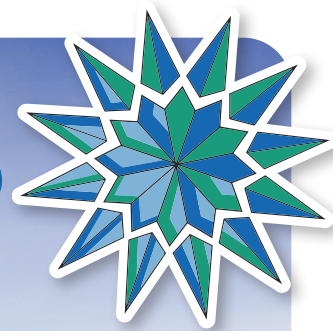


# ALL SAINTS

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL



*Love God • Serve Others • Form Disciples*



January 18 & January 19, 2025;  
Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

*God has called  
us through the Gospel  
to possess the glory of  
our Lord Jesus Christ.*

2 Thessalonians  
2:14

#### 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

*Do whatever he tells you.*



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## Please Pray for the Following People

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



Catie Barta, Margaret Kolash, Brenna, Riahanha, Alueigh, Steve & Family, and † Yayan Mangibin.

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 tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the Stewardship life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of us.

## A Weekly Tip on Caring for Our Common Home



Use matches instead of disposable lighters to light the grill or fireplace or for other uses. Estimates are that 1.5 billion lighters end up in landfills each year, and they are made of plastic and contain butane, neither of which is environmentally friendly. Paper matches are preferred because they are made from recycled paper.

## Totus Tuus Missionaries Needed



Do you know any college age men and women from All Saints who would be a great role model for younger Catholics? The Archdiocese is looking for college-aged disciples of Jesus to serve on teams with other men and women like them during the summer of 2025. Totus Tuus missionaries serve parishes across the Archdiocese throughout the summer leading songs, teaching, performing skits and sharing witness talks with the children and youth of the Archdiocese. This is a paid position with training and most expenses provided during the summer. Please encourage anyone who would be excellent at this to apply.

General information about Totus Tuus can be found at [www.dbqarch.org/Totus-Tuus](http://www.dbqarch.org/Totus-Tuus). Application information can be found at <https://dbqarch.org/2025-totus-tuus-missionary-application-information>. Please contact Joanne Pohland ([j.pohland@dbqarch.org](mailto:j.pohland@dbqarch.org)) with any questions.

# Everyday Metanoia



Welcome to Ordinary Time in our liturgical cycle. We have 7 weeks of following Jesus on the journey of his ministry until he sets a final path to Jerusalem for Lent. Today's reading shares the story of Jesus' first public miracle - changing the water into wine at a wedding in Cana. There are many fascinating pieces to this story, but the one that caught my attention this week is Mary's statement to the servers: "Do whatever he tells you."

As a mother, this statement intrigues me because it starts with Mary being a typical Mom - she observes a situation that she feels her son could do something about to help, and so she makes him aware of it in a very motherly, concise manner. "They have no wine," is packed with way more than 4 words. Yes, the wedding feast has run out of wine, but Mary is also telling Jesus that she doesn't want the couple to be embarrassed by this, that she knows he can do something to fix the situation, and most importantly, that she expects him to listen to her and do as she asks. It is unfortunate that audio recordings are not available for I am positive that if one was, we would have learned even more from Mary's tone and verbal nuances - she was a good Jewish mother after all! Jesus counters her request, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." Both Mary and Jesus are well connected to God and so it is interesting that Mary feels that it is time for Jesus to begin his public ministry and Jesus does not share that sense of calling or urgency. Wonderfully, and as an example for us to follow, she does not argue with Jesus; rather she simply instructs the servers to "do whatever he tells you."

This statement holds the key to our life. Do whatever he (God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit) tells you. The challenge is that one must listen and have the faith and the courage to respond in the affirmative. We call this conversational and listening process - prayer. Pope Francis says, "Like the disciples [and the servers in today's Gospel reading], we are called to listen to the voice of Jesus, to deepen in our contemplation and to be capable of living and announcing the love of God incarnate in Him, particularly through service in favor of those most in need and also through Eucharist and reparative (i.e. asking for forgiveness, promising to change, and asking God to have mercy) prayer.

