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**October 18 & October 19, 2025;
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

...proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient...
2 Timothy 4:2

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

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



Praying Without Giving Up



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Please Pray for the Following People

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



† Fred Brown, 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



It is not always convenient to be a good Steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He never said that we would have an easy life. Rather, He called us to be faithful!

A Weekly Tip on Caring for Our Common Home



As the dairy industry boosts milk production – the dairy cow is not the only life suffering. In regards to human health, dairy is the number one source of saturated fats in the standard American diet. Diets high in saturated fat and cholesterol increase the risk of heart disease. Studies have also linked dairy to an increased risk of breast, ovarian and prostate cancers – as well as research stating that dairy products have little or no benefit for bone health. Numerous health professionals have reported that there are no negative side effects to removing dairy from your diet.

For the Married Couples



“Pray always without becoming weary” (Luke 18:1). Today's gospel reminds us of the power of persistence. Do you and your spouse need to persist in something: praying as a family, saving for the home, looking for work? Encourage each other.

Marriage License

To Any Person Legally Authorized to Solemnize Marriages in the State of
I, the undersigned,

Everyday Metanoia



Welcome to the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The behavior of the widow best defines our theme that comes from the readings today: persistence. Let's reflect upon how this applies to our spiritual and everyday life.

In reading the parable of the widow and the unrighteous judge, we learn from the judge that the widow did not give up and kept coming to him and asking that he “render a just decision for me against my adversary.” Moses, too, learns that persistence is needed to “win the war.” St. Paul advises Timothy to “remain faithful to what you have learned and believed.” It is so easy to lose heart over a situation that is not resolved as quickly as we would like. But God's time is not our time and persistence is what gives us the courage to keep the faith and to be patient. The reading from Exodus gives another good piece of advice - we need the help of the community - for we are human and can grow weary and lose hope when we try to do things all on our own.

As we just completed the second session for Journey in Faith and had the opportunity to evaluate the proposed pastorates, the mood of our parish has run the gamut from giving up to arming for battle. Despite the fact that in two of the proposals All Saints is not designated for weekend Masses, the spirit of community is very strong here and we need to encourage one another in prayer, hope, persistent dialogue and feedback to the Archdiocese, and love. Just as Adam set the path toward salvation through Jesus Christ long before it happened, the path for our current situation was set decades ago. We have had our share of “prophets” along the way, but just like the Israelites, many have chosen to accept and embrace the way of secularization rather than heed the signs and warnings and return to God (and weekend Mass attendance.) The very first commandment tells us to love God with all our heart, soul and mind - You shall have no other gods before me. God loves us so much that despite our sinful ways, He constantly and persistently pursues us. As we move toward the November sessions for Journey in Faith, we should be persistently praying and inviting the Holy Spirit into our decision making process.

It can be easy to mistake persistence for insistence. What's the difference? In Catholic theology, the key difference between persistence and insistence is the underlying motivation of the person and how personal will plays into the situation. Persistence, as a virtue, is rooted in faith and trust in God's will, while insistence is often rooted in ego and demands that God or others conforms to our own desires. Moses quickly realizes that his own efforts will not be enough. He does not insist that God assist him personally through untiring strength, but rather accepts and relies on the community (Aaron and Hur) to assist him in his perseverance. Paul coaches Timothy to “remain faithful to what you have learned and believed...All Scripture is inspired by God...” It is through our persistent study and reflection on sacred Scripture that we come to know and obey God's will and not be blinded and misguided by our own will. In the parable of the widow and the unjust judge, the widow doesn't just pester the judge to get what she wants, she persistently asks him to “render a just decision for me against my adversary.” She is relying on the judge to be fair and to do what is right even though the judge “neither fears God nor respects any human being.” Do we have that kind of persistence and faith? We encounter people who are “just out for #1” many times in our life (sometimes it can be us!) Do we persistently pray for them and allow God to transform them or do we insist that our own way is the best and expect others to conform to our own will?

This can be helpful in marriages. Both people are individuals with their own wants and needs. Rather than egotistically insisting on our own way, the Scriptural path calls for transformation of both through humility, good works and persistent prayer. When we rely on God in our marriage, rather than on ourselves, we deepen our love and trust in God, and one of the resulting graces is that our own ego diminishes. This allows our hearts to open further to the power of divine grace, which gives us the strength to pursue what is good for “us” rather than what is good for “me.” This same thought can be applied to our Journey in Faith. Are we persistently praying to God that the Holy Spirit show us what will be best for the community? Not just for ourselves and not just for the All Saints community, but rather for the People of God that will comprise the community of the Pastorate and even the community of the Archdiocese of Dubuque? It takes a lot of humility and trust to take this path, but let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us...”Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

Come Holy Spirit!

