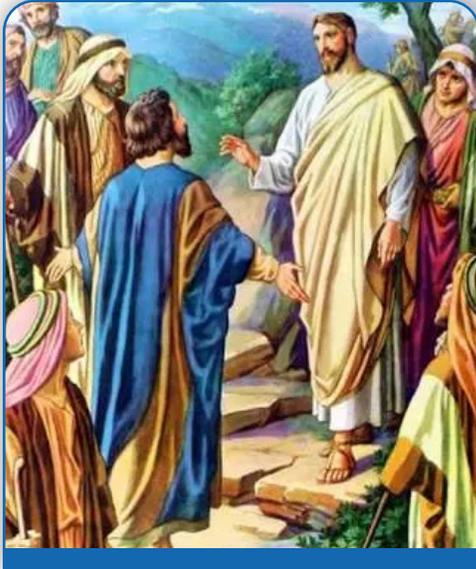


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**August 23 & August 24, 2025;
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*For behold,
some are last
who will be first
and some are
first who will
be last.*

Luke 13:30

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday 8:00 am
Wednesday NO Daily Mass
Thursday 8:30 am
Friday 8:00 am



The path is not always easy.

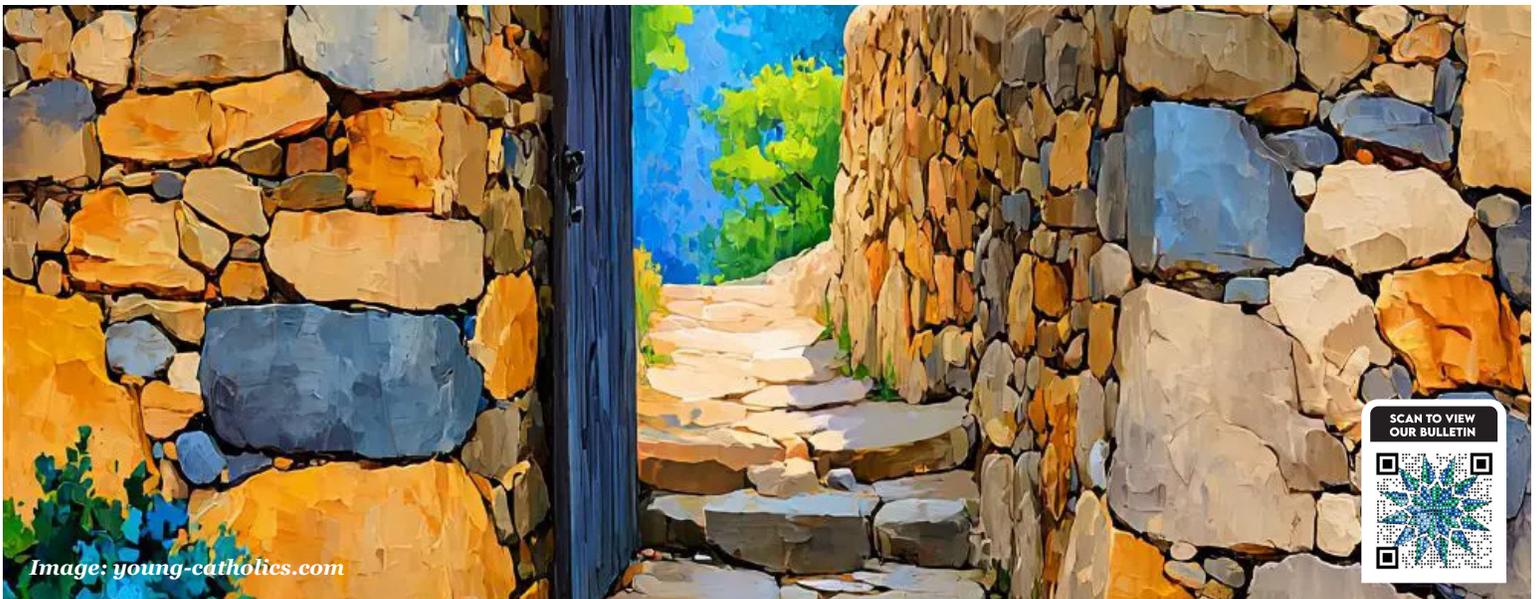


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Archdiocesan Journey in Faith Site



**Journey
in Faith**

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Frequently Asked Questions Journey in Faith dbqjourneyinfaith.org

What is Journey in Faith?

