

# ALL SAINTS

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL



*Love God • Serve Others • Form Disciples*



**October 19 & October 20, 2024;  
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Because  
of his affliction he  
shall see the light in fullness  
of days; through his suffering,  
my servant shall justify many,  
and their guilt he  
shall bear.*

Isaiah 53:11

### 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

*The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.*



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## Please Pray for the Following People

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

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



Good stewards must not argue about who is most important. Today's Gospel says clearly that those who aspire to greatness must humbly serve the needs of all. Even Jesus came not to be served, but to serve.

## A Weekly Tip on Caring for Our Common Home



Set aside one day a month — or better yet, a day each week — to leave the car parked and instead walk, ride a bike or use transit to get where you are going. It's a small step that can benefit the health of the Earth, and yours as well.

## Help Families Recover from Recent Hurricanes



Less than two weeks after Hurricane Helene brought widespread devastation to the Southeast, Hurricane Milton caused further damage to the area. Countless homes were destroyed and thousands of families have been left without a place to live. Almost two million people still lack electricity, and many areas will take years to recover. Catholic Charities agencies are on the ground, in the impacted areas, providing life-saving relief, including food, water, and emergency shelter. Your support helps keep these essential services available as families begin the process of recovery. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about this critical work and how you can help or visit [www.catholiccharitiesusa.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org).



# Everyday Metanoia



The question that Jesus asks James and John in this week's Gospel is the same that we are asked to reflect upon everyday during our Christian journey: Can You Drink the Cup? Our answer calls for thoughtful reflection and introspection, not a quick flippant response. Henri Nouwen in his book, *Can You Drink the Cup*, invites us to divide our reflection into three actions: holding the cup; lifting the cup and drinking of the cup. As I write this reflection, I am walking with my dad as he travels his last days on earth. Like Jesus, our earthly lives are full of sorrow, joy and everything in between. I have been blessed with many great conversations with my dad, but I wonder now, at the end, how he would respond if Jesus were to ask him that question?

**Holding the cup:** If we think of life like holding a glass of wine, we would observe the color, breathe in the aroma and perhaps observe the wine as we swirl it or tip it from side to side. In life, the wine is made up of our relationships and experiences. As my dad swirls his cup of life, I am sure that he would see the life of extreme poverty that he was born into. At one point my dad lived with his parents and his maternal grandmother in a 3 room (not 3 bedroom!) apartment above an ice cream store in rural Clarence, Iowa. My dad did not have many happy memories from his childhood. His dad was an abusive alcoholic who beat him frequently. And yet, those are not the memories that my dad regularly shared. Instead he recounted many stories of growing up with several cousins all close in age and how those relationships stayed strong until each left this earth. His grandmother was his saving grace in those early years. She showered him with all the love that his parents could not and taught him about God and discipleship. His marriage with my mom was a complicated one. I think they both made the best out of two poor, small town people, who had no other prospects and each, for their own reasons, wanting to escape their families and the poverty they endured. My childhood was the polar opposite of my dad's. I grew strong surrounded by love, lived examples of responsibility and teamwork and encouragement for my developing faith, love of learning and other talents. Later, as a grandparent, himself, my dad was full hands on and never missed an opportunity to love and actively be a part of the life of his grandchildren.

**Lifting the cup:** As the wine of life is lifted, the relationships and experiences mingle and intertwine. To my parents' credit and despite their upbringing and relationship, my brother and I were taught that family is a strong anchor. My grandfather quit drinking the day he found out my mom was pregnant with me. My brother and I were never denied a relationship with him and until I was an adult, I only knew him as a loving grandparent, who died when I was 10. Dad's mom died when I was in college, but our relationship was cool and strained, influenced by my dad's disappointment in her inability to protect and nurture him as a child. As he lifts the cup, I hope that my dad notices the bold color of his life wine. Although trained as an accountant, my dad pioneered the path of a social worker and advocate for the mentally ill at a time when locking those individuals away from society was the preferred norm. My brother and I joked as teenagers and young adults that my dad was the only one who could walk through Green Square Park at midnight and remain unscathed. Joking aside, not only would my dad be unharmed, but would be able to call each person by name, too. His commitment to social justice and dignity for the mentally ill, led to many reforms and practices that exist today. I hope that when my dad lifts the cup and sees the reflections of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren within the glass, that he recognizes a large part of himself in each of them, too. Quality time and love seem to rub off and become a part of a person in a way that genetics cannot imitate.

