

# ALL SAINTS

## CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL



**Love God • Serve Others • Form Disciples**



**March 29 & March 30, 2025;  
Fourth Sunday of Lent**

*For our sake  
he made him  
to be sin who did  
not know sin, so  
that we might become  
the righteousness of  
God in him.*

2 Corinthians 5:21

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday	4:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

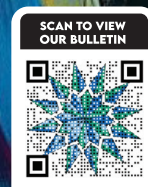
Tuesday	8:00 am
Tuesday	6:00 pm
Wednesday	8:00 am
Thursday	8:30 am
Friday	8:00 am



**Behold, New Things Have Come**



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## Please Pray for the Following People

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



† Marilyn Frank and † Kim Witte.

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



Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide his Stewards with all that we need.

## A Weekly Tip on Caring for Our Common Home



Recycle as much as possible. EPA figures show recycling aluminum cans saves 95 percent of the energy used to make new ones from raw materials. The energy saving is as much as 70 percent when recycling steel and tin cans, 60 percent for paper and about 33 percent for glass and plastic.

## For the Married Couples



Today's gospel parable about the Prodigal Son shows us that anger is a powerful emotion. How do you respond in love when you're angry with your spouse? It often requires calling a "time out" on yourself, in order to respond in a loving way. How do you usually handle anger?

## Disability Inclusion



March is *Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month*. The Archdiocese of Dubuque provides valuable educational resources and support to help parishes in assisting persons with disabilities in all aspects of parish life. If you are interested in serving people with greater needs in your parish, become a Parish Advocate for Disability Inclusion! Contact [Lynne Chapman](#) to learn more.



# Everyday Metanoia



Welcome to the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Luke's Gospel brings the familiar parable of The Prodigal Son. One of the prongs of our All Saints Mission statement is to Form Disciples. So what does this parable have to do with our mission statement?

It can be easy to "turn off" at times during Mass. Once we start to hear a familiar passage, we might start to let our mind wander - I mean, we've heard it all before, right? Wrong. God's Word is living - that means it can always speak to us in new ways - if we allow it to do so. Tim Glemkowski in his book, *Made for Mission: Renewing your Parish Culture*, starts one section with a quote from Benedict XVI, "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea but fruit of an encounter with...a person." Most of us were baptized as an infant and learned some facts and rules about the Catholic Church as we grew to adulthood. But that is not a disciple. A disciple is one who has an on-going relationship with our Triune God and takes the time through study and prayer to deepen that relationship; to know God through His revelations more clearly. 1 Corinthians 13: 9-12 speaks to this, "For we know partially and we prophesy partially, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man/[woman], I put aside childish things. At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known."

Glemkowski follows up on this: "...this relationship is more than a just a feeling. It means a complete transformation of our lives into Jesus' image and likeness. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church puts it, 'By faith, man/[woman] completely submits his/[her] intellect and will to God. With his/[her] whole being man/[woman] gives his/[her] assent to God the revealer. Sacred Scripture calls this human response to God, the author of revelation, the obedience of faith'" (CCC 143). This complete personal entrustment of one's self can only be done as a gift of self to another person, in the context of a relationship, not just an abstract theory or a moral decision. It is at the very heart of our faith."

During the first part of May, we will hold two more sessions of Discussion and Drinks. Oftentimes, we have been taught what to pray, and we may faithfully recite some of these rote prayers on a regular basis. But, do we know how to pray? Do we know how to listen? Do we know how to be in a real relationship with God, the Father; Jesus Christ, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Advocate? Can we pray/talk to each one specifically or should it be all at once? If we hear or feel something in response to our prayers, how do we know it is God responding? What do we do when we feel God is not responding to us? These are the questions we will explore and through this examination and scrutiny, we hope to awaken, reawaken or strengthen the relationship we have with our heavenly Father. This is not a quick nor a one and done process. It is a lifetime process where we trust God's grace more and more as it is revealed over time.

