

# ALL SAINTS

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL



*Love God • Serve Others • Form Disciples*



**December 14 & December 15, 2024;  
Third Sunday of Advent**



*The Lord, your  
God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;  
he will rejoice over you with  
gladness; he will renew you in  
his love; he will exult over  
you with loud singing*

**Zephaniah  
3:17**

### 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  
Friday 8:00 am

*“What should we do?”*



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## Please Pray for the Following People

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



† Fr. Dennis Conway, † Jim Barry, Brytta Fitzgibbons, Kim Truesdell, Ramona S., Judy B., Kim Witte, and † Mark Dougherty.

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



St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous Stewards sharing all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

## A Weekly Tip on Caring for Our Common Home



When making major purchases, be mindful of the environmental impact, particularly production and transportation, and seek ways to minimize it. The poor and destitute in all parts of the world contribute the least to environmental degradation and suffer the most from it.

## Evening Eucharistic Adoration Announcement



Evening Eucharistic Adoration will be held on Monday evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel on December 2nd, December 9th and December 16th. Please join us and take some quiet, prayerful time during this busy season! You can contact Peg Schmitz at [peg@schmitzia.com](mailto:peg@schmitzia.com) or 319-329-0155 with any questions.

## Young at Heart



Come join the All Saints' Church members for the Young at Heart Luncheon on Wednesday, December 18, 2024. The children from All Saints School will be joining us at noon with festive holiday songs. Come and enjoy seeing and hearing the children from All Saints. Join us and bring a friend. You are bound to enjoy this musical treat and wonderful fellowship with All Saints members and friends. There is no cost for the meal.



# Everyday Metanoia



This is the third Sunday of Advent and we continue our preparation for Christmas, where we remember the gift of Jesus Christ as he entered our world for the first time, as we celebrate that he is a part of our lives now, and as we look forward to the day when we will see him again at the end of time. We also know this as Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means “rejoice.” It comes to us from our second reading today, Phil 4:4-7: Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near.”

Adolf Adam’s book on the Liturgical Year reminds us, “An especially striking aspect of the 3rd Sunday in Advent Mass is the use of rose-colored vestments. They replace the sober purple of penance and are a sign of the anticipatory Christmas joy.” He notes that the Church developed the structure for the liturgical celebrations of Lent, Holy Week and Easter long before that of Advent and Christmas, so this celebration of Gaudete Sunday was most likely inserted to mirror the Lenten celebration of Laetare Sunday which celebrates the close anticipation of Easter with joy.

Continuing St. Paul’s letter for this week, he tells us how we are to be as the Lord draws near: “Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” Luke’s Gospel account has John the Baptist instructing the crowd; giving specific direction for what they are to do in response to his challenge to “produce good fruit.” This dialogue exchange between John the Baptist and the crowd reminds me of the exchange between Jesus and the rich young man. Apparently, we as humans have always been uncomfortable with the latitude given in statements like “your kindness should be known to all” and “produce good fruit.” We want the checkbox list to be precisely defined. And just like the rich, young man we often walk away from God, sad and forlorn, because we don’t want to check that particular box; that which God knows would result in our ultimate surrender to Him.

We try to fit God into our limited human understanding and in the process make God small. In his book, *Not God Enough*, by J. D. Greear, he says, “We like God small. We prefer a God who is safe, domesticated, who thinks like we think, likes what we like, and whom we can manage, predict, and control. A small God is convenient. Practical. Manageable...But what if this small version of God we’ve created is holding us back from the greatest experience of our lives--from genuine, confident, world-transforming faith? What if we allowed ourselves to know and have a relationship with the God, who is big enough to handle our questions, doubts, and fears; is not silent; is worthy of worship; wants to take us from boring to bold in our faith; has a purpose and mission for us on earth; is pursuing us right now. The truth: God is big. Bigger than big. Bigger than all the words we use to say big. Only a God of infinite power, wisdom, and majesty can answer our deepest questions and meet our deepest longings. God is not just a slightly better, slightly smarter version of us. God is infinite and glorious, and an encounter with Him won’t just change the way we think about our faith. It’ll change our entire life.”

