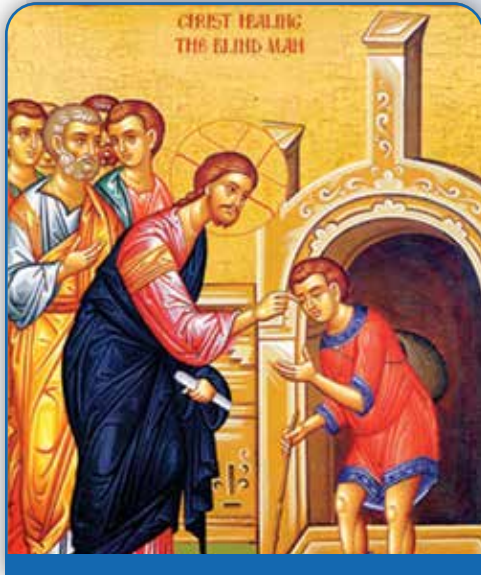


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**October 26 & October 27, 2024;
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Our Savior
Jesus Christ destroyed
death and brought life
to light through
the Gospel.*

2 Timothy 1:10

WEEKEND 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
Thursday (evening) 5:30 pm
Friday 8:00 am



Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.



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Please Pray for the Following People

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

Mark Dougherty, Kim Witte, and John Creen.



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



Today's psalm says, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." Good stewards demonstrate by their living and giving that they understand God as the Source of all they are and have.

A Weekly Tip on Caring for Our Common Home



Pray with and for creation in your daily prayers: Include a prayer of thankfulness for creation, a prayer for protection of our common home, or perhaps a prayer for people suffering impacts of climate or ecological issues. Take time periodically to pray outdoors.

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.



From Dan's Desk



As we approach the end of what has been a warm and wonderful October, the parish office staff is preparing for the month of November, when we remember the dead in a special way. This year, for the first time, I'm lending a hand with the banner that features the names of parishioners we've said goodbye to this past year. As many of you know from Tracy's heartfelt words from last week's bulletin, we've experienced some very personal loss right here in the office. We all take great pride in the fact that we hold each other up very well. During this difficult time, know that Tracy has been in good hands. I know that goes without saying but those words, thoughts, and feelings are always important to read and hear. I also took it upon myself to give Tracy some time with her own thoughts, feelings, and words this week by taking over her spot in the bulletin.

Since losing *my* father in July, 2022, I've experienced my own brand of emotions this week while supporting our own here in the office. I've healed and grown, learned and loved in new ways as a result of his passing. I've owned my childhood home since 2006 so having Dad around was a blessing. He helped me to understand why he wired the basement for electricity the way he did so when I swapped an outlet or changed a light fixture, he was always quick to answer the phone to guide me through each process. He had this glow about him when he saw the improvements that I was making under his guidance. He was very deliberate about not actually doing the work for me, though. I know he was very proud of how independent he had made me when it came to maintaining my home. All the while, he was quietly planting seeds in me as a father to my own daughter. I've mentioned that she graduated high school this Spring. With a job, a vehicle, and a significant other, she's spent most of her time since graduation away from her Dad. Of course this breaks my heart but I understand that this is what the journey has been all about these past 18 years. Dad's voice echoes in my mind reminding me that I did a good job and that she'll be fine. *"Thanks, Dad. You helped make that happen."* Wednesday nights used to be daddy/daughter night in front of the TV to watch Survivor. Definitely my favorite evening of the work week. Unfortunately, Survivor nights together are few and far between nowadays. When I feel lonely, Dad's reminders give me solace. I give myself permission to create new ways to cope. Although my daughter isn't gone from this world, it's still a situation that requires a certain amount of coping.