Another challenge that we encounter in today's culture is that we are conditioned for sensationalism. And even in some of our Christian books and programs, we tend to focus on the "big" moment, that moment when God brought us to our knees, the light from heaven shown around us and we heard the angel chorus. Great, if that happens, but most of the time and for most of us, it is a collection of quiet, but purposeful moments where we consciously and sometimes unconsciously make the decision to follow Christ and to allow ourselves to deepen the relationship. This relationship is just the beginning, though. It is not through faith alone that we know God; it is through faith and action. If we think about the Bible stories that we know, this has been true since the beginning. In the Old Testament, God did not have a relationship just for the sake of itself or the enlightenment of the one; it was a call to action for all of Israel. Jesus did not come into our human world for himself or even just for the 12 Apostles; he came to bring salvation to all of humankind. Paul did not plant the seeds of Christianity in the various communities so that they could become a Christian oasis in the otherwise corrupt world; he taught and founded these communities so that they in turn would do the same and spread Christianity. What are we doing to deepen our relationship with God and how are we living that and showing it through our words and actions with our brothers and sisters in the world?

Prayer. Focus on prayer. This week reflect on a quote from Thomas a Kempis, the author of *The Imitation of Christ*: "You cannot live well without a friend, and if Jesus be not your friend above all else, you will be very sad and desolate. Thus, you are acting foolishly if you trust or rejoice in any other. Choose the opposition of the whole world rather than offend Jesus. Of all those who are dear to you, let Him be your special love...For Him and in Him you must love friends and foes alike, and pray to Him that all may know and love Him."

See you at Mass!

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

# Hold on to Hope



When you contribute to our sister parish, you help Haiti parishioners **HOLD ON TO HOPE** for faith formation and access to sacraments.

## Hold on to Hope

Notre Dame de Lourdes | 2025 Lenten Alms for Haiti



*An infant is baptized by the pastor of our sister parish. Notice a household basin acting as the baptismal font. The significance of the celebration overshadows the minor details such as this.*



*A beautiful candlelit first communion service takes place at the chapel in the village of Barassa, one of the communities that makes up our sister parish of Notre Dame de Lourdes. Much like the children at our parish, communicants look forward to dressing their best for this sacred celebration.*



*The pastor of our sister parish cannot be in two places at once. With over 15 chapels in villages disbursed among the rugged mountains of the Ouest State of Haiti, he is not able to visit them often. He must perform multiple marriage sacraments during one visit.*



*A young boy is baptized in one of the many chapels of our sister parish.*

Please continue to support our sister parish with prayer and financial contributions.

Donate today! Visit [allsaintscr.churchcenter.com/giving](https://allsaintscr.churchcenter.com/giving) and choose "Haiti Lenten Alms" from the drop-down menu. You can also send a check to All Saints, with HAITI LENTEN ALMS in the memo line.

***Renmen Bondye, Sèvi Lòt Moun, Fòm Disip // Love God, Serve Others, Form Disciples.***

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# ALL SAINTS PARISH *Mission* 2025

***Preparing with Jesus this Lent...To Live in Easter Joy!***

Each year we make the long journey through Lent. Lent is not the end but rather an important means to the final goal of Catholic life, achieved in Jesus' Resurrection. With the help of Scripture and story, let us reflect on the love and saving power of our God, which offers us and our children joy and fullness of life in Christ Jesus!

Join us for our mission speaker Tom Quinlan at All Saint Catholic Church 720 29th St SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403.

- **Sunday, April 6.** Doors open at 4:30 presentation to begin at 5 pm for the parents of children. Taco bar available.
- **Monday, April 7 and Tuesday, April 8.** Doors open at 5:30, presentation to begin at 6 pm. Snacks will be served.

***We welcome all that want to Live in Easter Joy.***

## Attention Married Couples



Is it time to disconnect from the world and reconnect with one another? Busy lives can take away from our relationships. Put your relationship on track for more communication, love and harmony. The upcoming weekends in Iowa are April 25-27 in Epworth and September 12-14 in Dubuque. For more information contact Greg and Denise at 563-920-9419 or sign up for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on [wwwme.org](http://wwwme.org). Early registration is highly recommended.

## Mercy Auxiliary Spring Bazaar



**Mercy Auxiliary Presents: Mercy Auxiliary Spring Bazaar**  
**Thursday, April 17, 2025, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Mercy Medical Center – Hallagan Education Center, 701 10th Street SE, Cedar Rapids. Mercy will presenting the annual Spring Bazaar. Not only will there be nearly 40 local vendors booths, but we will also be featuring Kroul Farms with spring plants and Iowa Nutty as well as spring items at the Mercy gift shops. This event is free and open to the public.

## Results of The Disciple Maker Index Survey are IN



The results of the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey that all parishioners were invited to do in December of last year are now available. They are being reviewed by Fr. Jack, Tracy Huk and selected parish leaders. In the coming weeks, detailed information will be shared with parishioners. We are excited to share our top 3 strengths now!

