

Love God • Serve Others • Form Disciples



February 8 & February 9, 2025; Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday



WEEKEND MASS TIMES Saturday 4:00

| 4:00 pm |
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| 9:00 am |

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

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

"Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man."



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Please Pray for the Following People (*Why* people want prayers isn't important, *the prayers are!*)



Catie Barta, & Kevin Conway, and Keri Farrell Thomas.

To add a name call Dan Alpers, at 363-6130, ext. 100. Names will be listed for four weeks and may be renewed. $\hat{\tau}$, Recently deceased will be listed for two weeks.

Stewardship Corner



Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new Stewardship ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling have the courage to walk through the door and say, "Here I am, Lord."

A Weekly Tip on Caring for Our Common Home



Make energy efficiency a primary consideration when buying items such as a furnace, dishwasher or refrigerator. Products labeled "Energy Star" are recognized for superior efficiency, which benefits the environment.

For the Married Couples



Today is World Marriage Day. We are reminded that marriage is a time for your love to impact the world. Just as Jesus told Simon to "Put out into deep water... for a catch" (Luke 5:4), find a way for you and your spouse to multiply your love through serving, feeding, or sharing the gospel with others today.

Donor Contribution Statements UPDATE



We issued 730 statements that had donations totaling \$250.00 or more. Parishioners downloaded 352 and picked up 221. If we had mailed all 730, we would have spent \$532.90 on postage, but since a total of 573 were downloaded or picked up we only spent \$114.61 saving the parish \$418.29. Thank you all for your efforts. - Jeremy Lutz - Bookkeeper

Everyday Metanoia



Welcome to the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. There are several great points in today's Gospel about discipleship - what it is, who it's meant for and what happens in the process. Let's explore a few of these today.

Edward Sri, in the beginning of his book, Into His Likeness, makes a key distinction between fans and followers that we see played out in Luke's Gospel many times. The difference serves as a significant turning point in Jesus' ministry in today's passage: are we true followers of Jesus or are we just a fan? It's usually easy to spot the fans in the Gospel as they are most often identified as "the crowd." The crowds come from near and far to hear Jesus teach, preach and to witness the healings and miracles. But just like many of the fans for sports,

music, literature, etc., if we lose interest, become dissatisfied or experience discontentment - we walk away, looking for the next cultural rage to cheer on and invest ourselves.

Luke's Gospel account of the call of the first disciples (the followers) varies slightly from the other three, but in a significant way. Up until this point, Jesus has been teaching in the synagogues or to the crowds of people who have come from all over to hear him speak and to witness his signs and wonders. Unlike the calling of the first disciples in Matthew, Mark and John, in Luke, we really get a sense that Jesus realizes that the fans are not going to help him with his ministry on earth - that what he needs are followers. As Edward Sri points out, "He had many fans. But he was looking for more than that. He was looking for souls who would follow him completely, as disciples." And Monika K. Hellwig in her article, The Reign of God is among You: Biblical and Theological Themes for Lay Leadership, adds, "…while he preached the good news to all, he invited a few chosen individuals to share both his life and his mission intimately as disciples, as apprentices working with him." What would our answer be if Jesus asked us if we are a fan or a follower?

As was true with the original disciples, Jesus is not looking for the most learned, the most popular or the flatterers. He does not want to be on the periphery of our lives. He wants to be at the very center of it. But what does that mean and what does it entail? "If there is one key word that sums up discipleship," says Edward Sri, "it's imitation - imitating the life of the teacher... not just knowing the content of the teachings, but putting them into practice every day." A pivotal moment for many is praying the surrender prayer, not just once, but at the start of everyday and even more then once a day if we encounter life challenges that pull us in many directions. St. Ignatius has a beautiful surrender prayer: "Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all that I have and possess. Thou hast given all to me. To thee, O Lord, I return it. All is Thine; dispose of it wholly according to Thy will. Give me Thy love and Thy grace, for this is sufficient for me." The prayer given to St. Faustina by Jesus is much simpler and maybe for that reason, all the more powerful: "Jesus I trust in you." Search 'surrender' on the Hallow app and there are several prayers and even some music to assist in the process and practice of surrender. As we practice this process on a daily basis, we become imitators of Christ - we become engaged in the process of metanoia. Edward Sri elaborates, "Over time, we start to think as [Jesus] thinks, see as he sees, love as he loves and act as he acts." This is discipleship and through our baptism we are all called to be Christ's disciple.