Ronald Rolheiser also addresses this in his book *The Shattered Lantern*: “But in the end, moral philosophies, human instinct, and a not-so-disguised self-interest are more important in motivating these activities, (i.e. “your kindness should be known to all” and “produce good fruit”), than are love and gratitude stemming from a personal relationship with God...a living, informing, comforting, challenging person whose reality dwarfs that of our everyday world.” The act that Rolheiser identifies as the crucial missing piece is that of contemplation. “Contemplation is about waking up. To be contemplative is to experience an event fully in all its aspects. Biblically this is expressed as coming ‘face to face’ with God, others and the cosmos. We are in contemplation when we stand before reality and experience it without the limits and distortions that are created by narcissism (our headaches and heartaches), pragmatism (our pressing tasks), and excessive restlessness (our dreams and distractions).”

And this, my friends, brings us full circle to the season of Advent. That space in time when we deliberately remove ourselves from the hustle and bustle and come face-to-face with God. The God who is big enough to empty Himself and break into our world as a little babe in order to restore salvation with humankind; the God who is big enough to shoulder all of our worldly cares and yet walk side-by-side with us each day; and the God who is big enough to meet us at the end of time.

This Monday evening, December 16 will be our final Advent Adoration opportunity beginning at 5:30 PM. Please join me in the chapel and spend one hour getting to know the God who wants to transform your life! Let’s pack the Chapel!

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

# 2024 Holiday Scrip Schedule



*The holiday shopping season is upon us, and gift cards make great gifts!*

To pick up your order on:	Place your <b>online</b> order before 8am on:	Drop off your <b>paper</b> order form before 8am on:
Dec 20	Dec 16	Dec 16
Jan 10	Jan 6	Jan 6

**The All Saints Scrip Office will be closed Nov 20-24 and Dec 21-Jan 5.**

Online orders will be available while the Scrip Office is closed. However, "Pay Coordinator" and "Ship to Coordinator" items will be delayed until the Scrip Office reopens.

Contact Lori at [scrip@allsaintscr.com](mailto:scrip@allsaintscr.com) or 319.535.3570 for more details.

*Thank-you for supporting All Saints!*

## Cedar Rapids Metro Advent Reconciliation Services



**All Saints Parish** 10:30 AM on Saturday, December 14

**St. Matthew Parish** 6:00 PM on Tuesday, December 17

**St. Pius X Parish** 10:30 AM on Saturday, December 21

## Help Spread Christmas Cheer



The mailing labels and cards are now available to send Christmas cards with notes of thanks to the retired priests in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Please consider brightening the day of one or more of our retired priests.

## Help Wanted: Decorating All Saints for Christmas!



Our volunteers are planning to decorate the Narthex after the 4th Sunday of Advent Mass on December 22nd. We'll need lots of volunteers to help on this day.

The teardown this season will be after the Baptism of the Lord Sunday Mass on Sunday, January 12th.



# Advent Resources from Xavier



The liturgical season of Advent begins on December 1, 2024. As we wait with hopeful hearts, we don't just sit around—we actively wait and do something to draw us closer to the Lord. What things can you do to be intentional about your preparation for the birth of Jesus?

## Ideas to grow in your faith:

- Mass in the Chapel – 7:00 am every Friday
- Pray the rosary in the Chapel one day a week – Monday-Thursday, 7:15 am
- Girls Bible Study / Men Discernment Group / Women's Discernment Group – Thursdays during RTI
- Pray the St. *Francis Xavier Novena*
- A list of *Reconciliation opportunities* in Cedar Rapids
  - Reminder: Fr. Dunne is available for confessions by appointment throughout the week
- *Advent Resources*

# Find the Story Behind the Christmas Stories



## How Themes from Popular Yuletide Tales Mirror Jesus' Birth

Children enjoy hearing Christmas stories this time of year. Help them notice how the stories usually echo themes and values of the Bible's account of how a great king of humble origins exalts the lowly, confounds the powerful, and brings salvation.

### *The Polar Express*

A train full of children is taken on a magical ride to the North Pole to meet Santa Clause who selects one child to whom to present the first present of Christmas.

### *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*

When strong, powerful reindeer run into serious trouble, a lowly reindeer saves the day. This completely unexpected turn of events brings great joy to the world.

### *A Charlie Brown Christmas*

Protesting the commercialization of Christmas, Charlie Brown buys a pathetic-looking, real Christmas tree. He is mocked for it, but Charlie and his friends learn the real meaning of Christmas when Linus tells the story of Jesus' birth.