Praying with you always, Tracy Huk, Parish Life Coordinator

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.

Cinnamon Roll Season



Love cinnamon rolls? Parish Life Committee will host fellowship with freshly baked cinnamon rolls after each Mass on November 8th and 9th. Frozen cinnamon rolls will also be available for purchase so you can enjoy them anytime at your convenience! One dozen rolls for \$10! Looking forward to seeing you!

Journey in Faith THANK YOU!



During the week of October 12 we had over 200 people participate in our All Saints Parish Meeting #2 for the Journey in Faith process. During the meeting participants were able to learn more about the challenges and opportunities we face as an archdiocese. Attendees were able to give specific feedback about proposed models via small group discussions. Our final Parish Meeting #3 will be held on Sunday, November 2 beginning at 10:00 AM and on Thursday, November 6 beginning at 6:30 PM. Both sessions will take place in the Social Hall. These meetings are very important as we will be focusing on frequently asked questions, parameters

for number of weekend Masses, feedback on proposed models, and other ideas we have for where our parish may be called by the Holy Spirit to belong in a pastorate for the next 25+ years. Parishioners are encouraged to provide ideas via the feedback form at dbqjourneyinfaith.org which will be open through November 21st.



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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



Would you like to relive the excitement, romance and passion from your honeymoon? Rekindle that spark on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information call Denise and Greg at 563-920-9419 or sign up at wwme.org. Upcoming experiences are a non-residential weekend in Ankeny November 7-9 and a residential weekend February 13-15, 2026.

Couples Date Night Event



Married and engaged couples are invited to a Couples Date Night Event, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Dubuque, on Friday, November 14th from 6:00-8:00 PM at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Cedar Rapids. Join us to enrich your relationship through an evening that will include dinner, a talk by internationally recognized marriage speakers Ryan and Mary-Rose Verret, and time for conversation with each other and other couples. Learn more and register at dbqarch.org/couples-ev.

LaSalle Trivia Night Returns!



Join in the family fun on Friday, October 24 at 6 pm at LaSalle Catholic (3700 1st Avenue NW), as LaSalle Catholic Trivia Night Returns!

- Teams of 8 – grab your family/friends to build your team (individuals will be added to a team)
- 8 Categories including literature, sports, music, theater, history, religion and art
- Winning table wins a prize!
- Plan to arrive by 5:45 with the fun beginning at 6 pm and will conclude at 7:30 pm
- No cost to play – all are welcome - sign up or learn more by emailing principal Zach Zeckser at zach.zeckser@crxcs.org

Hearts on Fire - Fanning the Flames of Hope



We borrowed this year's Haiti Fall Fundraiser theme, "Hearts on Fire: Fanning the Flames of Hope," from Parish Twinning Program of the Americas. PTPA is the national organization that connects Catholic churches with sister parishes in Haiti and Latin America.



We could easily give up hope when it comes to our sister parish, Notre Dame de Lourdes (NDdL). Certainly, the people there, must feel hopeless as gang violence and instability continue. They are relying on *our* hope. There have been times when I've told others, "You may feel hopeless, but I have enough hope for both of us." This applies to Haiti as well. For them, we must fan even the smallest ember of hope.

One of those sparks is the pastor at NDdL, Fr. Viller. He carries a lot of weight on his shoulders as the only priest serving 24 chapels and overseeing 19 schools, chapel directors and teachers. He travels by donkey or on foot through a mountainous region roughly equivalent to the area between Cedar Rapids, Vinton and Mt. Vernon. He treks to a mountain ridge to reach a cell tower to use his phone. He makes regular trips to Port-au-Prince, the capital of Haiti, to pick up supplies, including provisions from Food for the Poor and funds we send for teachers.

Time and again, Fr. Viller shows up for the parishioners of NDdL, sharing the eucharist, administering sacraments, and delivering food, supplies and salaries. When you participate in our fundraisers, you show up for him – thank you for your continued support!