Journey in Faith is the pastoral planning process for the Archdiocese of Dubuque to renew discipleship, strengthen our Catholic communities, and align parish structures. It is a response to real challenges - but grounded in hope and trust in the Holy Spirit. Every parish will be involved in shaping the future.

How will this impact my parish?

Every parish in the Archdiocese will be grouped with other parishes to create a "Pastorate". Each Pastorate will have one pastor and usually one or more other priests called "Parochial Vicars" (previously called Associate Pastors.) This process will also involve:

- Enhanced collaboration with nearby parishes for operations and ministries
- Sharing clergy and parish staff
- Adjustments to Mass times and/or locations
- Consideration of future mergers of parishes within the newly formed pastorates

Will parishes be closing?

No final decisions have been made. The focus of "Journey in Faith" during 2025-2026 is about organizing groups of parishes into pastorates with a designated number of Masses to be held at specific locations. Due to the goals of having fuller Masses with more vibrant liturgies, not all parishes will be able to have weekend Masses. Since all parishes within a pastorate will be working very collaboratively together, there is an expectation that over time all parishes within the pastorate will ultimately "merge" into one parish.

Why is this happening now?

The Archdiocese faces several significant challenges:

- A growing secular culture and declining sacramental participation, which includes low Mass attendance and few baptisms, Catholic marriages, and religious vocations
- Fewer priests to serve our 160 parishes
- The need to steward resources, both human and financial, more effectively

We must address these concerns to continue sharing the Gospel and to support a vibrant Catholic presence in Northeast Iowa (the Archdiocese of Dubuque) for generations to come.

Who will lead these efforts?

The archdiocese is leading these efforts and has partnered with Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI) to help coordinate our processes for gathering feedback. CLI has assisted many other dioceses in these types of efforts. All final decisions, however, will be made by Archbishop Zinkula after he has reviewed all feedback from the September, October and November meetings at local parishes and considered recommendations from various advisory bodies.

As the pastor, our Parish Life Coordinator, Tracy Huk, was tasked to identify 3-6 parish leaders to serve on our Journey in Faith team. The members of the team for All Saints are: Steve Schmitz, team leader; Stacy Cataldo, Ann Jeffries, Deacon Ed Martin, Stephanie Klappholz, and Tracy Huk. Our team has been trained by CLI and will facilitate our parish sessions to gather your responses to proposals for pastorate groupings. Additional ideas and options that you present will also be submitted for consideration.

Archdiocesan Journey in Faith Site (cont.)

How will decisions be made?

The Archdiocese will propose models of groupings of parishes (called pastorates) at the September 16th and 17th meetings at All Saints. We will schedule meetings in October and November to gather parishioner feedback. Individuals may always submit feedback on their own through the Journey in Faith website. Final decisions will be made in alignment with:

- Church law (canon law)
- Geography, travel times and demographics
- Parish vitality and financial viability
- Clergy availability aligned with matching the gifts of priests to pastorates

Pastors, parish leadership and parishioners will have an active role in shaping the recommendations. The Archbishop will make final decisions after extensive consultation and collaboration.

When will decisions be made?

TIMELINE



How can I get involved?