So we hear the call to be a follower and a disciple - what does that life look like? Peter Scazzero in his book, Emotionally Healthy Discipleship describes a lifelong process of discernment with the purposeful intention of doing for God out of a deep being with God. I emphasize the word purposeful because God gave us the gift of free will so that we choose whether or not to cooperate with His graces. Scazzero continues, "...the active life in the world for God can only properly flow from a deep inner life with God. When we integrate our doing for and our being with, our lives have a beauty, a harmony, and a clarity that makes the spiritual life both full and joyful!" In our fast-paced world today it is so easy to dismiss the time we need to keep God at the center. Excuses like 'one missed prayer time won't hurt' or my favorite 'I'll do it later,' can suddenly see us caught up in doing for several days, weeks or even years, before we suddenly realize that someone is missing - and that someone is God. Scazzero reminds us that "Before launching his public ministry of doing, Jesus spent almost 30 years in hiddenness and being, deeply establishing his identity and oneness with the Father. Once he launched his ministry, Jesus intentionally moved back and forth between doing active ministry and being alone with the Father."

Wondering where to start and how to keep God in the center? Start with a consistent weekend Mass practice. God's Word, the Eucharist, the community - it's all there to continue the salvific work of God. Monika Hellwig sums it up: "Jesus spoke largely of two concerns: in the first place, a trusting and responsive relationship to God the creator and savior, and in the second place, a generous, trusting and inclusively welcoming relationship of people with one another."

See you at Mass! Tracy Huk, Business Manager, businessmgr@allsaintscr.com

Upcoming dates of Importance



- Catholic Charities Appeal kicks off this weekend. 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.

Planned Giving - The All Saints Foundation



An endowment is a fund set aside for the long-term benefit of an organization. The initial and additional funds contributed to the endowment are invested, and a portion of the earnings are distributed for charitable purposes. An endowment fund is typically permanent and will generate income for the designated beneficiary forever, adding much stability. It gives your charitable giving eternal life on earth. Donating to the All Saints Foundation endowment fund is easy. Contact Business Manager, Tracy Huk at *businessmgr@allsaintscr.com* or 319-363-6130 ext 111, to discuss the various gift options available. The fund is managed by CFAD. Please

consider donating to our endowment fund. Gifts to the endowment fund are tax-deductible and support All Saints Parish in perpetuity.

Young at Heart



Come join All Saints' Church members for the Young at Heart Luncheon on Wednesday, February 19 at noon in the Social Hall. The speaker this month is Ashley Turner, Outreach Coordinator for Catherine McAuley Center. Ashley will share information on the services and programs that are available at the Center. Remember with winter weather, if school is cancelled, the YAH luncheon will also be cancelled. There is no cost for lunch.

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.



During Mass February 15 & 16

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

The Anointing of the Sick, like all sacraments, is one way that the church continues the ministry of Jesus. Through it, Christ continues to touch, heal, and comfort. The Letter of James attests

that this practice has always been part of ministry: "Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint [him] with oil in the name of the church" (5:14).

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

Stations of the Cross



Are you interested in participating more fully in the Liturgy this Lenten Season?

Stations of the Cross and Mass are offered on Tuesdays from March 11 through April 8. This requires 3 people to facilitate the Stations of the Cross. If you would like to participate in one of these roles, please contact Deacon Ed Martin. *deaconed@allsaintscr.com* 319-363-6130 ext 105

Lent is Just Around the Corner



Here are a few details regarding our upcoming Lenten activities:

- Ash Wednesday is March 5. Mass and ash distribution will be at 8:30 & 5:30 pm in the sanctuary.
- Begin contemplating your prayer, fasting and almsgiving plans: All Saints will have Stations of the Cross & Mass on Tuesday evenings during Lent beginning at 5:30 pm. with a soup supper to follow.