- The Eucharist is the body/blood of Christ
- Scripture is the Word of God
- Would recommend our pastor to a friend

Other highlights from the survey include:

- 94% of the respondents attend Mass weekly and 14% attend daily
- 89% of the respondents take time for weekly prayer and 66% of those pray daily
- 52% of the respondents pray with others at least monthly, 16% of those pray with others weekly and 20% daily

We appreciate the time and sharing by those who completed the survey. The results will offer clear benchmarks for understanding the strengths and opportunities for All Saints. The assessment will help guide our leadership Councils to prepare goals and other opportunities for growth. The results are also being reviewed by the Archdiocese as they work to create new mission/vision statements and identify pastoral priorities.

Please continue to pray for All Saints and the Archdiocese of Dubuque as we seek the Holy Spirit's guidance during the discernment phase of the Disciple Maker Index results.

Tracy Huk, Business Manager



Disciple Maker Index  
**SURVEY**



## Service to Others

### Metro Catholic Outreach



#### **Hunger In Iowa**

In food insecure households, access to regular meals is limited by a lack of money or other resources. These households have difficulty at times providing enough food for all their members. Many families often have to choose between paying the rent, going to the doctor, or making a car payment over shopping for groceries. USDA estimates Iowa's food insecure households around 10% of the population, below the national average of about 13%. As the second largest metro area in Iowa, this means over 20,000 folks in Linn County are currently experiencing food insecurity and hunger.

*How can YOU help? It is really so easy!*

**Volunteer your time:** Two hours, once or twice a month right here in our food pantry, office, or distribution dock can make a HUGE difference in getting food onto the tables of those in need.

**Donate food or money:** Metro Catholic Outreach ALWAYS accepts non-perishable food items or monetary donations. Deliver here and get a tour of our food pantry, or bring to any of the Catholic parishes in Cedar Rapids, Marion, or Hiawatha.

**Pray:** Lift up Metro Catholic Outreach, our staff, volunteers, donors, and clients in your prayers.

**Share our information:** Tell others about MCO who may need food assistance, OR who want to help fight hunger right here in our community.

## All Saints Foundation



In today's second letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul reminds them that "we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us." Our mission statement is **Love God-Serve Others-Form Disciples**. How might you be an ambassador for Christ to assist All Saints to live and carry out our mission? How might God be appealing to us through the gifts and blessings He has provided in this earthly life to care for His people in future generations? If you would like to discuss how you can leave a financial gift of love and hope to All Saints Parish in your will, please contact Tracy Huk, Business Manager at 319-363-6130 ext. 111 or [businessmgr@allsaintscr.com](mailto:businessmgr@allsaintscr.com).

## Earth Day, 2025



The Parish Office staff will be spreading mulch around the trees and refreshing a few of the flower beds. We would appreciate the help of the parish through donations of bags of mulch. The color we use is the chocolate or brown wood mulch. A pallet will be placed over by the church garage door (west side of the church.) Our goal is to get 55 bags. Earth Day is April 22 so we will appreciate all donations by Sunday, April 20. If you have any questions, please contact Jeremy Lutz at [bookkeeper@allsaintscr.com](mailto:bookkeeper@allsaintscr.com).



# Vocational Call to the Permanent Diaconate?



Permanent deacons are ordained ministers of the Church who, like bishops and priests, have received the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Deacons are called to be servants of God to His people. Just as Jesus said, “I come not to be served, but to serve,” (Matthew 20:28) so, too, a deacon is called to this fundamental mission of the Church.

The ministry of a permanent deacon is a threefold:

- † In the **Ministry of the Word** he participates as evangelizer and teacher.
- † In the **Ministry of the Liturgy** he participates in the celebration of the Eucharist and may preside over other liturgies.
- † In the **Ministry of Charity** he is the Church’s servant to the world around him, ministering to those in need and urging others to join him in outreach.

Applications for Class XXIII of the Permanent Diaconate for the Archdiocese of Dubuque are being accepted through the end of March 2025. If you are interested in the permanent diaconate and want more information about deacons, formation and the application process please contact:

Deacon Mike Klappholz at (319)-363-6130 ext 107 / email [deaconmike@allsaintscr.com](mailto:deaconmike@allsaintscr.com)

Deacon Ed Martin at (319) 363-6130 ext 105 / email [deaconed@allsaintscr.com](mailto:deaconed@allsaintscr.com)

Deacon John Stierman at (800) 876-3546 ext. 252 / email [DBQCPD@dbqarch.org](mailto:DBQCPD@dbqarch.org)



## The All Saints Parish Mission, 2025



It’s time to register the kiddos for the children’s portion of the All Saints Parish Mission happening next month. Click the link to our Google form to make your reservation happen! If you experience any challenges, please get in touch with Parish office staff members, Stacy or Dan. [CLICK HERE](#).