Prayer can take many forms, beginning with short memorized prayers as a child all the way to sitting with the Lord and actively sharing your thoughts and concerns, listening for His Word and then acting upon it. Doing this consistently and allowing God to transform us through the process is the gift of metanoia. In his introduction to the Pilgrimage of Prayer, Edward Sri says, "Jesus wants to take us on an interior journey with him through our prayer life. He doesn't just want us to say our prayers and complete a good Christian task each day to check off a box. He doesn't want us to learn some important facts about him in prayer. Prayer is not primarily about reading, learning, or using a certain method correctly. It's not just about the head. God ultimately wants to reach our hearts. He want to get under the surface of our routine life and touch the deep caverns of our soul. It's about learning how to cooperate with God during prayer and allowing him to act more fully in our lives."

These words can inspire fear in even the strongest. As human beings, we like to think that life is only great if we are the one in control of the steering wheel. Others may have the view that God would not want to bother with someone like "them", someone who seems to make choices that land them in one disaster after another. And still others have encased their heart with a fence so tall and thick that no one could get in. The human in many of us would respond, "why bother?" or "for what purpose?" Edward Sri encourages us to look to the saints for our answer. "Through the stories of the saints we learn that they were human beings who struggled as we do - men and women who struggled in prayer, faced difficult problems, battled many temptations and even made mistakes. But each time they fell, they repented and got up again, entrusted themselves to God's mercy and learned to rely ever more on God's grace to help them do what they could never do on their own." This learning to seek repentance, to rely more upon God's grace than our own will, to develop a heart that seeks love before all else - this is the fruit of learning how to cooperate with God during prayer and to allow him to act more fully in our lives. This is the life possible with prayer. "Do whatever he tells you." Will you join me in this journey; this pilgrimage of prayer?

See you at Mass!

Tracy Huk, Business Manager  
[businessmgr@allsaintscr.com](mailto:businessmgr@allsaintscr.com)

## Parishioner Database Update



The Parish Office is changing and upgrading several of the programs we use in order to ensure that our parishioners receive all communication items that are sent or pushed out. None of these changes will make much of a difference though if we do not have a solid starting point - our database of names, emails, addresses and phone numbers. To address this we are asking that all households complete an update form, either directly on *People*

*Planning Center* or by completing this *Google Form*. Additionally parish staff members will have a station in the Narthex after Masses on Saturday and Sunday during January with paper forms that you may complete. Thank you for helping our efforts to better serve our parishioners. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Tracy Huk at [businessmgr@allsaintscr.com](mailto:businessmgr@allsaintscr.com) or call at 319-363-6130 ext.111.



## For the Married Couples



“There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit” (1 Cor. 12). Which spiritual gifts does your beloved most express? Share about a good and holy marriage you’ve witnessed that reveals something about God’s love to you.

## Catholic Daughters of America



Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Cedar Rapids #1768 Will not meet in January.

## Adoration for Life



St. Pius X Sanctity of Life Committee is hosting a city-wide Holy Hour on Wednesday, January 22 at St. Pius X Church. Please join us!

In conjunction with this event, we will be hosting a diaper drive and taking donations for the medical lending closet at Grace Episcopal Church. Please bring your donations and place them on the table in the Gathering Space. Thank you for supporting this event!

# Service to Others

## Metro Catholic Outreach



### ***Thinking about volunteering in 2025?***

Metro Catholic Outreach feeds over 140 local families per week, as well as helping with the needs of dozens of our city's homeless folks. We supply provisions to school children with weekend food insecurity, and we provide some rent or utilities assistance to households that need a boost out of tough situations.

We do this with a staff of only three — an Executive Director, a part-time Pantry Manager, and a part-time Volunteer Manager.

It is the 193 volunteers who really make things happen! Some folks volunteer once or twice per month, some volunteer every week or more. Others stop in when they can, or drop off much needed donations. Many of our volunteers come to us from our local Catholic parishes, but we also have countless volunteers from other area churches, or no church affiliation at all.

Our shifts are only two to three hours long, and the easy work is varied and interesting. Many friendships have formed in the small groups of six to eight who volunteer together. Sorting incoming donations, checking expiration dates, shelving food, putting together food boxes, greeting clients, loading groceries into cars, transporting donations from corporate donors, are just some of the tasks performed by our faithful pantry volunteers.

