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CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL



Love God • Serve Others • Form Disciples



**October 5 & October 6, 2024;
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*If we love
one another,
God remains in
us and his love is
brought to perfection
in us.*

1 John 4:12

MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday 8:00 am
Wednesday 8:00 am
Thursday 8:30 am
Friday 8:00 am

Let the children come to me...



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Please Pray for the Following People

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



Mark Dougherty, Judy Chalupsky, Kim Witte, Paul Lowry, Mary M., and Heather Brockett.

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



The phrase in today's psalm, "May you see your children's children, " is really a prayer for a long life. The good steward knows that every day is a gift from God, to be lived with joy and thanksgiving. "May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives."

A Weekly Tip on Caring for Our Common Home



Whenever possible, buy products that originate as close to home as you can. In addition to supporting local businesses and workers, you also will be helping to reduce the environmental impact of product transportation.

All Saints Foundation



Your gifts to All Saints Parish are a testimony to your faith and the confidence you have in your church. Both lifetime gifts and testamentary (those that are given through your will) express your feelings in a meaningful way. If you would like more information about leaving a legacy gift to All Saints Parish 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.

Pope Francis calls for global day of prayer, fasting amid escalating conflict in Holy Land



Pope Francis has called for a global day of prayer and fasting on Oct. 7 to mark the one-year anniversary of the Hamas attack on Israel amid escalating violence in the region.

The pope's surprise announcement, made at the end of his homily at Mass in St. Peter's Square on Wednesday, comes the morning after Iran launched hundreds of missiles toward Israel following the launch of the Israeli military's ground offensive in Lebanon.



Pope Francis said on Oct. 2 that the Church is always at the service of humanity, “especially in his dramatic hour of our history, as the winds of war and the fires of violence continue to ravage entire peoples and nations.”

“I ask everyone to take part in a day of prayer and fasting for peace in the world,” he said.



Pope Francis also revealed that he will personally go to Rome's Basilica of St. Mary Major on Sunday to pray the rosary on the eve of the anniversary “to invoke the gift of peace through the intercession of Most Holy Mary.”

The pope made his plea for peace during the opening Mass for the second assembly of the Synod on Synodality, which is taking place at the Vatican Oct. 2–27.

Speaking to the more than 400 priests, bishops, cardinals, and lay synod delegates gathered in St. Peter's Square for the Mass on the feast of the Guardian Angels, the pope invited the members of the synod to join him in the Marian basilica to pray the rosary for peace.

“Brothers and sisters, let us resume this ecclesial journey with an eye to the world, for the Christian community is always at the service of humanity, to proclaim the joy of the Gospel to all. We need it, especially in this dramatic hour of our history, as the winds of war and the fires of violence continue to ravage entire peoples and nations,” he said.

“To invoke the gift of peace through the intercession of Most Holy Mary, on Sunday I will go to the Basilica of St. Mary Major, where I will pray the holy rosary and address a heartfelt plea to the Virgin; if possible, I also ask you, members of the synod, to join me on that occasion.”

Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, the Latin patriarch of Jerusalem, has urged the importance of “*prayer, fasting, and penance*” for peace and reconciliation in the Holy Land. The cardinal published a prayer for peace, which he has asked Catholics to pray along with the rosary during the Marian month of October.

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/259583/pope-francis-calls-for-global-day-of-prayer-and-fasting-amid-escalating-conflict-in-holy-land>



Everyday Metanoia



October is Respect Life month. As Jesus affirmed in the Gospel today, children are of prime importance to God: “Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” We are all children of God, but He calls upon us to care for and protect those who are vulnerable in our society in a special way. Respecting life includes all of the stages from womb to tomb. Oftentimes, we focus on the womb and either do not know or do not understand the other aspects that support respecting life at all ages and circumstances of life. Our Catholic Social Justice Teaching has seven themes which lead us to an elevated understanding of the definition of humanity and how we love, support, respect and protect each other.