### *The Little Drummer Boy*

A boy of humble origins grows to hate people after his family is killed and he is betrayed. His life begins to change when he meets the Magi and follows them to Bethlehem. Finally, when the boy encounters the Christ Child, he learns how to let go of hatred and embrace the true spirit of Christmas.



## Service to Others

### Metro Catholic Outreach



#### **MCO Will Be Closed For Two Full Weeks**

December 23th through January 5th. We will reopen on Monday, January 6th.

**HOMELESS SUPPLIES:** Right now we have NO MORE storage space for clothing donations. Please NO MORE CLOTHING donations until we send out the word.

Blankets, warm coats, gloves, socks, and underwear are still needed. NO TOPS/PANTS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Thanks to all of our donors and your tremendous generosity as you think of our homeless neighbors.

## All Saints Foundation



You can share your faith beyond your lifetime by careful estate planning that includes All Saints Parish in your will. During your lifetime you will have the joy of knowing that whatever you do not use in this life will continue in ministry through your church after your death. If you would like more information about leaving a legacy gift to All Saints Parish contact Tracy Huk at 319-363-6130 ext 111 or [businessmgr@allsaintscr.com](mailto:businessmgr@allsaintscr.com). If you would like information about gift planning, please contact our planning partner at the Catholic Foundation at 563-552-0176 or [CFAD@OurCFAD.org](mailto:CFAD@OurCFAD.org).

## Year-End Giving



Thank you to those who have donated generously to All Saints this calendar year. The office will be open from 8-4 on Monday, December 30. The office will be closed on Tuesday, December 31, but donations may still be dropped into the wooden collection receptacles after the 8:00 a.m. daily Mass or during the collection at the 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass celebrating the Holy Day of Obligation for Mary, Mother of God. The receptacles will be emptied after that Mass. Donations received in the mail after January 1 with a postmark date of December 31 or earlier will be included in your end-of-the-year statement. We are still in the midst of a cashflow challenge

with budget giving down from this same time as last year. Thank you for your generosity in helping us to address this shortfall.

## Help Wanted: Parish Advocate for Disability Inclusion



Do you have a passion to make a difference in the lives of those at All Saints with disabilities? It is the desire of our Archdiocese to have a *Parish Advocate for Disability Inclusion* in every parish. This Parish Advocate would serve as our contact person on behalf of persons with disabilities and their families, and serve as their liaison in our parish. If you feel called to this very important role and advocacy, or desire additional information, please contact Deacon Mike Klappholz at 319-361-0357 or [deaconmike@allsaintscr.com](mailto:deaconmike@allsaintscr.com). Please click [HERE](#) for the Parish Disability Advocate job description.



# 2025 Pledges



Our unrestricted donations are down \$136,702.18 (25%) from last year. We are asking our parishioners to review their contributions and make an increase if they are able. All donations are appreciated and make our community possible.



Please complete our 2025 pledge form at <https://allsaintscr.churchcenter.com/people/forms/859781> or by scanning the QR code below. Paper copies are available to pick up from Dan in the parish office.

## 'Double the Blessings' Year-End Challenge



On Giving Tuesday we introduced our 'Double the Blessings' Year-End Challenge for our Xavier Catholic Schools. Thanks to a generous dedicated donor, every dollar donated now through December 31 will be matched—up to \$25,000!

We invite you to reflect on the many blessings our schools have provided for our community. Your gift directly supports two priorities in our XCS schools:

- **Building Faith:** Providing resources for Catholic spiritual training, sacred spaces, and spiritual artwork to deepen the faith lives of our students, teachers, and staff.
- **Building Improvements:** Enhancing security and maintenance to create safe, Christ-centered environments for learning and growth.

Together, we can ensure that Xavier Catholic Schools continues to fulfill our mission of “Creating disciples unafraid to follow Jesus Christ.”

Gifts of all sizes are appreciated! Visit [CRXCS.org/Give](https://CRXCS.org/Give) to make your gift today or mail your donation to XCS Foundation, PO Box 10956, Cedar Rapids, IA 52410. Thank you for your generosity, and may the joy of Christ's birth fill your hearts with peace this season!

