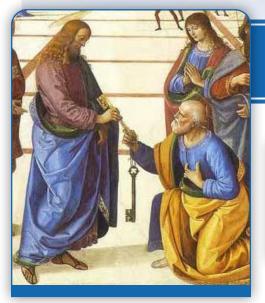


Love God • Serve Others • Form Disciples



August 24 & August 25, 2024; Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

I will bless
the LORD at all
imes; his praise shall
be ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the
LORD; the lowly will
hear me and
be glad.
Psalm 34:1

MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:00 pm Sunday 9:00 am

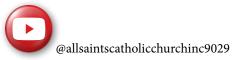
WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday 8:00 am Wednesday 8:00 am Thursday (In the church!) 8:30 am 8:00 am

"Master, to whom shall we go?"











Please Pray for the Following People

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

The Ahlberg Family, Kim Witte, and Mark Dougherty

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 four weeks and may be renewed. †, Recently deceased will be listed for two weeks.

Stewardship Corner



In today's first reading, Joshua challenges the people to decide whom they will serve. Recalling God's faithfulness to them and to their ancestors, the people declare, "We also will serve the Lord, for He is our God." May we, too, be mindful of God's gifts to us and renew our commitment to serve Him with grateful hearts.

A Weekly Tip on Caring for Our Common Home



When shopping, look for items made as close to home as possible as a way to help reduce the carbon footprint of global shipping. Also look for items that have a reputation for durability—you will save money as well as help to preserve natural resources.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas



Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #1768 Peach Sale

Update!

Peaches Ripening Sooner Than Expected!

We have just been informed that we will NOT have to wait until September for our peaches to arrive.

Pickup Date: Tuesday, August 27th



8:00 AM - 6:00 PM St. Wenceslaus Church 1224 - 5th Street SE Cedar Rapids, IA 52401

Checks will now be deposited the week of August 19th.

Thank you for your patience as we continually adjust to nature



Xavier Catholic Schools Are Hiring!



Xavier Catholic Schools are looking for some 'Xceptional individuals to fill the following important roles in our schools and early learning centers (ELCs) as soon as possible:

St. Pius X Elementary School & ELC:

- PRIORITY LISTING! Before/After School Child Care (Great opportunity for high school/college-age students) FOUR POSITIONS AVAILABLE
- PRIORITY LISTING! Preschool Teacher Associate (Full-Time) St. Matthew's Elementary School & ELC:
- PRIORITY LISTING! Preschool Teacher Associate (Part-time) TWO POSITIONS AVAILABLE
- PRIORITY LISTING! Kindergarten Associate (Full-time)
- Cafeteria Staff (Full-time)

Regis Middle School:

- · School Nurse
- Fall Play Director
- Food Service Associate
- After School Student Supervisor

LaSalle Catholic Elementary School & ELC:

• PRIORITY LISTING! Early Learning Associate (Full-time)

Xavier High School:

• PRIORITY LISTING! Long-term Substitute Teacher

If you are interested in any of these positions OR know someone who might be interested, application information can be found at CRXavierCatholicSchools.org/Careers. Please contact Nick Ireland, Communications Director for Xavier Catholic Schools, at *nick.ireland@crxcs.org* or 319.739.7300 ext. 317 if you have any questions.

Congratulations All Saints Parish!

Last fall the Xavier Foundation partnered with All Saints Parish to raise funds for the Xavier Impact Fund. Together with the 10 parishes that comprise the Cedar Rapids-metro Catholic community, parishes raised an amazing \$483,337 of the overall \$1M Xavier Impact Fund goal. Thanks to your hard work and generosity, All Saints surpassed the parish goal of \$83,500. Congratulations!

As promised, all monies received over this goal were given directly back to the parish to use as the parish wishes. We are happy to announce that on August 13, a check for \$15,137 was presented to Fr. Jack Flaherty and Tracy Huk on behalf Xavier Catholic Schools Foundation.

All Saints Parish went above and beyond! Thanks to the generosity of your parishioners, all PK-12 Xavier Catholic Schools teachers received a 6 percent increase in their salaries for this coming school year.

We commend your parish for your continued support and commitment to Catholic education in the Cedar Rapids-metro area! We are especially grateful to Andy and Sara Lang and Lynn Holverson for their leadership during the campaign.