**Drinking the cup:** So after holding the cup and lifting it up, the time finally comes to answer the question: Can You Drink the Cup? Like almost all of us, my dad's cup of life is full of sorrow, joy, and everything in between. Jesus knew that some of his greatest life trials and pain were to come yet, when James and John asked to sit at his right and left. Despite Jesus' teachings and instructions to the contrary, the disciples were still caught in the trap of anticipating an earthly king who would achieve victory through physical power and might. My dad could have easily mirrored his upbringing and like the disciples' vision of greatness used power and might to make his authority known. But he chose the path of Jesus, "For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as ransom for many." That is how I know that my dad, even knowing all what life was to bring, would confidently and trustingly say to Jesus, yes, I can drink the cup.

Set aside some time this week to reflect on the cup of your life. It is never too late to let Jesus infuse your experiences and relationships with love, service and humility. Yes, there is sorrow and pain, but like a rollercoaster, we cannot really know the thrill of the heights unless we experience the bottom of the track. The joy of the resurrection would not be the same without the pain and sacrifice of the crucifixion. Our heavenly Father loves us so much that He sacrificed his Son to restore our relationship; no longer servants, but friends. 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.

## 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

## Financial Update as of 9/30/2024



Thank you for your increased financial generosity in the month of September. Budget income for September was \$77,978, which is an increase of \$11,961 from August of this year. We are still \$22,229 below where we were at the end of September 2023.

Due to the inefficiency of financial pledge cards, the Finance Council discontinued using them several years ago. The challenge to the parish is that many of us forget to increase our giving when our personal income increases due to an employment raise or a bonus. Please review your contribution and prayerfully consider if it could be increased.

The Parish Plant Committee, the Finance Council and the Pastoral Council have been busy reviewing the property and building needs for the parish in order to start budget preparations for the next fiscal year shortly after January 1. If approved, there will be several areas of repair, renovation and improvement that will benefit from your financial support. More information regarding these plans will be communicated in the near future.

A parish is not just the bricks and mortar, it is not the staff, and it is not all the programs available. A parish is the people who attend Mass and contribute their time, talents and treasure to the vitality and needs of the parish. If you are not currently contributing to the life of All Saints Parish, I encourage you to do so. If something has happened in the past and you would like to talk about it, please call or email me.

Thank you for being a part of our All Saints community!

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# Mission of Presence: How are We Keeping Our Mission Alive?



For more than 20 years, All Saints has supported our sister parish, Notre Dame de Lourdes, in Belle Fontaine, Haiti. The current state of Haiti is one of utter despair, with surging gang violence, kidnappings, unspeakable acts against women and slow distribution of supplies. This developed alongside the COVID-19 pandemic and has continued. Needless to say, our mission trips to Haiti have halted. The last time we traveled there was 2019.

Despite what is happening in Haiti, we continue our mission – one we have always called a “Mission of Presence.” In the past, that meant spending 10 days living alongside our brothers and sisters, learning about their way of life, praying, playing, laughing and sharing -- both our knowledge of teaching methods and funds to help with student tuition and teacher salaries.

How are we doing that now? Follow our three-week article\* series, highlighting the ways we are continuing our mission.

*\*Full names in the bulletin are being omitted, to protect these individuals from becoming a target, as the bulletin is published online. Please be sure to check out the posters around the church to see names and faces.*

## **Week 1: Special Projects in Notre Dame**

***By Steve and Peg Schmitz***

We will never forget August 10, 2020 as we both tried to take in the aftermath of the derecho that hit Cedar Rapids. Our beautiful backyard was full of old growth trees laying on our pond and gardens. And today as we look at our rebuilt backyard (minus 7 trees) we are astonished at how beautifully it has come back. But the most amazing experience was watching our family converge on our backyard to cut up and remove the tons of debris from the fallen trees. We will be forever thankful that we have such a caring and giving family who has our back.

