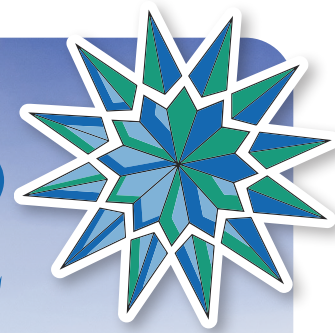


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**February 1 & February 2, 2025;
The Presentation of the Lord**

*A light of
revelation to the
Gentiles, and glory
for your people
Israel.*

Luke 2:32

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am

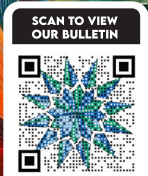
WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday 8:00 am
Wednesday 8:00 am
Thursday 8:30 am
Friday 8:00 am

A Long-Awaited Moment



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Please Pray for the Following People

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



Catie Barta, † Sister Brigid O'Connell, RSM, and † Kevin Conway.

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



When we join a support group, there is comfort in sharing our pain with people who have experienced the same thing; they understand what we are going through. The next time you experience suffering, talk to Jesus. He has experienced more suffering than most of us, He understands. Plus, Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. Only He can fill the hole **Stewards** feel in their hearts.

A Weekly Tip on Caring for Our Common Home



If possible, opt to pay your bills online. It's quick and convenient and reduces paper use. Choosing to receive bills, bank statements and the like electronically can save a huge number of trees, and in that way help to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions.

For the Married Couples



“The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him (Luke 22:40). Simeon and Anna help Mary and Joseph begin to understand the unique role their child will play in salvation history. Who helps you to hear God's call in your own life?

Donor Contribution Statements for 2024



All donor contribution statement for 2024 that were not downloaded or picked up after Mass last weekend have been mailed. Questions about your statement should be directed to Jeremy Lutz, Bookkeeper at bookkeeper@allsaintscr.com or 319-363-6130 ext 108.

Everyday Metanoia



Welcome to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord and also World Day for Consecrated Life. After first reading through all of God's Word for today, I felt very overwhelmed. All of them are packed with ideas and themes to explore. I truly didn't know how to narrow it down. And then an idea popped into my head - what would Pope Francis say? He focuses on the movement contained within the Gospel and does it so beautifully and with so much wisdom and grace, that I can't not share it. Pope Francis largely addressed the consecrated community, but we can insert ourselves as lay people just as well in all of what he brings to light.

"Two elderly people, Simeon and Anna, await in the Temple the fulfilment of the promise that God made to his people: the coming of the Messiah. Yet theirs is no passive expectation, it is full of movement. Let us look at what Simeon does. First, he is moved by the Spirit; then he sees salvation in the Child Jesus and finally he takes him into his arms. Let us simply consider these three actions and reflect on some important questions for us and in particular for the consecrated life. First, what moves us? Simeon goes to the Temple, "moved by the spirit". The Holy Spirit is the protagonist in this scene. He makes Simeon's heart burn with desire for God. He keeps expectation alive in his heart: He impels him to go to the Temple and he enables his eyes to recognize the Messiah, even in the guise of a poor little baby. That is what the Holy Spirit does: he enables us to discern God's presence and activity not in great things, in outward appearances or shows of force, but in littleness and vulnerability. Think of the cross. There too we find littleness and vulnerability, but also something dramatic: the power of God. Those words "moved by the spirit" remind us of what ascetic theology calls "movements of the Spirit": those movements of the soul that we recognize within ourselves and are called to test, in order to discern whether they come from the Holy Spirit or not. Be attentive to the interior movements of the Spirit. We can also ask, who mostly moves us? Is it the Holy Spirit, or the spirit of this world? This a question that everyone, consecrated persons in particular, needs to ask. The Spirit moves us to see God in the littleness and vulnerability of a baby, yet we at times risk seeing our consecration only in terms of results, goals and success: we look for influence, for visibility, for numbers. This is a temptation. The Spirit, on the other hand, asks for none of this. He wants us to cultivate daily fidelity and to be attentive to the little things entrusted to our care. How touching is the fidelity shown by Simeon and Anna! Each day they go to the Temple, each day they keep watch and pray, even though time passes and nothing seems to happen. They live their lives in expectation, without discouragement or complaint, persevering in fidelity and nourishing the flame of hope that the Spirit has kindled in their hearts.