The life and dignity of the human person tops the list of our Catholic Social Justice Teachings. The USCCB states: “The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching.” We were created in the image of our Creator - God. “The world exists for everyone, because all of us were born with the same dignity. Differences of color, religion, talent, place of birth or residence, and so many others, cannot be used to justify the privileges of some over the rights of all. As a community, we have an obligation to ensure that every person lives with dignity and has sufficient opportunities for his or her integral development.” (Pope Francis, *On Fraternity and Social Friendship [Fratelli Tutti]*, no. 118)

God created us as sacred beings that are also social. We need each other and the systems that structure and support society. “How we organize our society -- in economics and politics, in law and policy -- directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. Marriage and the family are the central social institutions that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.” (USCCB)

In order for humanity to flourish - there needs to be a recognized and lived cooperation between rights and responsibilities. “In human society one man’s natural right gives rise to a corresponding duty in other men; the duty, that is, of recognizing and respecting that right. Every basic human right draws its authoritative force from the natural law, which confers it and attaches to it its respective duty. Hence, to claim one’s rights and ignore one’s duties, or only half fulfill them, is like building a house with one hand and tearing it down with the other.” (St. John XXIII, *Peace on Earth [Pacem in Terris]*, no. 30)

The relationship between rights and responsibilities is the foundation of our option for the poor and vulnerable. Economic data from countries around the world shows that the gulf between the rich and the poor is widening. If we are going to remedy this we must go beyond remembering Jesus’ story of the Last Judgement and start living it.

The interrelationship between the economy and the workers is broken in much of the world. “The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God’s creation. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected--the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organization and joining of unions, to private property, and to economic initiative.” (USCCB)

The last two themes talk about the harmony that God created between humans and the earth. As this cohesion continues to erode, it greatly impacts the other themes of our Catholic Social Justice teaching. The bond of humanity was broken when Cain slew Abel and has continued to shatter throughout the ages. Jesus came to reestablish the bond of solidarity. “We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers’ and sisters’ keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace.” (USCCB)

And of the earth...God gave us dominion over the earth and the beasts, but with that right comes responsibilities - that of stewardship. “When nature is viewed solely as a source of profit and gain, this has serious consequences for society. This vision of ‘might is right’ has engendered immense inequality, injustice and acts of violence against the majority of humanity, since resources end up in the hands of the first comer or the most powerful: the winner takes all. Completely at odds with this model are the ideals of harmony, justice, fraternity and peace as proposed by Jesus.” (Pope Francis, *The Joy of Love [Laudato Si]*, no. 82)

As we listen to God’s Word and Fr. Jack’s homilies this month, let’s challenge ourselves to know and live our Catholic Social Justice teachings. See you at Mass!

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Marriage Encounter Experience



Fall is a beautiful season full of color and crisp fresh air. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is like autumn because it's a weekend full of fresh air, new beginnings, and a time to rejoice in the beauty of your marriage. It's a great time to rekindle communication and enjoy some time away. For more information call: Greg and Denise at (563)608-3305 or register at wwme.org. Our upcoming weekend is November 8-10 in Holstein, Iowa.

Support KMMK Radio



"Radio to the Max," KMMK 88.7 FM, will host the Annual Fall Fundraising Banquet on Saturday, October 19, 2024, from 5:00 to 9:00 pm at the St. Ludmila Community Center, 211 21st Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids. Cale Clarke, Relevant Radio show host, will speak on The Shroud of Turin. The event will feature an exhibit, The Man of the Shroud. The dinner is free but reservations are needed. To register go to KMMK-FM.org, click on EVENTS, and then on the registration link. Call Sue at 319-360-3290 with any questions.

Our Call to Share



In two weeks, our Parish will take up the Fall Our Call to Share collection. This is a 4-in-1 collection, where donations are collected for four international ministries focusing on the Catholic Church outside our borders.

The Collection weekend is October 19-20, 2024. A brochure and return envelope will arrive in parishioners' mailboxes during the week of October 14. This weekend, we're highlighting the following two collections:

World Missions, which funds the Holy Father's outreach to the farthest and most disadvantaged corners of the world. To learn more, visit www.onefamilyinmission.org/wms.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS), which provides funding for the relief and development of people living overseas who are poor and vulnerable. To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/national-collection/catholic-relief-services-collection.