Everyday Metanoia

We conclude the Bread of Life discourse this week from the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John. With a echo from our Old Testament reading from Joshua, the story comes to a climax and the question for all of us throughout time is: whom will you serve? Will you serve the Lord or will you serve the cultural gods?

Over the past few weekends in this Bread of Life discourse between Jesus and the crowd, Jesus has increasing revealed who he is. Francis Martin and William M. Wright IV in their commentary on the Gospel of John make a connection that we encounter in our liturgies, but don't often see: "[In] John 6 [Jesus reveals] the integration of the gift of his body and blood in the Eucharist with his identity as God's Word and Wisdom...As the bread of life, Jesus is God's Wisdom who has come down from heaven and become flesh. This is why Jesus can make an extraordinary claim, 'Whoever comes to me will never hunger and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

It was because of this claim that many in the crowd that day left Jesus and returned to their former way of life. Matthew Kelly in his book Beautiful Eucharist makes the observation that Jesus always had crowds of people around him: when he walked; when he taught; when he ate and drank. In fact, there are only two times that the crowd fled - after he was arrested and subsequently crucified and right after he spoke to them about the Eucharist. At the crowds murmuring that they could not accept his teaching, "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you," Jesus did not back down, saying, "Does this shock you...the words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life."

What if we were part of the crowd surrounding Jesus on that day? Let yourself feel the tension of the people and hear the murmurings of dissent. What is your heart telling you? Would you walk away when Jesus asks if you want to leave or like Simon Peter would you say, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." While this can be a fruitful exercise, perhaps a more grace-filled experience would be to realize that this happens almost everyday in our lives. How many times a day do we say or do something that has us walking away from Jesus? In taking this thought to prayer, I can hear Jesus say, "Those who have eyes should see and those who have ears should hear." In whom do we believe? In whom or what do we invest our time, our money, our very selves? St. Thomas Aquinas challenges us to take the wrapping off of our spiritual life and get to the core of our faith: "The primary object of faith is reality, not a proposition. Not the proposition God exists, but God; not the doctrine of the Resurrection, but the reality of the Resurrection; not the creeds about Christ, but the real presence of Christ."

We have to ask ourselves - what is my relationship with Jesus? When we are at Mass, do we live that the Eucharist is Jesus? Do we listen and integrate that Wisdom into our lives? Do we welcome Jesus to nourish us - body and soul? Matthew Kelly finishes one of the chapters of Beautiful Eucharist with the following: "We've all got problems. We all have struggles. But whatever we have, he can handle. We need grace. We may not know it yet, but the sooner we realize it the better. And the Eucharist is the supreme source of the grace we need. Isn't it time we allowed God to unleash the power of grace in our lives?"

Come to Mass this weekend (and the next and the next!) Invite someone you haven't seen in a while. Come, listen, pray, receive, respond, love and be loved. Jesus is waiting with open arms.

Tracy Huk, Business Manager, businessallsaints@gmail.com

From the Pope



Contacting Congress

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has several "action alerts" to help you easily contact your members of Congress on issues with moral import, including food stamps in the Farm Bill, and IVF technology. Take a look.

Messages in your own words can be more effective. Please consider customizing the samples with your own story and perspective.

Governor asks for S-EBT waiver

Thanks to those of you who signed the Iowa Hunger Coalition's Summer EBT petition to the governor's office. More than 3,500 Iowans signed on. The petition asked the governor to ensure that Iowa participates in Summer EBT next year, which would provide \$120 in nutrition benefits to 245,000 low-income children in Iowa during the summer.

Gov. Reynolds announced last week the state will ask for a waiver regarding the Summer EBT program. The money would be used for the distribution of food boxes instead of money on a debit card for food. The state's plan is projected to serve 300,000 children. We will see if the U.S. Department of Agriculture approves the waiver and what will happen if they don't.

Sign the petition for dignity and opportunity

We ask you to consider signing our petition in solidarity with the bishops of Iowa and Pope Francis, who see the migrant as not simply a brother or sister in need, but "Christ himself, who knocks at our door." The petition invites us to support the human dignity of migrants.

The courts have stopped enforcement of the state's new "illegal re-entry" law for now. Oral arguments on the challenge to the law will take place in the federal Eighth Circuit Court next month.

Court dismisses 'heartbeat' case

The Polk County District Court has granted Planned Parenthood and ACLU's request to dismiss the "heartbeat" abortion ban case. So that case has concluded unless they refile.