We hope you’re looking forward to April as much as we are!



**ALL SAINTS**  
**PARISH** *Mission*  
**2025**



## Mass Intentions

Tues. April 1	8:00 am
†	Ray Buresh
Tues. April 1	6:00 pm
	For the People
Wed. April 2	8:00 am
†	Rev. Jim Dubert
Thurs. April 3	8:30 am
†	Fr. Recker
Fri. April 4	8:00 am
†	John Creen
Sat. April 5	4:00 pm
†	Sharon Warden
Sun. April 6	9:00 am
	For the People

## Scripture Readings

Week of March 30, 2025

### Sunday:

Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 (33)

### Monday:

Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54 (244)

### Tuesday:

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16 (245)

### Wednesday:

Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30 (246)

### Thursday:

Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47 (247)

### Friday:

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 (248)

### Saturday:

Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53 (249)

### Sunday:

Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 (36)

## 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.



## Join the All Saints Community for Lent



Join the All Saints community for Lent this March 25, and April 1st. Stations of the Cross begins at 5:30 during which reconciliation will be offered. Mass will follow each session with a soup supper in the social hall afterward.



## Evening Eucharistic Adoration Held During Lent



During the Lenten season, we invite you to participate in Eucharistic Adoration. It will be held in the chapel from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on the following Monday evenings:

- Monday, March 31
- Monday, April 14

Please join us as we spend this time in prayer and reflection. Please contact Peg Schmitz with any questions at [peg@schmitzia.com](mailto:peg@schmitzia.com).

## St. Patricks Fish Fry Dates



Every Friday during Lent from 5:00-7:30 pm. Call ahead, Dine-in, and Drive through. 2025 fish fry dates include: March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18. More information can be found at [www.stpatrickscr.org/fish-fry](http://www.stpatrickscr.org/fish-fry)

## Communal Reconciliation Opportunities for Lent



- Sunday, March 30 at St. Mary, Urbana beginning at 3:00 PM
- Thursday, April 3 at St. Jude, Cedar Rapids beginning at 7:00 PM
- Saturday, April 5 at St. Ludmila, Cedar Rapids beginning at 10:30 AM

Reminder that confessions are heard every Saturday at All Saints from 3:00 - 3:45 PM



## Ministry Schedule

*March 29, 4:00 PM Saturday*

### Sacristan

Jean Bell

### Extraordinary Ministers

Kathi Grainger

Gavin Miller

Ellen Mouw

Joan Murrin

Kourtne Powell

Mike Powell

Daniel Prentice

### Altar Servers

Zachary Prentice

Lindsey Talyat

Megan Talyat

### Lectors

Theresa Harker

Lisa Stephenson

### Hospitality Ministers

Daniel Greene

Dick Kettelkamp

Barb Lindstrom

Lauri Talyat

Brian Talyat

Mike Votroubek

*March 30, 9:00 AM Sunday*

### Sacristan

Sherry Casey

### Extraordinary Ministers

Tom Amosson

Stephanie Guzman

Ann Hunter

Larry Hunter

Bill Knapp

Dianne Knapp

Dennis Mullarkey

### Altar Servers

Kendra Beeler

Everly Felland

Adalyn LaMere

### Lectors

Robin Brown

Tasha Tataa

### Hospitality Ministers

Jeanne Amosson

Chase Philpott

Tony Satariano

Diane Weimer

Maureen Wolf

Dave Wolf



## Ministry Schedule

April 1, 5:30 PM Tuesday

### Sacristan

Joan Fishburn

### Extraordinary Ministers

Maureen Dale Ernst

John Ernst

Sara Lang

### Altar Servers

Joseph Cataldo

Charlie Hamilton

Ilyzza Shea

### Lectors

### Hospitality Ministers

Nicole Johnson

Tyler Martin

Bea Rethwisch



# Family Ministry

March 30, 2025 • 4th Sunday of Lent • Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