During that time, we often reflected on our friends in Haiti and the resilience they have shown time and time again when hurricanes have destroyed homes and wiped-out their gardens. Their gardens are not simply for adding beauty, their gardens provide the food they need to survive, and it is a life-threatening crisis when they are destroyed. In many of these instances we have been the sister parish family who have their back. In the past and as recently as this year, All Saints has supplied money for seeds to be purchased to replant their gardens. The results were a successful summer harvest for many families, one of which shared their harvest with our pastor. Daniel, one of the chapel directors, and his wife shared a large pot of black beans with Father. Hearing of that, it brought to mind the Widow's Offering in Mark 12:41-44.

The pastor of our sister parish has been selective with such requests, knowing that the primary focus of our mission is education support. But we also know if a child is not getting a minimum of food each day, their ability to learn or even make the walk to school could be severely compromised. The Haitians have a saying, “Sak vid pa kanpe” or “an empty sack cannot stand”.

When we first began our Sister Parish journey in 2000 our Haitian priest was as new to Belle Fontaine as we were back then. He saw many needs and asked for help with many projects. Over the years we have supported agricultural training (including sending funds to purchase agricultural tools for the graduates), public health training and First-Aid kits, adult formation for the chapel sacristans including Gifts of the Holy Spirit discernment booklets, sewing kits, school supplies kits, water purification kits and many other things that stabilized the chapels and their associated schools.

## Mission of Presence: How are We Keeping Our Mission Alive? (cont.)



Around 2008 we began to move from a model of projects AND education support to primarily education support. Subsequent pastors shifted the focus to making the conditions exist to ensure the students had classes to attend. This meant shoring up the teachers' salaries and supplies.

Much of that infrastructure has eroded over the past six years due to the gangs and the resulting complete lack of any government structure.

With God's grace and the determination of the people of Haiti things will return to a normal state and when this happens it is likely that we will be asked to support rebuilding projects. Some of these will be physical structures, others will be classroom materials and teacher training. While there are constraints on distributing funds as frequently now, our committee took steps to help our funds grow by investing in an Archdiocese fund with higher interest rates. To be ready to repair, rebuild and provide sustainable wages when infrastructure permits.

The Haiti committee takes the requests from our parish priest and there is usually quite a bit of back-and-forth communication via WhatsApp or Zoom to clarify costs, validate the need and review professional estimates for materials and labor and set parameters on how much money might be given and how it will be spent. Our current parish priest has proven to be quite good at making funds go far and highly accountable in providing documentation supplying receipts and photos of projects.

One of the first such projects is already being explored by our parish priest – putting a roof back on the school/chapel at Basson Medor.

Please continue to support our sister parish with prayer and financial donations.

**Donate today at [allsaintscr.churchcenter.com/giving](https://allsaintscr.churchcenter.com/giving)**

**You can also send check to All Saints, with HAITI EDUCATION in the notes line.**

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



Daniel, a Chapel Director, and his wife accept seeds to replant their garden.



The pot of beans given by Daniel and his wife in thanks to our parish priest.

# Communal Anointing of the Sick



## During Mass October 26 & 27

During his ministry on earth, Jesus had a particular concern for sick people; he healed them not just with a word of power, but also with a human and compassionate touch.

The Anointing of the Sick, like all sacraments, is one way that the church continues the ministry of Jesus. Through it, Christ continues to touch, heal, and comfort. The Letter of James attests that this practice has always been part of ministry: “Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint [him] with oil in the name of the church” (5:14).

While the sacrament is often administered individually, the church encourages celebrating it within Mass. Many parishes celebrate it on one or more Sundays each year. The sacrament may be received by a baptized person who “begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age,” according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (1514)—seriously ill, but not necessarily near death—so it may not be apparent that someone receiving the sacrament is ill. The communal celebration reminds us that suffering is part of our human condition and may move us to look on each other with the compassion of Christ the healer. Celebrating this sacrament during Mass also helps us unite our sufferings with Christ’s as we recall his body broken and his blood poured out for us.

# 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.



# 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



### **Socktober Donations**

Ann and her husband, Deacon Stan (St. John XXIII), and Laura and her husband, Bill (St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton), are here twice per month to help organize outgoing food, load bags into vehicles, and greet our clients as they pick up their groceries. This week they brought a HUGE donation of winter socks and hats.

Ann tells us that Fox River Sock Company in Osage, Iowa, has an annual sock sale the first weekend in October every year. They sell 14,000 pairs of “seconds” for \$1-3 per pair. Thanks to the caring hearts of these generous volunteers, about seventy pairs of thick, warm socks will be donated to our homeless clients for the impending cold months.