Brothers and sisters, we can ask, what moves our days? What is the love that makes us keep going? Is it the Holy Spirit, or the passion of the moment, or something else? How do we "move" in the Church and in society? Sometimes, even behind the appearance of good works, the canker of narcissism, or the need to stand out, can be concealed. In other cases, even as we go about doing many things, our religious communities can appear moved more by mechanical repetition – acting out of habit, just to keep busy – than by enthusiastic openness to the Holy Spirit. All of us would do well today to examine our interior motivations and discern our spiritual movements, so that the renewal of consecrated life may come about, first and foremost, from there. A second question: What do our eyes see? Simeon, moved by the Spirit, sees and recognizes Christ. And he prays, saying: "My eyes have seen your salvation". This is the great miracle of faith: it opens eyes, transforms gazes, changes perspectives. As we know from Jesus' many encounters in the Gospel, faith is born of the compassionate gaze with which God looks upon us, softening the hardness of our hearts, healing our wounds and giving us new eyes to look at ourselves and at our world. New ways to see ourselves, others and all the situations that we experience, even those that are most painful. This gaze is not naïve but sapiential. A naïve gaze flees reality and refuses to see problems. A sapiential gaze, however, can "look within" and "see beyond". It is a gaze that does not stop at appearances, but can enter into the very cracks of our weaknesses and failures, in order to discern God's presence even there. The eyes of the elderly Simeon, albeit dimmed by the years, see the Lord. They see salvation. What about us? Each of us can ask: what do our eyes see? What is our vision of consecrated life? The world often sees it as "a waste": "look at that fine young person becoming a friar or a nun, what a waste! If at least they were ugly... but what a waste"! That is how we think. The world perhaps sees this as a relic of the past, something useless. But we, the Christian community, men and women religious, what do we see? Are our eyes turned only inward, yearning for something that no longer exists, or are we capable of a farsighted gaze of faith, one that looks both within and beyond? To have the wisdom to look at things – this is a gift of the Spirit – to look at things well, to see them in perspective, to grasp reality. I am greatly edified when I see older consecrated men and women whose eyes are bright, who continue to smile and in this way to give hope to the young. Let us think of all those times when we encountered such persons, and bless God for this. For their eyes are full of hope and openness to the future. And perhaps we would do well, in these days, to go make a visit to our elderly religious brothers and sisters, to see them, to talk with them, to ask questions, to hear what they are thinking. I consider this a good medicine. (cont. on next page)

Everyday Metanoia (cont.)

Brothers and sisters, the Lord never fails to give us signs that invite us to cultivate a renewed vision of consecrated life. We need to do this, but in the light of the Holy Spirit and docile to his movements. We cannot pretend not to see these signs and go on as usual, doing the same old things, drifting back through inertia to the forms of the past, paralyzed by fear of change. I have said this over and over again: nowadays the temptation to go back, for security, out of fear, in order to preserve the faith or the charism of the founder... is a temptation. The temptation to go back and preserve “traditions” with rigidity. Let’s get this into our head: rigidity is a perversion, and beneath every form of rigidity there are grave problems. Neither Simeon or Anna were rigid; no, they were free and had the joy of celebrating: Simeon by praising the Lord and prophesying with courage to the child’s mother. Anna, like a good old woman, kept saying: “Look at them!” “Look at this!” She spoke with joy, her eyes full of hope. None of the inertia of the past, no rigidity. Let us open our eyes: the Spirit is inviting us amid our crises – and crises there are –, our decreasing numbers – “Father, there are no vocations, now we will go to the ends of the earth to see if we can find one” – and our diminishing forces, to renew our lives and our communities. And how do we do this? He will show us the way. Let us open our hearts, with courage and without fear. Let us look at Simeon and Anna: although they were advanced in years, they did not spend their days mourning a past that never comes back, but instead embraced the future opening up before them. Brothers and sisters, let us not waste today by looking back at yesterday, or dreaming of a tomorrow that will never come; instead, let us place ourselves before the Lord in adoration and ask for eyes to see goodness and to discern the ways of God. The Lord will give them to us, if we ask him. With joy, with courage, without fear. Finally, a third question: what do we take into our own arms? Simeon took Jesus into his arms. It is a touching scene, full of meaning and unique in the Gospels. God has placed his Son in our arms too, because embracing Jesus is the essential thing, the very heart of faith. Sometimes we risk losing our bearings, getting caught up in a thousand different things, obsessing about minor issues or plunging into new projects, yet the heart of everything is Christ, embracing him as the Lord of our lives.