More information coming soon!

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Many of our wonderful donors are using the easy peasy Amazon Wish List.

When you open the Amazon link (*CLICK HERE*), you can easily shop for the suggested items of things we've got on our list. But you can get creative, too. Type "homeless items" into the search bar, for example, and lots of interesting items are there that would make great additions

to our homeless bags. You will see such items as a 60 pack of individually wrapped sturdy combs for only \$16. Or a case of cleaning wipes, or small bottles of other toiletry items. Once you purchase and check out, any items for MCO can be delivered directly to our office. (Our address is at the very bottom of our newsletters.) Our helpful volunteers are here to help receive the package deliveries and organize all the incoming donations.

Thank you to ALL our donors! Many, many local folks in need express their appreciation each time they pick up food and supplies that help their families get through a tough time.

Save the Date



Save the dates May 23rd - 25th! National Eucharistic Pilgrimage in the Archdiocese

During this extraordinary *Jubilee Year of Hope*, and picking up where the 10th National Eucharistic Congress left off, the 2025



National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will go through the Archdiocese from May 23rd to May 25th. Eight young adult Perpetual Pilgrims will accompany Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, starting in Indianapolis in mid-May and ending on the Feast of Corpus Christi in Los Angeles.

On Friday, May 23rd, we will receive the monstrance from the Diocese of Davenport and process it to the Cathedral to begin a Memorial Day weekend of special activities stretching across the Archdiocese. Save the date and stay tuned for more details on this important series of events!

Catholic Charities



Catholic Charities: Providing Help, Creating Hope, Serving All

Catholic Charities offers life-changing ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Dubuque, including Mental Health Counseling, Affordable Housing, Immigration Legal Services, Jail & Prison Reentry Services, Case Management, Post-Adoption Search, and Crisis Pregnancy Counseling. All are welcome at Catholic Charities, regardless of their faith or background.

Your support and prayers for these ministries are a testament to the boundless grace of God. Please consider partnering with Catholic Charities and contribute to the Annual Appeal today at *http://www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org/annualappeal*.

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.

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.

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

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."

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The Jubilee Year Begins (cont.)



Sean Hamilton - Propaedeutic Stage Home Parish: St. Ludmila in Cedar Rapids

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

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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The Jubilee Year Begins (cont.)



Cory Rude - Propaedeutic Stage Home Parish: St. Ludmila in Cedar Rapids

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!

CEO (Catholic Evangelization Outreach)



The challenges of raising a large family... and keeping them involved with our faith

Rita & Rich Coates will share how the Lord and their faith has guided them through many joys and challenges in their life together. Through infertility, homeschooling, daily challenges and their 33 Day Consecration to Mary and Joseph they have persevered and taught their children the importance of being Catholic.

Join us for mass at 5:30 pm, and stay for a wonderful evening of fellowship as Rita & Rich share the importance of keeping Christ the focus of their family.

Livestream: https://youtube.com/live/-FzTnLS30P4?feature=share

Where: St. Matthew Catholic Church

2310 1st Ave NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

When: Tuesday, February 11, 2025

Time: 6:30 – 8:08 PM

This event is FREE and ALL are welcome! A light meal will be served - Child care is not available. Visit *CRCEO.ORG*

Mass Intentions

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Scripture Readings

Week of February 9, 2025

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

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56 (329)

Tuesday: Gn 1:20-2:4a/Mk 7:1-13 (330)

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23 (331)

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30 (332)

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37 (333)

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10 (334)

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26 (78)

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.



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Xavier Catholic Schools Need Your Input!



"Catholic education is above all a question of communicating Christ, of helping to form Christ in the lives of others..." POPE JOHN PAUL II

Our Next Step – Together

Xavier Catholic Schools is one family and, as a member of this family, we want to hear from you. Recently and with the support of our parish pastors, the Catholic schools in Rapid City came together to form Xavier Catholic Schools. It has a nice ring to it. Our next step is to bring students at our two middle schools to one location. Our first task is to conduct a planning study to gauge support for this effort. Please use the QR code to take a short survey or go to **www.steiergroup.com/survey**

Thank you, in advance, for your participation.



