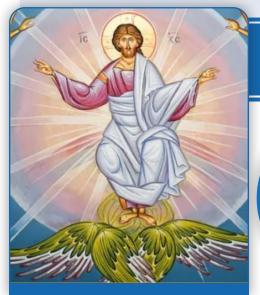


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May 31 & June 1, 2025; The Ascension of the Lord



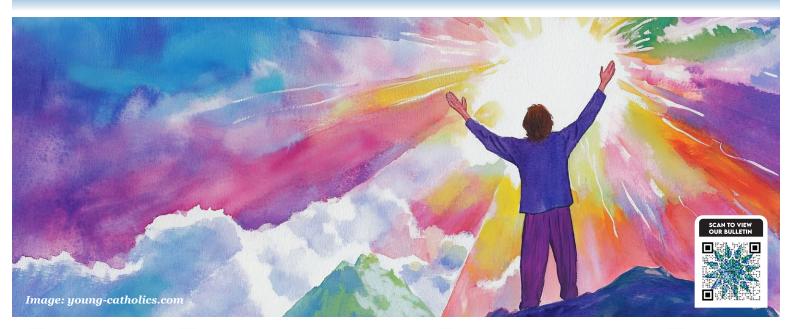
WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:00 pm Sunday 9:00 am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

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

The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.











Please Pray for the Following People

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



Tyson Colvin.

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



This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work, or at school. Living Stewardship gratefully and generously is an intentional lifestyle. Every decision you make either moves you closer to God or farther away. Choose wisely!

A Weekly Tip on Caring for Our Common Home



Lower the amount of energy used to pump, treat, and heat water by washing your car less often. When you do wash your vehicle, take it to a commercial car wash. That will use less water and the water will be treated afterward.

For the Married Couples



"As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven" (Luke 24:52). Christ ascended into heaven of his own power; but humans are called to lift each other up. What lifts your beloved up – a sunny day? A warm bath? An offer to do one of his/her chores? How might you lift up your beloved today?

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience



MARRIED COUPLES. Give your marriage a well-deserved vacation. Plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy! Our next weekend is September 12-14 in Dubuque. For more information call Greg and Denise at (563) 920-9419 or *drubner9419@gmail.com*.

Everyday Metanoia



Welcome to the Ascension Sunday. Traditionally the Ascension of the Lord was celebrated on the Thursday of the sixth week after Easter, which is the 40th day after Easter (see the first reading Acts 1:1-11). The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops petitioned the Holy See (the Vatican) to allow the feast to be transferred to the following Sunday. The Holy See approved the transfer in 1999, granting permission to ecclesiastical provinces within the US to move the feast. As of 2024 there are still 5 provinces that observe Ascension on Thursday, including Boston, Hartford, New York, Omaha and Philadelphia. The move was made as a way to address the declining attendance of the faithful on Holy Days of Obligation. Moving it to Sunday encouraged greater participation.

The spiritual journey and life of St. Augustine has always fascinated me. Most likely because some of my early life was also focused on earthly pleasures and feeding my own ego - much like St. Augustine. But God was always there, knocking at the door until finally I could no longer pretend not to hear. In hindsight, one often ponders the "whys." Why was I so selfish, when I was so miserable in it; why did I turn away from God so many times when clearly I heard his call; why at that point in my life did I finally respond; why not sooner? As the Apostles watched Jesus ascend into heaven, were their minds full of questions, also? Like our own minds can be at times when we lose something or someone, the emotions and thoughts of the apostles had to be a jumble that focused primarily on the whys; more specifically, why was Jesus leaving them?

St. Augustine in one of his sermons addressed this feeling of loss we endure on earth and reminds us that Christ is always among us as he promised through the Spirit: "Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth. For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies. Christ is now exalted above the heavens, but he still suffers on earth all the pain that we, the members of his body, have to bear. He showed this when he cried out from above, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' and when he said, 'I was hungry and you gave me food.' Why do we on earth not strive to find rest with him in heaven even now, through faith, hope and love that unites us to him? While in heaven he is also with us; and we while on earth are with him. He is here with us by his divinity, his power and his love. We cannot be in heaven, as he is on earth, by divinity, but in him, we can be there by love."