## *The Story of the Prodigal Son*

*When the scribes and Pharisees chastise Jesus for associating with sinners, Jesus tells them a parable about a rich young man who takes his inheritance and squanders it. When he returns home to beg for mercy, his father greets him with love and forgiveness. Jesus is telling us about the unconditional love of God our Father. "But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him" (v. 20).*

I know I affirmed my children when they were growing up, but I wish I had done it more often. In hindsight, I realize I got so caught up in the tremendous responsibilities of parenting that sometimes I missed what they needed most. Helping five youngsters grow up to be healthy—physically, emotionally and spiritually—is an awesome task. There were so many things to teach them and to protect them from. Too often, my conversations with them were not conversations at all; rather they were more like sermons with me preaching, teaching or warning against some danger or other.

One of the traits of a strong family is that its members affirm each other often. They congratulate one another on their achievements. They are quick to say "good job" or "well done." Even more important, they affirm each individual not just for what he or she does, but for who he or she is. It is our job as parents to model this love and affirmation, so our children learn to compliment each other and us, too.

We do this by offering gentle hugs and unequivocal compliments—words or actions that let our toddler or teen or young adult know they are loved no matter what. This does not mean we stop teaching or even preaching. It does mean we take care in what we say and how we say it. It also means we spend time each day listening to our children, affirming them and assuring them that they are loved. In short, we are asked to reflect God's unconditional love to our children.

Mirroring that love can be a difficult task if we do not first accept God's unconditional love for us. We need to remind ourselves that we, too, are God's children, loved with a love that is unearned and unending.

## FAMILY RESPONSE

Have family members write or draw one or two things they most like in each of the other family members. Show what you have each written or drawn.

## PERSONAL RESPONSE

Do you find it difficult to believe that God loves you unconditionally? Why or why not? How can you bring yourself to trust more deeply in God's love?

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# CRCATHOLIC

## FAMILY TRIVIA

APRIL 25TH 6-8PM

St Ludmila's Activity Center

- ✓ All Ages
- ✓ All Parishes
- ✓ 8 Per Team
- ✓ Bring Snacks!

This is a FREE event, but you can optionally pay \$10 per team to get one free answer per round! Proceeds will go toward future CRCatholic Events.

For more info or questions,  
✉ [crcatholics@gmail.com](mailto:crcatholics@gmail.com)



## Ministry Schedule

April 5, 4:00 PM Saturday

### Sacristan

Peg Schmitz  
**Extraordinary Ministers**  
Suzanne Lammers  
Andrew Lang  
Gavin Miller  
Ellen Mouw  
Joan Murrin  
Alison Prentice  
Daniel Prentice

### Altar Servers

Caleb Lang  
Alexandra Lang  
Logan Weininger

### Lectors

Kathy Ulrich  
Becky Weininger

### Hospitality Ministers

Sue Bright  
Ryan Donnelly  
Dick Kettelkamp  
Marcia Myers  
Lauri Talyat  
Brian Talyat

April 6, 9:00 AM Sunday

### Sacristan

Chris Conway  
**Extraordinary Ministers**  
Brian Conway  
Mary Jo Goerd  
Terry Goerd  
Stephanie Guzman  
Bob Helgens  
Mary Beth Helgens  
Wade Johnson

### Altar Servers

Maeve Ainsworth  
Paige Ainsworth  
Lucy Klappholz

### Lectors

David Shema  
Loesje Shema

### Hospitality Ministers

Kim Ainsworth  
Jason Ainsworth  
Stephanie Klappholz  
Mike Klappholz  
Pete Rethwisch  
Bea Rethwisch

## Official Appointments



The full list of new priest assignments is now available, and with it comes an opportunity to embrace new beginnings, and support our priests as they take on new opportunities and callings. Whether you will be welcoming a new pastor, seeing a familiar face take on a different role, or simply staying informed, you can find all the details [HERE](#).

These transitions are part of our shared journey, and as our priests step into their new roles, let's keep them in our prayers and extend the warm hospitality our communities are known for.

## OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS

I wonder if my former associate pastor has a new parish...

Fr. announced he's been assigned to a parish 70 miles west!

How many other priests are going to a new parish?



# The Gospel at Home

## This Week's Gospel:

**Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

The Parable of the Forgiving Father is one of the most well-known from Jesus. The son does not earn the love of his father. Instead love is what the father gives. God's love and forgiveness are freely given to help us grow close to him. No matter how lost we become, the Lord will find us.