Archbishop Thomas Zinkula is grateful for your support of these missionary activities. He reminds us, "We are called by our baptism to participate in the mission of Christ and his Church. Our primary task as missionary disciples of Jesus is preaching the Gospel in today's world. One way in which we do this communally is by supporting the missionary activities of the Church."



2025 Archdiocesan Women's Conference: Beauty in Christ



Saturday, January 25, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM (Time is tentative)

This year's virtual conference is designed so that you can gather women in your parish/cluster for a morning of friendship, faith, and formation! Women can participate from the comfort of their own homes or gather in parishes to experience the event together! Individual and Group ticket prices will be available. We will have great speakers! More information and registration will be available soon at <https://www.archwomensconference.org/>. Contact Joanne Pohland at j.pohland@dbqarch.org for more information.

We. Need. YOU!



Weekly Mass on Saturday and Sunday are a community effort. As they say, "It takes a village." As our Parish grows and evolves, our needs grow and evolve. Our little village requires the time and talent that only parishioners can provide. Do you have a passion for All Saints? You can transform that passion into something bigger. We invite you to learn more about the various volunteer opportunities available at All Saints parish. During fellowship following Mass on Saturday, September 28 and Sunday, September 29th, representatives from various ministries will be available to talk about what they do and why volunteering is impactful on their lives.

Catechism for Adults



All Saints is excited to respond to the requests of our parent, grandparent, and adult parishioners. During the Listening Sessions held in the Spring of 2023, several of our participants requested an ADULT catechism program that mirrored what their children and grandchildren are learning in school so as to be able to have meaningful conversations as a family as well as grow as individuals in their faith. The resources are now available through Pflaum Publishing and we would like to invite you to participate.

Who: Any/All Adult members of the Catholic Faith

What: Catechism for Adults

When: Thursdays following the 8:30 am Children's Mass (Approximately 9:30 am-TBD)
Beginning October 17, 2024

Where: All Saints Social Hall

This intergenerational program welcomes adults of all ages. The resources are based on the upcoming Gospel for the week allowing you to benefit at any point you are able to join us. We recognize schedules are busy and welcome you when it works best for you. We appreciate your registration so as to have a sense for the number of resources we need to have available. Thank you! Please contact Stacy Cataldo (catechesis@allsaintscr.com) with any questions.

We look forward to seeing you!

Please click this link to register: <https://forms.gle/sBk9i9LjRtwS5Mg36>

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.

Xavier Catholic School Impact Fund



- Next weekend the Xavier Catholic Schools Impact Fund Parish Appeal will kick off at all of our metro parishes and run through November 8.
- Thanks to your support of this Fund, for the last two years we were able to offer all our PK-12 Xavier Catholic Schools teachers a six percent increase in salaries effectively putting us at 91% to our public-school counterparts.
- Our overall parish goal is \$725,000. This year we are raising money to promote faith and building improvements in our eight schools encompassing our early learning centers, elementary, middle, and high school. We ask that you consider giving a gift to ensure that faith remains a priority in our buildings while providing updated facilities where our students can thrive in a Catholic environment.
- Commitment cards will be mailed to your house by the first weekend in October. Bring your completed card and donation to Mass next weekend, or mail in to the Xavier Foundation. Additional cards will be available in the pews next weekend. Donations can also be made online at crxcs.org/give, or through PayPal or Venmo.
- Wear your Xavier Catholic Schools spiritwear next weekend to Mass to show your support.
- Thank you for your prayers and your faith in our Xavier Catholic Schools.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas [CDA]



NEW PLACE, NEW TIME Catholic Daughters of the Americas [CDA] Court Cedar Rapids #1768 will meet Tuesday, October, 15 at 6:15 pm at St. Pius Church. Doors open at 6:00 pm with refreshments. Our speaker is Dr. Janet Cuhel: 100 Year Lifestyle. Catholic Daughters across the nation will celebrate Catholic Daughters Sunday on October 20. Members of the Cedar Rapids Court will celebrate by attending 10:30 Mass at St. Ludmila's Church and after Mass will hold a Court Recognition of members ceremony. Guests are welcome. Contacts: Roberta 319-366-0999 or Stephanie 319- 540- 7193

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 co-sponsored 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.connorflanagannmusic.com/>). More information will be available later this Fall.