## Xavier Catholic Schools Foundation is Hiring!



Help us spread the word! The Xavier Catholic Schools Foundation is currently seeking a full-time Campaign Manager. The job description can be found at [CRXCS.org/employment](https://CRXCS.org/employment).

Connect with Mary Harken ([mary.harken@crxcs.org](mailto:mary.harken@crxcs.org)) if interested or have questions about the position.



# The Disciple Maker Index Survey is Open!



Our parish, along with all others in the archdiocese, is participating in a parish Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey conducted by Catholic Leadership Institute. Many of us participated in the archdiocesan survey for the global synod during January and February of 2022. Archbishop Zinkula has reviewed the synod report generated by 16,000 household responses. The DMI survey is the next step in a process that will lead to new mission and vision statements, and pastoral priorities.

The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at our parish. Please take the survey today! Click the link to take the survey: <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/bpctab> or scan the QR code:

- Your input helps strengthen our parish.
- Results help our leadership councils prepare for the future.
- A report of the finds will be shared in early 2025.



The survey will be open until January 9. Paper surveys will be available by calling Tracy Huk at 319-363-6130 ext 111. I will be in the Narthex December 10-13 after each daily Mass for those wishing to complete a paper survey. I will also be in the Parish Library after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 15 with paper copies. Together we will identify our strengths and opportunities in greater detail as we strive to grow in missionary discipleship and help craft our common vision for the future. If you have any questions, please contact Tracy Huk at 319-363-6130 ext 111 or [businessmgr@allsaintscr.com](mailto:businessmgr@allsaintscr.com).

## For the Married Couples



“Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things” (Is 12:5). Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, reminds us of God’s gift of joy (gaudium in Latin), no matter what trials we might be experiencing in our family.

## Reminder - Retirement Fund for Religious:



We will not be conducting this collection as a stand-alone collection this year.

\*\*\* As stated in the November 1 Official Bulletin, if you’ve received collection materials for the Retirement Fund for Religious this Fall, please DO NOT put these materials out in your parishes. Please recycle those materials\*\*\*

This collection will be a part of the Spring Our Call to Share Campaign in May, for which we will be producing our own materials.



# Surviving Divorce

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## Surviving Divorce

HOPE AND HEALING  
FOR THE CATHOLIC FAMILY

**SPRING SESSION**

**TUESDAYS**

6-7.30PM

**JAN. 7 - MAR. 25**

**AT ST. PIUS X**

4949 COUNCIL ST. NE  
CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52402

CONTACT CATE OR  
JACKIE FOR MORE INFO:  
catie22001@yahoo.com  
jseals33@aol.com

## Catholic Daughters of the Americas



Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Cedar Rapids Court #1768 will meet Tuesday, December 17 at St. Pius Catholic Church at 6:15.PM starting with a soup supper contest. Members bring sides and desserts. Please bring baby items to be donated to Bridgehaven. Also, bring a \$5 or \$10 wrapped Christmas gift for our gift exchange. Visitors are always welcome. Contacts: Roberta 319-366-0999 or Stephanie 319-540-7193.

There is no meeting in January

# Surviving Suicide Loss



**SURVIVING SUICIDE LOSS**  
LED BY THERAPISTS  
FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES  
**DECEMBER 18 | 6:30 PM**  
ST. WENCESLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH  
1224 5th St SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401  
This presentation is intended  
for adults ages 21 and older.

For more information, please contact Carmen Kelley  
at [dbq027bm@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq027bm@dbqarch.org) or call 319-362-7181.

Catholic Charities  
Archdiocese of Des Moines

\*\*\*adults 21 and over only, please\*\*\*

This presentation is meant for adults as people process information in different ways at different ages.

## Thank You, Luncheon Team!



Last week's show of support for Father Conway and his family was truly awe-inspiring. The number of people that came through the doors of All Saints was jaw-dropping and heartwarming. Making such a gathering possible took a village but I would like to point out a very specific group of people. During the planning of a funeral, I don't often have the sorts of answers or solutions that Father Jack or the Deacons may have but every now and then I do get questions that I can answer. When questions about the luncheon arise, I have one answer. That answer is to call Colleen Arnold. By making that one phone call, everything is taken care of. The luncheon team are truly magical in their level of dedication and ability to take the stress of the day away from a grieving family. I often say that a funeral is about tears, hugs, laughs, and stories. Coordinating with the caterer as they arrive, preparing the beverages, plates, utensils, etc., are all things that a grieving family shouldn't have to concern themselves with. Our luncheon team allows the family's tears to flow, stories to be told, and hugs to provide comfort and reassurance.