To complete the survey online, go to **steiergroup.com/survey**. Then click on **Xavier Catholic Schools**. Or, take the survey now by scanning this QR code.

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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

Ministry Schedule

February 15, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan Cynthia Gunsolly **Extraordinary Ministers** Joseph Cataldo Kathi Grainger Ellen Mouw Joan Murrin Daniel Prentice Stephen Schmitz Marvin Stallman **Altar Servers** Kannon Pfeiler Zachary Prentice Logan Weininger Lectors Kathy Ulrich Becky Weininger **Hospitality Ministers** Sue Bright Ryan Donnelly Daniel Greene Dick Kettelkamp Lauri Talvat Brian Talyat

February 16, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

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Extraordinary Ministers Sherry Casey Brian Conway Chris Conway Wade Johnson Mike Klappholz Stephanie Klappholz John Michael

Altar Servers Emma Colby Lucy Klappholz Madison McCarville Loesje Shema David Shema Hospitality Ministers Jen Colby Chris Colby Tyler Martin Beth Martin Pete Rethwisch

Family Ministry

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Jesus Chooses His First Disciples

While Jesus is teaching, he notices two fishermen casting their nets and catching nothing. Jesus gets into one of the boats and tells the men to go into the deep water and lower their nets. Begrudgingly, the men row out, cast their nets and catch a great number of fish. Simon, James and John become Jesus' first disciples. "When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him" (v. 11).

Imagine leaving everything behind to follow what you know is the right path. Jesus' apostles each made a commitment to be with him. Jesus became their numberone priority. The apostles all shared the same commitment and eventually formed a small community. It was a community strong enogh to stay together, faithful to Jesus' message even after he died. Commitment makes a community strong. It does the same for a family.

Jesus was with his disciples almost daily for three years. They are together, prayed together, worked together and, I'm sure, they had fun together. The more time they spent together, the closer they bonded.

Commitment to family involves the same activities. It takes eating, praying, playing and working with each other on a regular basis to build strong relationships. We have to earn a living and clean the house. We may have to take care of an aging parent. But if our family is a priority, we will find the time to be together.

Sometimes that means sitting down each week and pulling out your appointment book or phone. If necessary, suspend your child's bedtime by a halfhour. Give up sleeping in on a Saturday morning or take the kids out of school for lunch if that's the only time you can find, but plan time each week to be together. It's that important!

FAMILY RESPONSE

Sit down together and set a date for the whole family to spend two hours together. Decide what you want to do, and commit to it.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Do you find yourself choosing other commitments over your family? If so, how can you change this situation? Is it possible to commit some time each day to your relationship with God? Even five minutes in the morning, or before you fall asleep, would be great.

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Gospel Weeklies

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The Gospel at Home

This Week's Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Luke's telling of the call of the disciples focuses on Simon Peter. Jesus tells Peter to cast his net for a catch even though Peter has fished all night without catching a single fish. He does what Jesus suggests and has a tremendous catch. The great catch of fish reminds Peter of his own human weakness and sinfulness. It also is the opportunity for Jesus to call Peter to a new vocation—catching people!

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): Your child learned about the call of Peter the fisherman and learned that the followers of Jesus help tell God's Good News. Your child learned about some followers of Jesus from the Americas. Ask your child to tell the family about Saint Oscar Romero, Saint Martin de Porres, and Saint Kateri Tekakwitha. Talk together about little things you can do to be a good follower of Jesus.

Promise (Grades K–1): Your child learned in class that Jesus called men and women to follow him. His disciples helped him spread his message of love to others. Talk about ways your family can spread Jesus' message of love. Ask your child to share the story about Max from this week's lesson. Be sure to hang the mobile your child made in a prominent place where all can see it.