## Exploring the Gospel Message

**Seeds (Preschool):** Your child learned that God is our forgiving Father. Your son or daughter can show you the path to find Jesus as he welcomes us home. Have your child tell you how we share happiness. Have the family discuss how you all share happiness with others. Pray that the Lord will grant you all a happy life.

**Promise (Grades K-1):** God is our forgiving Father. What story do the pictures on the front of this week's *Promise* booklet tell? Have your child tell the Parable of the Forgiving Father using the pictures from this week's *Promise*. Talk about the many ways that God forgives us.

**Good News (Grades 2-3):** This week, your child's class talked about how God's love is generous. Have your child tell you what happened in the story titled, "Ella Leaves Home." He or she should also know what a parable is. The Parable of the Forgiving Father is a good example from this week's Gospel. Talk about the story with your child. This week's lesson included the story of the Exodus when God freed his People from slavery. Ask your child how love and forgiveness factor into the parable and the Exodus story?

**Venture (Grades 4-6):** Have your young person point out some of the places on the cover map in the land where Joshua walked, especially Gilgal. Which ending did your youngster choose for the lesson story? Have he or she explain the choice. Talk about what the Parable of the Forgiving Father teaches us about forgiveness. For Lent, this week's lesson explores the Lord's Prayer. Be sure to add it to family prayer this week.

**Visions (Grades 7-9):** Ask your young person about the choices he or she made on the What Can I Forgive survey? Why does the mother get so upset in the story titled, "My Brother Part II"? Talk about what this week's Gospel says about the Lord's forgiveness. Allow time at home this week for an examination of conscience in preparation for the times we seek forgiveness. Consider holding the Forgiveness Prayer Service at home. Pray that your family will forgive each other as God forgives us. Find out when your parish celebrates the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation and plan to take part.

**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

In this fourth week of Lent, forgiveness is the theme as presented in the Parable of the Forgiving Father. Add prayers of forgiveness to family prayer, and plan to take part in the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation if possible. It is important to practice the forgiveness we pray for.



# TOGETHER

*a monthly bulletin insert from the archdiocese*



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## JUBILEE 2025

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### Recognizing the Jubilee of Volunteerism with a Focus on Ministry to Persons with Disabilities

By Cassie Bird

This month we are recognizing the Jubilee of Volunteerism with a focus on Ministry to Persons with Disabilities. In the Archdiocese of Dubuque, efforts are being taken all across the Archdiocese to further this ministry.

Lynne Chapman, Adult Faith Programs and Disability Inclusion Manager for the Archdiocese says, “We currently have 98 Parish Advocates for Disability Inclusion across the archdiocese! There are a number of wonderful, active parish advocates. While some of these people are on staff at their parishes, they all volunteer their time and services to disability ministry.”

#### St. Joseph Parish – Marion

Amanda Weaver was one of the first Parish Advocates for Disability Inclusion in the Archdiocese. Amanda started volunteering as a Parish Advocate because her son is on the autism spectrum and she wanted to ensure that he, and others with disabilities, feel like they belong in Mass and are able to easily and fairly access the Sacraments.

“I want our parishioners with disabilities to know we value them and want them to

be active in parish life,” Amanda says. “We have people with physical, intellectual, and developmental disabilities serving in different roles during Masses such as lector, altar server, Eucharistic minister, ambassador, and choir.”

St. Joseph Parish is currently undergoing renovations on their church building, and the building committee worked closely with architects to develop a more accessible entry to the church. The parish is also drafting a statement on inclusion for the parish. Whenever they try to help others, they are also helping people with disabilities.

“For example, a group of parishioners has put together a program that provides backpacks full of Mass-related activities and fidgets for families to use during Mass,” Amanda explains. “While this isn’t specifically for people with disabilities, this is still a great service for a family who has a member experiencing a disability.”

“The fact we all have equal dignity and value is fundamental to our Catholic Faith. How productive we are or how many people we serve does not increase or decrease our self-worth,” Amanda says. “Everyone is worth our best effort.”

Amanda believes that Disability Inclusion exemplifies the Catholic faith, and reminds her to hold herself to the same standard. People with disabilities are not only to be served, but they are also called to serve and evangelize others.

“We shouldn’t limit our view of someone with disabilities as someone who has more needs. We should remember that they can also fill the needs others have.”

