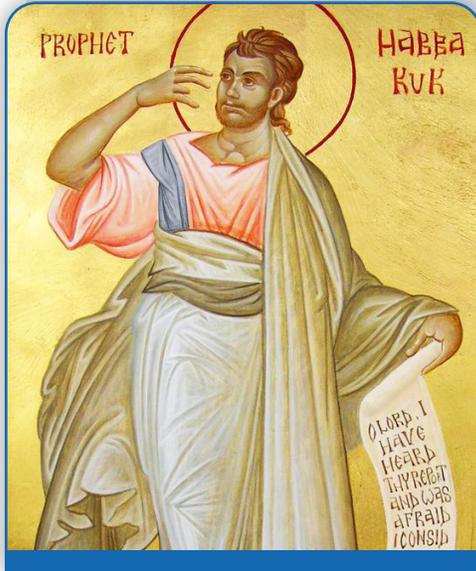


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CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL



Love God • Serve Others • Form Disciples



**October 4 & October 5, 2025;
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control.

2 Timothy 1:7

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



Increase Our Faith



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Journey in Faith - For Your Consideration

As we prepare to enter the discussion and discernment phase of our three sessions included in the Fall 2025 Journey in Faith Timeline, please use the following questions to guide the conversation:

Weekend Mass Site Considerations

Geography

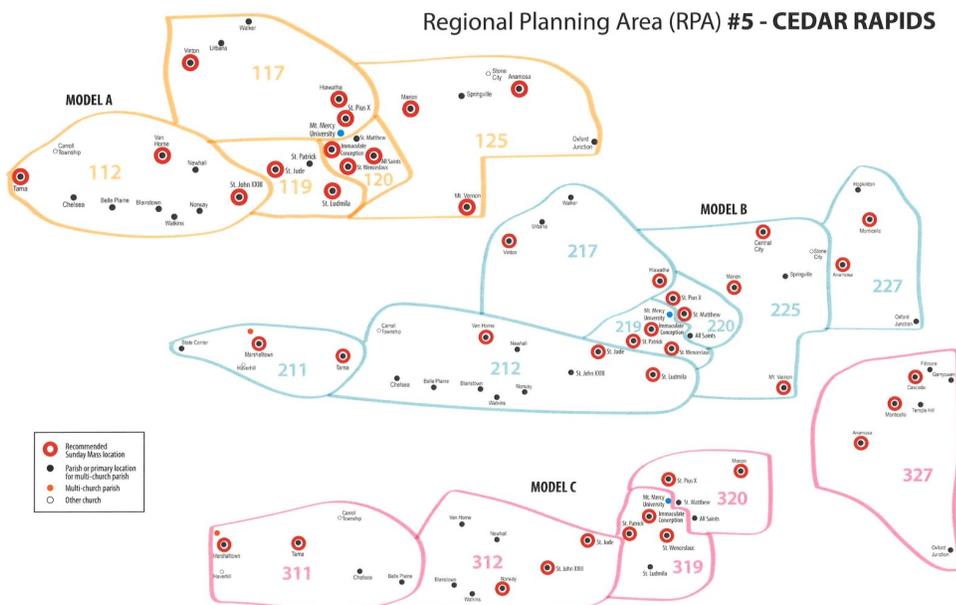
- Which church building(s) are located in the largest town/population centers and/or county seats?
- Which church building(s) allow for 80%+ of parishioners to attend weekend Mass by traveling 20 minutes or less?
- Which church building(s) are on major roads to allow for easiest travel, particularly in the winter or evenings?
- Which church building(s) are near a school?

Capacity

- Which building(s) offer the space needed for increased future weekend Mass attendance in the proposed pastorate?
- Which building(s) offer appropriate parking for increased future weekend Mass attendance in the proposed pastorate?

Facility Quality

- Which building(s) are in the best physical condition and free of deferred maintenance?
- Which building(s) offer gathering spaces, meeting spaces, and social areas?
- Which building(s) have had significant renovations within the last 10 years?
- Which building(s) showcase the beauty of our faith through architecture, stained glass, paintings, and other means?
- Which building(s) have updated HVAC systems?
- Which building(s) are best suited for handicap accessibility?
- Which building(s) are best suited for appropriate restroom facilities?
- Which building(s) provide the best offerings for music (ie. organ/piano, musician space, acoustics, etc)?