In his commentary on the Acts of the Apostles, William S. Kurtz, SJ says, "Jesus' ascension does not imply his absence from the church. Rather, as Acts will show, he will be present and active in a new way through the Holy Spirit. God provided that the apostles would receive the Spirit and power of Jesus so that his saving work could be continued through them. We can rely on the presence of that same Spirit and power in the Church today so that through us God can extend his saving work to our generation, also. Because, we, like the apostles have the assurance that Jesus will return at the end of the world, we should not regret his physical absence after the ascension, but focus instead on his presence through the Spirit and on the mission he has entrusted to us. Although we look forward to Jesus' coming in glory, we are not to focus on the 'times or the seasons' when he will return. Nor are we to get distracted from serving our neighbors and witnessing to Jesus by elaborate speculation about how the end times will play out."

Humanly we get distracted by many things - we are a busy people. We worry about the times and the seasons that have nothing to do with our mission: to serve and to tend God's people; his sheep. Indeed, the power of the Holy Spirit, given to us through the Sacrament of Baptism and Confirmation is not to compete with God or try to be God-like in any way but love; love of God and love of neighbor. When addressing the Second Coming, Raymond Brown in his book, A Risen Christ in Eastertime, echoes this same thought: "It is much more important that Jesus' followers, empowered by the Holy Spirit, spend their time and energy bearing witness to him...By ignoring God's authority, human endeavor, no matter how religiously benevolent, will build another Tower of Babel rather than the kingdom."

Pope Francis invited the faithful to think of Jesus as a climbing partner - not to build the Tower of Babel, but to join him in Heaven where he has ascended. With the Holy Spirit, are we following the steps of Jesus? "Is the desire for God alive in me, for his infinite love, for his life which is eternal life? Or am I flattened and tied to transient things, to money, to success to pleasures? And does my desire for Heaven isolate me or does it lead me to love my brothers [and sisters], to feel them as companions in the journey towards Paradise?"

Good questions to take to prayer this week, May God's peace be with you. See you at Mass!

Tracy Huk

Parish Office Summer Hours



Now that we've reached the end of the school year, it's a good time to remind everyone of changes to parish office hours. After Memorial Day, the office will be open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. On Fridays until Labor Day, the office will close at 1:00 so that our employees can make the most of their Summer. As always, secure boxes are conveniently located by the front and office doors for your offering envelopes before and after Mass as well as during parish office hours.

To better assist communication over the summer months when many office staff members will be enjoying some well-deserved time away for vacations, etc, we ask you reach out to them directly via email or phone to schedule a time to meet. While we always love to see you and chat, we would hate for you to spend time and gas only to find that the person you wish to see is on vacation. We hope that you can also make the most of your summer.

All Saints Foundation



We are so proud of our All Saints youth - they bring a joyous spirit to our Masses! You can help ensure that programs and opportunities remain in place to form disciples of all ages when you include All Saints Parish in your state planning. During your lifetime you will have the joy of knowing that you are making the difference in the lives of our youth, even generations from now. If you would like more information about leaving a legacy gift to All Saints contact Tracy Huk at 319-363-6130 ext 111 or <code>businessmgr@allsaintscr.com</code>. If you would like information about gift planning, please contact our planning partner at the Catholic Foundation at

563-552-0176 or CFAD@OurCFAD.org.

Service to Others Metro Catholic Outreach

Summer Volunteers

As the school year ends, many of our regular volunteers are vacationing, or busy with family and summer activities. We welcome our student volunteers!

Students age 16 and over are enthusiastic, strong, and a fun addition to any of our pantry and distribution shifts. Younger students, third grade and up, can volunteer, accompanied by an adult. Sometimes even younger children can be included for a short time, or participate in fund raising or shopping activities for our pantry supplies. Contact us to find a shift that works for both you and MCO.



Two Hearts Art Market & Festival



It's Coming! The Two Hearts Art Market & Festival hosted by Divine Mercy Gifts is just 22 days away! We are so excited to host 24 vendors in this year's Market. They will have a wide variety of arts and crafts for you to peruse. Just a sampling of what is available: Paintings or prints in various styles and mediums, greeting cards, prayer candles & journals, jewelry, floral arrangements, mass kits & sensory sets, lotions, soaps, wall crosses, prayer kneelers, bible stands, knitted items, laser engraved wood work....the list is endless! You are sure to find something special for yourself or a unique gift for that hard to buy for person in your life. St.