Our office volunteers answer phones, schedule families for their food pickups, greet clients coming in for assistance, organize clothing donations, assemble and distribute homeless bags.

Whatever your skill level, we can use your help in feeding and assisting local people who need us!

Give us a call or email us (contact info is below) for more information. We would be happy to give you a tour and find a place in one of our shifts that you can try.

Metro Catholic Outreach, 420 6th St. SE, Suite 120, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401. 319-739-5490  
Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Email: [metrocatholicoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:metrocatholicoutreach@gmail.com)

## Donor Contribution Statements for 2024



All donors were sent a link this week to access and print the donor contribution statement for 2024. Please help the parish by downloading this as soon as possible and printing it. For those who do not have access to a printer, we will have Finance Council volunteers at a table in the Narthex for the weekend of January 24/25. Statements may be picked up at that time. All remaining statements will remain in the parish office for pick-up until January 30, at which time they will be mailed to you. Please help the parish by either printing your statement at home or by picking in up between January 24 - January 30. Thank you for your cooperation.

Questions about your statement should be directed to Jeremy Lutz, Bookkeeper at [bookkeeper@allsaintscr.com](mailto:bookkeeper@allsaintscr.com) or 319-363-6130 ext 108.

## Save the Date(s) for a CEW



The Christian Experience Weekend, or CEW, is a renewal weekend for adults, designed to enable them to more deeply “experience” themselves and their relationship to God and the Christian community.

In Cedar Rapids there is a separate weekend each year for women and men. Both retreats are held at La Salle Middle School. This year the women’s weekend will be February 7 - 9. The men’s weekend will be February 21 - 23. The weekend begins on Friday evening and ends at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.

The weekend is specifically designed to focus on our self-worth and relationship with Christ but also how to carry that into our Christian mission. Save your spot soon for this retreat! You can register at [crcew.org](http://crcew.org) or contact the parish office for more information.

## Married Couples Looking for a New Year’s Resolution?



Why not make a commitment to do something to improve your marriage - like making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? The upcoming weekend dates are April 25-27 in Epworth, IA & September 12-14 in Dubuque, IA. For more info call Denise and Greg at (563) 608-3305 or register at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org)

## “9 Days for Life” Novena: Jan. 16 - 24



In January, join Catholics nationwide in prayer for the protection of human life! You can download the “9 Days for Life” novena or get the daily prayers and reflections by email or text message at <https://www.usccb.org/january-22>.

## Iowa Catholic Conference 2025 Priorities Webinar



The Iowa Catholic Conference is the official public policy voice of the bishops of Iowa, advocating on their behalf at the state capital. At 7 pm on January 30th, the ICC will host a webinar to discuss issues of interest in the upcoming legislative session. All are welcome to participate by registering here: [ICC- Advocating for Justice in 2025 webinar](#)

# All Saints Foundation



The new budget envelopes afford the opportunity to make a lasting impact on the future life of All Saints Parish through either a one-time or an on-going gift to the All Saints Foundation. Allocating \$50 per month for 10 years yields a gift of \$6,000. This can be adjusted to meet your financial goals and annual needs. As these donations grow the corpus of the All Saints Education and Sustainability Endowment Fund, we benefit each year with the opportunity to receive 4% of the growth and interest to use in our efforts to Love God-Serve Others-Form Disciples. If you would like to discuss how to incorporate a dedicated monthly donation to the

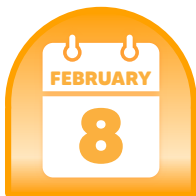
All Saints Foundation in addition to your financial generosity in helping to run our current operations, please email Tracy Huk at [businessmgr@allsaintscr.com](mailto:businessmgr@allsaintscr.com) or call 319-363-6130 ext. 111.

## Upcoming Fellowship After Mass



“Come join Parish Life and Social Justice Committees for fellowship after each Mass the weekend of January 25-26. Enjoy Parish Life’s Cinnamon Rolls and Hot Chocolate in conjunction with Social Justice’s sock/mitten/hat drive. Your generous donations will be distributed to those in need. Let’s help keep our community warm this year. Looking forward to seeing you!”