October Sessions:

- **Sunday, Oct 12**
Start time 10:15 AM
- **Wednesday, Oct 15**
Start time 12:00 PM
- **Thursday, Oct 16**
Start time 6:30 PM

All Sessions will be in the Social Hall
Scan the QR Code below to register:



Please Pray for the Following People

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



Mrs. Dawn Bembenek & Ms. Sarah Robbins

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



Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good Steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything - all the time. The next time you are at a neighborhood party or at work or out shopping, would your words and actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?

A Weekly Tip on Caring for Our Common Home



The amount of greenhouse and poisonous gases released into the atmosphere from vehicle emission is harmful to human health, and detrimental to the environment. Are you aware that nearly 28.5% of all US greenhouse gas emissions come from transportation? By sourcing alternative means of transportation, reducing the miles you drive, or purchasing a hybrid or fuel efficient vehicle – you can directly reduce your car-related greenhouse gas emissions. What's all the gas about?

Climate change threatens every aspect of life on our planet. With 77% of Americans commuting to work alone, and an additional 9% utilizing carpool or rideshare services, a tremendous amount of car GHG emissions are being pumped into the environment daily. By lowering our transportation emissions, we can reduce the impacts of climate change. Let's look at some additional facts on greenhouse emissions.

For the Married Couples



“Increase our faith.” (Luke 17:5). What do you do as a married couple to increase your faith? Pray together? Attend Mass as a family? Join prayer groups/Bible study? Become leaders of marriage preparation programs? Think about ways that participation in parish/community activities as a couple can increase your faith.

Everyday Metanoia



Welcome to the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. First of all, I will encourage us to read all of Habakkuk - it is a short read, but speaks well to our time and culture. We readily blame “the other” and call those in authority to task for inaction; but we do not see our own responsibility for both what is happening and participating in the course of action needed for correction.

From the Catholic Bible (NAB) Study Edition, we learn that this prophecy dates from the years 605-597 BC - between the time of the Battle of Carchemish, which ended the Egyptian dominance in the region, and the Babylonian invasion of Judah, “which culminated in the capture of Jerusalem. The situation in Judah was desperate at the time [of this prophecy], with political intrigue and idolatry widespread in the small kingdom [of Judah].” Habakkuk begins with a typical lament of a prophet; railing against the offenses of the People of God who have fallen into sin. What we also encounter, though, “for the first time in Israelite literature, is a man (Habakkuk) questioning the ways of God as Habakkuk calls Him to account for His government of the world.” “How long, O Lord? I cry for help but you do not listen! I cry out to you, “Violence!” but you do not intervene. Why do you let me see ruin: why must I look at misery? Destruction and violence; there is strife and clamorous discord.” Echoing Fr. Eric’s homily from last week, Habakkuk is calling out the people of Judah for their sins of commission; doing that which is specifically prohibited by God; but he is also calling out God for what he (Habakkuk) considers to be omission on God’s part - failing to do what we ought.

God does not take offense, but, instructs Habakkuk to write this all down so that the people of the future can easily read it and see that the hand of God is ever present and responding - even when we feel otherwise. God’s response is in direct opposition to man’s reaction. We want everything to happen when we want it to happen; more often than not, right now. God’s time and response is so much bigger and better: “For the vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint; if it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late. The rash one has no integrity; but the just one, because of his faith, shall live.”

The themes of patience and personal responsibility connect last week’s parable and this week’s Gospel reading. We skip over the beginning of chapter 17 where, after directing the parable of the rich man and Lazarus to the Pharisees present, Jesus turns back to talk with the disciples. He tells them that such things will inevitably occur, but just because a sin isn’t obvious (the rich man didn’t specifically harm Lazarus), it doesn’t make it any less a sin. The rich man had a responsibility to ease the suffering of Lazarus, but chose to ignore it, either deliberately or out of obtuseness. In response to this the disciples seem to realize that the error of sin is much greater than they thought and reply, “Increase our faith.” Although Jesus assures them that faith the size of a mustard seed can do great and mighty deeds, he also calls them to obediently carry out the will of God and do what they know in their hearts rather than relying solely on the Law. God’s law of love encompasses the Mosaic law but elevates it to a whole new level. God’s law of love is written on our hearts and so just like the servant in the parable, if we are aware of the expectation, we have an obligation to God to carry it out.

This happens a lot in life. We know that we are to help the poor and vulnerable and we feel good when we contribute financially to the agencies that have processes to assist. But in our hearts, we know that sacrificial giving is just part of the responsibility. We need to personally give of our time and talents when we are able. A song from Christian radio suddenly pops into my mind: *Do Something by Matthew West*. Sometimes God calls us to actions that take us out of our comfort zone and feel bigger than we are. But most of the time, it’s the little things, that when multiplied, grow bigger and change the world. Like smiling at people and saying ‘hi’ throughout the day, or picking up trash one piece at a time while on a walk. Or even God breaking into our human world in the form of a babe born in a manger.