### **Join the Fun!**

**MCO OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Answer phones, schedule clients for food boxes, assemble and distribute homeless bags, organize incoming donations, and greet clients coming into our office. We can use any skill level, and you can volunteer as little or as often as you wish. We guarantee no two days are ever the same!

Contact us at [metro catholic outreach@gmail.com](mailto:metro catholic outreach@gmail.com) for more details about volunteering in our office

## 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](#).



# 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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## What is an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister?



Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers are trained and commissioned to assist the priest in distributing the Eucharist, the most precious Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, during Mass or the Eucharist of the Church Service.

### **How much time does this ministry take?**

Check in 10 minutes prior to Mass.

If you are interested in joining or learning more about this ministry, contact Deacon Mike Klappholz at [deaconmike@allsaintscr.com](mailto:deaconmike@allsaintscr.com).



**Cate**



**Bea**



**Steve**

# 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  
† Mike Shea

Wed. October 16 8:00 am  
Kim Witte

Thurs. October 17 8:30 am  
† Ralph Simington

Fri. October 18 8:00 am  
John Creen

Sat. October 19 4:00 pm  
† Richard Schmitz

Sun. October 20 9:00 am  
For the People

## Scripture Readings

Week of October 20, 2024

### Sunday:

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

### Monday:

Eph 2:1-10/Lk 12:13-21 (473)

### Tuesday:

Eph 2:12-22/Lk 12:35-38 (474)

### Wednesday:

Eph 3:2-12/Lk 12:39-48 (475)

### Thursday:

Eph 3:14-21/Lk 12:49-53 (476)

### Friday:

Eph 4:1-6/Lk 12:54-59 (477)

### Saturday:

Eph 4:7-16/Lk 13:1-9 (478)

### Sunday:

Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52 (149)

## 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:

October 15 & 17-Parent/Teacher Conferences  
October 17-Xavier Impact Day at drop off-see below  
October 17-School Mass. 8:30  
October 17-America Reads  
October 23-Living Rosary in the gym. 2:45 p.m. (time change) Parents invited.  
October 24-School Mass. 8:30  
October 29-Picture Retake Day. 8:15-8:45  
October 30-Pumpkin Contest  
October 31-School Mass. 8:30  
October 31-Halloween Parties and Parade  
November 1-All Saints Day  
November 1-No School or Preschool-Child Care/Bruins Care Open  
November 7-School Mass 8:30  
November 15-XCS Fall Fest  
November 27-29-No School or Preschool

### Bruins Care

No School Day Sign Up

Please let us know if your school aged child will be attending Bruins Care on our November no school days, November 1 and 27. As a reminder, your Bruins Care account will be charged an extra \$25.00/child for each no school attendance day.

Thank you for your prayers and your faith in our Xavier Catholic Schools.

## Fall Fest is Just Around the Corner!

### XCS Families: You Are Invited to Join Us for Fall Fest 2024!

The Xavier Catholic Schools Fall Fest is a casual, fun-filled evening with casino games, food/dessert stations, signature drinks, silent/live auctions, and more! We invite all our XCS families to join us on Friday, November 15, 2024 at the Double-Tree in downtown Cedar Rapids starting at 6:00 PM. Tickets are now on sale (early bird discount ends October 31st) at <https://auctria.events/xavierfallfest>.

### SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS!

This event is raising funds to support technology upgrades and technology alignment in our PK-8 schools (All Saints, LaSalle Catholic, St. Joseph, St. Matthew, St. Pius X, Regis) and early learning centers.

### BUSINESSES: SPONSORSHIP / AUCTION DONATION OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!

If your businesses who would like to sponsor this event or donate items to the Fall Fest auction, information can be found at <https://auctria.events/xavierfallfest> OR contact Angie Stastny, Fall Fest event chair, at [FallFest@CRXCS.org](mailto:FallFest@CRXCS.org). Thank you for your support!of the Word while allowing you, the parent, an opportunity to fully engage in this part of the Mass.