As a child of the 80's Sesame Street was something that I grew up on so I still keep in touch with Oscar and the gang now and then. This week, actor, Andrew Garfield shared with everyone's favorite Sesame Street resident, Elmo, a little about how he copes with the recent passing of his 'mum'. I encourage you to grab a tissue and spend a brief moment with Andrew and Elmo by clicking [HERE](#). How we cope, heal, and grow from loss is important. Mr. Garfield's response gave me pause. His words were so powerful in their simplicity. It also got me thinking more about how we process the passing of a loved one, before, during, and after. Sometimes it's sudden, like my dad. Sometimes it's a long, slow process like when my paternal Grandmother passed. This brings me to the point of my piece this week. I know that many factors dictate how we process these situations, whether they be our own, a friend, loved one, or just an acquaintance. We all grieve in our own unique ways. With that said, I believe it's important to be mindful of how your loved one would like to be supported. Know that many people, like myself, don't require much effort. A thought, a hug, or a texted hug emoji can provide the perfect pick-me-up at any given moment, especially when they're out of the blue. I remember back in '22 during the 2 weeks between Dad's stroke and his ultimate passing, it was important to surround myself with those that care about me. After celebrating his life, I spent a little time with myself to help this new ME understand the new path I was about to navigate. Both before and after his passing, I valued and appreciated all the positive thoughts, prayers, etc. that were provided to me by the people I consider a part of my sphere and those beyond.

In closing, I'd like to remind everyone that the world is a rough place these days. So much is uncertain. Because of this, one thing is absolutely certain. That is, the fact that people everywhere, both near and far, are struggling. Many are struggling with loss. If you're aware of the people in your sphere that are struggling with an impending or recent loss, be sure to check in on them every step of the way, if they're receptive to it. If they're not, positivity, thoughts, prayer, etc. really do go a long way to helping a friend or loved one keep their head above water. The phrase, "too little, too late" is one that I would struggle to cope with if I found out that all a friend needed was a well-timed one of these...👤

- Dan Alpers, Office Manager - officemgr@allsaintscr.com



Drinks and Discussion



Please join us for two adult formation evenings on Wednesday, November 6 and also on Wednesday, November 13. Both evenings will begin at 6:00 PM in the Social Hall and end by 7:00 PM. Wine, beer and simple snacks will be provided as we take the opportunity to view the keynote addresses given by Bishop Barron and Chris Stefanick at the National Eucharistic Congress held this past summer in Indiana. While there were multiple speakers at the Congress, Bishop Barron and Chris Stefanick both delivered messages that were dynamic and relatable to our parish. I hope that you will take this opportunity to strengthen your relationship with the Eucharist and with your All Saints community. If you have any questions, please email me at businessmgr@allsaintscr.com - I hope to see you there!

Tracy Huk, Business Manager

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.



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!

Tracy Huk, Business Manager, 319-363-6130 ext.111, businessmgr@allsaintscr.com

Mission of Presence: How are We Keeping Our Haiti 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 2: Pastoral Support

By Tina Lampe

One way we are keeping our mission alive is by supporting our sister parish pastor. Funds we send allow him to travel to the many chapels/schools in the parish to say mass, perform sacraments and deliver funding to teachers. This is a daunting task! The geographic area is about equivalent to the triangular region between Cedar Rapids, Vinton and Mt. Vernon.

At the time we last visited, there were 24 chapel schools. Father has been able to visit or verify that 13 of them have continued classes. He travels by foot, donkey or motorcycle, and in some cases, he intentionally takes longer routes to avoid gangs. This makes it dangerous to carry money to pay the teachers, but money is still, albeit slowly, getting to them. He continues to explore avenues that could safely help with that task.

In the coming months, Father is planning a retreat for the chapel directors who are often also the school directors. This is another way we are assisting with our mission. We provide funding for Father to buy supplies to feed and host everyone. The gathering is an opportunity for everyone to share ideas and for Father to provide faith formation.

Please continue to support our sister parish with prayer and financial donations. Let’s join Father in pressing on, even though the road is hard.

Donate today at 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.



When our sister parish pastor visits the villages, he often travels by foot or donkey, and in some cases, he intentionally takes longer routes to avoid gangs.

Service to Others

Metro Catholic Outreach



What Exactly Goes Into Our Food Boxes?