Come Holy Spirit!

Praying with you always, Tracy Huk, Parish Life Coordinator

Catholic Daughters Court



Catholic Daughters Court #1768 will meet Tuesday, October 14 at St. Pius Catholic Church. Doors open at 6:00 PM with refreshments. We will have a Pro-Life Speaker [Kurt Roghan with NAMI]

October 19 is CDA Sunday at 10:30 Mass at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Afterward, a Brunch and awards. Guests are welcome. Contacts Roberta 319-366-0999 or Stephanie 319-540-7193

Walking With Moms in Need



Since October is "Respect Life" month, it is also the perfect time to learn about an upcoming program called "Walking with Moms in Need". We are sharing the information with our parish before the official start in November.

"If a woman with an unexpected or challenging pregnancy turned to you, would you know what help is available? Could a mom struggling to care for her young kids turn to your neighborhood Catholic church and find local assistance?"



This program provides information about resources available in our parish as well as a sympathetic and listening heart when needed. Sometimes that is all a person needs to know, that they are not alone in their seemingly desperate situation, that there is help and hope for the future.

When a woman goes to the website, WalkingwithMomsIowa.com, they see an option to find the closest participating parish. When volunteer representatives are then contacted, they reach out to the woman in order to understand her needs and refer her to the appropriate resources or agencies.

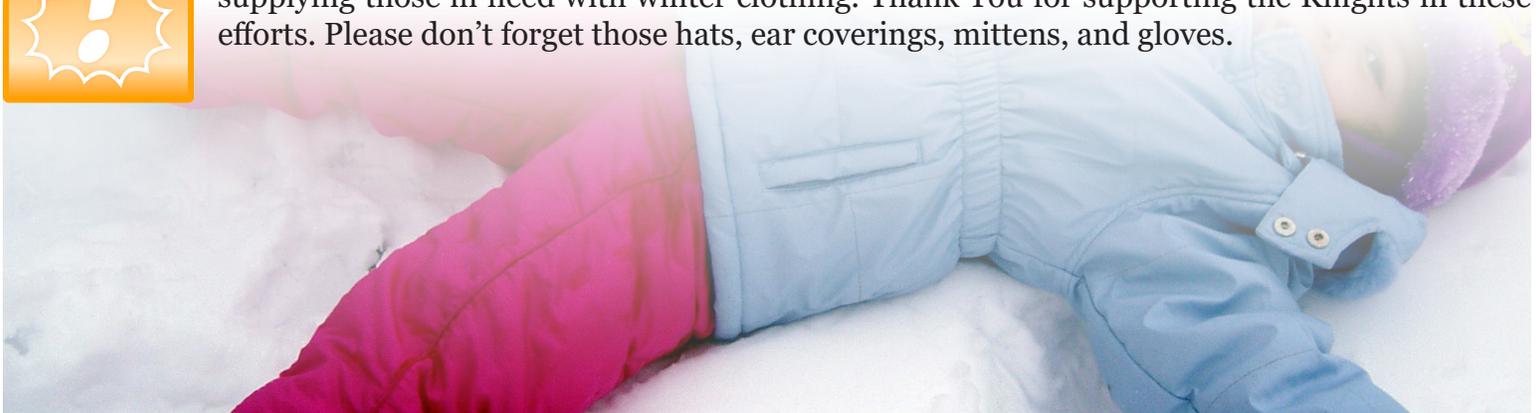
Even if you are unable to participate at this time, please pray the Walking With Moms Prayer for the women and families we hope to raise up.

For further information, you can go to WalkingwithMomsIowa.com, or use the QR code above.

Knights of Columbus "Coats for All" Collection Drive



Our annual "Coats for All" drive will begin the last weekend of September and continue through the first two weeks of October. This effort supports several family organizations in the area in supplying those in need with winter clothing. Thank You for supporting the Knights in these efforts. Please don't forget those hats, ear coverings, mittens, and gloves.



Run for Pie Rundown



The Eastern Iowa Haiti Committee hosted its annual “Run for Pie” 5K run and walk September 20 to raise funds for its mission work in Belle Fontaine. About 130 runners and walkers participated in the event, raising almost \$4,000 from registrations. Sponsors of the race provided an additional \$3,800. Once the bills were paid, the run netted a total of about \$6,300 to be used to purchase school supplies, provide teacher training and help pay teachers in our sister parish in Haiti.