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

## 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

# Ministry Schedule

October 26, 4:00 PM Saturday

## Sacristan

Mary Pat Wilkinson

## Extraordinary Ministers

Jean Bell

Suzanne Lammers

Sara Lang

Ellen Mouw

Peg Schmitz

Marvin Stallman

Becky Weininger

## Altar Servers

Dylan Lang

Alexandra Lang

Caleb Lang

## Lectors

Gavin Miller

Joan Murrin

## Hospitality Ministers

Sue Bright

Ryan Donnelly

Dick Kettelkamp

Barb Lindstrom

Marcia Myers

Mike Votroubek

October 27, 9:00 AM Sunday

## Sacristan

Sherry Casey

## Extraordinary Ministers

Tom Amosson

Mary Jo Goerd

Terry Goerd

Bill Knapp

Dianne Knapp

Dennis Mullarkey

Bea Rethwisch

## Altar Servers

Wyatt Ross

Rocco Schmidt

Hunter Schmidt

## Lectors

Robin Brown

JoAnn Hand

## Hospitality Ministers

Jen Colby

Chris Colby

Maureen Dale Ernst

John Ernst

Nicole Johnson

Diane Weimer

# Family Ministry

October 20, 2024 • 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 10:35-45

## Called to Be Servants

*Once again the apostles are jousting for who will be first in Jesus' eyes. This time James and John want to have the choice seat next to Jesus when he comes to his glory. Once again Jesus tells them they are not to be like the Gentiles and lord it over others.*

Jesus' message is pretty clear. We are all called to be servants. This is no big deal for those of us who are married. Like most wives, I experience the call almost daily—when I put on the coffee, retrieve the newspaper, fix a dinner or make a bed. For those of us who have children, the list multiplies a hundredfold. For the most part I do my chores willingly, sometimes lovingly, but at other times...

Usually, I can accept the role of servant without even thinking about it, but there are other times when my response to the call is anything but loving. In my many years as wife and mother, my spouse and children have occasionally heard me say loud and clear, "I'm not your servant."

Should I feel guilty? Maybe once in a while, but for the most part my guilt is eased when I remember there is mutuality to Jesus' call. As wife and mom I'm doing my husband and children a disservice if I don't give them an opportunity to serve also. Perhaps shouting is not the gentlest way of promoting our common call. It would be much better to have family meetings and decide together who does what—and stick to it.

This may occasionally mean having a table not quite set, food served lukewarm and a bathroom that may not meet a white glove inspection. Resist the urge to do it over or do it yourself. Continue to stand by and instruct. Consider Jesus, it took him three years to get the apostles to comprehend the idea of servant leadership.

## FAMILY RESPONSE

Talk about how household chores are divided up in your family. Are there any adjustments needed? What would make getting daily chores done more fun?

## PERSONAL RESPONSE

Is everyone doing his or her share of work around the house? Which of your daily chores do you find most burdensome? Is there any way of making it less of a burden? 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.

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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

**“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”**

**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).  
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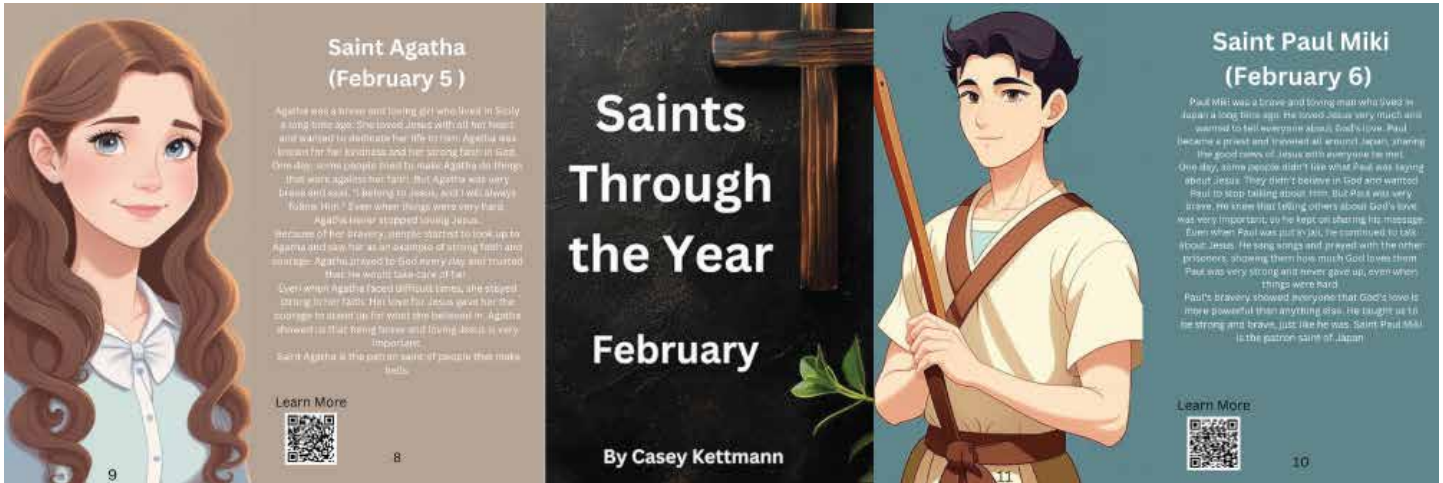
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## An Interview with Principal and Author Casey Kettmann