When Simeon took Jesus into his arms, he spoke words of blessing, praise and wonder. And we, after so many years of consecrated life, have we lost the ability to be amazed? Do we still have this capacity? Let us examine ourselves on this, and if someone does not find it, let him or her ask the grace of amazement, amazement before the wonders that God is working in us, hidden, like those in the temple, when Simeon and Anna encountered Jesus. If consecrated men and women lack words that bless God and other people, if they lack joy, if their enthusiasm fails, if their fraternal life is only a chore, if amazement is lacking, that is not the fault of someone or something else. The real reason is that our arms no longer embrace Jesus. And when the arms of a consecrated man or woman do not embrace Jesus, they embrace a vacuum which they try to fill with other things, but it remains a vacuum. To take Jesus into our arms: this is the sign, the journey, the recipe for renewal. When we fail to take Jesus into our arms, our hearts fall prey to bitterness. It is sad to see religious who are bitter: closed up in complaining about things that never go right, in a rigidity that makes them inflexible, in attitudes of supposed superiority. They are always complaining about something: the superior, their brothers or sisters, the community, the food... They live for something to complain about. But we have to embrace Jesus in adoration and ask for eyes capable of seeing the goodness and discerning the ways of God. If we embrace Christ with open arms, we will also embrace others with trust and humility. Then conflicts will not escalate, disagreements will not divide, and the temptation to domineer and to offend the dignity of others will be overcome. So let us open our arms to Christ and to all our brothers and sisters. For that is where Jesus is. Dear friends, today let us joyfully renew our consecration! Let us ask ourselves what “moves” our hearts and actions, what renewed vision we are being called to cultivate, and above all else, let us take Jesus into our arms. Even if at times we experience fatigue and weariness – this too happens –, let us do as Simeon and Anna did. They awaited with patience the fidelity of the Lord and did not allow themselves to be robbed of the joy of the encounter with him. Let us advance to the joy of the encounter: this is beautiful! Let us put the Lord back in the center, and press forward with joy. Amen.”

Let’s take the Pope’s message to prayer at least of couple of times this week and ask ourselves how we see, move and act in concert with the Holy Spirit. We are called to know awe and amazement as we move with the Spirit. Through time spent in prayer, may God renew us and our hearts!

See you at Mass!
Tracy Huk, Business Manager
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Upcoming dates of Importance



- Catholic Charities Appeal weekend kick-off February 8 and 9. This appeal provides over 50% of Catholic Charities' annual operating budget and directly impacts the lives of at least 78 people in Northeast Iowa every single day. Catholic Charities is asking that parishioners return their donation directly to Catholic Charities by mail.
- Father Jack will provide the sacrament of anointing of the sick at both weekend Masses on February 15 and 16.
- Girl Scout cookies will be available for sale after Mass on Saturday, February 15.
- Nomination Weekend will be held at both Masses on March 1 and 2.
- Ash Wednesday is March 5 at 8:30 AM and 5:30 PM in the sanctuary.

All Saints Foundation



Legacy planning is financial and estate planning, deciding where your assets go at a later time. It is for most adults, no matter their income or age. If you own property or care for minors, then it is of particular importance. God has entrusted His gifts to you. Good stewardship also involves good estate planning, taking care of the needs of loved ones and the organizations you value.

Legacy giving allows individuals to give from their assets and not just from their income and, in many cases, allows people to make gifts they never dreamed possible in ways they may have never considered. The result? Donors are provided with another means to express the profound love they have for All Saints Parish. They have been empowered to sustain the faith even after their lifetime. Our legacy planning partner, the Catholic Foundation in the Archdiocese of Dubuque (CFAD), has many resources on legacy giving. You can access them at OurCFAD.org.

If you would like to talk about how you could make a lasting impact on the future of All Saints Parish please contact Tracy Huk at 319-363-6130 ext 111 or businessmgr@allsaintscr.com.

Service to Others *Metro Catholic Outreach*



Week of Winter Woes

Extreme temperatures recently presented our clients and all of us with several challenges.