Get Involved!



Good Morning! We have some exciting ways you and your family can serve the parish and grow in your faith this year. Please consider registering for one or more of the following: Children's Liturgy of the Word (Ages 4-7 All 2nd grade children highly encouraged to join): [LINK](#). Altar Serving (Grades 4 & 5): [LINK](#). Sacramental Preparation (ALL 2nd Grade Families): [LINK](#). Adult Catechism (Following Thursday Children's Mass): [LINK](#). Additional programming for grades 3-8 is in the works. Stay tuned... These programs (exception: altar serving) are kicking off in October. Please register and plan to join us. We look forward to seeing you! Sincerely, Stacy Cataldo

Our Lady of the Mississippi Abbey *Come and See Weekend*



Come and See Weekend - October 25-27, 2024

Join the community in prayer for the liturgy of the hours and Eucharist. Listen to some of the sisters speak about our way of life, and how God led them to Mississippi Abbey. Meet other women exploring God's call in their lives. Have the opportunity to ask questions, take time for extra silence and prayer, visit one-on-one with a sister about your own discernment, and enjoy the beauty of nature around us.

Open to single Catholic women ages 18 – 40.

If you are interested in joining us for the weekend [click here](#) to fill out our Vocational Inquiry form.



Service to Others

Metro Catholic Outreach



Going in Circles

by *Anni Thorn*

Metro Catholic Outreach Associate Director

Joshua 6:1-5:

Now the gates of Jericho were securely barred because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in. Then the Lord said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have the whole army give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the army will go up, everyone straight in."

Reflection:

Jericho is surrounded by a wall designed to keep foreign powers out and its people safe within. The city is a stronghold. The Lord directed Joshua to have the people march around the walls of Jericho seven times. Not once, but seven. Why? Perhaps it was an exercise in obedience? Maybe it was a lesson in faith that God is working even when things do not make sense? Perhaps God is showing them a new way to battle? The Lord has promised to give the city of Jericho into the Israelites' hands. God has promised to bring the wall down.

We all face strongholds, walls in our lives that hold us back and keep others out -- addiction, poverty, fear, anxiety, unforgiveness, anger, and bitterness to name just a few. Strongholds are everywhere and seem impenetrable. They keep us from meaningful relationships and from what we most desire...freedom.

Question: *Where in your life do you encounter a stronghold, something you can't seem to break through? Where in your life do you desire Jesus to bring you freedom?*

At first glance, it would seem that the Israelites are going in circles. There are times in our lives when we feel the same. However, the Israelites were told to march and believe. In turn, God did what he had promised. With the long blast of the trumpet and the loud shout of the army, the wall crumbled.

As we face our own strongholds, may we do our own marching through the reading of Scripture, praying, attending Mass, and sharing in the Eucharist. The wall came tumbling down for the people of Israel. Jesus desires to do the same for us. Remember, it may take one lap, it may take seven. Just march.

Prayer: *Lord Jesus, help me identify the walls in my life that you desire to bring down. May I hear your call to march and may I do so. In the meantime, help me replace the thoughts in my mind with your truth of who you are, who I am in you, and what you can do in my life. Amen.*

Young at Heart



Come join the All Saints' Church members for the Young at Heart Luncheon on Wednesday, October 16 at noon in the Social Hall. The speaker for this month is Mark Stoffer Hunter. Mark is a very knowledgeable and interesting Cedar Rapids Historian. Mark provides walking tours of every part of Cedar Rapids and has a wealth of information on any question you may have regarding Cedar Rapids. Join us and bring a friend. You are bound to enjoy your time with Mark. There is no cost for the luncheon.

Adopt a Garden at Mt. Calvary Cemetery



Did you know that one of the Corporal Works of Mercy is to bury the dead? This work extends to caring for the graves of our beloved deceased. Some of the flat headstones here at Mt. Calvary have become overgrown with grass and weeds. Come help us give back to those who went before us by clearing the area around their headstones. Consider Adopting a Garden at Mt. Calvary Cemetery. We will give them the dignity in death as members of God's family by showing care for our common home. This would be a great activity for families with teenagers, retirees, organizations, church groups, or those needing to fulfill service hours.