Volunteers from All Saints in Cedar Rapids and St. John’s the Baptist in Mt. Vernon baked more than 56 full apple pies to be handed out as awards for the top three finishers in each age and gender group. Furthermore, a crew of 6 volunteers baked 150 apple pie tarts in the All Saints Social Hall kitchen which were given to every finisher in the event.

About a dozen young people participated in the Kids Half Mile Fun Run immediately following the end of the 5K.

Run For Pie race director Joe Mischka credited the quality of volunteers for continuing to make the event a success.

“The turnout we get every year has been inspiring,” Mischka said. “Last year we had a record turnout of runners and walkers for our 10th annual event, and this year we might have topped that number if the weather forecast had been more promising.

“We have continued to grow every year and a lot of that is a credit to the volunteers,” Mischka continued. “Runners talk to one another about runs they go to. If you have enthusiastic and helpful volunteers, the runners remember, come back, and get their friends to come, too.”

“I can’t tell you how much we appreciate the folks who step up to bake pies, help with course setup, man the registration booth, hand out pie tarts and monitor the course to make sure runners stay safe,” Mischka said. “They’re the backbone and heartbeat of this event.”



Service to Others

Metro Catholic Outreach



Our Most Urgent Weekly Needs

Pantry Needs: Personal Care Items and Canned Soups

Personal Care: Toilet Paper, Dental Products, Soap, and Shampoo

Homeless Supplies: Bus Tickets, and Protein Items.

Young at Heart



Come join All Saints' Church members for the Young at Heart Luncheon on Wednesday, October 15 at noon in the Social Hall. The speakers will be members from the All Saints' Journey in Faith Committee. Join us for lunch and discuss the three proposed pastorate maps that include All Saints Church Regional Planning Area #5 (Cedar Rapids area.) **We do ask that you register so that we can have sufficient forms available. It is important to hear everyone's comments and concerns as we proceed with the plans for our future.** There is no cost for lunch.

Mass Intention Scheduling



Per archdiocesan guidelines, we will not be scheduling any Masses or Mass intentions beyond July 1, 2026. We do not yet know which churches will be used for weekend and daily Mass. New pastorates will be able to schedule Masses in late spring of 2026 after the new Mass schedule is determined. As a reminder, the new Mass schedule will be created by the outgoing and incoming pastors in May-June 2026.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Fall is a beautiful season full of color and crisp fresh air. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is like autumn because it's a weekend full of fresh air, new beginnings and a time to rejoice in the beauty of your marriage. It's a great time to rekindle communication and enjoy a weekend away. Dates of upcoming experiences are a non-residential weekend November 7-9 in Ankeny and a residential weekend February 13-15 in Dubuque. For more information call Greg and Denise - 563-920-9419



Hidden Holiness: Retreat for Mothers



Are you a mother in need of rest, connection, and prayer? Need some support in the midst of your vocation? Please consider joining St. John the Baptist on Saturday, October 11th for the Hidden Holiness of Motherhood Retreat led by Maggie Peiffer which will be held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Mount Vernon. This retreat is geared for mothers seeking holiness in the midst of their vocation, whether you have little ones or grandchildren. It will be held from 8:30-1:00pm. The cost is \$15 and you can find more information at stjohnmv.org.

This morning retreat will involve two talks on the holiness of motherhood, small group discussion, quiet time for prayer, lunch, and will close with an opportunity for adoration and confession. There will be an opportunity to purchase the Hidden Holiness: A Prayer Journal for Mothers with Little Ones for \$20. Cash, check, or Venmo will be accepted.

Cycle Prep: First Period Workshop for Girls



Experience the nationally-acclaimed program which equips parents and daughters with valuable info about menstrual cycles and teen periods, so they can navigate this time of change confidently, together! Cycle Prep Workshop is Sunday, October 19th at 2:00pm in the Lower Level of St. John the Baptist Church. Cycle Prep Workshop is presented by Sarah Covington, Licensed Cycle Prep Facilitator, Cycle Charting Instructor, and Hormone Educator and Coach. The cost is \$25. See flyer or stjohnmv.org for more details.