I believe I speak for every grieving family that has ended a long day of grieving without the stress of coordinating a luncheon. THANK YOU. Thank you to every member of our luncheon team that reschedules previously planned events and projects to come together to lend a hand. From making coffee and lemonade to washing dishes and flashing a helpful smile, they do it all. For that, families are grateful as are those of us in the parish office. The next time you sit next to one of these team at Mass or bump into them at the grocery store, be sure to remind them of how valuable their work is and how appreciated they are for their level of dedication. They say it takes a village. That's very true. In our little village, the luncheon team really is the heart and soul.

Thank you, all for what you do.

- Dan (office manager)



# YTD Income and Expenses



As of November 30, All Saints Church has received \$140,345.000 less than it did the year before.

As of November 30, the parish has spent \$48,226 less than it did at this same time as last year. Despite inflated costs for supplies and utilities, the parish has tried to be a good steward of your generosity.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the All Saints Finance Council Members: Ann Jeffries, Mike Hattery, Ellen Mouw, Matt Osen, Jason Ainsworth, Tom Donnelly or the Business Manager, Tracy Huk ([businessmgr@allsaints.cr.com](mailto:businessmgr@allsaints.cr.com))

<b>Budget Income</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	
July	\$89,577.00	\$108,071.00	
August	\$66,017.00	\$74,281.00	
September	\$77,978.00	\$73,449.00	
October	\$60,001.00	\$112,194.00	
November	\$104,888.00	\$170,811.00	<b>Difference</b>
YTD Total	\$398,461.00	\$538,806.00	<b>(\$140,345.00)</b>

<b>YTD Expenses</b>			<b>Difference</b>
Parish Admin	\$29,772.00	\$27,958.00	\$1,814.00
Parish Life	\$256,398.00	\$327,807.00	<b>(\$71,409.00)</b>
Admin	\$98,461.00	\$100,674.00	<b>(\$2,213.00)</b>
Operations/Main.	\$44,700.00	\$30,105.00	\$14,595.00
Pastor Household	\$5,888.00	\$4,765.00	\$1,123.00
Fixed Charges	\$46,046.00	\$44,728.00	\$1,318.00
Capital Outlay	\$38,402.00	\$15,638.00	\$22,764.00
Adult Ed	\$15,263.00	\$14,564.00	\$699.00
PK-5 Ed	\$11,911.00	\$7,445.00	\$4,466.00
MS/HS Ed	\$3,783.00	\$25,166.00	<b>(\$21,383.00)</b>
Total	\$550,624.00	\$598,850.00	<b>(\$48,226.00)</b>

## Mass Intentions

- Tues. December 17 8:00 am  
† Ralph Simington
- Wed. December 18 8:00 am  
† Judy Chalupsky
- Thurs. December 19 8:30 am  
Kim Witte
- Fri. December 20 8:00 am  
† Joanne Trcka
- Sat. December 21 4:00 pm  
† Florence Buresh
- Sun. December 22 9:00 am  
For the People

## Scripture Readings

Week of December 15, 2024

### Sunday:

Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18 (9)

### Monday:

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27 (187)

### Tuesday:

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17 (193)

### Wednesday:

Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25 (194)

### Thursday:

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25 (195)

### Friday:

Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38 (196)

### Saturday:

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45 (197)

### Sunday:

Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45 (12)

## 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 - 2:00 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 Holiday Note from Principal Starr

Dear Families,

The coming weeks tend to be filled with parties, shopping, food, and festivities. In Mass this week, Father reminded us to “slow down”. During this Advent season, I encourage each of us (including myself), to slow down and prepare ourselves for the birth of Jesus Christ.