If you or a group of like-minded volunteers would be interested in adopting an area or helping with this endeavor, please contact our office at 319-362-4359 or crmt.cal@gmail.com.

2024 Mt Calvary Cemetery Fall Cleanup



The October 15th Mt. Calvary Cemetery Fall Cleanup is around the corner. If you have any floral tributes, decorations, or other items around your loved one's grave sites, please remove them by Tuesday October 15th. The cemetery will be completely cleared of all decorations at that time. In-ground vases will be turned down into their storage positions until spring usage. After Nov. 15th, holiday wreaths, mounds and evergreen blankets may be placed, and will remain until the spring clean-up in March 2025. If you have questions, please call Mt.

Calvary Cemetery at 319-362-4659. If you would like to volunteer your time for this Corporal Work of Mercy, please call our office. The location is 375 32nd St. Drive, SE, Cedar Rapids.

Forty Days for Life



LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 90 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death. Stand with thousands of proliferators throughout the USA and Canada! You'll be light in a darkened world as



you help put an end to abortion through prayer!

- Bring your whole family!
- Water, lawn chairs, umbrellas and strollers are welcome and encouraged!
- Rain or shine!

Please meet at St. Matthew's parking lot on Sunday, October 2 to sign in, get a group picture, and send-off prayer at 2:00 PM. All Saints' block will be between 23rd St Dr SE and 24th St Dr SE.

Please join us on Tuesday, October 8 as Dr. Haywood Robinson, a former abortion provider, will speak at the African American Museum beginning at 6:30 PM. His book, *The Scalpel and the Soul* will be available for \$10.

The closing rally for Forty Days for Life will be at Planned Parenthood on November 3. We will pray from 4-5 PM and then gather for pizza at Godfathers.

Mass Intentions

Tues. October 8 8:00 am
Kim Witte

Wed. October 9 8:00 am
† Gary Polansky

Thurs. October 10 8:30 am
† David Johnson

Fri. October 11 8:00 am
† Dennis Foxhoven

Sat. October 12 4:00 pm
† Rosemary & Lawrence Schenden

Sun. October 13 9:00 am
For the People

Scripture Readings

Week of October 6, 2024

Sunday:

Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or
10:2-12 (140)

Monday:

Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37 (461)

Tuesday:

Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42 (462)

Wednesday:

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk 11:1-4 (463)

Thursday:

Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13 (464)

Friday:

Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26 (465)

Saturday:

Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28 (466)

Sunday:

Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or
10:17-27 (143)

Parish Life



Do you enjoy getting people together for fellowship and having fun as well? Parish Life Committee is looking for additional members to appreciate each event. If you are interested, please contact Ellen Mouw at 712-253-5540 or eamouw@aol.com.

Un-Committee



Don't have time for committees or meetings, but still want to help? Join the "Un-Committee" where you are contacted only for special events at All Saints Church. If interested, please contact Ellen Mouw at 712-253-5540 or eamouw@aol.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>

Parish Office Hours



- Monday - Thursday - 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Friday - 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Saturday and Sunday - closed

The parish staff knows that your time is valuable. Please **call** or **email** the staff member you wish to speak with to ensure that they are available.



Bruins Beat

Thank You for Joining Us for Grandparents Day!



www.allsaints-crschool.org

Ministry Schedule

October 5, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan

Peg Schmitz

Extraordinary Ministers

Joan Fishburn
Riley Hoover
Gavin Miller
Ellen Mouw
Stephen Schmitz
Marvin Stallman
Mary Takes

Altar Servers

Kennedy Blue
Lindsey Talyat
Megan Talyat

Lectors

Lisa Stephenson
Becky Weininger

Hospitality Ministers

Daniel Greene
Dick Kettelkamp
Barb Lindstrom
Brian Talyat
Lauri Talyat
Mike Votroubek

October 6, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

Sherry Casey

Extraordinary Ministers

Nicole Johnson
Stephanie Klappholz
Bill Knapp
Dianne Knapp
Dennis Mullarkey
Gregory O'Connell
Loesje Shema