- Attend weekend liturgies
- Read the bulletin
- Listen to the ambo announcements
- Get familiar with the information on the Journey in Faith website
- Attend one of the information sessions at All Saints on September 16th and 17th from 6-9 PM
- Attend the feedback sessions facilitated by the All Saints Journey in Faith Team in October and November (dates and times to be announced soon.)
- Talk to any member of the Journey in Faith Team
- Pray and be open to change
- Continue to support All Saints parish

**Journey in Faith Parish
Meeting #1 Schedule
Regional Planning Area #5**

Date	City	Location	Time
Saturday, 9/13	Hiawatha	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 1350 Lyndhurst Drive	8:00 - 11:00 AM
Saturday, 9/13	Hiawatha	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 1350 Lyndhurst Drive	12:00 - 3:00 PM
Monday, 9/15	Tama	St. Patrick, 900 Park Street	6:00 - 9:00 PM
Tuesday, 9/16	Cedar Rapids	All Saints, 720 29th Street SE	6:00 - 9:00 PM
Wednesday, 9/17	Cedar Rapids	All Saints, 720 29th Street SE	6:00 - 9:00 PM
Thursday, 9/18	Anamosa	St. Patrick, 217 North Garnavillo Street	6:00 - 9:00 PM
Saturday, 9/27	Cedar Rapids	St. Jude, 50 Edgewood Rd NW	8:00 - 11:00 AM
Saturday, 9/27	Cedar Rapids	St. Jude, 50 Edgewood Rd NW	12:00 - 3:00 PM

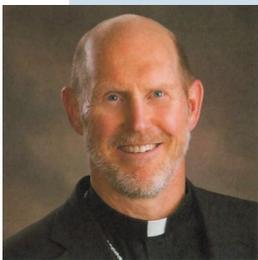
Why Should I Attend?

Attending these meetings will give you background about the challenges we face and the opportunities we have to be honest, courageous, faithful, and hopeful. Your ideas about how we can have vibrant and sustainable parishes focused on evangelization for the next 25+ years is very important as future plans are developed. While these September meetings are information focused, they set the stage for parishioners to provide thoughtful verbal feedback at local parish input sessions in October and November and written feedback via the [Journey in Faith website](#). In order to have sufficient materials for all those who attend, please register [here](#).

What Will be the Focus of These Meetings?

Participants will learn more about:

- Rationale, process, and timeline for Journey in Faith
- Importance of prayer and synodal listening in this process
- Proposed pastorate models as possible new groupings of parishes for the future



“I truly believe the Holy Spirit is calling us forward - to TRUST each other, to TRANSFORM our Church, and to do it TOGETHER. If we walk this path with courage, with faith, and with love - listening to one another and to God - we can renew our Church and build something lasting for generations to come.”

Archbishop Zinkula

Please Pray for the Following People

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



Mark Scherrman

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



Our cultural standards are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, "What have you done with the gifts I have given you?" How will you respond? How have you lived Stewardship?

A Weekly Tip on Caring for Our Common Home



Are you aware that most processed foods in America contain genetically modified organisms (GMOs)? Or that the majority of GMOs are banned in Europe, but the US Food and Drug Administration doesn't require companies to label the use of GMOs in their food? Let's take a look at the opportunities available to aid our planet – by eliminating GMOs.

For the Married Couples



"Strive to enter through the narrow gate..." (Luke 13:24). We cannot see what God sees, and God's love is much wider than our expectations. How can you be less judgmental toward your spouse, and help them to "enter through the narrow gate? This takes work, courage and humility.



Practicing Patience... and a Little Understanding



School is about to start. Have you picked up the kids' supplies? Remember to schedule haircuts. How's everyone's "fit" looking for day one? Don't forget the obligatory porch photos! Aaand now we're running late. Oh my, look at that drop-off line. I wonder what the pick-up line's gonna look like. Sigh. There's so much. It's just so much! Wait, what do you mean basketball practice is at 6:30?!? I guess that means gas station pizza for dinner on the way. Is it safe to say it again? Sigh. It's just so much! My apologies if your heart started racing a bit. I should've given a trigger warning at the beginning of my article. I know I certainly felt it and I'm a recent empty nester! Some memories simply linger longer than others.