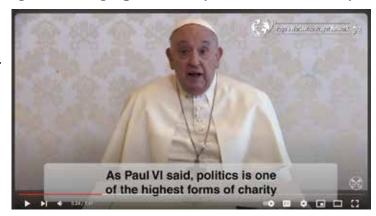
Pulse Life Advocates has posted a video of the Iowa March for Life rally. Bishop William Joensen of Des Moines provided the opening comments connecting respect for all human persons to an integral ecology.

Praying for political leaders

Pope Francis emphasizes the importance of praying for political leaders, inviting us to join him in praying for this intention this month. In the video accompanying his message, produced by his Worldwide Prayer

Network, the Pope reminds us that we cannot "move ahead toward universal fraternity without good politics," and to be grateful for "the many politicians who carry out their duties with a will to serve, not of power, who put all their efforts toward the common good."

Even though "politics doesn't have a very good reputation" today, Pope Francis invites us to see politics as "one of the highest forms of charity," in search of the common good.



https://youtu.be/9Asvx-_GE8Y?si=ryaR8oBoPYtcKF3-

Service to Others Metro Catholic Outreach



Volunteers Are Our Lifeline

To keep our large food pantry running, we absolutely could not do it without all of our faithful volunteers. As you can see by our numbers at the top of each week's newsletter, we prepare and distribute food boxes to between 120-150 families each week, help dozens of homeless clients, and distribute weekend food bags to students in need during the school year.

Delivery Drivers With Trucks: These volunteers use their own vehicles to pick up our orders from HACAP, food stores, and other donors, and deliver here to MCO.

Pantry Volunteers: These folks can find themselves in a variety of tasks -- unpacking, sorting, and shelving food, checking expiration dates on every single donated item, assembling and bagging the individual food boxes. They make up snack bags, toiletry bags, and work to keep the pantry clean and organized. During the summer all the garden produce coming in from donors and the Green Prairie Garden at Prairiewoods is sorted and bagged by the pantry volunteers for distribution.

Distribution: Our volunteers who work the dock during our three weekly distribution shifts add the fresh items to the boxes our pantry workers have packed. They greet families as they arrive to pick up their food boxes, load the groceries into their vehicles, and often do some problem solving.

Office: Volunteers take all incoming phone calls for assistance, schedule clients for food pick-up, assemble and distribute homeless bags, and organize and record the many donations flowing into our office each day, all while cheerfully greeting the steady flow of clients and donors coming through our door. Right now we also need someone to help with office tech support, and website management (specifically WordPress)

Doesn't all this sound like fun!? It is! We currently have around 180 volunteers, covering 20 shifts per week. The shifts are only 2-3 hours long, and each shift needs from 2 to 6 volunteers to cover. Some volunteers come in once or twice per month, some come in every week or more. We can always use more volunteers! No special skills needed, just a generous heart. But if you do have a special skill, let us know and we can put you to work in your area of interest! If you would like to find out more, call or email us at <code>metrocatholicoutreach@gmail.com</code>

Take Away Hunger Packaging Event



National Catholic Youth Conference



Considering the National Catholic Youth Conference in 2025?

The National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) happens every year, but the Archdiocese typically takes part in odd years. NCYC 2025 is coming fast. The dates for NCYC '25 are November 20-23.

There are three ways for teens to experience NCYC.

- **1. Be a part of the Archdiocesan Delegation.** Parish leaders (paid or volunteer) register their group with the Archdiocese. Package price of approximately \$850 per person covers travel, lodging, registration, some meals, and on-sight support. To join the Archdiocesan Delegation, we ask for group leaders to open a group account with the Archdiocese and submit a no-obligation group size estimate before December of 2024. Look for future announcements in the Official Bulletin and The InFo.
- **2. Organize a parish or collaborative/regional group.** Work with other adults in your parish or other parishes near you to form your own group. Buy your own tickets. Book your own hotel rooms. Arrange your own transportation and meals. The Office of Youth Ministry will provide some tips and tricks to make it easier for you, but you will be independent of the Archdiocesan delegation.
- **3. Family option.** Families can buy their own tickets and make travel plans without having to go through a parish. Sometimes, if your group is small, that is the easiest. A mom or dad with their own children can zip in and out a lot easier and likely save on costs.

Contact Kevin Feyen (*k.feyen@dbqarch.org*) for more information.