Altar Servers

Martin (MJ) Golobic
Ellorie Shane
Eli Shane

Lectors

Chris Conway
Brian Conway

Hospitality Ministers

Maureen Dale Ernst
John Ernst
Tony Satariano
Diane Weimer
Dave Wolf
Maureen Wolf

Ministry Schedule

October 12, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan

Mary Pat Wilkinson

Extraordinary Ministers

Kathi Grainger

Andrew Lang

John Myers

Kourtne Powell

Mike Powell

Alison Prentice

Daniel Prentice

Altar Servers

Dylan Lang

Alexandra Lang

Caleb Lang

Lectors

Theresa Harker

Kathy Ulrich

Hospitality Ministers

Elie AbouRaad

Ryan Donnelly

Daniel Greene

Tom Takes

Brian Talyat

Lauri Talyat

October 13, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

Sherry Casey

Extraordinary Ministers

Tom Amosson

Ann Hunter

Nicole Johnson

John Michael

Dennis Mullarkey

Gregory O'Connell

David Shema

Altar Servers

Addison Johnson

Henry Johnson

Cayden Suby

Lectors

Larry Hunter

Loesje Shema

Hospitality Ministers

Jeanne Amosson

Pete Rethwisch

Bea Rethwisch

Chris Shimon

Diane Weimer

Family Ministry

October 6, 2024 • 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 10:13–16

Let the Children Come To Me

People began to bring their children to Jesus so that he could bless them. The disciples rebuked them thinking Jesus had better things to do. Jesus became indignant and told them to let the children come to him for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

When Jesus tells us that the kingdom of God belongs to those who are like children, I think the youngsters he has in mind are those wide-eyed tykes whose faces tell you just how they feel.

You know the type—the little ones who pull on your hand and stretch your arm in their eagerness to get somewhere. I think children like this must come from homes where they are loved and really cared for. They live their lives certain that comfort and safety are no farther away than a parent's lap.

Childhood, particularly early childhood, can be a scary time—a time of almost total dependence. Left on his own, a three-year-old's life would be extremely hazardous. But then again, left on our own, we could all find life pretty treacherous—whether we're three, thirty-three or sixty-three.

Perhaps that is what Jesus is trying to tell us. Life is not easy: It is filled with all sorts of obstacles and problems, but no matter our age, we are all children, children of God.

We, too, need to live our lives aware that when we are open to God's love, we are safe and secure, loved and cared for, always close to the lap of God. When we realize and accept our dependency on an all-loving God and accept God's love, we can glide through some of our fear and insecurity. We can let that wide-eyed, smiling child inside each of us come out to play.

Continually remind yourself of God's promise to be with you always. Let the child in you out, and spend time as a family playing together. Reach for your child's hand, stretching his arm in your eagerness to share God's love through your own laughter and joy.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Take turns naming your favorite family funtime activities. Find time within the next two weeks to enjoy as many of these activities as possible. Mark them on your calendar.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

What is your favorite family activity? How can you find more time to have fun with your family? 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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I CAME SO THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE



During the Easter Vigil liturgy, the single flame of the Easter candle shines through the darkness. That small flame spreads as each person's candle is lit and the light of Christ is shared with others. Before we know it, the entire Church is ablaze with the warm glow of candlelight and the darkness has been vanquished.

We are each called by God to be that light of Christ that breaks through the darkness. We are called to be his disciples, continually transformed by our encounter with him and sharing in his mission. Jesus came that we might have *life*.

Part of the impetus for the Eucharistic Revival was a concern that some Catholics do not believe, or at least do not understand, that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. Even though our human senses perceive bread and wine, the Eucharist is Jesus—body, blood, soul, and divinity. Similarly, many people do not realize or acknowledge the sanctity of human life when it is hidden in the womb. Both instances call for us to help others recognize these sacred gifts that may not be perceivable through our human senses. We need to help others understand that just because something may not be apparent to our eyes does not mean that it is not there or that it is not important.