I know it's easier said than done but practicing patience is so much more important these days than it ever has been, especially here in our little All Saints community. As we welcome Father Eric to our parish we are reminded of the fact that this is the most significant change we've seen in over a decade. Life was predictable and comfortable. Change is often frightening. As someone that has just recently experienced a significant change in one phase of life to the next, I encourage you to pause and reflect with me for a moment. Although the change seems a bit sudden, we've all known for quite awhile what was about to occur. Although my daughter moving out of my home seemed a bit sudden, I knew for quite awhile what was about to occur. I now understand why my parents always wanted to feed me when I would come home for a visit. It wasn't about keeping me fed. It was about that yearning we all have to provide for those we raised. I digress.

Anyway, the changes I've experienced since last Winter have been significant but not unexpected. Just as we at All Saints are feeling significant but expected changes. What has made my personal transition somewhat easier is that I often pause and reflect more on how I tackle the everyday tasks in new ways and how differently I interact with people now. With the change that our own Tracy Huk has experienced with her transition to Parish Life Coordinator, I see someone challenged in similar ways. Tracy and I often relate with each other during challenging times. I'll see my transition to an empty nester parallel with her transition to PLC. When one of us is feeling a little extra burdened, there's often a situation that the other is going through that allows us to relate. We'll then talk through our feelings and our strategies on how to find the light at the end of the tunnel. We're very blessed here in the office by the talented and clever professionals we are surrounded by. The key is to let go and ask for help when we know that someone right next door is more than qualified to lend a helping hand. None of us here in the office shy away from a challenge. We're great at finding solutions while knowing that stepping back can be helpful as well.

Tracy and I have both found more importance in leaning on others around us. Not only does this help us to accomplish our goals but it also makes those who helped also feel the fulfillment of meeting those expectations. I know that one thing that makes me feel wonderful is when I've empowered someone. Please allow me to empower each and every one of you during our transition. In times when you find our transition problematic, remember that a problem is just a challenge asking to be overcome. Don't back down. Don't let that challenge frighten you away.

As a very independent person, I will often consult YouTube to help me with tasks that other people might otherwise defer to a professional to accomplish. It's rare that I run away from a challenge. This Spring I attempted to replace the fluorescent ballasts in my basement to new low-profile LED lights. I hastily disconnected everything without noting which wires in the junction box went to which lights, etc. The next month was spent installing new ceiling tiles followed by installing the new lights. Then the day came that I had to overcome the challenge I had created for myself. It was time to wire in the new lights. After consulting with a friend that changed his basement lights in a very similar fashion, we came to a roadblock. Circuits were blowing and switches weren't working properly. We both stepped back and researched the problems. Eventually, YouTube was once again a savior. After moving a few wires around, we switched the power back on. It was now time to flip the switch... one... more... time. Voila! Let there be light!

Never once did I ever walk away from the project. I knew that at some point, light would shine again. And when those lights did eventually turn on, I walked away with a new understanding. I learned something that I never thought I'd need to know but because I practiced a little patience and creatively took things one step at a time. I was able to accomplish my goal. Now, don't get me wrong. I'm no electrician. I never will be but now I'm able to speak a little bit of a language I knew little about until I was thrust into this unique situation.

I think you see the point I'm trying to make this week. With this transition, our All Saints community was tasked with overcoming new challenges. We have been given the opportunity to explore new horizons, take a look at things from new perspectives, and learn a few new things along the journey. My personal hope is that we can all come together to figure out how to rewire the basement so that the new fixtures can shine an even brighter light than they did before. It's not a time to run away or to give up. We should all be more determined than ever to get those lights functioning. Now is the time to practice a little extra patience. Give yourself the grace you may need in those moments when you might feel a little overwhelmed by such significant changes. Know, however, that our community will lend a hand if you need it. Together, with patience, perseverance, and grace, we'll overcome everything we're currently navigating. We're also more prepared than ever to tackle the next challenge to come around the corner.