2025 Mt. Calvary Cemetery Fall Cleanup



The October 15th Mt. Calvary Cemetery Fall Cleanup is around the corner. If you have any floral tributes on your loved one's grave sites, please have them removed by Wednesday morning, October 15th. The cemetery will be completely cleared of all decorations at that time. In-ground vases will be turned down into their storage positions until spring usage. After November 15th, holiday wreaths, mounds and evergreen blankets may be placed, and will remain until the spring clean-up in March 2026. If you have questions, please call Mt. Calvary Cemetery at 319-362-4659.

If you would like to volunteer your time for this Corporal Work of Mercy, please call our office. The location is 375 32nd St. Drive, SE, Cedar Rapids.

Thank You!



The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the parishioners of All Saints Parish for their generous contributions during our annual Tootsie Roll Drive. \$646 was collected. Council 5677 collected over \$7500 in our total campaign. All proceeds will be given to help support both Discovery Living (90%) and Iowa Special Olympics (10%). Thank you for your generosity.
- KC Council 5677



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ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, October 25

8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Lower Level - 720 29th Street SE

**To book an appointment, scan the QR code or contact
Dennis Mullarkey at (319) 350-3776 or at larks3150@gmail.com.**

Last Date to Donate Elsewhere: 08/30/25 Group Code: 1879



Mass Intentions

Tues. Oct. 7 8:00 am
† Marie & Maynard Marek

Thurs. Oct. 9 8:30 am
† Charles Vermeersch

Fri. Oct. 10 8:00 am
† Barbara Scherrman-Hunt

Sat. Oct. 11 4:00 pm
† Rosemary & Lawrence Schenden

Sun. Oct. 12 9:00 am
For the People

Scripture Readings

Week of October 5, 2025

Sunday:

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10 (141)

Monday:

Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37 (461)

Tuesday:

Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42 (462)

Wednesday:

Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4 (463)

Thursday:

Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13 (464)

Friday:

Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26 (465)

Saturday:

Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28 (466)

Sunday:

2 Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19 (144)

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 - Friday - 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Saturday and Sunday - closed

The parish staff knows that your time is valuable. Please **call** or **email** the staff member you wish to speak with to ensure that they are available.

Bruins Beat

Principal's Note

Dear Families,

Today we had our first monthly PBIS Assembly. This year, teachers are nominating one or two students per classroom that have exhibited The Bruins' Way throughout the entire month. In addition, our Specials teachers will each be giving an outstanding student award for their respective classroom. We have seen all the students continue to show improvement on modeling the attributes of, "Be Safe - Be Kind - Be Ready". We are proud of our students and celebrate their growth and achievements as they transitioned back into the school year.

Enjoy the fantastic weather ahead this weekend.

Blessings,

Ms. Starr
Principal, All Saints Elementary

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Ministry Schedule

October 4, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan

Mary Pat Wilkinson

Extraordinary Ministers

Jean Bell

Connie Deutmeyer

Joan Fishburn

Ellen Mouw

Kourtne Powell

Mike Powell

Stephen Schmitz

Altar Servers

Sylvia Robbins

Lindsey Talyat

Megan Talyat

Lectors

Theresa Harker

Lisa Stephenson

Hospitality Ministers

Sue Bright

Ryan Donnelly

Peg Schmitz

Brian Talyat

Lauri Talyat

Mike Votroubek

October 5, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

Chris Conway

Extraordinary Ministers

Maureen Dale Ernst

John Ernst

Wade Johnson

Bill Knapp

Dianne Knapp

Sara Lang

Dennis Mullarkey

Altar Servers

Everly Felland

Caleb Lang

Charles Schmitt

Lectors

Brian Conway

Tasha Tatara

Hospitality Ministers

Jason Ainsworth

Kim Ainsworth

Chase Philpott

Tony Satariano

Ministry Schedule

October 11, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan

Jean Bell

Extraordinary Ministers

Connie Deutmeyer

Ellen Mouw

Kourtne Powell

Alison Prentice

Daniel Prentice

Stephen Schmitz

Marvin Stallman

Altar Servers

Bo Dittmar

Emerson Eichhorn

Stella Lippe

Lectors

Theresa Harker

Becky Weininger

Hospitality Ministers

Jen Colby

Chris Colby

Ryan Donnelly

Joe Jeffries

Ann Jeffries

Tom Takes

October 12, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

Sherry Casey

Extraordinary Ministers

Mary Jo Goerdt

Terry Goerdt

Larry Hunter

Ann Hunter

Wade Johnson

Andrew Lang

Dennis Mullarkey

Altar Servers

Adalyn LaMere

Rocco Schmidt

Hunter Schmidt

Lectors

Loesje Shema

David Shema

Hospitality Ministers

Mike Klappholz

Stephanie Klappholz

Pete Rethwisch

Bea Rethwisch

Diane Weimer

Theresa Werner

Family Ministry

October 5, 2025 • 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 17:5-10

Faith the Size of a Mustard Seed

Jesus tells his apostles that if they have faith the size of a mustard seed, they will be able to uproot a mulberry tree and plant it in the sea.