*“Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;”* Psalm 37:7

Blessings during your Advent season,

Ms. Starr

December 20	12:15 dismissal
December 23-January 3	Christmas Break-No School or Preschool
January 6	School resumes
January 20	No School or Preschool-Child Care is closed



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

## Ministry Schedule

December 14, 4:00 PM Saturday

### Sacristan

Cynthia Gunsolly

### Extraordinary Ministers

Riley Hoover

Sara Lang

Ellen Mouw

Mike Powell

Kourtne Powell

Daniel Prentice

Marvin Stallman

### Altar Servers

Joseph Cataldo

Lindsey Talyat

Megan Talyat

### Lectors

Stacy Cataldo

Lisa Stephenson

### Hospitality Ministers

Daniel Greene

Dick Kettelkamp

Tom Takes

Brian Talyat

Lauri Talyat

Mike Votroubek

December 15, 9:00 AM Sunday

### Sacristan

John Michael

### Extraordinary Ministers

Sherry Casey

Brian Conway

Stephanie Guzman

Wade Johnson

Ellen Mouw

Gregory O'Connell

Loesje Shema

### Altar Servers

Paige Ainsworth

Maeve Ainsworth

Everly Felland

### Lectors

Chris Conway

Tasha Tatara

### Hospitality Ministers

Kim Ainsworth

Jason Ainsworth

Maureen Dale Ernst

Maureen Ernst

John Ernst

Diane Weimer



# Ministry Schedule

December 21, 4:00 PM Saturday

## Sacristan

Cynthia Gunsolly

## Extraordinary Ministers

Jean Bell

Kathi Grainger

Suzanne Lammers

Andrew Lang

Peg Schmitz

Stephen Schmitz

Becky Weininger

## Altar Servers

Emerson Eichhorn

Martin (MJ) Golobic

Jackson Keller

## Lectors

Theresa Harker

Gavin Miller

## Hospitality Ministers

Elie AbouRaad

Ryan Donnelly

Daniel Greene

Dick Kettelkamp

Barb Lindstrom

Marcia Myers

December 22, 9:00 AM Sunday

## Sacristan

Sherry Casey

## Extraordinary Ministers

Chris Conway

Brian Conway

Stephanie Guzman

Ann Hunter

Larry Hunter

Nicole Johnson

Bea Rethwisch

## Altar Servers

Addison Johnson

Henry Johnson

Cayden Suby

## Lectors

David Shema

Loesje Shema

## Hospitality Ministers

Mike Klappholz

Stephanie Klappholz

Tony Satariano

Chris Shimon

Maureen Wolf

Dave Wolf

# Family Ministry

December 15, 2024 • 3rd Sunday of Advent • Luke 3:10-18

## *John the Baptist Baptizes with Water*

*John the Baptist prepares the way for Jesus by telling people to repent. He baptizes them with water as a sign of their repentance. When people begin to think that John might be the Messiah, he makes it very clear that they are wrong. He tells them that one mightier than he is coming. "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (v. 16).*

When John the Baptist's followers are ready to turn away from their dishonesty and selfishness, he baptizes them with water, a cleansing ritual that signifies their wish to repent.

But repentance is not enough to bring freedom and salvation. It takes the Holy Spirit and the new life Jesus offers us through his life, death and resurrection.

Repenting, or saying we are sorry, is the first step to freedom and salvation. The second step is to focus on changing our behavior. If we say we are sorry and have no intention of changing our actions, we can't be forgiven. Even God cannot free us from sin if we insist on holding on to it. Sometimes we are really sorry for our actions but can't muster the courage to change. In that case, we need to ask God for the desire to change. Even this small inclination to mend our ways is enough to loosen sin's grip and allow the Holy Spirit to slip in.

The third step is to admit we need help. We humbly acknowledge that we need God's help to love the way God wants us to love. We face our limitations and even our powerlessness, and ask the Spirit to fill us with strength and new life. We trust that with God's help we can overcome our sins or our most compelling bad habits and become the person God calls us to be.

## FAMILY RESPONSE

Adult family members may want to practice a simple Act of Contrition using the three steps above. (*Say you are sorry. Promise to change. Ask for God's help to do better.*) Say this prayer with your children before bedtime.

## PERSONAL RESPONSE

What about yourself would you like to change? What keeps you from changing? Are you ready to ask for God's help to change?

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"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you." - John 15:12

Please join us to hear Gloria Janey share her story and love for Jesus.

Although she strives to do for Him, she often feels as though she fails daily. But because of her love for Him, she strives to love others.