Patrick's kitchen crew has agreed to join us again this year so refreshments will be available all day. Plan now to join us on Saturday, June 21, 2025, from 9am-2pm on the St. Patrick Church campus, corner of First Ave NW & Ellis BLVD NW, Cedar Rapids.

Retirement Reception to Honor Fr. Jack



The All Saints Pastoral Council and the All Saints Finance Council will be hosting a reception to honor Fr. Jack after the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, June 29 in the Social Hall. Cinnamon rolls and coffee will be served. If you wish to make a gift to Father Jack in appreciation for his years of service, please place a check or cash in a card for him. There will be a basket at the reception to place your gift into. Questions should be directed to Tracy Huk at 319-363-6130 ext 111 or businessmar@allsaintscr.com.

Talk Radio for Catholic Living



KMMK 88.7 FM Talk Radio for Catholic Living will host their 7th Anniversary Fundraising Dinner on Thursday, June 12, 2025, from 5-9 pm at Cedar Ridge Winery, 1441 Marak Road, Swisher, Iowa. Our featured speaker is Michael O'Neill, host of the "Miracle Hunter" heard Saturday at 12-1 pm KMMK. The dinner is free but reservations are needed by June 10. Make



your reservation at *www.KMMK-FM.org* and click on the EVENTS Tab. For further questions call Sue May at 319-360-3290.

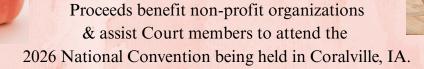
Mental Health First Aid

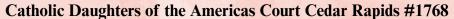


Mental Health First Aid Training: Are you a nurse? Student? Teacher? Caregiver? Community volunteer? Join us on June 24th to earn your Mental Health First Aid certification. In today's world, this certification can be just as crucial as a First Aid or CPR certification. This is a blended 2-part training. Participants will be required to complete a self-paced 2-hour online pre-work before the training day, followed by the in-person component on June 24th. 8:30AM to 3PM, a light breakfast and lunch will be served. \$25 per person. 18 years or older. *CLICK HERE* to register.

From the Catholic Daughters of the Americas

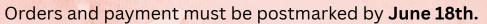
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Expected pickup date: JULY 7th or 8th.

Pickup Location: St. Pius X Catholic Church



Completed forms should be mailed to:

CDA Court #1768, c/o Karen Meade, 825 20th Ave. NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404-5522

Questions? Call or text Karen at 319-361-6410 or Email her at meadekarenm@aol.com

Order forms are available at www.catholicdaughterscr.org OR use the QR code to access the Peach page on our website.

Wear Red for Pentecost



The All Saints Liturgy Committee invites all parishioners and guests to wear red for the Pentecost liturgies on June 7 and 8. Pentecost marks the beginning of the Church. In honor of this significant event in our faith history we celebrate and recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit in our community and our unity to Christ. Come Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of your faithful people.



Come, let us Adore.











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Mass Intentions

Tues. June 10 8:00 am For Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wed. June 11 8:00 am Joanne Trcka

Thurs. June 12 8:00 am War. Russell Bleich

Fri. June 13 8:00 am Bob & Mary Hook

Sat. June 14 4:00 pm Yvonnie & Bill Pape

Sun. June 15 9:00 am
For the People

Scripture Readings

Week of June 1, 2025

Sunday:

Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53 (58)

Monday:

Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33 (297)

Tuesday:

Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a (298)

Wednesday:

Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19 (299)

Thursday:

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26 (300)

Friday:

Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19 (301)

Saturday:

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25 (302)

Sunday:

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 (62)

or, for the Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/

Jn 7:37-39 (see Lectionary for Mass Supplement, 62)

Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26 (63)

Metro Catholic Outreach Calling All Volunteers



Can you give a couple of hours once or twice per month to help those with food insecurity right here in our city?

Our volunteer shifts only last about two hours, morning or afternoon, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays.

Our pantry volunteers organize incoming donations, check expiration dates, stock shelves, bag up snacks, toiletries, produce, and pack the food boxes.

Our distribution volunteers add the fresh items to the food boxes on the dock, greet our clients as they arrive to pick up their groceries, and help load the cars.

Our volunteers in the office answer the door and phones, schedule clients for their food pick-ups, assemble and distribute the homeless bags, organize clothing donations and other supplies.

We are in need of more volunteers, in the pantry, the distribution dock, and in the office. We promise you will never be bored!