## Save the Date

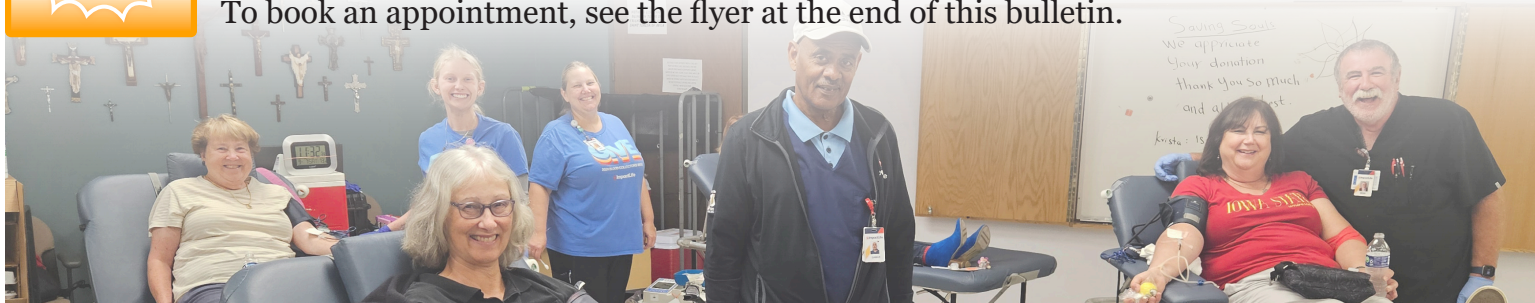


February 8th, after 4:00 PM Mass, Parish Life will be hosting a ‘Good Old Fashion Potluck’ after 4:00 PM Mass on February 8th. More to follow.

## Blood Drive Time!



The new year hasn’t begun without its challenges. As we direct our prayers toward New Orleans and now Los Angeles, let’s not forget that events such as those experienced by the aforementioned communities make the need for blood donations that much more important. Our next All Saints blood drive is scheduled for Saturday, February 22 from 9 a.m. until Noon. To book an appointment, see the flyer at the end of this bulletin.



# NEWS from Notre Dame de Lourdes



It's time for some good news! You can read all the bad news you want in the newspapers and on TV news channels. Much like here in the US, bad news, sensational images, and horrific behaviors sell newspapers and ads. Not that life in Haiti isn't difficult and there is much to fear in the people's everyday lives but... there are some good things too.

Father Viller celebrated Christmas mass on Christmas Eve in Ducrabon and then traveled by motorcycle to celebrate Christmas Day mass in Mareminerve. Then, he traveled to St Michel – a five-and-a-half-hour trek on foot, to celebrate Epiphany mass. You can see by the photos that the celebrations were wonderful, and the people overjoyed by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Like us when all is going bad around us, we still have our families, we still have our church and we can still celebrate both with joy and thanksgiving. This is how people in our sister parish and all over the world continue to have hope.

Quick update on funds. Father Viller is distributing teacher salaries as quickly as possible, which is not quick. He is confident that the experiences he has had in the last couple years will help him to be more successful going forward. He is trying some new things!

Please keep Father Viller and all of our brothers and sisters in Haiti in your prayers this year. But don't forget to pray for the leaders, politicians, and gang members. We are all God's children and some need prayers more than others!

***Jwaje Nwèl e Bon Ane from Father Viller!***





## Mass Intentions

Tues. January 20 8:00 am  
† Susan Rhomberg

Wed. January 21 8:00 am  
† John Creen

Thurs. January 22 8:30 am  
† John Behounek

Fri. January 23 8:00 am  
† Joanne Trcka

Sat. January 24 4:00 pm  
† Ray Buresh

Sun. January 25 9:00 am  
For the People

## Scripture Readings

Week of January 19, 2025

### Sunday:

Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11 (66)

### Monday:

Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22 (311)

### Tuesday:

Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28 (312)

### Wednesday:

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6 (313)

### Thursday:

Heb 7:25-8:6/Mk 3:7-12 (314)

