrew and Philip to the pronouncement of Jesus that follows. [Remember that] “Jesus spoke of his mission to unite all his sheep, including those who ‘do not belong to this fold,’ into ‘one flock under his leadership.’ John has also told us that Jesus would die ‘not only for one nation, but also to gather into one the dispersed children of God.’ Jesus’ work has a universal scope: he aims to gather all people, Jews and Gentiles, to the one God through himself.” To recap: upon hearing that some Greeks (Gentiles) had traveled and come to a major Jewish feast and were inquiring to see him, presumably to accept a faith life with God, Jesus declares that his earthly ministry is complete. Talk about a quick and abrupt turn of events! And the Fifth Sunday (week) of Lent is the same for us. In the past few weeks we have been listening to the stories, lessons and parables from Jesus and then all of the sudden, we are at Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday and Good Friday. We have been walking with Jesus and now he is about to die on the cross and leave us. But we know the next part of this: Jesus doesn’t leave us; in fact, He sends another, the Holy Spirit so that we can fully know our triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We are never alone. We are never abandoned.

With the realization that His earthly ministry is now producing fruit from both the Jews and the Gentiles, Jesus seems to come to the realization that the time has come for his death, which is the only way we enter into his glorious Resurrection and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.” I humanly want to know how Jesus was able to accept this. Did He say this with conviction and gusto, was there sadness in the realization along with possible joy, did Jesus know trepidation and dread as he pronounced the beginning of the end? The parable of the grain of wheat answers the question and also tells us how we are to accept and enter into life with God while on earth. “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.” For me, this is a powerful passage to take to prayer this week. Our earthly life is full of trials. All of us have events and/or people in our life that are making us unhappy right now. How am I accepting my personal trial? Honestly, not like Jesus; not anywhere even in the ballpark. So, as we start to walk with Jesus to the cross, I pray that we keep the grain of wheat parable front and center. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus we are all brought to New Life. This is what Jesus broke into our earthly world to do and now it is our mission to share in that work through words and deeds to help God gather the lost sheep. “Create a clean heart in me, O God. Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. I will teach transgressors your ways and sinners shall return to you.”

And so, I invite you to attend Mass this weekend (and then the next and the next...) Gather with the All Saints community to pray, to celebrate, to learn, to love and to invite those who do not know the grace of our heavenly Father to come to know Him.

Tracy Huk
Business Manager, businessallsaints@gmail.com

All Saints Parish - Financial Snapshot as of 2/29/2024



We appreciate and are grateful for the generous financial gifts that are provided to All Saints Parish. At the end of February, our total budget income is slightly higher than budgeted. The same is true for the budget income year-to-date. Thank you!

The Other Collections includes, Christmas, Easter and Holy Days. This is running below what we budgeted as \$14,000.00 less was donated for Christmas than what we anticipated. We are hopeful that we can meet or exceed the \$65,000.00 goal for Easter.

The Other Income category includes our Endowment income, Circle income, Haiti income and also the Social Justice (Loaves and Fish) income.

Parish expenses for the month of February were as planned. Utilities were less thanks to the above average temperatures for the month. Earlier in the fiscal year we made an increased payment with our subsidy obligation to All Saints School. We were able to provide a smaller subsidy for the month of February and return to our planned total for the fiscal year. This was necessary as the school adjusted to a different cash flow resulting from receiving most of the tuition fees from the State of Iowa through the Education Savings Accounts.

We were able to fix the damage to the precast columns at the roof line and to add sealed caps to prevent damage in the future. We are grateful that we had funds available for this through some restricted gifts given for the building in the last fiscal year.

We are at a positive net income for the year so far. Thank you for your generosity.