Please join us in praying the following prayer for our sister parish (Source: Sisters of St. Margaret Litany for Haiti)

God of infinite mercy, who calls forth order out of chaos, peace out of turmoil, calm out of fear, we pray for Haiti and her people, shattered yet courageous, frightened yet bold, destitute, and longing for relief. May their voices be heard. May their needs be met. We pray for the injured, the broken and the lost; for the hungry, homeless and hopeless. We pray for the days to come, the future and promise of what lies ahead. May new roads be paved, new industry be born, education flourish, the land restored, farming reestablished, new fortunes rise, and new and old friendships sustained. Amen.

We also invite you to make a financial contribution. Donate online at allsaintscr.churchcenter.com/giving (choose "Haiti Education" from the drop down), or send a check to All Saints, with **HAITI EDUCATION in the notes line.**

Become a Minister to the Homebound



Is God calling you to bring Christ in the Eucharist to those unable to join us for Saturday vigil/Sunday Mass? Our Homebound Ministry brings the Eucharist to our parish members and other Catholics who are unable to join our community at weekly Mass. As an All Saints Homebound Eucharistic Minister, you will be paired to visit a homebound parishioner weekly at a mutually agreeable time. To serve, you must be at least 18 years of age, be a registered parishioner, actively practicing the faith, and have been Confirmed. Homebound Ministers receive initial training and ongoing support and are commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers in order to perform this rewarding service for those who cannot be with us at Mass. You will also be qualified under the Archdiocese Safe Environment Program. If you are interested in this very important ministry to serve others, or just want to know more information, please contact Stacy Cataldo at catechesis@allsaintscr.com or (319) 329-2395.

Xavier High School Open House



Mark your calendars and please attend Discover Xavier Night- **Monday, November 10th**. All current 8th graders and their parents are invited to join us in the Ron Thillen Gymnasium at Xavier High School to discover all things Xavier. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with the program beginning at 7:00 p.m. Families will hear from Principal Lynn Holverson as well as faculty and student speakers. Opportunities to view the school and meet with coaches and moderators from numerous activities programs will be offered. This event is only offered once a year and is a unique way to see the school and get your questions answered. Questions about the event can be directed to Cara Joens, Director of Enrollment, cara.joens@crxcs.org

Xavier High School Community Service Day



Xavier High School students will be out in the community for the annual Community Service Day the morning of Wednesday, November 12. If you're elderly or living with a disability and could use help with leaf raking or window washing, we'd love to lend a hand free of charge! Please call 319-294-6635 and we'll get you on the list. Thank you and please let us know if you have any questions. God bless!

Tailgating with the Saints



"Come celebrate our feast day November 1st with "Tailgating with the Saints" Potluck after 4:00 PM Mass. Bring your favorite appetizer to share or impress your friends. Do not have one, no problem! EVERYONE IS INVITED TO TAILGATE! Coffee, lemonade and water will be provided. Looking forward to seeing you!"

Sign the “Civilize It” Pledge



The Iowa Catholic Conference recently published the following in its newsletter in response to the publicity and the wide range of commentary. The information suggests a positive response to the violence.

Leaders across the political spectrum have condemned political violence after the tragic Sept. 10 assassination of a leading conservative activist, Charlie Kirk. It leads to the question of what one can do in response to the seemingly ever-increasing acts of terror. A concrete act we can take is to sign and live by the “Civilize It” pledge offered by the U.S. Catholic bishops. We can pledge to respond with:

Charity

- To affirm through my words and actions the dignity of every person, each made in God’s image. Even those with whom I disagree are made in his image.
- To respectfully listen in order to understand experiences different from my own.

Clarity

- To engage in critical examination to ensure that my perspectives are rooted in truth, that my sources of information are unbiased, and that I do not open myself to manipulation by partisan interests.
- To form my conscience through prayerful reflection, study of scripture and Church teaching, and guidance from reputable experts.
- To reflect on my own values and seek, with others, to identify shared values.
- To be open to the process of dialogue that can require change of perspective—my own and others’—in service to the inviolable dignity of all and the common good.

Creativity

- To be a bridgebuilder who participates in constructive dialogue based in shared values, a mutual exchange of gifts, and the humility to together seek the good.
- To see differences in perspective as opportunities for creative tension which can yield solutions for the common good.
- To work with others in order to identify creative solutions rooted in our shared values.
- As Catholics, we ought to know that while it’s important for us to be involved in politics, it’s not the be-all and end-all of life, nor should politics be anyone’s religion. Jesus Christ is the Lord of Life.

Congratulations, Todd!