We live in a society that rejects those who are weak, fragile, or vulnerable. Yet, it is precisely within these conditions that a person is most in

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John 1:5



need of our care and protection. Pope Francis reminds us that “every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, bears the face of the Lord, who even before he was born, and then just after birth, experienced the world’s rejection.”¹

The U.S. bishops have affirmed that, while it is important to address all the ways in which human life is threatened, “abortion remains our pre-eminent priority as it directly attacks our most vulnerable brothers and sisters, destroying more than a million lives each year in our country alone.”²

As Pope St. John Paul II wrote, “we are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the ‘culture of death’ and the ‘culture of life’. ...we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life.”³

**“I am with you always,
until the end of the age.”**

Matthew 28:20

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In the face of challenges such as abortion and physician-assisted suicide, we may feel that we are not equal to the task of overcoming the darkness. Yet, we are not alone. Jesus tells us, “I am with you always, until the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20).

The God who became man to save us still dwells among us. For Christ is “the light [that] shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (John 1:5). He is the one who overcame death and continually raises us to new life. He remains close to us always, seeking us out in each moment of our lives.

Jesus gave his very flesh to give us the gift of eternal life and invites us to the most profound



experience of this gift in our celebration of the Eucharist. When we meet Jesus in the Eucharist, this encounter has the power to change us. The Eucharist has the power to transform the depths of our hearts and the heart of our culture. United to the power of his Eucharistic Presence, may we work to ensure that each person has life—and has it in abundance.

1 Pope Francis, “Address of Holy Father Francis to Participants in the Meeting Organized by the International Federation of Catholic Medical Associations,” September 20, 2013 (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2013).

2 *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political*

Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States, Introductory Letter, p. 8. (Washington, D.C.: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2024).

3 Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1995), no. 28.

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RESPECT LIFE MONTH STATEMENT

October 2024

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities



We are living in an exciting time of revival. Our National Eucharistic Congress, and the Eucharistic processions that led to it, involved hundreds of thousands of Catholics who will never be the same. The revival continues, and is so needed, especially in our efforts to defend human life.

Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist, gives us the fullness of life. He calls each of us to respect that gift of life in every human person. While we live in a society that often rejects those who are weak, fragile, or vulnerable, they are the most in need of our care and protection. Pope Francis reminds us that “every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, bears the face of the Lord, who even before he was born, and then just after birth, experienced the world’s rejection.”¹

The law and millions of our brothers and sisters have yet to recognize this reality. We thankfully no longer live under the regime of *Roe v. Wade*, and our elected officials are now empowered to reduce or end abortion. But what we now see is that fifty years of virtually unlimited abortion has tragically created a national mindset where many Americans have become comfortable with *some* amount of abortion. This allows the abortion industry to continue to provide *any* amount of abortion. Given this challenge, the U.S. bishops have affirmed that, while it is important to address all the ways in which human life is threatened, “abortion remains our pre-eminent priority as it directly attacks our most vulnerable brothers and sisters, destroying more than a million lives each year in our country alone.”²

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In a tragic way, abortion has become the pre-eminent priority for others as well. We see many politicians celebrating the destruction of preborn children, and protecting access to abortion, even up until the moment of birth. Few leaders are standing up to limit the harm of chemical abortion (abortion pills) to mothers and children, which is now the most common form of abortion. And heading into the November elections, as many as ten states face gravely evil ballot initiatives that would enshrine abortion in their state constitutions.

Pope St. John Paul II’s words resonate today: “we are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the ‘culture of death’ and the ‘culture of life’ ... we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life.”³

And so we need a revival of prayer and action:

- We must renew our commitment to work for the legal protection of every human life, from conception to natural death, and to vote for candidates who will defend the life and dignity of the human person.

- We must call for policies that assist women and their children in need, while also continuing to help mothers in our own communities through local pregnancy help centers and our nationwide, parish-based initiative, [Walking with Moms in Need](#).
- We must likewise continue to extend the hand of compassion to all who are suffering from participation in abortion, through the Church’s abortion healing ministries like [Project Rachel Ministry](#).
- Most importantly, we must rededicate ourselves to fervent prayer on behalf of life.