### Friday:

Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19 (315)

### Saturday:

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18 (519)

### Sunday:

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21 (69)

## 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)).

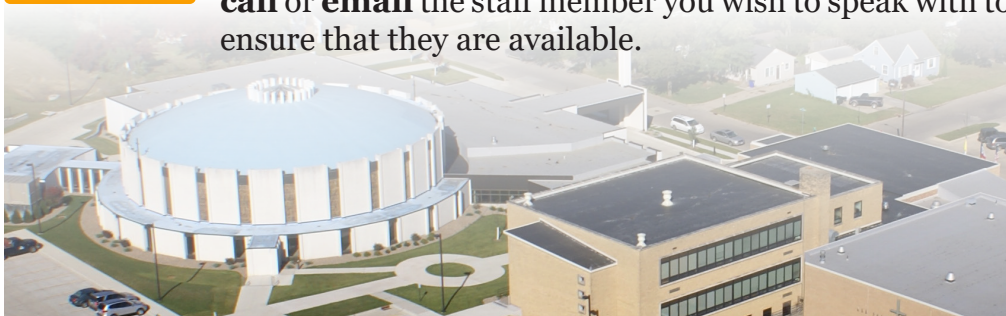
ALL SAINTS NIGHTS: 2nd & 5th Tuesday, 3rd Monday  
All volunteers in sixth grade and up are welcome. Sign up at:  
<https://signup.com/go/vJYiFPm>

## 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

## From Principal Starr

Dear Families,

It has been a wonderful first week back to begin 2025. Second semester begins with a variety of events. On January 22nd, we will hold our NEW family Open House. If you have family or friends who may be interested in joining the All Saints community, please share our invitation with them. We will celebrate Catholic Schools Week at the end of the month, with our annual Sock Hop wrapping up our week on January 31st from 6:00-8:00 pm.

You may have also seen our exciting announcement of adding infant and toddler childcare, beginning in August '25. This is an exciting time for our All Saints families. Marketing has begun with our internal families and parishioners and phone calls have already started to come in. If you have family or friends who may be looking for care, I'd encourage them to inquire soon to ensure a spot is still available. We look forward to serving our families by providing additional childcare options!

Blessings,

Ms. Starr



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**ELEMENTARY OPEN HOUSE**  
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22, 2025 | 5:30-6:30 PM

**XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**



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

## Ministry Schedule

January 18, 4:00 PM Saturday

### Sacristan

Peg Schmitz

### Extraordinary Ministers

Jean Bell

Aaron Kelly

Suzanne Lammers

Sara Lang

Ellen Mouw

Mike Powell

Marvin Stallman

### Altar Servers

Dylan Lang

Alexandra Lang

Caleb Lang

### Lectors

Theresa Harker

Riley Hoover

### Hospitality Ministers

Sue Bright

Jen Colby

Chris Colby

Barb Lindstrom

Brian Talyat

Lauri Talyat

January 19, 9:00 AM Sunday

### Sacristan

Sherry Casey

### Extraordinary Ministers

Tom Amosson

Chris Conway

Brian Conway

Mary Jo Goerdt

Terry Goerdt

Stephanie Guzman

Wade Johnson

### Altar Servers

Kendra Beeler

Addison Johnson

Henry Johnson

### Lectors

Robin Brown

JoAnn Hand

### Hospitality Ministers

Jeanne Amosson

Chase Philpott

Pete Rethwisch

Bea Rethwisch

Maureen Wolf

Dave Wolf

# Ministry Schedule

January 25, 4:00 PM Saturday

## Sacristan

Cynthia Gunsolly

## Extraordinary Ministers

Kathi Grainger

Aaron Kelly

John Myers

Kourtne Powell

Mike Powell

Stephen Schmitz

Marvin Stallman

## Altar Servers

Sean Kelly

Logan Kelly

Stella Lippe

## Lectors

Stacy Cataldo

Joseph Cataldo

## Hospitality Ministers

Elie AbouRaad

Daniel Greene

Dick Kettelkamp

Marcia Myers

Tom Takes

Mike Votroubek

January 26, 9:00 AM Sunday

## Sacristan

Sherry Casey

## Extraordinary Ministers

Cate Biro

Maureen Dale Ernst

Maureen Ernst

John Ernst

John Michael

Gregory O'Connell

Becky Weininger

## Altar Servers

Lucy Klappholz

Ava Szymanowski

Logan Weininger

## Lectors

Mick Erdman

Tasha Tatara

## Hospitality Ministers

Jeanne Amosson

Stephanie Klappholz

Mike Klappholz

Tony Satariano

Chris Shimon

Diane Weimer

# Family Ministry

January 19, 2025 • 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time • John 2:1-11

## Jesus' First Miracle: The Wedding Feast at Cana

*Jesus and his friends attend a wedding in the town of Cana. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine" (v. 3). At his mother's request Jesus turns water into wine, thus sparing the host the humiliation of running out of wine. This is Jesus' first miracle—a miracle that went unnoticed except for Jesus' friends, his mother and the servers.*

Even Jesus needed a gentle push from his mother to embark on his mission. When she mentions the problem of the wine, Jesus tells her it isn't his time yet. Mary, ignoring his protest, instructs the servers to do whatever he tells them. She knows her son. After all, she raised him, and she taught him the virtue of compassion.

I don't often think of Jesus as a child, but when I do I have to remind myself that he was a regular little boy. We know he never sinned, but if he was human he must have made mistakes. Like all good parents, Jesus' mother and father had to teach him to face his problems, deal with them and, if possible, fix them. It's obvious from this story of the wedding at Cana that they also taught him to be aware of other people's problems too.

Compassion, caring about others, is an essential quality for Christians. Help your children notice the little things: to see when their sibling or friend needs help. Open their eyes to the details of life. Help them develop empathy for those who are hurting, including the unspoken hurts of frustration, embarrassment, humiliation or defeat. Teach them to ask themselves: How would I feel? What can I do? Answer those questions with them when they are young.

Jesus' first miracle happened at a party because his mother pointed out that someone was in need. There was no big fanfare, no huge audience. Jesus responded, as he knew he should, as his parents had taught him. And his public ministry was launched.

## FAMILY RESPONSE

Have each family member name a talent that each other family member has. The same talent cannot be named more than once.

## PERSONAL RESPONSE

Compassion is feeling the pain of another. Acting compassionately is doing something in a positive way about it. How compassionate are you? Think of something that happened this week where you showed (or could have shown) your compassion.

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## The Jubilee Year Begins

On Sunday, December 29, Archbishop Thomas Zinkula celebrated Mass at the Cathedral of St. Raphael to mark the opening of the Jubilee Year in harmony with dioceses worldwide. The Archbishop presided at the celebration, which began with a procession led by the Metropolitan Cross and included the blessing of water and the sprinkling of the assembly.

The Cathedral parish is currently undergoing renovations, but this isn't stopping the celebration of Jubilee events. Fr. Dennis Quint, Pastor at both the Cathedral and St. Patrick in Dubuque, is celebrating a Jubilee Prayer Service for Health Care Workers at St. Patrick on Saturday, April 5, at 10:00 a.m. "There will be time for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions as well as part of our Lenten observance," said Fr. Quint.

Parish leaders are planning a multi-tiered approach to welcoming parishioners, local Catholics, and the faithful throughout the archdiocese to the Cathedral when the renovation is complete.

**Center Photo:** Archbishop Thomas Zinkula stands next to the Metropolitan Cross, which was chosen to lead the procession and open the celebratory year as it has led processions for so many special liturgical celebrations of the Church in Northeast Iowa. Metropolitan crosses have a second crossbar, which represents the plaque on the Cross of Christ containing the inscription INRI (Jesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum - Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews) and are used in liturgies celebrated by the metropolitan of a province. The Archbishop of Dubuque is the Metropolitan of the Province of Dubuque, which includes the dioceses of Davenport, Des Moines, and Sioux City.