Standard food items usually include: Peanut butter, tuna, canned meat, spaghetti sauce, soup, canned vegetables, pork and beans, SpaghettiOs, Hamburger/Tuna Helper, instant potatoes, rice, canned fruit, pasta, crackers, muffin or cake mix, pancake mix, syrup, snacks, cereal, oatmeal, sometimes jelly, maybe some condiments such as ketchup, mustard, bbq sauce, spices. A bag of toiletry/personal care items can include toilet paper, shampoo, soap, dental products, lip balm, deodorant, lotion, laundry pods. We often have pet food available upon request.

On the dock on distribution days, many fresh items are added: Milk, dairy products, bread, fresh fruit, greens, garden produce, frozen meat, sometimes eggs. Two years ago, the non-perishable items alone were estimated at around \$70 per box, grocery store price. Add in the toiletry items and all the fresh food, today we estimate our food boxes value around \$90. Our clients call our office Monday through Thursday to reserve a time to pick up a food box during our distribution times the same week. Most of our clients pick up once a month or less, a small percentage picks up as often as once per week. Anyone who needs food and calls us can pick up a food box. All we ask is their name, phone number and household size. No IDs or income qualification required.

Let's Help Green Square Meals



HELP!!! We are in desperate need of blankets, coats, sleeping bags, socks, and gloves. It has turned cold quickly and our supply has depleted just as quickly. We are also looking for jeans, sweatpants (for both men and women). Clean out those closets, people. Anything will help. GSM volunteers can pick up, if necessary. Thank you for helping us to keep the homeless community warm and safe. Donations can be dropped off at our location any Monday through Friday from 1-6 pm. Our address is: 605 2nd Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids. Text 319-601-0458 with your address and a good time to pick up if you'd like to have a GSM volunteer come to you.

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](#).



What is a Sacristan?



A Sacristan is the person that makes the necessary preparations for liturgical activities and assists other liturgical ministries at the Mass.

Their responsibilities include preparing the altar, bread, wine, linens, and vessels before Mass. After Mass the wine and linens are returned to the Sacristy and the vessels are washed, dried and put away.

How much time does this ministry take?

vAbout 15 minutes before and 15 minutes after Mass.

If you are interested in joining or learning more about this ministry, contact Deacon Mike Klappholz at deaconmike@allsaintscr.com



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Mary Pat & Bill

O CIA (Previously Known as RCIA)



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) OCIA (previously “RCIA”) is a journey to explore becoming Catholic. It includes discovery, prayer, learning, questioning, and becoming part of the parish community. For individuals who choose to remain on the journey, it culminates in the reception of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist. For more information, visit our website or contact Bob Lillibridge at adultformation@allsaintscr.com or 319-363-6130 ext. 109

What’s Your “Secret” to Getting Kids to Behave at Mass?



1. Sit close to the front so kids can see what’s happening.
2. Pack a “Mass bag” with beautiful Catholic books and coloring books.
3. Start a tradition of having a small treat after Mass - whether it’s lighting a candle, the traditional donut pitstop, or something else your children will look forward to!

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

Mt. Calvary Cemetery Deceased Remembrance



November is the month in which we remember the dead. During this time, we continue to pray for those who have gone before us in faith that they might be embraced by God. Did you know that praying in a Catholic cemetery is a Spiritual Act of Mercy that results in indulgences being granted for the Souls in Purgatory? And from November 1 through the 8th, those indulgences are Plenary.

Consider coming out to Mt Calvary Cemetery to pray for family and friends that are resting here. And, in case you haven't chosen your final resting place yet, have a look around and discover the beauty and serenity of our sacred grounds.

Mt Calvary Cemetery, 375 32nd St Drive SE in Cedar Rapids or call us at 319-362-4659



From Archbishop Zinkula



Archbishop Zinkula has issued a statement in advance of the election about the vital role we play as citizens. To learn how Catholic Social Teaching should help us form our consciences and guide our vote in this important election read his statement at dbqarch.org/faithful-citizenship.

Xavier Goings On



DISCOVER XAVIER: 8th Grade Student & Parents Invited to 'Xplore All Xavier Has to Offer on November 11th!

8th Grade students and parents are invited to join us for Discover Xavier Night on Monday, Nov. 11th at 7:00 p.m.