Iowa Catholic Youth Conference 2025



The 4th annual Iowa Catholic Youth Conference (ICYC) which targets those in grades 6-8 and their parents is set for Sunday, March 30, 2025. Mark your calendars! The event, which is cosponsored by the Archdiocese of Dubuque and the Diocese of Davenport, will take place at St. Ludmila Parish in Cedar Rapids and will feature the energetic Catholic artist and witness of faith Connor Flanagan (https://www.connorflanaganmusic.com/). More information will be available later this Fall.

All Saints Foundation



August is National Make-A-Will Month

Don't be one of the 60% of Americans who don't have a will! Practice good stewardship of your assets now and later. Leaving a gift of any percentage of one's assets can create a substantial difference in furthering the mission and vision for All Saints Parish. Visit *OurCFAD.org/will-planning* to learn more. If you would like more information about leaving a legacy gift to All

Saints Church contact Tracy Huk at 319-363-6130 ext 111 or *businessmgr@allsaintscr.com*. If you would like information about gift planning, please contact our planning partner at the Catholic Foundation at 563-552-0176 or *CFAD@OurCFAD.org*.

Mass Intentions

Tues. August 27 8:00 am Tatherine Bernemann

Wed. August 28 8:00 am Scherrman/Barry Families

Thurs. August 29 8:30 am John Creen

Sat. August 31 4:00 pm Cal Basile Family

Sun. September 1 9:00 am
For the People

Scripture Readings

Week of August 25, 2024

Sunday:

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69 (122)

Monday:

2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22 (425)

Tuesday:

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26 (426)

Wednesday:

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Mt 23:27-32 (427)

Thursday:

1 Cor 1:1-9 (428)/Mk 6:17-29 (634)

Friday:

1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13 (429)

Saturday:

1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30 (430)

Sunday:

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (125)

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends



Married Couples. Would you like to relive the excitement, romance and passion from your honeymoon? Rekindle that spark on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information call Denise and Greg at 563-920-9419 or sign up at *wwme.org*. Upcoming dates are September 27-29 in Dubuque, IA and November 8-10 in Holstein, IA.

Save the Date



Regis Class of 1979 45th Reunion.

Friday, August 30 from 5 pm to close at Iowa Brewing Company, 708 3rd St. SE, Cedar Rapids. And Saturday, August 31 from 6 pm to close at Knights of Columbus #909, 1620 E. Ave. NE, Cedar Rapids.

Please RSVP to Steve Mescher by texting 319-270-6607 or email at *meschso1@gmail.com*.

All Saints Emergency Planning Update



Thank you to all who provided feedback on the emergency action maps should we have severe weather, a fire or other situations arise. The maps have been put on the walls near exits of the sanctuary. Please familiarize yourself with them so that you know the nearest exit from your pew. Additional first aid kids have also been installed at all of the Mass missal carousels

and have been labeled. Additional signage will be added in the next few weeks. Thank you for your interest and participation in this

project. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Tracy at 319-363-6130 ext 111 or businessmgr@allsaintscr.com.



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

Grieving with Great Hope



The "Grieving with Great Hope" bereavement series is a multi-week course presented by St. Pius X in partnership with St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. This series offers ways to incorporate an individual's Catholic faith and the church as tools to help walk through grief. The course will be held from 6:30-8:30pm on Thursdays from Sept

12-Oct 17 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 1350 Lyndhurst Dr, Hiawatha. For more information at *www.crpiusx.org/bereavement* or call 319-393-4445.

Surviving Divorce



Surviving Divorce is a facilitated, small-group Catholic conversation that is endorsed and promoted by the Archdiocese of Dubuque. The sessions are a 12-week process and are led by trained facilitators using the program: Surviving Divorce, published by Ascension. The local team for Surviving Divorce has planned the Fall session to run on Tuesday evenings,

September 10th to November 26th 2024, from 6-7:30pm at St. Pius X.

We ask that you promote this opportunity and invite those who may be struggling with divorce in your parish family. Attached is the promotional image to share on your website or in your bulletin.

This is our thirtieth session in the Cedar Rapids metro area since the winter of 2009. All session facilitators are parishioners who have personally experienced divorce and are trained through our Archdiocese.

If you are not the best contact for ministering to the divorced, please notify me and forward this email to the appropriate recipient.