**Livestream:** [https://youtube.com/live/Lcw-L-bH\\_eY?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/Lcw-L-bH_eY?feature=share)



Where: St. John XXIII Catholic Church  
8100 Roncalli Dr SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404  
When: Monday, December 16, 2024  
Time: 6:30 - 8:00 PM

This event is FREE and ALL are welcome!  
Refreshments and cookies - Child care is not available.



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## Ministry Schedule

*December 24, 4:00 PM Tuesday*

### Sacristan

Joan Fishburn

### Extraordinary Ministers

Mary Jo GoerdT

Terry GoerdT

Sara Lang

Ellen Mouw

Dennis Mullarkey

Kourtne Powell

Mike Powell

Daniel Prentice

Loesje Shema

### Altar Servers

Bo Dittmar

Stella Lippe

Madison McCarville

### Lectors

Mick Erdman

JoAnn Hand

### Hospitality Ministers

Chris Colby

Ryan Donnelly

Chase Philpott

Stacey Schmitt

Eric Schmitt

Diane Weimer

*December 24, 6:00 PM Tuesday*

### Sacristan

Cate Biro

### Extraordinary Ministers

Kathi Grainger

Aaron Kelly

Stephen Schmitz

### Altar Servers

Kendra Beeler

Katrina Golobic

Kannon Pfeiler

### Lectors

Robin Brown

Tasha Tatara

### Hospitality Ministers

Maureen Dale Ernst

Maureen Ernst

John Ernst

Marcia Myers

Peg Schmitz

Mike Votroubek



# Ministry Schedule

December 25, 9:00 AM Wednesday

## Sacristan

John Michael

## Extraordinary Ministers

Jean Bell

Stephanie Guzman

Bill Knapp

Dianne Knapp

Suzanne Lammers

Gregory O'Connell

Marvin Stallman

## Altar Servers

Roman Kilburg

Ilyzza Shea

Lindsey Talyat

## Lectors

Lisa Stephenson

Kathy Ulrich

## Hospitality Ministers

Barb Lindstrom

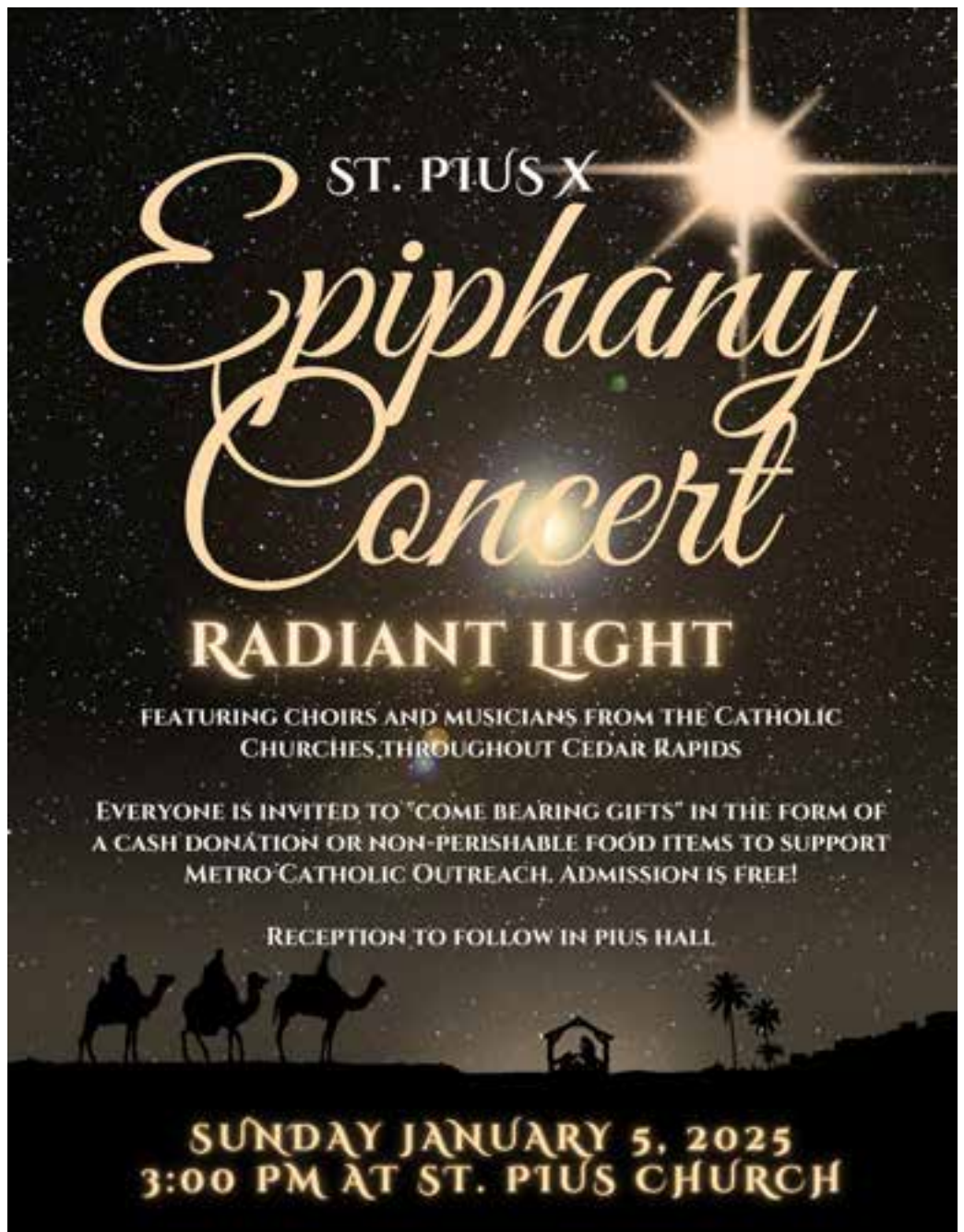
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Lauri Talyat