Discover Xavier Night is an excellent opportunity to 'xplore and learn about how Xavier positions its graduates for success in any and all post-high school endeavors while forming disciples unafraid to follow Jesus Christ. The evening will feature a presentation, tours, and activities fair. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and program will begin at 7:00 p.m. The Saints Shop will also be open during this event.

All families with students entering Grades 9-12 in the 2025-2026 school year are welcome to attend regardless of where your student currently attends school. For more information, please reach out to Cara Joens at 319-294-6635 ext. 313, cara.joens@crxcs.org or visit www.XavierSaints.org/DXN.



Join Us for Xavier Catholic Schools Fall Fest 2024 on November 15th!

All in our Catholic community are invited to join us on Friday, November 15, 2024 at the DoubleTree in downtown Cedar Rapids for Xavier Catholic Schools' Fall Fest! Fall Fest is a casual, fun-filled evening with casino games, food/dessert stations, signature drinks, silent/live auctions, and more! 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.

Tickets are now on sale and sponsorship/auction donation opportunities are available for businesses! Learn more at CRXCS.org/FallFest.



Xavier Goings On (cont.)



Xavier High School Fall Musical: State Fair!

The Xavier High School Performing Arts Department invites you to experience their production of Rodgers & Hammerstein's State Fair, November 15-17 in the Regis-LaSalle Theatre at Xavier High School!

SHOWTIMES:

Friday, Nov. 15 (7:00 PM)

Saturday Nov. 16 (1:00 PM & 7:00 PM)

Sunday, Nov. 17 (2:00 PM)

TICKETS NOW ON SALE ONLINE:

All tickets are sold online and are \$12 each.

To purchase tickets, head to XavierSaints.org/Tickets.



Mass Intentions

Tues. October 29 8:00 am
† Leona Sutton

Wed. October 30 8:00 am
† Phyllis Brack

Thurs. October 31 8:30 am
For the People

Thurs. October 31 5:30 pm
Scherrman/Barry Families

Fri. October 1 8:00 am
For the People

Sat. October 2 4:00 pm
† Bill & Cathy Sheka

Sun. October 3 9:00 am
For the People

Scripture Readings

Week of October 27, 2024

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16 (666)

Tuesday:

Eph 5:21-33/Lk 13:18-21 (480)

Wednesday:

Eph 6:1-9/Lk 13:22-30 (481)

Thursday:

Eph 6:10-20/Lk 13:31-35 (482)

Friday:

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a (667)

Saturday:

Any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead (1011-1016)

Sunday:

Dt 6:2-6/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34 (152)

Parish Life



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

Un-Committee



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

All Saints Nights at Green Square Meals



All Saints helps prepare and serve dinner at Green Square Meals soup kitchen, 2-3 times a month. Sign up to help at the link below or contact Melissa Peckosh (847-975-1785 or missypeckosh@yahoo.com).

ALL SAINTS NIGHTS: 2nd & 5th Tuesday, 3rd Monday
All volunteers in sixth grade and up are welcome. Sign up at:
<https://signup.com/go/vJYiFPm>

Parish Office Hours



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

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



Bruins Beat

A Message from Principal Starr

All Saints Community,

Thank you to our families who donated items and shared their valuable time to help support our teachers during inservice week. We are grateful for your support!

After concluding this round of conferences, I'm pleased to share with our community the overall positive feedback I received from our parents. I wasn't able to step into the hallway without a family sharing how happy they are with their teacher and how pleased they are with how the year is going. As we work in collaboration for your children, I would ask that you continue to share this positive message with your families and friends. All Saints has a beautiful building with wonderful teachers!

Even more exciting, we have room to grow! We currently have immediate openings in our Early Learning Center for 2-4 year olds. We also look forward to sharing our offerings to new K-5 families interested in touring.

I am always looking for ways we can continue to enhance our school and programming, so should you ever have any additional feedback you would like to share, please don't hesitate to contact me at: kelly.starr@crxcs.org.