If you have questions about our upcoming Surviving Divorce session, please contact Cate Biro—catie22001@yahoo.com, Jackie Mihm—Jseals33@aol. com, or Tony Lavorata—bqo32ff@dbqarch.org.

Ministry Schedule

August 24, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan

Peg Schmitz

Extraordinary Ministers

Joan Fishburn

Kathi Grainger

Riley Hoover

Suzanne Lammers

Daniel Prentice

Zachary Prentice 2

Stephen Schmitz

Altar Servers

Joseph Cataldo

James Lammers

Zachary Prentice

Lectors

Stacy Cataldo

Lisa Stephenson

Hospitality Ministers

Jen Colby

Chris Colby

Daniel Greene

Dick Kettelkamp

Barb Lindstrom

Mike Votroubek

August 25, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

John Michael

Extraordinary Ministers

Sherry Casey

Mary Jo Goerdt

Terry Goerdt

Bill Knapp

Dianne Knapp

Andrew Lang

Dennis Mullarkey

Altar Servers

Julien Jiacinto

Annemarie Jiacinto

Ava Szymanowski

Lectors

Robin Brown

Tasha Tatara

Hospitality Ministers

Jeanne Amosson

Sue Bright

Pete Rethwisch

Bea Rethwisch

Tony Satariano

Diane Weimer

Ministry Schedule

August 31, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan

Extraordinary Ministers

Aaron Kelly

Suzanne Lammers

Andrew Lang

Ellen Mouw

John Myers

Stephen Schmitz

Becky Weininger

Altar Servers

Lindsev Talvat

Megan Talyat

Logan Weininger

Lectors

Theresa Harker

Kathy Ulrich

Hospitality Ministers

Sue Bright

Ryan Donnelly

Marcia Myers

Peg Schmitz

Brian Talyat

Lauri Talyat

September 2, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

John Michael

Extraordinary Ministers

Bill Knapp

Dianne Knapp

Dennis Mullarkey

Daniel Prentice

Zachary Prentice 2

Loesje Shema

David Shema

Altar Servers

Addison Johnson

Henry Johnson

Cayden Suby

Lectors

Mick Erdman

JoAnn Hand

Hospitality Ministers

Jeanne Amosson

Maureen Dale Ernst

John Ernst

Nicole Johnson

Chris Shimon

Diane Weimer

Family Ministry

August 25, 2024 • 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time • John 6:60-69

Words of Eternal Life

Many of Jesus' disciples left him as he continued to talk about being the Bread of Life. Their faith was not strong enough to accept what seemed ridiculous to their ears. However, the faith of the apostles who have lived and eaten with Jesus on a daily basis is not shaken.

This Sunday's Gospel pulls no punches, telling us to eat Jesus' flesh and drink his blood. Read those words without the benefit of faith and centuries of experience celebrating the Eucharist, and see if you don't feel like walking away from the miracle-worker too. It is clear that Jesus expects his followers to devour all that he is: his very being, wholly divine and wholly human.

When we receive the divine Jesus we share in his divinity. We recognize that God is in us and we are in God. When we are one with God we are one with all people and one with all that is. When we receive the human Jesus we take in and accept Jesus' humanity. We accept our own humanness with all of the pain and joy, the uncertainty and limits that this entails.

Like every human, Jesus experienced physical, emotional and spiritual pain. Jesus accepted his humanity with all of its limitations, and we must do the same. Accepting our humanness means giving up the notion that we can control everything. It means accepting the fact that at times we will have to endure both physical pain and the emotional pain of being embarrassed or abandoned.

When we can truly admit that we cannot do it all, or do everything perfectly, we can ask Jesus to fill us with his strength and love. When this happens we can begin to live in God's grace, God's love. Suffering and disillusionment may not go away, but our focus changes and all of life, the good and not so good, becomes a blessing.

Help your children understand that Jesus is more than a good role model showing us how to live our life in God's grace. Jesus is our sustenance, the very thing we need to be able to live and remain in God's love.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Ask family members to talk about times in their lives when God really helped them.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

In what area of your life do you need God's help at this time? 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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BLOOD DRIVE

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Lifesaving Tailgate Party!

Hosted at All Saints Catholic Church

Saturday, September 7th 8:30 am – 12:00 pm Lower Level - 720 29th St. SE.

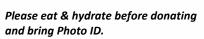
Be a game changer, donate blood! Wear your favorite team colors, cheer on your team, and save lives!