Our Tuesday evening distribution was cancelled, due to temps and windchills. This involved not only contacting and rescheduling all thirty families on the list to pick up groceries, but all our volunteers also. Thanks to those volunteering in our office on Tuesday and all week for all the persistent phone calls and working the cancellations back into the Wednesday and Thursday schedules.

Our homeless clients were, of course, impacted the most by this weather. We are now OUT of warm gloves, and it's still a long way to March. Please think of those who spend their days and nights outside when you are shopping for your own families.

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 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

A Good Old Fashioned Potluck



Parish Life would like to invite you to a Good Old Fashioned Potluck on February 8th after 4:00 PM Mass. Bring your favorite potluck dish to share with your family and friends. Drinks will be provided too. Looking forward to seeing you!

Parishioner Database Update



Thank you for completing the online and paper forms to assist the staff in updating our parish database. The next step will be for Pastoral Council members to call or email the households we did not hear from in order to verify their information. The final step will be to provide instructions and assist parishioners to upload pictures of their household so that we can fully utilize our database as an on-line directory. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Tracy Huk at businessmgr@allsaintscr.com or call at 319-363-6130 ext.111.

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.

Archbishop Reflection



Archbishop Reflects on Jesus' Pierced Side During Ecumenical Worship Service

DUBUQUE, Iowa (Archdiocese of Dubuque) – Ministers from various local churches gathered in Loehe Chapel on the campus of Wartburg Theological Seminary (WTS) to lead an ecumenical service celebrating the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU). An annual observance, WPCU has a history spanning over 100 years, during which Christians around the world have participated in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper: "That they all may be one" (cf. John 17:21).¹

The service included welcoming remarks from Rev. Dr. Kristin Johnston Largen, President of WTS; brief historical and scriptural reflections from local ministers; hymns; the chanting of Psalm 131; a Gospel reading and corresponding reflection from Archbishop Thomas Zinkula; the recitation of the Nicene Creed; intercessions; and the Lord's Prayer.

The service was led by Deacon Brian Zeman of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, who later reflected on the experience and his hope for continued partnerships:

"Participating in the worship service helped remind me of the commonalities we have with our brothers and sisters in Christ. In an ever more secularized society I feel it is important we reach out to our fellow followers of Christ, so together we can proclaim God's love to those who need it. I hope we are able to foster and grow this valuable collaboration."

Archdiocesan Chancellor Dr. Janine Idziak assisted in lighting candles for the assembly, an act symbolizing the common faith of baptized Christians, who are called to be the light of the world—a light received from Christ through one another. After the event, Dr. Idziak commented on the desired outcome of recent ecumenical experiences:

"The Archdiocese of Dubuque has co-sponsored several conferences and worship services with Wartburg Theological Seminary. These have been gratifying, Spirit-filled events. Our challenge now is to broaden the scope of our ecumenical initiatives and move ecumenical work out into parish life."

Archbishop Zinkula read **John 20:24–29** (the risen Lord's appearance to Thomas) and offered a reflection on Jesus' pierced side. Referring to disputes, schisms, and Church councils in antiquity as acts that either reopen or heal Christ's wounded side, the archbishop appealed for greater ecumenical accompaniment, saying: (cont. on next page)

Archbishop Reflection (cont.)



“The only way to heal deep wounds is to acknowledge them, to see them, to name them, to touch them as Thomas did; to treat them. In order to heal the wounds of a divided Church, separated Christians have to have the courage to be open to conversion and repentance, and the humility to foster reconciliation and communion.”

Archbishop Zinkula offered a joint path forward, saying:

*“This healing requires formal, high-level ecumenical dialogue, like the one that led to the **Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification**, which we **celebrated here last year** on its twenty-fifth anniversary. This healing requires ecumenical worship, Bible study, social events, service to the poor, and joint events like this one during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.”*

The archbishop ended his reflection by articulating our collective woundedness and need for the Savior, teaching:

*“Thomas found God by seeing and touching Jesus’ wounded side. True faith actually is a wounded faith; a faith that fails to encounter darkness and doubt really is no faith at all. Picking up on the Jubilee 2025 theme, may we be ‘Pilgrims of Hope,’ trusting that God will squeeze grace out of the disunity of the Christian Church. Paraphrasing a passage from **Isaiah 53** slightly: ‘He was pierced for our sins, crushed for our disunity. He bore the punishment that makes us whole; by his wounds, we were healed.’ So, in our disunity, in the woundedness of the Body of Christ, may we find God. Together, may we encounter Christ there.”*



