

# ALL SAINTS

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL



*Love God • Serve Others • Form Disciples*



**October 12 & October 13, 2024;  
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"It is easier  
for a camel to  
pass through the eye of  
a needle than for one who  
is rich to enter the  
kingdom of God."*

Matthew  
19:24

### 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

*Seek Wisdom Above All*



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## Please Pray for the Following People

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



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

**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 Gospel, Jesus asks the young man to give away all that he has in order to have treasure in heaven. But he is unable to free himself from his possessions, and so he goes sadly away. Does what I own keep *me* from following Jesus?

## A Weekly Tip on Caring for Our Common Home



Try to limit the use of disposable wet wipes, which are sold for a variety of purposes. Many are made with plastics or synthetic fibers that can disintegrate into micro-plastics that become harmful to wildlife in aquatic environments. Some wipes also have been shown to damage sewer systems. Search the internet for instructions on making reusable wet wipes for various purposes around your home.

## All Saints Foundation



Have you remembered to leave a gift to All Saints Parish in your will? If you haven't, please prayerfully consider this request. Your gift will help ensure the mission of All Saints Parish will continue to grow, serving the needs of our community and families forever. If you would like more information about leaving a legacy gift to All Saints contact Tracy Huk at 319-363-6130 ext 111 or [businessmgr@allsaintscr.com](mailto: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](mailto:CFAD@OurCFAD.org).

# Everyday Metanoia



The New Testament reading from Hebrews today emphasizes the efficacy of God's Word. God's Word is different than man's word; God's Word is always and ever speaking to the person, time and culture it finds itself in. I've read books before and poetry that I can relate to even though it was written many years ago, but nothing can "speak" to each person who hears like God's Word. We can liken it to the Tower of Babel, but in a positive and transformative way, rather than the chaos of Babel. Each listener, each reader "hears" what God is speaking just to them. In order for this to happen, though, God's Word needs to penetrate through the false self of our ego and impale our true self - the soul - that of our being which is created in the image of our Creator, God.

Unlike adults, children are fairly unadorned. What do I mean by this? As we age, we learn and give ourselves permission to put on various 'outfits'. Most often starting in our teens, we change costumes of attitudes, behavior and beliefs to match or attract the people and groups we want to belong to. Unfortunately for most of us, this period of discovery becomes a life long and exhausting way of life. As St. Augustine laments in his Confessions, "Late have I loved you, Beauty so very ancient and so ever new. Late have I loved you! You were within, but I was without."

In his book, *Immortal Diamond*, Richard Rohr states, "But this retreat into the personal ego self is both absolutely right and terribly wrong at the same time." The question, then, if we are daring and brave enough to seek the answer is how to know the soul from the ego. I say daring and brave, because this journey into everyday metanoia, can be both tedious and painful at the same time. Richard Rohr notes that it can be tedious, because few of us allow ourselves to embrace the reality that "we are already his children and we create or allow others to create for us, arbitrary hoops to jump through." This can become quite tiresome and many give up, preferring to relax in the comfort and security of the known ego rather than continuing the journey of the soul. Hebrews confirms that it can be a painful journey, most especially if we have burrowed deep into the ego: "Indeed the word of God is...sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart." Mary Healy in her commentary on Hebrews argues, "God alone is able to probe the tortuous depths of the human heart and his judgement is always perfectly just. The point here is that God's word, communicating as it does his infinite love and grace, is able to unmask what is truly going on in our hearts, which so often resist, ignore, and try to escape from that Divine love. It is able to penetrate any armor we can devise and to expose all the motives and intentions that we seek to hide even from ourselves." We can honestly come to a new understanding of why Adam and Even found it so necessary to clothe themselves after eating of the tree of knowledge. They were literally and figuratively hiding themselves from God.

That is what the young man in today's Gospel was doing (and many Christians do the same today): He believed that he had brilliantly hid his ego in the clothing of faithfully obeying the ten commandments. But when Jesus challenged him to shed these outer layers and dare to live within the core of God's love through the sharing of his blessings with the poor, he found that he could not leave the security of his successful and comfortable ego and "he went away sad." These are very moving words. I believe that many of us truly want to leave the trappings of this world, not to escape it, but to discover and live in God's kingdom here on earth. As Richard Rohr expresses, to live in God's kingdom here on earth (i.e. to live soulfully and not egotistically) requires us to journey from a "human doing" to a "human being", shedding a lifetime of accumulated costumes and clutter along the way. "This is what we are practicing when we sit quietly in prayer: we are practicing under-doing and assured failure, which radically rearranges our inner hardware after a while." When we consistently are quiet in prayer and let God speak to us, this rearrangement from doing to being becomes more and more natural. The costume of the ego becomes uncomfortable and we willingly release more and more of it. In so doing we are more secure with our knowing that "there is no place to go or to get to. We are already at home" ...free of worldly trappings and filled with God's love that we want to generously share.