Sign up by calling Dennis Mullarkey at (319) 350-3776 or email larks3150@gmail.com.

Scan the QR code to self-schedule



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Doors open at 9 AM Program 9:30-10:30 followed by Q&A

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OUR PRESENTERS WILL DISCUSS:

- Values and giving
- Talking with family about your wishes
- Documents to consider in planning

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

RSVP: www.OurCFAD.org/CRLegacy or 319-398-6206

HOSTED BY:







New Melleray Abbey Come Away: Weekend Vocation Retreat

August 30-September 2, 2024

Share in the community celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours and Eucharist.

Learn about monastic life and discernment.

Listen to the brothers speak about their vocation journeys.

Have time to share your story, ask guestions, meet other men discerning a religious vocation.





For single Catholic men ages 18-59

Unable to attend at this time? Contact Br Paul Andrew to schedule a private discernment retreat.

vocationdirector@newmelleray.org

6632 Melleray Circle Peosta, IA 52068 563-588-2319 ext 111

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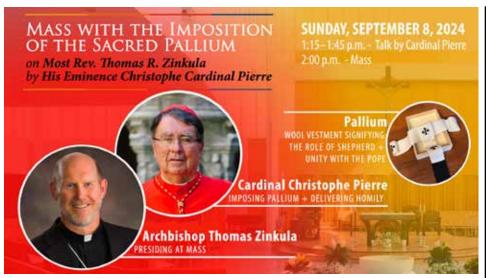
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The Pallium Mass: Celebrating the Unity of the Local and Universal Church

The faithful of the archdiocese will gather to celebrate Mass with the Imposition of the Sacred Pallium on Archbishop Zinkula by His Eminence Christophe Cardinal Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 8, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Hiawatha.

On June 29, 2024, Archbishop Thomas Zinkula and approximately 30 other archbishops received the pallium—a wool stole-like vestment—from Pope Francis at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. However, it was not formally imposed/conferred on him by the Pope. As of 2015, the imposition of the pallium takes place in each metropolitan archbishop's home archdiocese.

Archbishop Zinkula discussed the symbolism of the pallium during an interview with Catholic News Service Rome correspondant Justin McLellan, saying, "It is a symbol of unity that the bishops are united with the Holy Father in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ." Archbishop Zinkula also referenced the symbolism of Jesus the Good Shepherd saying, "Bishops have the crosier which is a sign of [shepherding our flock] but the pallium is also a symbol of our role shepherding the sheep and leading them to clean water and pasture."

Archbishop Zinkula will preside over the Mass in Hiawatha. Cardinal Pierre will give a talk before the Mass from 1:15 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. He will talk about synodality and Eucharistic Revival. His Eminence will impose the pallium on Archbishop Zinkula at the beginning of the liturgy and later deliver the homily.

In preparation for the celebration, the archdiocese has prepared resources for children, teens and adults to learn more about the pallium and its significance. Visit www.dbqarch.org/pallium. The Mass will be livestreamed for those unable to attend at www.dbqarch.org/live-broadcasts.

A Journey to Formation: Interview with Deacon Hùng Lê

By Cassie Bird

On May 24, Deacon Hùng Lê was ordained for service in the order of the diaconate on his journey to the priesthood.

During the period of time between diaconal and priestly ordination, our seminarians are often referred to as "transitional deacons" since they are ordained for service while continuing their path to the priesthood. In reality, priests remain deacons since the Sacrament of Holy Orders confers an indelible or permanent character on the recipient; once a deacon, always a deacon.

Summary of a Deacon's Ministry

It is more accurate to ask who a deacon is, rather than to list what a deacon does. As an ordained minister in the Catholic Church, deacons respond to God's call in their lives by embracing active ministry in the Church through charity, word and liturgy. By doing so, deacons provide an official and sacramental presence of the Church to the faithful. The deacon's role is to follow the example of Jesus, who came not to be served, but to serve.

The deacon's ministry, as Saint John Paul II has said, "is the Church's service sacramentalized. This is at the very heart of the diaconate ... to be a servant of the mysteries of Christ and, at one and the same time, to be a servant of [one's] brothers and sisters." (National Directory #36)

Cassie Bird caught up with Deacon Hùng a few months after his diaconate ordination. We hope you enjoy learning more about him on the next page. 1. Congratulations on your recent ordination to the transitional diaconate! As a transitional deacon on the formation path to the priesthood, what have been some of the most meaningful experiences or lessons you've encountered during your formation and preparation?