By Cassie Bird

Cassie Bird, Archdiocesan Associate Director of Stewardship Development, recently sat down for a video interview with Casey Kettmann to learn more about his book series titled, *Saints Through the Year*. The following text is transcribed from a portion of the interview.

**Cassie:** Casey has been the principal at St. Joseph Elementary School for nine years in Marion. Before that, he taught third grade at Resurrection Elementary in Dubuque for four years, and prior to Resurrection, he spent a year teaching at St. Joseph Elementary School in DeWitt. Beyond being an educator in Catholic schools, he has also had experience as a student at Marquette Catholic in Bellevue from kindergarten through 12th grade.

Casey and his wife, Shelly, along with their four kids, Hailey, Adam, Rayna, and Tanner, belong to Saint Joseph Parish in Marion. Beyond the time that he spends as principal and with his family, Casey has embarked on an exciting project - writing a series of books for children about the saints.

The series is titled *Saints Through the Year*, and each book features ten different saints whose feast days fall within each month. In these books readers can learn about the saints, see

an illustration of them, and even scan a QR code to learn more about them.

Casey, I am curious about what inspired you to write these books about the saints.

**Casey:** Well, I think it's a two-fold approach, Cassie. I think as an educator, I see the value in it, and I've seen a need for it. And, even probably more so as a parent of young children, trying to find a book that really highlights the saints with positive, happier-looking illustrations and kid-friendly verbiage [is challenging]. There are a lot of books out there, but I really was focusing on the imagery so that kids could really be able to relate to them. And I think it works for adults, too. Sometimes simpler is better. That's really where my inspiration came from - as an educator, but then also as a parent of four small children and for children in general.

**Cassie:** How has your experience as a Catholic educator influenced your writing?

**Casey:** It's had a huge impact on who I am and what I've done as a professional. But then also in this opportunity too, it's shown

that there's a need for this type of content out there. There's a need for more exposure to the saints and not just your heavy-hitter saints that we hear about.

You know - your Saint Patrick's and your Saint Valentine's and all those which are great saints, don't get me wrong, but having exposure to others that you might not have heard



Casey Kettmann

about before [is also important]. And I like that I'm learning a ton in this process. So it's not only just for the kids but also for me and my own spiritual growth.

**Cassie:** How do you think these books can impact a young reader or listener's understanding of the saints?

**Casey:** I have a built-in focus group with my family, so that's good. I have my twins who are five, my oldest is ten, and my youngest is two. So I have a range of different ages. And I'll write it and then I'll read it to them before we go on to publishing and get a little bit of feedback. I look for how long they can sit there, to see if it's too long. If it's too long, then they're not going to read. It's not going to be valuable. I try to find that sweet spot of an impact where they can either say [the saint's name] or recognize that saint, and then maybe take a tidbit away about them as well.

It's going back to what I said earlier about being very kid-friendly and kid-conscious, and not looking at it through the lens of an adult, but looking through the lens of a child. And being in an elementary education my entire life ... I'm in touch with the reality of what, three, four, five, six-year-olds can take in without it being too much and overwhelming for them.

**Cassie:** That's great. And, just to dive into that a little bit deeper, I was wondering what sort of techniques you've been able to include in your books to help young children understand the lives of the saints better?