Mass Intentions

Tues. February 4 8:00 am
† John Creen

Wed. February 5 8:00 am
† Fr. John Anthony Moser

Thurs. February 6 8:30 am
† Jerry Vermeersch

Fri. February 7 8:00 am
† Rev. Paul Peters

Sat. February 8 4:00 pm
For the People

Sun. February 9 9:00 am
† Joanne Trcka

Scripture Readings

Week of February 2, 2025

Sunday:

Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or
2:22-32 (524)

Monday:

Heb 11:32-40/Mk 5:1-20 (323)

Tuesday:

Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43 (324)

Wednesday:

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6 (325)

Thursday:

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13 (326)

Friday:

Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29 (327)

Saturday:

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34 (328)

Sunday:

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/
Lk 5:1-11 (75)

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).

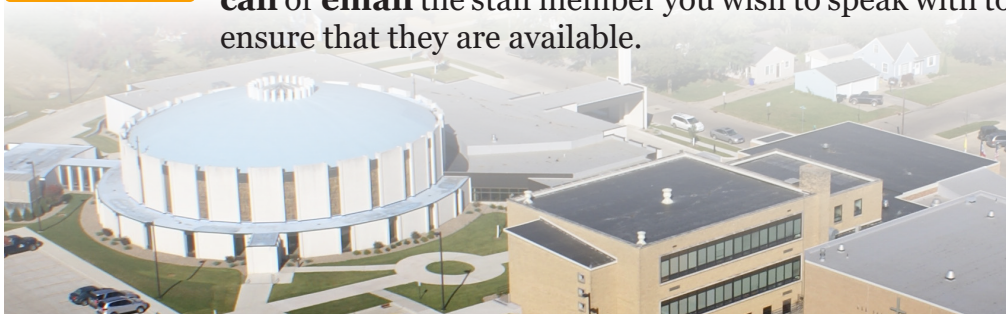
ALL SAINTS NIGHTS: 2nd & 5th Tuesday, 3rd Monday
All volunteers in sixth grade and up are welcome. Sign up at:
<https://signup.com/go/vJYiFPm>

Parish Office Hours



- Monday - Thursday - 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Friday - 8:00 am - 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

Take Away Hunger Packing Event



www.allsaints-crschool.org

Ministry Schedule

February 1, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan

Extraordinary Ministers

Jean Bell
Joseph Cataldo
Connie Deutmeyer
Kathi Grainger
Ellen Mouw
Kourtne Powell
Mike Powell

Altar Servers

Katrina Golobic
Ethan Meyer
Ilyzza Shea

Lectors

Stacy Cataldo
Joan Murrin

Hospitality Ministers

Daniel Greene
Dick Kettelkamp
Barb Lindstrom
Peg Schmitz
Mike Votroubek
Theresa Werner

February 2, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

Chris Conway

Extraordinary Ministers

Cate Biro
Sherry Casey
Maureen Dale Ernst
John Ernst
Nicole Johnson
John Michael
Chris Shimon

Altar Servers

Annemarie Jiacinto
Julien Jiacinto
Lucy Klappholz

Lectors

Brian Conway
Joe Jiacinto

Hospitality Ministers

Mike Klappholz
Stephanie Klappholz
Tyler Martin
Beth Martin
Tony Satariano
Diane Weimer