Thank you for the kind words.

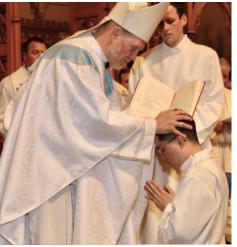
The formation process has been deeply transformative. At the seminary and in parishes, I've had the precious opportunity to deepen my prayer life and relationship with God. This time has allowed me to truly listen to God's voice and discern His will for my life. Studying theology and scripture has opened my eyes to the richness of our faith. I've also grown in selfawareness, addressing areas where I need to improve. The fraternity with fellow seminarians has been a source of great support and inspiration. I'm grateful for the guidance of many wise priests, professors, fellow seminarians, and parishioners who have shaped my journey.

2. Can you share a little bit about your background?

I was born and raised in a devout Catholic family in northern Vietnam. After earning a bachelor's degree in religious studies in Ho Chi Minh City, I worked for a year before returning to my hometown. There, I spent four years assisting my pastor, which helped me become familiar with the Church's work and discern my vocation to the priesthood. In 2018, I came to the U.S. to enter priesthood formation. I spent three years in Dubuque learning English and studying Philosophy. For the past three years, I've been studying Theology at Mundelein Seminary in Chicago, Illinois

3. What experiences helped you decide to enter into formation for the priesthood?

Discerning my vocation was a gradual process filled with prayer, spiritual direction, and life experiences that helped me recognize God's call. Observing priests in their ministry sparked a desire in me to serve in a similar way. As I assisted a priest in his duties, I felt a growing sense of purpose. Of course, I had moments of doubt, but my desire to follow the path to



Above: Deacon Hung Le is ordained by Archbishop Thomas Zinkula on May 24, 2024 at the Cathedral of St. Raphael. Photo by Deacon Jim Pfaffly.





Left: Deacon Hung Le proclaims the Gospel during the ordination of Father Gregory Lambret on May 25, 2024 at the Cathedral of St. Raphael. Photo by Deacon Jim Pfaffly. **Right:** Deacon Le presides over a baptism at Church of the Resurrection on July 13, 2024. Photo by Wendy Osterberger.

priesthood grew stronger through my experiences in ministry and in prayer. It wasn't always an easy journey, but the peace I felt when considering this vocation ultimately led me to enter formation for the priesthood.

4. What will your formation look like this coming year as a transitional deacon?

My formation will involve serving in a parish and preaching regularly. I'll continue my theological studies, deepening my understanding of our faith. There will be focused preparation for priestly ministry and sacraments. I'll also be developing pastoral skills and leadership abilities. Throughout all of this, I'll continue my human and spiritual formation, recognizing that a priest must continually grow in holiness to serve effectively.

5. What aspects of priestly ministry do you feel particularly called to, or are you looking forward to?

There are several aspects of priestly ministry that I feel particularly called to.

Celebrating the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation, will be a profound privilege. I look forward to preaching and teaching the faith, helping others to understand and live out the Gospel. Accompanying people in times of joy and sorrow is a sacred trust, and I hope to provide comfort and support in all of life's moments. Lastly, I'm excited about fostering vocations to the priesthood and religious life, helping others discern God's call as others have helped me.

6. What are your hopes or prayers for your formation/ministry this year?

As I look to the year ahead, my hopes and prayers center on growth and service. I pray for the grace to grow more fully into my identity as a minister and future priest, always keeping Christ at the center. I hope to serve people with genuine compassion. I pray for the openness to remain receptive to God's will and grace in my life, knowing that He may have surprises in store for me. Lastly, I hope to build meaningful relationships with fellow deacons and priests, creating a support network that will sustain me in my vocation.





Rural Life Mass: Save the date! Friday, Sept. 20th | Mass at 10:30 a.m.

Johanningmeier and Deering family **Distant View Farms**853 Hwy 76, Monona, IA
Recognition Program and Lunch to follow

Archbishop Thomas Zinkula will celebrate this Farm Mass in rural Allamakee County. This special event recognizes the many people who work the land and live in our rural communities.

All are welcome to attend. Seating is limited, so please feel free to bring a lawn chair. Learn more at www.dbqarch.org/rural-life.

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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: Classes will be led by Father Jack Flaherty after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays in the Social Hall. Start date TBD (*fatherjack@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.