Set aside some time for quiet this week. It can be as spontaneous as not turning on the radio in the car or as planned as reading the Word of God for next Sunday each day and mediating on it. Appreciate and let your soul linger and heal in the quiet moments at Mass rather than impatiently looking at your watch. The world would have you believe that to be known and loved we must be the loudest in the room. The soul knows that we are not alone in silence, humility and generosity. This is where we "belong to God, and it is here that we no longer have to work to feel important. We are intrinsically important to God...and this is very good." See you at Mass!

Tracy Huk, Business Manager, [businessallsaints@gmail.com](mailto:businessallsaints@gmail.com)

# 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](http://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](http://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



Next week, 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.

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](mailto:j.pohland@dbqarch.org) for more information.

## 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](mailto:catechesis@allsaintscr.com)) with any questions.

We look forward to seeing you!

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

# Xavier Catholic School Impact Fund



- This weekend is the Xavier Catholic Schools Impact Fund Parish Appeal in all metro parishes with the goal of raising \$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. Each of the schools and early learning centers have identified the faith and building needs in their buildings. Some of the faith needs are offering dedicated sacred spaces in our schools (for example: faith room or prayer corners,) along the addition of spiritual artwork and statues. Some of the identified building needs include security upgrades and general building maintenance (electrical, plumbing, flooring, lighting) in our schools.
- 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 were mailed to your house last week. Additional cards are available and can be completed and mailed to the Xavier Foundation. Donations can also be made online at [crxcs.org/give](https://crxcs.org/give), or through PayPal or Venmo.
- 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



**Personal Care Items Needed:** Included in each and every food box we distribute to families in need, is a bag of personal care/toiletry items. These non-food items cannot be purchased with food stamps, plus they are subject to sales tax. Please consider adding items such as toothpaste, hand soap, and shampoo to your grocery lists for your local neighbors in need, and drop off to us during office hours, or bring to your church for delivery to MCO.

**Pantry Needs:** Rice, Macaroni and Cheese, Canned Chili, Pork and Beans, Spaghetti Sauce (canned), Soup, Pancake Mix, Paper Grocery Bags, Pet Food.

**Homeless Supplies Needed:** Hormel Compleats Meals, Canned Meat, Fruit Cups, Drink Boxes/Juice, Packets, Men's/Women's Socks Underwear, Shirts, Pants, Backpacks, Plastic Utensils/Napkins.

## Parish Life Fundraiser



"The Parish Life is having a fundraiser selling Butter Braids, Wooden Spoon Cookie Dough, and raffle tickets for 2 \$150 Thanksgiving Dinner gift cards from Hy-Vee from October 12th through October 27th.

Butter braids and Cookie dough can be ordered after each weekend Mass or online. Debit and credit cards are accepted online. Parish Life members will be available in the Narthex after each Mass to take orders (*cash or check only*) and sell raffle tickets or at the parish office during business hours. All Butter Braids and Cookie Dough can be picked up at All Saints November 11th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm or November 16th & 17th after each Mass. Raffle winners will be chosen after Mass on October 27th. Funds raised will be used to support Parish Life events. Use this link to order online: [CLICK HERE](#).

## Forty Days for Life



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.



## 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 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](mailto: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.

## Offering Envelope Changes



After careful financial comparison, we have chosen a new offering envelope program with *Our Sunday Visitor*. You will continue to receive envelopes every three months.

Your parishioner number will remain the same. You may update your address, phone, or email by emailing me or at <https://allsaintscr.churchcenter.com/me/profile/contact-and-info> or in the Church Center mobile app. The content of our offering envelopes may vary slightly as the

Finance Council continues to evaluate our parish needs. Thank you for your generous parish support!