Blessings,

Ms. Starr

Upcoming Events

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



www.allsaints-crschool.org

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

Ministry Schedule

November 2, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan

Cynthia Gunsolly, OFS

Extraordinary Ministers

Kathi Grainger

Aaron Kelly

John Myers

Kourtne Powell

Mike Powell

Stephen Schmitz

Marvin Stallman

Altar Servers

Joseph Cataldo

Sean Kelly

Logan Kelly

Lectors

Stacy Cataldo

Riley Hoover

Hospitality Ministers

Elie AbouRaad

Daniel Greene

Dick Kettelkamp

Barb Lindstrom

Tom Takes

Mike Votroubek

November 3, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

Sherry Casey

Extraordinary Ministers

Chris Conway

Brian Conway

Maureen Dale Ernst

John Ernst

Wade Johnson

John Michael

Gregory O'Connell

Altar Servers

Emma Colby

Addison Johnson

Henry Johnson

Lectors

Mick Erdman

Tasha Tataara

Hospitality Ministers

Jeanne Amosson

Jen Colby

Chris Colby

Pete Rethwisch

Bea Rethwisch

Chris Shimon

Family Ministry

October 27, 2024 • 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 10:46–52

Jesus Calling

Jesus is being followed by a large group of people. A blind man, Bartimaeus, wants to get through the crowd, but can't break their ranks. Finally, one of Jesus' followers approaches the man telling him that Jesus wants to see him.

Just for a moment consider what you would do if you heard that Jesus was calling you. Imagine yourself sitting in a church or in a park. You see a large group of people who are obviously spellbound and in awe of the person who is speaking.

Someone leaves the group and comes up to you. He tells you Jesus wants to see you. How would you feel? How would you approach Jesus? What would you say to him? What would you ask for?

Reflecting on such questions is called meditation, and it is a form of praying. It involves taking some time to think about Scripture, asking yourself some questions and reflecting on your response. Your answers can tell you a lot about yourself, and about your life situation. They can also say much about your relationship with Jesus. You can teach your child how to pray in this way by doing the exercise together.

Consider incorporating meditation with the two other forms of prayer; vocal prayer and contemplative prayer. Vocal prayer is praying with words that are your own or another's. Contemplative prayer is the prayer of silence, just sitting quietly with God, not even thinking.

You can employ all three prayer forms and engage in the centuries-old prayer exercise, Lectio Divina. Read the Scripture out loud. Put yourself in the story and consider how you would respond. Finally, take some quiet time to just sit in silence, letting your thoughts rest in God. End by saying a prayer together, or decide on an action you will do together.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Try praying together using the Lectio Divina. Follow the suggestions in the last paragraph of the reflection below. Ask family members to comment on what the experience was like for them.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Take a moment and read the Scripture passage Mark 10:46–52 again. After you have read it ask yourself the questions from the reflection above. Sit quietly with your answers. 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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The Gospel at Home

This Sunday's Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

In Sunday's Gospel, the blind Bartimaeus had to make up his mind about Jesus without the benefit of seeing him. He asked Jesus for the gift of sight. His faith was rewarded with vision. We all learn about Jesus through what we hear of him from those who teach us and from what we see in his followers. Our faith response is also rewarded with the gift of vision. We come to see Jesus as our Lord and Teacher who leads us to the Father.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): When you help your child become more aware of the larger world, you are helping him or her become aware of the signs of God's love and goodness. That is the way you can help build a foundation of faith. Ask your child to tell you the story of the blind man. Ask: What gift did Jesus give the man? Play a seeing game like "I Spy" with your child. Point out that signs of God's love are all around us.

Promise (Grades K-1): The booklet your child brings home this week will help him or her tell the story of the blind man who came to Jesus. Talk about the gift of seeing. Take a family walk with your child and discover all the wonderful things to see. Look for animals, flowers, trees, and people. At the end of the walk, say a prayer of thanks for all the gifts God gives.

Good News (Grades 2-3): Children of this age are often very willing to follow another's lead. Talk about how important it is to know when to follow and when not to follow someone. The class also explored the Fifth Commandment and learned about anger and how this Commandment forbids the use of violence against others and against the earth. It is a Commandment about respecting others and all of Creation. Talk about ways your family handles anger and how you show respect for others and the world.