Good News (Grades 2–3): Your child learned the different definitions of the verb "to follow." Ask your child to share the ways that everyone can follow others. Talk about the call Peter received to follow Jesus. Ask your child to share the story "Marielle's New Start" with the family. Ask your child to share his or her Letter to God that they all wrote in class. **Venture** (Grades 4–6): This week your youngster learned the ways people spread Jesus' message by acting out a drama. The class also put together a timeline that shows how people have lived the teaching of Jesus. Ask your young person to share the timeline with the family and explain it to you all. Talk about how God has called your family to pass on Sacred Tradition. Ask your youngster about who Robert de Nobili is.

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Visions (Grades 7–8): During this week's class, your son or daughter discovered just what a call from God involves. The class also explored God's call to the prophet Isaiah and the Apostle Peter. Talk about how everyone has a vocation and through the sacraments each one is called to witness to God's love. Talk, too, about how you can help one another develop and use your gifts and talents to make a difference in the world. Ask about who Father Stan Jaszek, Dr. Paul Farmer, and Sister M. Xavier Schulze are.

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

This week's Gospel dramatizes the vocation of Peter. Each evening this week, pray as a family in your own words for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Talk about priests, sisters, and brothers who have cared for your family. Say a prayer for those people, too.









We're doing something special

Join us for *an incredible* LIVE opportunity for you and your daughter to learn about the beauty of her body – *together*.

Saturday, March 8, 2025 10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. St. Patrick Catholic Church

*Girls ages 9 to 12 (older girls welcome!) *Parent required to attend

Get ready to learn about **menstrual cycles**, **periods**, and **body literacy** in a positive, adult-supported environment. Cycle Prep encourages girls to respect their bodies and equips them to navigate the natural changes which come with menstrual cycles. **Cost**: \$25/girl; parents free

What parents are saying...

"Having this knowledge before it happens is empowering."

"You made an uncomfortable topic comfortable."

"...such a helpful workshop that teaches young girls and moms about what to expect from your first period. Sign your daughter up now. She may fight you on it but push through...one of the best things I've done all year!"





The Cycle Prep education series is a trademarked program of Pearl and Thistle, LLC



CEDAR RAPIDS COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN IS DEDICATED TO FOCUSING THE HANDS-ON EFFORTS OF CATHOLIC WOMEN TO PROVIDE GENUINE CHRIST FILLED CARE, COMFORT AND EDUCATION TO THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY.



CHRISM MASS TRIP

April 15th, time TBD Cost: TBD

Join us for a trip to the Cathedral of Raphael in Dubuque to celebrate the Chrism Mass. The cost of the event will include bus fare and dinner at Timmerman's Supper Club.

For Questions, contact Isabelle Miller at the i.miller@dbqarch.org or call 319.363.8269

*RSVPs must be turned in by April 5th. To RSVP, email i.miller@dbqarch.org

** ACCW reserves the right to change the details of this event.

THE CONFERENCE







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



Matt Birk NFL Star, CEO, Business Leader



Father Boniface **Hicks, OSB**

Monk, Computer Scientist. Preacher



Leonard Sax, MD Ph.D.

NYT Bestselling Author, Psychologist, Doctor







Pete Burak

Executive Director -FORGE, Theologian



Bishop William Joensen, Ph.D. Bishop of Des Moines

WORLD-CLASS SPEAKERS DEEP FORMATION SACRAMENTAL GRACE BROTHERHOOD

The FORGE Conference 2025 tackles the threats plaguing modern fatherhood. Set for the final Saturday before Lent, this landmark experience will empower fathers, future fathers, and grandfathers to change the world.



Embassy Suites 101 E Locust St, Des Moines, IA 50309



The conference is open to all biological males ages 16 or older.



FOR MORE INFORMATION **OR TO REGISTER, VISIT MYFORGE.ORG/CONFERENCE**

To sign up to ride a bus from Cedar Rapids to the conference, email jfrieden4@gmail.com

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Parish Office (319) 363-6130 Mon.-Thurs., 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Fri., 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

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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. (*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.