Contact us if you would like a tour and maybe try out a shift to see if it is a cause you would enjoy. You won't regret giving your time to help families in need!

All Saints Nights at Green Square Meals

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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 1:00 pm (Summer hours)
- 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

Some Memories From Our Last Days of School











Ministry Schedule
May 31, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan

Mary Pat Wilkinson

Extraordinary Ministers

Jean Bell

Connie Deutmeyer

Joan Fishburn

Riley Hoover

Ellen Mouw

John Myers

Peg Schmitz

Altar Servers

Kannon Pfeiler

Svlvia Robbins

Noelle Robbins

Lectors

Gavin Miller

Kathy Ulrich

Hospitality Ministers

Elie AbouRaad

Ryan Donnelly

Daniel Greene

Marcia Myers

Tom Takes

Theresa Werner

June 1, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

Sherry Casey

Extraordinary Ministers

Terry Goerdt

Mary Jo Goerdt

Stephanie Guzman

Mary Beth Helgens

Bob Helgens

Bill Knapp

Dianne Knapp

Altar Servers

Lewis Benfield

Roman Kilburg

Madison McCarville

Lectors

Robin Brown

Todd Holverson

Hospitality Ministers

Jeanne Amosson

Chase Philpott

Pete Rethwisch

Bea Rethwisch

Tony Satariano

Chris Shimon

Ministry Schedule

June 7, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan

Cynthia Gunsolly, OFS

Extraordinary Ministers

Suzanne Lammers

Gavin Miller

Joan Murrin

Alison Prentice

Daniel Prentice

Marvin Stallman

Becky Weininger

Altar Servers

Kennedy Blue

Ethan Meyer

Zachary Prentice

Lectors

Theresa Harker

Lisa Stephenson

Hospitality Ministers

Ryan Donnelly

Dick Kettelkamp

Brian Talyat

Lauri Talyat

Mike Votroubek

Theresa Werner

June 8, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

John Michael

Extraordinary Ministers

Cate Biro

Terry Goerdt

Mary Jo Goerdt

Andrew Lang

Gregory O'Connell

David Shema

Loesje Shema

Altar Servers

Paige Ainsworth

Dylan Lang

Cayden Suby

Lectors

JoAnn Hand

Tasha Tatara

Hospitality Ministers

Jason Ainsworth

Kim Ainsworth

Mike Klappholz

Stephanie Klappholz

Tyler Martin

Beth Martin

Family Ministry

June 1, 2025 • Ascension of the Lord • Luke 24:46-53

With Great Joy

The final three things Jesus did for his friends before his ascension into heaven were: he helped them understand some puzzling scripture, promise them that he would send the Holy Spirit to remain with them in his place, and finally, left them with his blessing.

You would think that immediately after Jesus left them a second time (the first being his death, the second being his ascension) his friends would have been filled with sadness and left feeling lost and adrift in the world again. Yet the scripture reading today tells us that instead "they returned to Jerusalem with great joy and they were continually in the temple praising God (Lk 24:53). So what happened that was different than after he died?

This time, it seems, they were able to believe him that they would not be left alone and that they would, indeed, be given the strength and the power to do what Jesus did when he was with them: the power to preach the good news, to heal the sick, and teach with his spirit of conviction and love. This time, the fact that they could be joyful and full of praise suggests they truly felt that Jesus was always with them.

My husband and I want our children to know that they will never be truly alone, even if they sometimes feel lonely. We want them to know that although we may not be physically present with them every moment of their lives, and even if they can't see or feel God at any given moment, our hearts are still with them and God is still with them. So we developed a tradition. At bedtime each night, we take turns giving them a blessing when we tuck them into bed. We remind them of people they encountered that day who love them and we finish with "God and Mary and Jesus and Joseph love you and we're always with you in spirit so you'll never be alone." We hope that when times come when they can't see or feel us or God, they will have the feelings Jesus' friends had after his ascension: trust in Jesus although they cannot see him.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Have you ever had a family member or friend die? How is their spirit still alive for you?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Call to mind a loved one who has died who is now among the communion of the saints. Ask them to help you feel more deeply that they are still with you. Ask them to help you trust even more in Jesus' presence with you.

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Xavier High School Principal	Lynn Holverson	lynn.holverson@crxcs.org	(319) 294-6635



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): To schedule classes, 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 9:15 AM in the Chapel.

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*.