Venture (Grades 4-6): Your youngster's class came to recognize that Jesus calls them to faith in him as God's Son. From the story of the blind man, they learned that there is more to "seeing" than just with one's eyes. The class also learned that the sacraments are signs that help us experience God's grace. As a family, talk about the sacraments. Share your experiences of family Baptisms and Confirmations, the Eucharist, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Visions (Grades 7-9): Ask your youngster to share what he or she learned about the Second Vatican Council during this week's class. Share why this great event in the history of the Church is so important for today's world. Discuss the reforms brought about by the Council. Talk about the lesson of the man who was born blind. As a family, discuss where you see examples of love and faith in your neighborhood, at work, at school, or in the world.

Awaken (Teens/Adults): Discover a new level of spiritual growth for parents with *Awaken*, the new adult level of the *Pflaum Gospel Weeklies*, developed to deepen your faith journey alongside your children. Scan the QR code to learn more.



Pray Together

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. As a family, pray at least one decade of the Rosary together. Make the recitation of the Rosary an interesting and happy event. Ask the Blessed Mother to pray to take away any family "blindness" and give you all the vision of those who follow Jesus.





SOCIAL JUSTICE PRESENTATION ON

Land Justice: Seeking Repair and Healing with Indigenous Peoples

The St. Ludmila Social Justice Committee will be hosting a special presentation: Land Justice: Seeking Repair and Healing with Indigenous Peoples on Monday, November 11, 6:30-8 pm in the Social Hall at the St. Ludmila Community Center. Eric Anglada - Ecological Program Coordinator for the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters, co-founder of St. Isidore Worker Farm, and co-founder of the Honor Native Land Fund - will be the presenter. This powerful presentation will explore the importance of land, Indigenous and colonial history, and building respectful relationships of solidarity as well as practical ways and models of engaging in repair and healing. There is NO COST and NO ADVANCE REGISTRATION. All are welcome to join us for this important discussion.

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.”¹

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

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

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

Matthew 28:20

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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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.”¹

“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.² 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.³ 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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1 Pope Francis, Meeting for Religious Liberty with Hispanic Community and Other Immigrants, September 26, 2015.

2 *Gaudium et Spes (The Church in the Modern World)*, no. 16. See also, *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1785.

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 or 319-364-7524) to schedule a class and date for the baptism (some date restrictions may apply).

Sacrament of Matrimony: Couples are to make arrangements at least six months before the intended date of the wedding in order to fulfill the necessary requirements. Please contact Deacon Mike Klappholz (DeaconMike@allsaintscr.com) to begin the process.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA): Classes are scheduled for Monday evenings beginning in the Fall. Contact Bob Lillibridge, Director of Formation, for more information (adultformation@allsaintscr.com).

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

First Reconciliation & Eucharist: Second graders combine home study and retreats to prepare for these sacraments. Contact Stacy Cataldo, Director of Catechesis, for more information (catechesis@allsaintscr.com).

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact the office at 319-363-6130, ext. 100 to schedule anointings.

Miscellaneous Information

Newcomer Registration: Call the Parish Office at 363-6130, ext. 100, or register on line at <http://www.allsaintscr.com>.

Bulletin Deadline: Items must be submitted electronically to the parish office by Noon on the preceding Monday to: bulletin@allsaintscr.com.

Opportunities for Prayer

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Thursdays, 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM in the Church.

All Saints Prayer Group: Tuesdays at 3:00 PM in the church lower level.

Prayer Tree: Available to anyone who would like us to pray for their intentions. Please call Darlene Fandel at 319-560-4844.

Women's Prayer Group: Tuesday mornings after 8:00 AM Mass.

M.O.M.S Rosary: 7:30 PM 1st Monday of the month, Queen of All Saints Chapel.

Prolife Rosary: Fridays after 8:00 am Mass.

Parish Website: You may both submit and view prayer intentions any time at: <https://allsaintscr.churchcenter.com/people/forms/413117>.