"The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!'" (v.5).

Some of the greatest theologians and saints once questioned the existence of God. It's not a sin to doubt our faith. Sometimes it's a healthy sign of growth. But it can be pretty scary when our youngsters begin questioning the truths we hold most sacred.

My youngest son was fourteen when he put the question to me: "Mom, what if there isn't a God?" After some discussion about what he was thinking and feeling, I realized he was just as concerned about the fact that he was questioning as the question itself. I offered some advice that I've tried to follow myself: "As long as you keep honestly searching for the truth, you'll be fine."

This search for truth can be a lifelong adventure; questioning and even doubting are often a part of the process. Our job as parents is to lay a solid faith foundation so our children feel free to ask their questions, but also know where to look for answers. We do this from their earliest years by sharing Scripture and praying with them, by talking about what we believe and by taking them to church to worship, learn and serve with their peers and the larger parish.

We cannot argue our children into faith. We cannot make them believe. We know they were gifted with faith at their baptism, and we can only trust that if they keep honestly searching for the truth, they will find it. In the end they will see God, because God is truth.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Talk about the good deeds family members did last week. Ask each family member to think about the following question: "If you could ask God one question, what would it be?" Share your questions.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Is faith important to you? Why or why not? If it is important, in what ways do you model your faith at home?

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The Gospel at Home

This Week's Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus' disciples ask him to increase their faith. Jesus uses the example of a mustard seed to tell them that even a little bit of faith is powerful. Faith in Jesus gives the power to perform miracles and to recognize those we witness.

In Jesus' time, masters didn't sit down to eat with servants or reward them for doing their jobs. Jesus used this reality to make a point. His parable is critical of disciples who want to become masters of their fate or to lord it over others. Service is the ordinary duty of all Jesus' followers.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): Your child has learned to recognize the growth he or she sees all around. The lesson also taught that we can all trust Jesus. Talk with your child about the story of the tiny seed. Ask to see your child's "I'm growing inside and out" booklet, and let the child explain the booklet to you. Consider taking a walk to see what things are growing in your neighborhood.

Promise (Grades K-1): This week's lesson centered on the trust children have in people they know and love. The lesson also showed that we can all trust Jesus. Ask your child to tell you the story of the tiny seed in the Gospel story. Ask your child why Layna needed to trust people on her first day of school. Encourage your child to show you the four images of people he or she can trust. Let him or her tell you why these people were chosen.

Good News (Grades 2-3): This lesson focused on recognizing signs of faith in God. Ask your child what lesson Abby learned by taking part in the play. Tell him or her what it was like when God gave your child the gift of faith at Baptism. Ask your child to tell you what a Creed is. Brainstorm with your child ideas of how your family faith can grow like the mustard seed.

Venture (Grades 4-6): A discussion of faith is at the heart of this week's session. Discuss how your young person felt while reading the story titled, "From Soldier to Saint." Use this opportunity to talk about what faith is like for your family. Discuss what you do as a family to nourish the "mustard seed" of faith and make it grow? What more could you do? Work together to write a statement of faith for your family. Ask your youngster to tell you what Carlo Acutis did that made him a saint.

Visions (Grades 7-9): This week your young person discussed the importance of faith and believing. The class performed a skit titled, "Francis, Knight for God." Talk with your youngster about the faith activity and interview that he or she did during class. Share what faith means to you and to your family. Talk about the ways we use the word *faith*—knowing, thinking, and trusting. Discuss which of these ways best describes faith in God.

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

After your conversation, sit quietly for a moment. Then let each member of the family ask God in his or her own words to help the family grow in faith.



NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN



Join us for a day of public, prayerful, and peaceful pro-life witness.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- MEET AT ST. MATTHEW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
- SIGN IN
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- PRAYER RALLY SEND OFF



**SUNDAY, 5
OCTOBER 2025**

From 2:00 – 3:30 PM
2310 1st Avenue NE, Cedar Rapids



Participants are asked to preregister with Sue Martinek. susjmar@aol.com or 319-270-0054

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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: Registration now open [HERE](#).

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: Wednesdays, 8:30 AM to 10:00 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.