One last thing. To avoid sounding like a hypocrite, please forgive me if I tap my car horn if you're not quite driving 35 down 1st Ave. I may be a relatively patient individual but I'm not often a fan of driving *under* the speed limit. 😊

Dan Alpers, Office Manager - officemgr@allsaintscr.com

A Message from Tracy Huk, Parish Life Coordinator



We have been able to publish Fr. Eric's homily two weeks in a row. The response has been overwhelmingly positive. This week, we received a few requests to publish the homily prior to the weekend so that parishioners could view it while they were listening. For a couple of reasons, we are not going to go in that direction:

1. Writing a homily takes time, prayer and most importantly, requires a heart attentive to the Holy Spirit. In our fast-paced world, sometimes events happen right before Mass or the Holy Spirit may plant a last-minute seed or idea – good homilists need the freedom to incorporate these right up until the last possible moment.
2. A good homilist unpacks God's Word by connecting the readings to our real-life world and individual lives. To bear the most fruit, priests must have the ability to refine their message if needed from Mass to Mass, even to the point of having an entirely different message from Saturday to Sunday.
3. When we read a text while a message is spoken, we do not actively listen. Jesus frequently said, "Those who have ears should hear." He did not say, those who have eyes should read. Most children learn how to speak and read by listening. Hearing is a critical part of learning. Active listening also unveils nuances and context clues that aren't always known through reading.
4. As Fr. Eric acknowledged on the first weekend that he arrived – he has a Ghanaian accent. He wisely reminded us that through the virtue of patience, the act of listening attentively and the gift of time, our ears would attune to his words and vice versa.

We will continue to push out Fr. Eric's homily on Mondays. As stated above, this affords him the latitude he needs in order to provide the best homily for our parish community. There are things that we can do to help: **a)** prepare for the weekend liturgy by reviewing the readings. The [USCCB](#) website is a good resource. **b)** listen attentively to the homily. The Parish Staff Team is actively adjusting microphones, but at the end of the day, much sound is lost as it travels up our beautiful ceiling. **c)** after Mass, write down the key words or concepts you heard so that you can compare it to the pushed out homily on Monday.

May God continue to bless All Saints Parish.

Welcome to All Saints



We would like to welcome Charlie Short, our newest member of All Saints. Charlie is the son of Mason and Rachel Short and was baptized on Saturday, August 16. He was Fr. Eric's first baptism at All Saints! The community of All Saints prays:

Heavenly Father, grant that Charlie grows in grace and love. May he learn to follow Jesus through the influence of the Holy Spirit. Charlie is a child of yours, and we pray he serves you faithfully all his days. We pray guidance and strength for his parents and family. May their example, wise counsel and loving lead them to live a life of strength, righteousness, faith, love, joy and peace. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.



Parish Office Hours ***Temporary Change***



Beginning immediately, the parish office will close Monday through Friday from Noon until 1:00 pm for staff lunch breaks. This change is a result of Tracy's new duties as Parish Life Coordinator taking her in new and exciting directions. It's also only temporary as our IT Director, Ethan takes on new duties as 'new girl dad' also takes him in new and exciting directions. Please allow us to remind everyone that scheduling appointments with the staff member you'd like to spend time with is recommended. To prevent a potential waste of time and gas, it's more important than ever to have those appointments scheduled instead of dropping in. Time is our most precious resource. Please allow us to save yours as well as ours by calling or emailing to schedule your appointments. Thank you all for your understanding.

Service to Others *Metro Catholic Outreach*



MCO to CLOSE SEPT 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th

Our MCO office, pantry, and distribution will be CLOSED the whole week of Labor Day, September 1-4. We are happy to announce we will be holding The Volunteer Experience that week, meetings for all of our current and any potential volunteers. All our current volunteers and anyone interested in volunteering are invited to attend a short two hour meeting of **appreciation, feedback, brainstorming, and updates**, one of three days that week.

Light refreshments will be served. If you are a current volunteer, please watch your emails for the electronic invitation coming soon OR call us during office hours **319-739-5490** if you would like more info about becoming a volunteer!

Calling All Pie Bakers!