Archbishop Thomas Zinkula

## Renewal and Calling: The Propaedeutic Stage in Light of the Jubilee Year

By Cassie Bird

The Jubilee Year has historically been a time of renewal. The Jubilee serves as a reminder that God is close to his people and provides for them, calling them to grow closer to Him and provide for one another.

Three seminarians have entered into their own phase of spiritual growth and reflection this year, in the Propaedeutic Stage of their seminary formation.

In 2023, the Holy See and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops added an introductory "Propaedeutic Stage" to priestly formation. This year is a dedicated period to focus intensely on spiritual and human development by cultivating the skills they need to live in community and lay the foundations of spiritual life. Prayer is at the heart of this period.

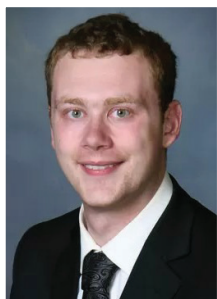
Sean Hamilton, Matt Mitchell, and Cory Rude are the first in the Archdiocese of Dubuque to take part in this new stage of formation.

Fr. Mark Murphy, Archdiocesan Vocations Director, explains, "This initial year in seminary formation is meant to be a time of further discernment as a man moves from whatever he was doing previously (work or school) into seminary life with a focus on developing the spiritual and human dimensions of a person."

Read on to hear from the three seminarians in the Archdiocese of Dubuque who have entered into this Propaedeutic Stage.

## Sean Hamilton - Propaedeutic Stage

Home Parish: St. Ludmila in Cedar Rapids



Sean Hamilton

The past three months have been some of the best of my life! Being a seminarian involves a lot of classes and prayer, but what has been the most interesting and challenging for me has been all the things that happen outside of the chapel and classroom. New this year, the Propaedeutic Stage seminarians spend Tuesdays and Thursdays at Divine Word College in Epworth, IA. Divine Word College is a college/seminary for the Society of the Divine Word (DW), an international missionary order of religious. The culture at DW is second to none, everyone is truly welcome and knows they are part of the community. DW is a truly international campus that has over 20 different countries represented among the student body. I have had the privilege to partake in several multicultural masses and non-English masses. Seeing how different cultures celebrate Mass is fascinating and has really opened my eyes to the universal church.

Another eye-opening experience has been living in a community. Learning how to disagree and remain brothers has been a new experience for me. A part of living together that I am surprised to find enjoyable is the structure that regular prayer hours provide. Every weekday, we gather as a community at 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. for prayer. These regular times force me to set aside schoolwork or other activities and join the community in raising our hearts to God. In many ways, my entire day is centered around these hours and so these two hours provide a constant rock in an otherwise changing schedule.

Thank you very much for your support of my brothers and myself as we discern our vocations!

## Matt Mitchell - Propaedeutic Stage

Home Parish: St. Thomas Aquinas in Ames



Matt Mitchell

My name is Matt Mitchell and I am a first year Propaedeutic Stage seminarian for Dubuque. I entered formation in August of this year. This is the first year the Archdiocese is integrating the Propaedeutic Stage so, in many ways, we are serving as 'guinea pigs' for future seminarians. I'd like to comment on a few aspects of this formation stage that I have found very helpful in my discernment towards the priesthood.

First, the creation of another year of formation that is primarily focused on the human and spiritual growth within a man is invaluable. The wisdom of the Church desired this stage for men to encounter deeper stirrings of the heart and soul without the distraction of demanding academics. This is a blessing. In the context of seminary, many deep issues

arise regarding a man's past, his woundedness, and how he believes God sees him. This year grants space for these deep issues to be looked at, accepted, and improved in the tender gaze of God. Second, separation from the world is a huge part of this year. Participating in technology fasts, entering into silence, and growing in obedience have allowed me to fall in love with God once more and to fully abandon my cares to Him. Finally, this Propaedeutic Stage has given me space and time to further my understanding of philosophical and theological material. We have taken deep dives into topics such as Theology of the Body, Lectio Divina, and Philosophy. Each of these topics expand one's capacity for prayer and have further reminded me of how ripe God is in every element of life.