Brian Talyat

Maureen Wolf

Dave Wolf



ST. PIUS X

# Epiphany Concert

## RADIANT LIGHT

FEATURING CHOIRS AND MUSICIANS FROM THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES THROUGHOUT CEDAR RAPIDS

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RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN PIUS HALL

SUNDAY JANUARY 5, 2025  
3:00 PM AT ST. PIUS CHURCH





# The Gospel at Home

## This Week's Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

In this Advent Gospel, John the Baptist answers some specific questions about preparing for the coming of the Messiah. He urges the sharing of food and clothing. He asked tax collectors to be fair and soldiers to be satisfied with their wages. Most of all, John pointed to the one who is to come and who would baptize them with the Holy Spirit. What does your family do to prepare for Christ's coming?

## Exploring the Gospel Message

**Seeds (Preschool):** John the Baptist asked people to do the best they can. Even the youngest children can understand that. They can do loving actions even if their hearts are not in it. Help your child share with others and be patient this week. Look together at the lesson's story titled, "Getting Ready for Ruby." Discuss how Ruby's family prepares for the new baby.

**Promise (Grades K-1):** The lesson of the Gospel this week is about sharing what you have with others. Your child learned the importance of not being selfish and sharing what he or she has. Ask your child to show you the "Happy Birthday" booklet from this week's lesson and talk about ways your family prepares for the coming of the Savior.

**Good News (Grades 2-3):** This Sunday is often referred to as Rejoice Sunday—from the words of Saint Paul that your child learned in class and that complete the first reading at Mass. Ask your child to share with the family the story "Who Has The Answer?" The story brings the Gospel advice of John the Baptist down to a child's level. Do a little review of how your Christmas preparations are going.

**Venture (Grades 4-6):** Your youngster's class talked about the giving and receiving of gifts at Christmas time. They also learned about John the Baptist's call for people to share what they have and to care for others. Ask your son or daughter to share with your family the story, "The Christmas Coat." Talk about ways your family can share with people in need during this holy season. Ask your young person to tell the family about the city of Jerusalem and about Saint Lucy.

**Visions (Grades 7-8):** As part of preparation for Christ's coming, your youngster's class explored the effects homelessness has on people and learned how some teenagers experienced those effects for themselves. Ask your son or daughter to tell the family about "A Night in Cardboard Box City." The class also listened to the advice of John the Baptist and talked about the need for a strong moral compass. Have a conversation about what guides your family to make good moral decisions.

**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

As you say your Advent Wreath prayer together this week, include prayers for all the people who need to hear the advice of John the Baptist. As each member mentions someone who needs the message, the whole family can respond: "Lord, help us be signs of your presence in the world!"



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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>.