Ministry Schedule

February 8, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan

Jean Bell

Extraordinary Ministers

Joseph Cataldo

Connie Deutmeyer

Sara Lang

Daniel Prentice

Stephen Schmitz

Marvin Stallman

Becky Weininger

Altar Servers

Alexandra Lang

Caleb Lang

Dylan Lang

Lectors

Riley Hoover

Gavin Miller

Hospitality Ministers

Elie AbouRaad

Daniel Greene

Dick Kettelkamp

Barb Lindstrom

Mike Votroubek

Theresa Werner

February 9, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

Sherry Casey

Extraordinary Ministers

Tom Amosson

Stephanie Guzman

Ann Hunter

Bill Knapp

Dianne Knapp

Dennis Mullarkey

Bea Rethwisch

Altar Servers

Paige Ainsworth

Lewis Benfield

Charlie Hamilton

Lectors

Larry Hunter

Gregory O'Connell

Hospitality Ministers

Jason Ainsworth

Kim Ainsworth

Jeanne Amosson

Nicole Johnson

Chase Philpott

Diane Weimer

Family Ministry

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God's Messengers

Jesus is born in Bethlehem, and following Jewish law, he is circumcised eight days later. While Mary and Joseph are at the Temple for this ritual, they encounter two people. Simeon is a very old and devoted man. God has promised him that he would not die until he had set eyes on the Christ. Anna is an elderly prophetess. They both proclaimed Jesus as Israel's salvation.

On the night of Jesus' birth, the shepherds came to the stable to see if the message they received from the angels was true. How wonderful it must have been for Mary to hear their amazing story. Eight days later, when Jesus is taken to be circumcised, two others proclaim Jesus' greatness. Simeon and Anna and the shepherds reaffirmed for Mary the message to which she had said yes to nine months earlier.

Jesus' mother was certainly a woman of faith, but I wonder what went through her mind when Joseph told her there was no room for them at the inns. She must have been concerned about giving birth to the future Messiah in a stable. No doubt, Joseph made the space as clean and comfortable as possible. But Mary was a first-time mom, away from her family in a strange town; she must have been afraid and confused.

In the afterglow of giving birth, Mary undoubtedly forgot all of her concerns. Certainly her faith was reaffirmed as she looked at her beautiful baby boy. However, God, being a gracious God, also sent the shepherds, Simeon, and Anna so they could confirm the message, leaving no doubt in Mary's mind that all was well.

God may not send shepherds or prophets, but if we keep our eyes and ears open we may well discover God's messengers in our own life, people who affirm our faith and let us know that all is well. Like Mary, we need to remember those moments, reflecting on them often in our hearts, especially in times when our faith needs a lift.

FAMILY RESPONSE

As a family, talk about who are, or have been, the angels and messengers in your life.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

How have your children been God's messenger to you? What have they taught you about God or your faith?

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The Gospel at Home

This Week's Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

The Gospel for this Sunday is about Jesus' Presentation at the Temple. We hear Simeon and Anna's joy at meeting the Christ child who is the promised Messiah. The lessons all talk about Jesus as our light in the world. Another theme is the Jubilee Year 2025 underway right now in the Church.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): Your child learned that while everyone is different, God made each of us special. Talk with your young child about why Mary and Joseph took baby Jesus to the Temple. Make sure they understand why Simeon and Anna were so happy about meeting Jesus there.

Promise (Grades K-1): In class, your child learned that Jesus is the light of the world. Talk with your child about how light and darkness can change how things look or seem, and how that matters for our faith with Jesus as our light. Ask your son or daughter about Simeon who was waiting when Jesus' parents took him to the Temple for the Presentation.

Good News (Grades 2-3): The class learned about the Presentation of the Lord when his parents took the baby Jesus to the Temple. Your child also learned why two people, Simeon and Anna, were waiting to see Jesus at the Temple. Ask your son or daughter why both were happy to see the baby.

Venture (Grades 4-6): Your youngster learned why Jesus is our light in the world. Ask your son or daughter about Simeon and Anna who were waiting to see the Lord at the Presentation at the Temple. Discuss too how Harriet Tubman found freedom for many enslaved people in the United States. Talk about the Liturgy of the Eucharist and what happens to the bread and wine at Mass. Take some time to make plans for the Jubilee Year, which is also discussed in the lesson.

Visions (Grades 7-8): Your young person learned about why we call Jesus our light in the world. Have your son or daughter tell the family about Simeon and Anna from the Gospel readings. Take some time to discuss the Jubilee Year and make some plans to celebrate in 2025.

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

When you complete your conversation about the week's Gospel lesson, gather in a comfortable spot in your home. Let each person in the family ask in his or her own words for God's help to see Jesus as a light in their lives. Pray that your family can bring that light to others.



THE FORGE

CONFERENCE



**SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025 | 8:30AM-3:30PM
DES MOINES, IOWA**



Matt Birk

NFL Star, CEO,
Business Leader



**Father Boniface
Hicks, OSB**

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Scientist, Preacher



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Group Code: 1879

Last Date to Donate Elsewhere: 12/28/24

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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>.