The Haiti Committee is once again looking for volunteers to bake apple pies for the annual Run for Pie 5K run/walk and half-mile kids fun run [Saturday, September 20 at 9:00 a.m. in Lisbon]. We award the top three runners in each division with apple pies, which means we need almost 60 pies! To sign up, go to www.runforpie.com and click on the 'volunteer' tab – OR – email Tina Lampe (TinaML416@hotmail.com). You can also sign up for other volunteer spots, like course monitoring (training provided). And, if you're a runner or walker, sign up to participate in the event and join the fun! Pie-baking has been scheduled for Friday, September

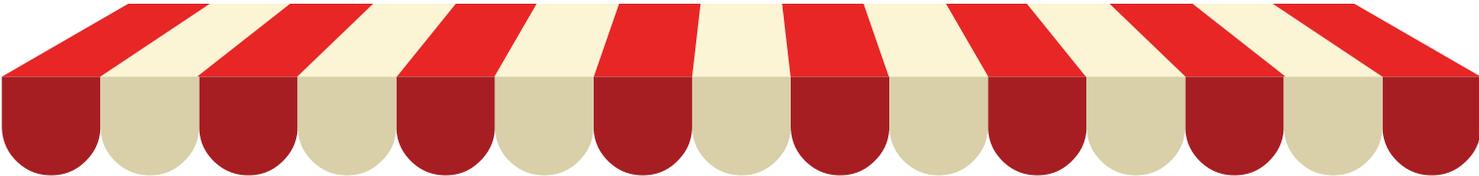
19 from 8:45 am to 1:00 pm in the social hall kitchen. See you there!

Save the Date!



The semi-annual All Saints **Blood Drive** is right around the corner. Join us in the lower level on the morning of Saturday, October 25th. Keep an eye on the bulletin and Facebook as registration information is made more available. Come save a life with us!

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St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church



Sunday, September 28th

1224 5th St SE, Cedar Rapids

10:30 AM Mass

Feast Day of St. Wenceslaus

11:30 AM- 5:00 PM

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Mass Intentions

Tues. August 26	8:00 am
† Patrick Finn	
Thurs. August 28	8:30 am
† Tudy Streletsky	
Fri. August 29	8:00 am
† Donna Jones	
Sat. August 30	4:00 pm
† John Behounek	
Sun. August 31	9:00 am
For the People	

Scripture Readings

Week of August 24, 2025

Sunday:

Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30 (123)

Monday:

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22 (425)

Tuesday:

1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 23:23-26 (426)

Wednesday:

1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32 (427)

Thursday:

1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51 (428)

Friday:

1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Mk 6:17-29 (634)

Saturday:

1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30 (430)

Sunday:

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14 (126)

Journey in Faith Prayer

Lord Jesus,
You accompanied your disciples on the way to Emmaus.
As we journey in faith,
we trust in your Spirit
to open our eyes
to set our hearts on fire
and to transform our parishes.
Make yourself known to us
through breaking open word and bread,
that we may travel together on mission:
to grow disciples, cultivate leaders, and
unify parishes,
with our journey ending in You,
who live and reign forever and ever.
Amen.

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! 319-739-5490.

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 - 1:00 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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Ministry



Do you know a couple who have been married 70, 75 or more years? Worldwide Marriage Encounter highlights and honors couples who have very long marriages. Every state in the US will honor one nominated couple who is married the longest. Please nominate a couple by going to wwme.org and nominate them at the top of the page. Nominations should be in by September 1st. For questions call 641-753-6953.

Grieving with Great HOPE



Grieving with Great HOPE's 6-week Grief Support Workshop begins soon. This series offers ways to incorporate your Catholic faith and the church as tools to help walk through grief. If you have lost a spouse, a child, a grandchild, a parent, another family member or a friend, you are encouraged to attend.

Every Monday at 6:00 pm from September 15 through October 20 at St. Pius X (4949 Council Street in Cedar Rapids). Register at www.crpriusx.org/bereavement

Pilgrimage to England & Scotland



Come along April 20-30, 2026, as we visit some of the most beautiful and historical places in all of Europe. We will visit the prehistoric Stonehenge, Stratford, the home of William Shakespeare, Edinburgh and its famous Scottish Castle, Big Ben in London, Buckingham Palace and so much more! We will have Mass each day in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. Cost is \$5,169 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, 276 Country Club Drive, Lake Park, Iowa 51347 or call 712-899-6870 or email frdanguenther@gmail.com.