**Casey:** The illustrations are an important part of it. I use [Artificial Intelligence] for that. I'm not an artist, so I don't claim to be. They [are generated through a filter] that mimics a Disney animations style so they're friendly and smiling. I use that imagery first to get them hooked, like, "Oh, that person looks like [a famous cartoon character] and that makes it relatable to me as a child." And then it's about making that reverse connection to the writing portion of it and how can a young child take a small snippet, even if it's one thing, from at least one saint in that book. That's a win in my eyes.

**Cassie:** What do you hope that readers will take away from your books about Catholic faith and spirituality?

**Casey:** I think the biggest takeaway is we are all striving to be saints, and every one of us can be a saint-in-the-making. We're working towards that. I think sometimes, we think that we can't become a saint because many died for their faith. That's one potential way to become a saint. But there are other ways. We should all be striving to become saints. I think that's the biggest takeaway: let's not think this is something that's unachievable. It's achievable for every one of us. I think that's the other piece of it I really want people to recognize. I want to inspire people to say, "Let's do this, let's get after it. We can all do it."

*Casey's book series, Saints Through the Year, can be purchased on Amazon.*

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# The Role of the Church in American Political Life



*The Church is the body of Christ, who reigns as king over all Creation. Everything, including political life, belongs to Jesus Christ, and so participation in political life belongs to the mission of the Church. Our mandate is to ‘go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation’ (Mk 16:15). . . . Here, ‘the creation’ refers to every aspect of human life. . . ‘Nothing human can be alien to it.’*

Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 181, quoting *Aparecida Document*, no. 380

Our national tradition of religious freedom permits and encourages all people of faith to bring the insights of their religious traditions to bear on political matters. As Pope Francis affirmed during his visit to the U.S., “Religious liberty, by its nature, transcends places of worship and the private sphere of individuals and families. . . . Religion itself, the religious dimension, is not a subculture; it is part of the culture of every people and every nation.”<sup>1</sup>

“If society is to have a future, it must respect the truth of our human dignity and submit to that truth. . . . A society is noble and decent not least for its support of the pursuit of truth and its adherence to the most



basic of truths” (*Fratelli Tutti*, no. 207). The truths that guide public life can be known by natural reason. The sanctity of human life, the equal dignity of all individuals, the obligation to protect the vulnerable, the nature and purposes of sex, marriage, and family—these are not exclusively “religious” truths, but truths that all people of goodwill can come to know without the aid of revelation. Our Catholic faith sheds light on these truths, and so we have a duty to bring that light to our nation.



“The truth is something we receive, not something we make. We can only judge using the conscience we have, but our judgments do not make things true.”



## Many Parts, All One Body

The bishops and their pastoral collaborators each have distinct roles in the Church’s mission. The bishops have the responsibility to govern the society of the Church, hand



on doctrine and tradition, and administer the sacraments. The laity are called to bring the gospel to bear on the world. While many laity are involved in roles of leadership and service within the Church, it remains primarily the role of the laity to advocate for justice, to serve in public office, and to inform daily life with the gospel. “The direct duty to work for a just ordering of society is proper to the lay faithful” (*Deus Caritas Est*, no. 29).

Participation in political life requires judgments about concrete circumstances. While bishops together with their coworkers help form the laity in accordance with basic principles, they do not tell the laity to vote for particular candidates. On these often complex matters, it is the laity’s responsibility to form their consciences and grow in the virtue of prudence to approach the many and varied issues of the day with the mind of Christ.

## Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

Conscience is “a judgment of reason” by which one determines whether an action is right or wrong (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1778). It does not allow us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere “feeling.” Conscience—properly formed according to God’s revelation and the teaching of the Church—is a means by which one listens to God and discerns how to act in accordance with the truth.<sup>2</sup> The truth is something we receive, not something we make. We can only judge using the conscience we have, but our judgments do not make things true.

It is our responsibility to learn more of Catholic teaching and tradition, to participate in Church life, to learn from trustworthy sources about the issues facing our communities, and to do our best to make wise judgments about candidates and government actions. These decisions should take into account a candidate’s commitments, character, integrity, and ability to influence a given issue. Thus equipped, and further impelled by our sense of patriotism, we exercise our right and duty to vote and otherwise to participate actively in public life.<sup>3</sup> By forming our consciences for faithful citizenship, we can better pursue the common good and thus obey the command of our Lord to love our neighbors.

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3 *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 2239-40.

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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>.