Please visit our website and Online Giving program at [www.allsaintscr.com](http://www.allsaintscr.com); for parish information, schedules, updates; and the option to give electronically. You may also give electronically by scanning the QR code at the bottom of the page.

We continue to Love God – Serve Others – Form Disciples with your generosity,

With humble gratitude,

Jeremy Lutz – Bookkeeper  
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[bookkeeper@allsaintscr.com](mailto:bookkeeper@allsaintscr.com)



# Mercy Auxiliary Mistletoe Market



November 14, 2024. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. p.m. Mercy Medical Center – Hallagan Education Center, 701 10th Street SE, Cedar Rapids. Mercy will be transforming into Mistletoe Market to get your Christmas shopping done early and support a local cause. Not only will there be over 40 local vendors booths, but also a bake sale and special holiday items available at the Mercy gift shops. This event is free and open to the public.

## ***Bakers needed!***

The Mistletoe Market sponsored by the Mercy Auxiliary is quickly approaching. We need donated baked goods for the Bake Sale portion of the Market and would appreciate your help.

A few suggestions:

- nothing that requires refrigeration
- have your items in disposable containers
- baked goods will be packaged for you--items can be dropped off at Mercy from 3-5 on Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 13, in the horseshoe drive by the 10th St. entrance. There will be people there to accept your donation.

Thank you in advance!

(not a baker--cash donations are also acceptable)

Questions – please contact Linda Kelly by email at – [hawkeyelinda52@gmail.com](mailto:hawkeyelinda52@gmail.com)

## St. Patrick Parish Mission

HOLY SPIRIT  
HEALING FIRE



**PARISH MISSION**  
**ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC**  
**CHURCH**  
**OCTOBER 27-29, 2024**  
**6:00 - 8:30PM EACH NIGHT**

**EXPERIENCE THE POWER AND  
LOVE OF THE SPIRIT IN THIS 3  
NIGHT MISSION!**

*Prayer for baptism in the spirit,  
healing, impartation, confessions  
every night, praise and worship.*



## Mass Intentions

Tues. October 15 8:00 am  
† Marian Serovy

Wed. October 16 8:00 am  
† DiAnn Stevens

Thurs. October 17 8:30 am  
Kim Witte

Fri. October 18 8:00 am  
† Phyllis & Joseph Simonin

Sat. October 19 4:00 pm  
Scherrman/Barry Families

Sun. October 20 9:00 am  
For the People

## Scripture Readings

Week of October 13, 2024

### Sunday:

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

### Monday:

Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Lk 11:29-32  
(467)

### Tuesday:

Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41 (468)

### Wednesday:

Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46 (469)

### Thursday:

Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54 (470)

### Friday:

2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9 (661)

### Saturday:

Eph 1:15-23/Lk 12:8-12 (472)

### Sunday:

Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or  
10:42-45 (146)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

## Upcoming Events

### UPCOMING EVENTS

October 15 & 17 - Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 17 - America Reads

October 23 - Living Rosary in the gym. 2:30 p.m. Parents invited.

November 1 - No School or Preschool-Child Care/Bruins Care Open

Please remember to sign up for conferences. They are October 15th and 17th.

Teacher Conference Meal Sign up: Each year, parents donate items for teachers' meals during conference week. Please look at the ways you can help by [clicking here](#).

### AMERICA READS

America Reads 2024 is Thursday, October 17, at All Saints School. You may pick a time to read to a classroom from the ten minute time slots available. Feel free to bring a short book to share or a selection will be available for you when you arrive. Please [click here](#) to review available slots and sign up. Thank you!

America Reads is also in preschool! Preschool readers can sign up [here](#).

## Blessing of the Pets, 2024



[www.allsaints-crschool.org](http://www.allsaints-crschool.org)

## 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

# Ministry Schedule

October 19, 4:00 PM Saturday

## Sacristan

Joan Fishburn

## Extraordinary Ministers

Jean Bell

Kathi Grainger

Riley Hoover

Joan Murrin

Stephen Schmitz

Peg Schmitz

Marvin Stallman

## Altar Servers

Willa English

Stella Lippe

Logan Weininger

## Lectors

Lisa Stephenson

Becky Weininger

## Hospitality Ministers

Jen Colby

Chris Colby

Daniel Greene

Dick Kettelkamp

Barb Lindstrom

Mike Votroubek

October 20, 9:00 AM Sunday

## Sacristan

Cate Biro

## Extraordinary Ministers

Chris Conway

Maureen Dale Ernst

John Ernst

Ann Hunter

Larry Hunter

Wade Johnson

Daniel Prentice

## Altar Servers

Julien Giacinto

Annemarie Giacinto

Ava Szymanowski

## Lectors

Lynn Holverson

Todd Holverson

## Hospitality Ministers

Pete Rethwisch

Bea Rethwisch

Tony Satariano

Diane Weimer

Dave Wolf

Maureen Wolf

# Family Ministry

October 13, 2024 • 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 10:17-30