Ministry Schedule

August 23, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan

Peg Schmitz

Extraordinary Ministers

Jean Bell

Connie Deutmeyer

Kathi Grainger

Riley Hoover

Sara Lang

John Myers

Becky Weininger

Altar Servers

Katrina Golobic

Logan Kelly

Sean Kelly

Lectors

Theresa Harker

Lisa Stephenson

Hospitality Ministers

Barb Lindstrom

Marcia Myers

Tom Takes

Brian Talyat

Lauri Talyat

Theresa Werner

August 24, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

Cate Biro

Extraordinary Ministers

Ann Hunter

Larry Hunter

Bill Knapp

Dianne Knapp

John Michael

Gregory O'Connell

David Shema

Altar Servers

Kendra Beeler

Rocco Schmidt

Hunter Schmidt

Lectors

Joseph Cataldo

Chase Philpott

Hospitality Ministers

Jeanne Amosson

Mike Klappholz

Stephanie Klappholz

Pete Rethwisch

Bea Rethwisch

Diane Weimer

Ministry Schedule

August 30, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan

Mary Pat Wilkinson

Extraordinary Ministers

Jean Bell

Suzanne Lammers

Joan Murrin

Daniel Prentice

Alison Prentice

Stephen Schmitz

Marvin Stallman

Altar Servers

Kennedy Blue

Martin (MJ) Golobic

Stella Lippe

Lectors

Theresa Harker

Kathy Ulrich

Hospitality Ministers

Ryan Donnelly

Daniel Greene

Dick Kettelkamp

Brian Talyat

Lauri Talyat

Mike Votroubek

August 31, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

John Michael

Extraordinary Ministers

Tom Amosson

Cate Biro

Sherry Casey

Gregory O'Connell

Mike Powell

David Shema

Loesje Shema

Altar Servers

Roman Kilburg

Madison McCarville

Katherine Osen

Lectors

Chris Conway

Brian Conway

Hospitality Ministers

Sue Bright

Tyler Martin

Beth Martin

Tony Satariano

Diane Weimer

Family Ministry

August 24, 2025 • 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 13:22-30

Jesus Talks About the First Being Last

When Jesus is asked if only a few people will be saved, he answers his questioners indirectly. He tells them that it will take more than familiarity with him or his teachings to get into the master's house, suggesting that they may be surprised to see who will be at God's table. "Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last" (v. 30).

Many of Jesus' sayings are hard. Surely this one, "the last will be first," is one of them. We live in a culture where success means being number one. Coming in last is unacceptable. Yet, by his words and actions, Jesus teaches just the opposite.

Seeing the virtue in being last is difficult enough for us adults, but for a youngster, being last or left out can be traumatic. It can be wrenching to sit with a child who has been left out of a game or chosen last. I remember being barraged by all sorts of feelings—empathy, anger, frustration—when this happened in our household. It was hard to face the reality that I could not make the hurt go away.

So what can we do when our children encounter rejection? First, love them and listen to their pain. Allow them time to talk about the experience. Help them find words to express their feelings. Perhaps you can share a story from your own childhood about a time you felt rejected or left out. Later, you might read or tell them a relevant story from Scripture. For example, you could recall (or read from a good child's Bible) the story of David, the last brother chosen who became Israel's greatest king. Or retell or read the story of Zacchaeus, who was disliked by everyone but chosen by Jesus to share a dinner.

When you share your stories and the stories of our faith family, you not only comfort your children but also plant seeds and provide a tool to help them grow. You are teaching them to connect their stories with the stories of others, and to discover that they are a part of a larger family where success and being first are measured with a different yardstick.

FAMILY RESPONSE

After discussing how it feels to be left out, talk about people in your own circle (school, work, neighborhood) who might feel excluded. What can you do about it?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

How do you deal with rejection? Do you get angry, cry, make excuses? Remember that even Jesus was rejected by his friends. How did he respond? How can you respond?

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Sacrament Information

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays at 3:15 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: More information will be available this Fall.

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.