I invite all Catholics to join me in a concerted effort of prayer between now and our national elections, by daily praying our Respect Life Month “Prayer for Life to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament”:

Jesus, you came that we might have life—and have it in abundance. Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you form us in our mothers’ wombs and call us to love you for all eternity. As your most precious gift of human life is attacked, draw us ever closer to your Real Presence in the Eucharist. Dispel the darkness of the culture of death, for you are the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it. By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every human person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable. For you are God, forever and ever. Amen.



Through the graces of this revival, may we witness, work, and vote so that all children in the womb will be protected in law and welcomed in love, and that all mothers and families will be strengthened by our support and accompaniment.



For information on October *Respect Life Month*, visit <https://www.respectlife.org/>.

1 Pope Francis, “Address of Holy Father Francis to Participants in the Meeting Organized by the International Federation of Catholic Medical Associations,” September 20, 2013 (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana).
 2 *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States*, Introductory Letter, p. 8 (Washington, D.C.: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2024).
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St. John XXIII Catholic Church



Pumpkin Festival 2024

Sunday, October 13th 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Food ~ Music ~ Kids Carnival Games ~ Basket, Cash & Quilt Raffle ~ Bingo

- Pulled Pork ~ Chicken Bacon Ranch sandwich meal (\$10)
- Hot Dog meal (\$8)
(meals include chips, homemade dessert & drink)
- Kids' Carnival Games - \$5.00 gets you one chance at ALL kids games!
- BINGO (\$0.25/card)
- Pumpkin Dessert judging contest @ 1:00 pm
- Entertainment/Music in food tent beginning @ 1:30 pm
- Cash/Quilt Raffle (\$10/\$1) - drawing @ 3:00 pm
- Basket Raffle (\$1/ticket) - drawing @ 3:00 pm

Bring in your Decorated pumpkin to have it entered into the Pumpkin
Decorating Contest!

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What does it mean to form my conscience?

Catholics have a long tradition of engagement in the public square. Sometimes that engagement requires making difficult moral decisions that impact our own lives and those of others. Our conscience can help guide the decisions we make. The Second Vatican Council guides us: “Always summoning [one] to love good and avoid evil, the voice of conscience can when necessary speak to [one’s] heart more specifically: do this, shun that” (*Gaudium et Spes* 16). However, our conscience doesn’t just come to us when we are born. We must work throughout our lives to form it through prayer, learning, and conversation.

How do I form my conscience?

It takes time to form our consciences so that we can make well-reasoned judgments about particular, real-life situations. The Church teaches that it is important to work continually on conscience formation so we can be prepared to make decisions whenever the opportunity arises. Some specific ideas to form your conscience are:

- 1) Begin by **being open to the truth** and what is right.
- 2) **Study Sacred Scripture** and the **teaching** of the Church.
- 3) **Examine the facts** and **background information** about various choices and be discerning in where we gather information.
- 4) **Prayerfully reflect** to discern the will of God (*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, no. 18).

Additionally, it is important to consider how our community of faith can help us form good consciences through some of these steps:

- 1) Seek the **prudent advice** and **good example** of trusted leaders and others to support and enlighten our conscience.
- 2) Learn about the **authoritative teaching** of the Church.
- 3) Pray for the **gifts of the Holy Spirit** to help us develop our conscience.
- 4) Regularly partake in an **examination of conscience** to hear God’s voice in your life.¹

Doing the work of forming our consciences can seem daunting. Fortunately, we have many church teachings that can help us in this important task. *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* is an important resource for U.S. Catholics and helps us prayerfully reflect on how we can apply Church teaching in our civic life. “Conscience is not something that allows us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere “feeling” about what we should or should not do. Rather, **conscience is the voice of God resounding in the human heart**, revealing the truth to us and calling us to do what is good while shunning what is evil.”²

Here are some questions for further reflection:

1. When has my conscience guided me to “do good and avoid evil”?
2. What are some key resources I can use to form my conscience?
3. Forming conscience is a “lifelong task.” What do I do to *regularly* form my conscience? What more should I do?

¹ Catechism of the Catholic Church (2nd ed.). Washington, DC: Libreria Editrice Vaticana–United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), 2000, no 1777

² USCCB. *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*. Washington, DC: 2015, no. 17



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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.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA): 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>.