## Justice for All

*A young man who had many riches approaches Jesus and asks him what he must do to inherit eternal life. When Jesus tells him to keep the commandments, the man replies that he has observed them from his youth. Jesus' next request is not as easy for the rich man to accomplish.*

Once again, we see Jesus' concern for the poor. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor...then come follow me. Jesus asks us not just to give from our own pockets, but also to truly identify with the poor. Christian love requires more than charity. It demands empathy and a willingness to fight for justice.

When Jesus spoke of justice he was talking about treating people fairly, honoring commitments, setting things right and definitely justice for all. His sense of righteousness went beyond a legalistic understanding of reward and punishment. It involved relieving suffering, healing relationships and making sure everyone was fed. It is this broader understanding of justice that we are asked to mirror in our own lives and help our children hunger and thirst for in theirs.

Children seem to develop a sense of righteousness at an early age, but it is usually centered on themselves. As they grow, they become concerned about fair treatment for friends and loved ones. It is our job to help them to eventually develop empathy for people they don't know.

We can help youngsters appreciate basic justice by rewarding and disciplining them fairly, but we must also foster a broader understanding and a more active approach. Listen intently as they talk about their own experiences of injustice and those of their friends, pray about the situation and work out possible solutions. Later, call attention to injustices in the larger community and follow the same steps. Coming to appreciate "justice for all" is a gradual process that begins at home and leads to every corner of the world.

## FAMILY RESPONSE

Go through the newspaper, a news magazine or watch the evening news together. Find one news story from your community or the larger world, talk about and decide if there is anything you can do to help. Say a prayer asking for God's help.

## PERSONAL RESPONSE

If you could choose one particular area of need to volunteer in, what would it be? What is keeping you from giving your time now? 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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# XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IMPACT FUND BUILDING FAITH



## NEW NAME. NEW EXPANDED MISSION. NEW GOAL.

Now known as **Xavier Catholic Schools Foundation**, our mission has expanded to support all of our Xavier Catholic Schools from early learning to 12th Grade. The 12 Cedar Rapids-Hiawatha-Marion parishes and 8 schools will unite as a community to raise \$725,000.

## OUR CALLING: BUILDING FAITH

The Xavier Catholic Schools Impact Fund supports the faith and facility needs of our 8 schools and early learning centers, ensuring **FAITH** remains a priority while providing updated **BUILDINGS** for students to thrive.

### EXAMPLES OF IDENTIFIED **FAITH** NEEDS:

- Meet the growing need for **Catholic spiritual training** for students and professional development for teachers to support the mental and spiritual needs of students.
- Offer **dedicated sacred spaces** like a chapel or prayer corners throughout school buildings.
- Add **spiritual artwork** and statues to help foster a deeper connection to our Catholic faith within our buildings.

### EXAMPLES OF IDENTIFIED **BUILDING** NEEDS:

- **Security** remains a top priority, and each school has security needs unique to their buildings.
- The building **maintenance** needs of our schools include updates to HVAC, lighting, flooring, playgrounds, bleachers, and structural elements such as roofs and tuckpointing.



## MAKE AN IMPACT!

We hope you will consider a gift to the XCS Impact Fund to help further faith in our community. We ask for your prayers for our new school system and for the intercession of St. Francis Xavier to guide and bless our efforts as we strive to fulfill our mission.

MAIL IN YOUR COMMITMENT CARD  
OR MAKE YOUR DONATION  
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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.”<sup>1</sup>

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.”<sup>2</sup>

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.”<sup>3</sup>

**“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.

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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.”<sup>1</sup>

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.”<sup>2</sup>

**“We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life...”**



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.”<sup>3</sup>

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/>.

<sup>1</sup> 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).

<sup>2</sup> *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.<sup>1</sup>

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.”<sup>2</sup>

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?

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

<sup>2</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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>.