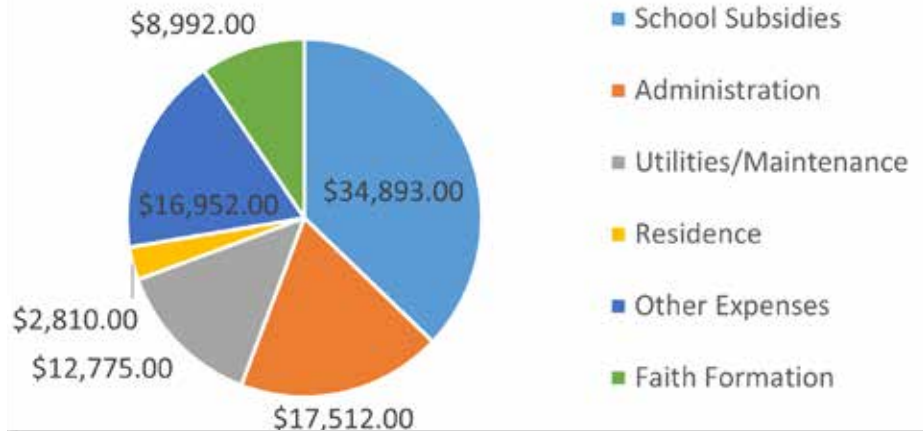
February Income



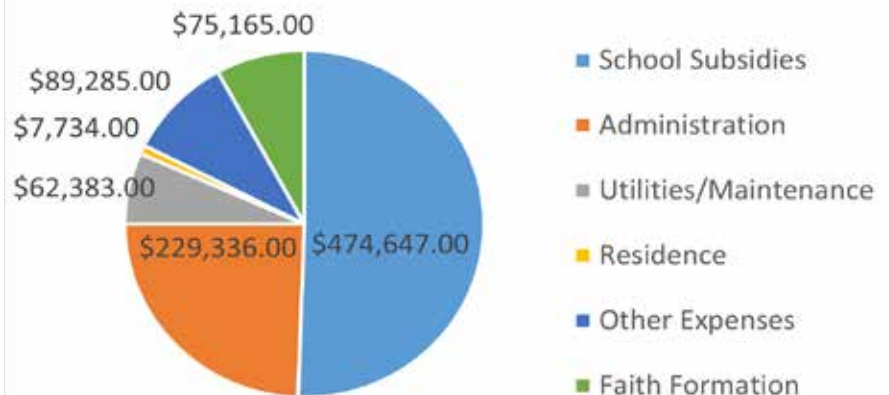
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February Expenses



07/-1/23-02/29-24 Year-to-Date Expenses



Mass Intentions

- Tues. March 19 8:00 am
† Margene & Jerry Rule
- Tues. March 19 6:05 pm
For the People
- Wed. March 20 8:00 am
† Paul Phelan Sr.
- Thurs. March 21 8:15 am
Special Intention
- Fri. March 22 8:00 am
† Fr. Jerry Kopacek
- Sat. March 23 4:00 pm
† Dr. Richard Quetsch
- Sun. March 24 9:00 am
For the People

Scripture Readings

Week of March 17, 2024

Sunday:

Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 (35)
or, for Year A, Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
(34)

Monday:

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-
18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
(543)

Tuesday:

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16 (245)

Wednesday:

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42 (253)

Thursday:

Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59 (254)

Friday:

Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42 (255)

Saturday:

Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56 (256)

Sunday:

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (37)/Is 50:4-
7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39
(38)

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 All Saints Podcast



Announcing the All Saints Podcast! Episode 8 featuring Amy Conyers is available to download! We talk about The Great Kindness Challenge and Catholic Schools Week. Search The All Saints Podcast on Apple Podcasts or Spotify today. Or listen to it right here:
<https://feeds.buzzsprout.com/2233953.rss>

SCAN TO LISTEN



Lenten Soup Dinners



Soup Dinners will be provided after Stations of the Cross on Tuesday evenings beginning February 20th. Dinner will be held in the social hall on February 20, February 27, March 5, March 12, and March 19.

Young at Heart



Join us for Young at Heart on Wednesday, March 20 for lunch at noon followed by a program by Kathy Good from Mercy Hospital's Caregiver Center. Kathy will also share information on HallMar Village, 8900 C Avenue NE. There is no cost and reservations are not necessary!



Bruins Beat

23-24 Tuition Assistance Application Process



Our Faith STO

a school tuition organization

23-24 Tuition Assistance Application Process

Deadline for application & submitting 2022 federal tax returns is **April 15, 2023**.

Step 1: Apply Now

Complete one FACTS application per family at online.factsmtg.com/aid.

Step 2: Upload 2022 Federal Tax Return

Include your entire federal tax return and all schedules.

If you are not required to complete 2022 federal taxes, upload nontaxable income documentation.

Step 3: Application Fee

Pay \$36.00 fee per family before submitting the FACTS application.

Step 4: Seek Assistance

For questions about the application:

Call FACTS Helpline at 866-315-9262.

Monday–Thursday 7:30am to 7:00pm and Friday 7:30am to 5:00pm.