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***Overall, this first semester has been a blessing to be in. The peace, consolation, and rest that seminary has provided me with in this Propaedeutic Stage is what I hope so many others can experience.***

- Matt Mitchell

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## Cory Rude - Propaedeutic Stage

Home Parish: St. Ludmila in Cedar Rapids



Cory Rude

I would like to start off by praising God for the beautiful gift of seminary formation. By no means or stretch of the imagination has this been an easy four months, but boy oh boy has it been worth it! I am nearly done with my first semester in the Propaedeutic Stage of seminary formation. Propaedeutic is essentially a "fancy" way of saying preparation. The main goal of this first year of formation is to center my life on Jesus Christ and to focus on the human and spiritual pillars of formation.

There is an oft repeated refrain of "We need more priests! Why on earth is the church adding another year to seminary formation... Don't they understand we are in a vocations crisis?"

While it is understandable that people are concerned and desire more shepherds to tend the Lord's flock, it is important that we trust the guidance of the Holy Mother Church. The Church, as I have been told, doesn't just need "more bodies", it needs healthy and happy priests. On that note, I am learning so very much about myself and people in general. To use a construction analogy, I am laying the foundation (through the guidance of the Holy Mother Church) for a healthy vocation, whatever that may end up being. I believe that God is calling me to "shepherd His flock and serve His people" and this is the first step!

*In February's issue of Together we will be featuring the monthly 2025 Jubilee Year focus of Armed Forces, Police, and Security Officials.*

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# The Gospel at Home

## This Week's Gospel: John 2:1-11

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus begins his public ministry at a wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. He saves the groom some embarrassing moments by providing a fresh supply of wine. Jesus demonstrates that he brings people together in joy and that he uses human events to convey his message that the Kingdom of God is at hand.

### Exploring the Gospel Message

**Seeds (Preschool):** Your child's feelings of love, security, and trust stem from experiences in your family. This week in class the lesson helped your child understand that he or she belongs to a family and to appreciate the love and concern there. Take time this week to talk together about the experiences you all share, and be especially aware of what your young child needs from you. Have your child show you the drawing from page 4 of the lesson.

**Promise (Grades K-1):** This week your child explored the ways he or she makes a difference to family and friends. Your child learned about Jesus' blessing a young bride and groom with his presence. This is a good week to share how your family shows the love and care that Jesus expressed by saving the wedding couple from embarrassment. Have your child tell you the story, "Michael Brings Joy," from this week's lesson.

**Good News (Grades 2-3):** This week your child learned about the Seven Sacraments. Encourage your child to share what each of the sacraments means. As a family, share experiences of receiving the sacraments or how the sacraments are part of your life as a family. Your child may be preparing for First Communion; plan ways for the whole family to join in the preparation.

**Venture (Grades 4-6):** Your young person's class learned how the sacraments offer Jesus' loving and healing actions. Starting with the Gospel of the Wedding at Cana, the class saw how Jesus used a sign to make a difference in people's lives and to form a community. What are the welcoming, healing, and loving signs your family shares with others? Ask your youngster to teach the "Sacramental Life" game to the family, and play it together.

**Visions (Grades 7-8):** This week's lesson used the Gospel of the Wedding at Cana to teach about all the sacraments. Your youngster talked about the ways that the sacraments make our faith visible. Ask your youngster to share the symbols, words, and gestures of the sacraments with the family. Talk together about what the sacraments mean for your family. How can you help one another participate regularly in Eucharist and Reconciliation? How have the other sacraments made an impact on your family?

**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

Try to join in a morning or evening prayer together each day for a week. The prayer does not have to be formal, structured, or long. Say a special prayer in your own words for all the weddings that will occur this week that God may bless the couples and keep them faithful, safe, and loving.



# THE FORGE

## CONFERENCE



**SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025 | 8:30AM-3:30PM**  
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To sign up to ride a bus from Cedar Rapids to the conference, email [jfrieden4@gmail.com](mailto:jfrieden4@gmail.com)



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*Boys and Girls, Ages 9-14*

Location: Activity Center at St. Ludmila Catholic Parish

Date: January 26th 2025 Time: Noon - 3pm

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Contact: Victor Randolph 319-551-7693



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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>.