#### St. Patrick Parish - Clear Lake

St. Patrick Parish in Clear Lake provides transportation to Mass each weekend via a parish-owned bus designed for persons with disabilities. After a move to Iowa, and being installed as a deacon at St. Patrick in 2011, Deacon Darrel Courier made it a point to personally greet each person every time they arrived to Mass on that bus.

The following year, due to complications after a surgery, Deacon Darrel lost the use of both legs and his right arm. After this experience, he became acutely aware of what it means to be dependent on others. He also discovered the many barriers that prevent people with disabilities from participating in church activities.

Since becoming a Parish Advocate at St. Patrick, as well as a member of the Disability Inclusion Advisory Committee, Deacon Darrel has worked to recruit other deacons to serve in the role at their own parishes. In 2019, Deacon Darrel was at the parish when St. Patrick went through a renovation process. This renovation added two handicap-accessible restrooms and ramps that allow wheelchair access to the sacristy and sanctuary.

“Every person is a beloved child of God. Our church was instituted by Christ to



help us live well in this world so that we can be with Him in the next,” Deacon Darrel says. “It is incumbent upon us to make sure that no one is excluded because of a disability.”

Steve and Kelly Schnieders are a husband and wife team who volunteer to drive the bus to Mass each week for those with disabilities who need transportation to the church. They have been volunteering to help provide this service for nearly 15 years.

“I would encourage anyone/everyone to get involved in serving their parish and their communities with a Disability Inclusion effort,” Steve says. “From our experience, people with disabilities like to be part of their communities and organizations like anyone else. Ministries like ours become a natural part of their schedules and get them into the communities they serve and are a part of. The excitement felt by these simple acts of inclusion is beyond description, ours and theirs!”

“We are truly grateful to have this opportunity to serve people,” Kelly says. “They have taught us so much about what faith and love look like and I hope more people will get involved with this type of ministry. You will be amazed at how they will warm your heart: you will be changed forever!”

**Emmaus Pastorate (St. Patrick, Colesburg; St. Mark, Edgewood; St. Joseph, Elkader; St. Mary, Strawberry Point; Sacred Heart, Volga)** Deacon Paul Dolan is a deacon in the five parishes of the Emmaus Pastorate at the five parishes. He says, “We are still in the infancy stages of developing our Disability Inclusion Ministry. For the past couple years, our committee has been identifying members in our communities, many of whom are not connected with any church. Teaming up with our parishioners they gather once a month for a ‘birthday party’ and fellowship.”

After identifying the individuals, the next step is to bring them to worship with the entire congregation.

“Last September, we conducted a ‘Parishioner Involvement and Opportunities’ survey to find where

parishioners would offer to share their time and talent,” Deacon Paul says.

“Through this survey, we have a list of volunteers who have offered to transport people as needed, usually medical appointments. Our Diversity and Inclusion committee is now planning to contact these people to see if they will help get people that we have identified at the gathering to see if they will come to Mass on Sundays. This will bring them to meet our entire congregation, not just the people who come to help with the ‘birthday party.’”

Emmaus Pastorate was a recipient of the Embracing Inclusion Award in 2023. The pastorate comes together to host their monthly birthday party events, which are ecumenical, and they invite parishioners to attend, to volunteer, and to provide donations. Residents from local group homes are also invited. The events include lunch, live entertainment, and birthday cake. Three of the five parish locations take turns hosting these events. They also host a Christmas gathering. Due to the number of parishes in the pastorate, Fr. John Haugen and the staff at the pastorate rely heavily on the work of generous volunteers who give their time on committees and the five councils.

Staff meets twice a month to help focus them on their pastoral, liturgical, and business missions. All are invited, and many are volunteers who have jobs outside the pastorate, so those who can attend help spread the information to others. Council chairs are included in all their staff correspondence so that they can share it with their members.

“This elaborate arrangement is due to the brilliant mind of our pastor, Father John Haugen, who uses the archdiocese Manual for Parish Pastoral Councils as his playbook,” Deacon Paul explains. “This empowers all parishioners to take ownership of how they share their time, talent and treasure with their parish.”

Deacon Paul recognizes the importance and value of volunteers to help keep all five parishes running smoothly, in addition to the work that they do to further Disability Inclusion at the Emmaus Pastorate. He

sums it up by making a direct connection between volunteerism and the impact on a person’s faith.

“The funny thing is,” Deacon Paul says. “The more you offer your time and talent, the richer your faith becomes.”

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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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. ([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 submit prayer intentions any time at: [allsaintscr.com/prayer](http://allsaintscr.com/prayer).