For help with uploading documents or other assistance completing the application:

Contact your school office.

For more information about the application process and eligibility requirements:

Go to ourfaithsto.org/faqs-for-parents.

Step 5: Receive Notification

Qualifying families will receive notification of STO awards by May 19th.

Step 6: Local Tuition Assistance

If you need additional tuition assistance beyond STO or miss the April 15th priority deadline, you should still complete the STO application and reach out to your school about any additional local tuition assistance options.



www.allsaints-crschool.org

Ministry Schedule

March 16, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan

Cynthia Gunsolly

Extraordinary Ministers

Kathi Grainger

Riely Hoover

Aaron Kelly

Andrew Lang

Ellen Mouw

Daniel Prentice

Alison Prentice

Altar Servers

Dylan Lang

Alexandra Lang

Caleb Lang

Lectors

Theresa Harker

Kathy Ulrich

Hospitality Ministers

Ryan Donnelly

Daniel Greene

Barb Lindstrom

Marcia Myers

Brian Talyat

Lauri Talyat

March 17, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

Sherry Casey

Extraordinary Ministers

Brian Conway

Chris Conway

Maureen Dale Ernst

John Ernst

Terry Goerd

Mary Jo Goerd

Stephanie Guzman

Altar Servers

Maeve Ainsworth

Rocco Schmidt

Hunter Schmidt

Lectors

JoAnn Hand

Tasha Tatara

Hospitality Ministers

Jason Ainsworth

Kim Ainsworth

Tony Satariano

Chris Shimon

Dorothy Svatosch

Diane Weimer

Ministry Schedule

March 23, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan

NOT FILLED

Extraordinary Ministers

Cate Biro

Joan Fishburn

Aaron Kelly

Suzanne Lammers

Daniel Prentice

Alison Prentice

Marvin Stallman

Altar Servers

Logan Kelly

James Lammers

Zachary Prentice

Lectors

Rick Stefani

Becky Weininger

Hospitality Ministers

Sue Bright

Daniel Greene

Dick Kettelkamp

Marcia Myers

Peg Schmitz

Mike Votroubek

March 24, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

Chris Conway

Extraordinary Ministers

Tom Amosson

Sherry Casey

Brian Conway

Nicole Johnson

Bill Knapp

Dianne Knapp

Dennis Mullarkey

Altar Servers

Roman Kilburg

Eli Shane

Ellorie Shane

Lectors

Robin Brown

Mick Erdman

Hospitality Ministers

Jeanne Amosson

Maureen Dale Ernst

John Ernst

Pete Rethwisch

Bea Rethwisch

Diane Weimer

Family Ministry

March 17, 2024 • 5th Sunday of Lent • John: 12:20–33

Living Life to the Fullest

Jesus talks to his apostles about his death. He tells them that he must die before he can be glorified, just as a seed must die before it can produce fruit. Jesus goes on to tell them that they too must die to themselves and to what the world considers the good life if they hope to share in his glory, his eternal life.

After Jesus proclaims, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified,” he begins to speak to his disciples about his death. He is telling his friends that when he dies, he will be glorified. His death marks the end of all his human efforts. It is the culmination of all his life’s actions. It is the completion of all of the little and big sacrifices he accepted. We find Jesus’ glory as much in a life well lived, as in a death fully embraced.

We sometimes get so caught up in the bloody sacrifice of the cross as atonement for our sins that we forget Jesus’ whole life was the Way. He came to his glory, as we will come to ours, by accepting all the little and big crosses of being human—including the cross of death.

Jesus is the Way because he embraced his life, accepting his human limitations and vulnerability. And we are asked to do the same. This does not mean we need to go out and put on a hair shirt or find some crosses to climb on. The truth is a person can’t get through childhood without a few crosses finding them.

It is extremely difficult to give up the illusion that we can control our lives. (Just try planning an outdoor family reunion when you can guarantee no rain.) But that is what is asked of us. It was in accepting that last cross, a cross he begged God to take away from him, that Jesus finally came to glory. This is the paschal mystery we celebrate at Easter—the same mystery through which we find our own glory—a life lived fully and given freely even to death.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Ask each person to talk about the most difficult thing they had to go through so far in their life. Discuss what they did to get through it.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

What is the hardest thing for you to give up personal control of? 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 Darlene Fandel at 319-560-4844.

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>.