Deacon Mike and his wife, Barb; Deacon Ed and his wife, Karen; and I recently had the honor of being at the Mass where Todd Holverson, along with his classmates, received the institution of acolyte. The institution of acolyte is a formal role within the Catholic Church that involves assisting in the preparation of the altar, distributing Holy Communion and other duties that support the clergy during liturgy. We extend our congratulations to Todd and his wife, Lynn, on this wonderful occasion. May God continue to bless your journey toward being ordained into the Permanent Diaconate!



Catholic Daughters Pecan Sales



Catholic Daughters Court #1768 is selling Pecans - Natural and Cinnamon! Each 16 oz. bag sells for \$15. Orders are being taken through November 14th.

Pickup Date/Time: Saturday, December 6th at the "Homemade with Heart" Bazaar, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. The Bazaar will be at St. Pius X Church, Parish Hall.

Proceeds will help our Court sponsor the 2026 National CDA Convention being held in Coralville, IOWA next July! It will also help pay registration fees of members attending the convention.

Either visit our website at www.catholicdaughterscr.org/pecans or use the QR code to access our order form. Thank you for your support! For questions, please contact Roberta at (319) 431-2222 or Stephanie at (319) 540-7193.



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Summer Youth Trip Options



There are so many wonderful opportunities for parishes to invite teenagers to attend during the summer. To help explore some of the more common options, and collaborate with other Youth Ministry Leaders, the Office of Youth Ministry developed a list of some of the more popular summer youth ministry options. Learn about what options are most popular and connect with other youth ministry leaders attending these events by viewing this document which can be found here: dbqarch.org/youth-mini. For more information, contact Kevin Feyen (k.feyen@dbqarch.org).



Mass Intentions

Thurs. Oct. 23	8:30 am
† Rev. Walter Kleinfehn	
Fri. Oct. 24	8:00 am
† Ray Stovie	
Sat. Oct. 25	4:00 pm
Scherrman/Barry Families	
Sun. Oct. 26	9:00 am
For the People	

Scripture Readings

Week of October 19, 2025

Sunday:

Ex 17:8-13/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8 (147)

Monday:

Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21 (473)

Tuesday:

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Lk 12:35-38 (474)

Wednesday:

Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48 (475)

Thursday:

Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53 (476)

Friday:

Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59 (477)

Saturday:

Rom 8:1-11/Lk 13:1-9 (478)

Sunday:

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14 (150)

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 Bea Rethwisch (319-651-4837 or pbr8675@msn.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,

Thank you to our families and friends for joining us this week for two important events; *Blessing of the Pets* and *America Reads*. Your participation in our school events is just one way we continue to build the All Saints family community. If you are working and unable to attend events during the school day, there are always more ways to support our students and teachers. Please keep an eye out for ways to support through our parent organization-APT and our weekly newsletter. Enjoy a wonderful weekend!

Blessings,

Ms. Starr

Principal, All Saints Elementary

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APT Conference Meals Sign Up

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www.allsaints-crschool.org

Ministry Schedule

October 18, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan

Mary Pat Wilkinson

Extraordinary Ministers

Jean Bell

Joan Murrin

John Myers

Alison Prentice

Stephen Schmitz

Peg Schmitz

Becky Weininger

Altar Servers

Kennedy Blue

Emma Colby

Jackson Keller

Lectors

Theresa Harker

Kathy Ulrich

Hospitality Ministers

Sue Bright

Jen Colby

Ryan Donnelly

Daniel Greene

Dick Kettelkamp

Barb Lindstrom

October 19, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

Cate Biro

Extraordinary Ministers

Tom Amosson

Mary Jo Goerd

Terry Goerd

Bob Helgens

Mike Klappholz

Stephanie Klappholz

Dennis Mullarkey

Altar Servers

Roman Kilburg

Lucy Klappholz

Cayden Suby

Lectors

Mary Beth Helgens

Chase Philpott

Hospitality Ministers

Jeanne Amosson

Nicole Johnson

Beth Martin

Tyler Martin

Tony Satariano

Diane Weimer

Ministry Schedule

October 25, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan

Mary Pat Wilkinson

Extraordinary Ministers

Connie Deutmeyer

Sara Lang

Ellen Mouw

Kourtne Powell

Mike Powell

Peg Schmitz

Marvin Stallman

Altar Servers

Dylan Lang

Alexandra Lang

Caleb Lang

Lectors

Lisa Stephenson

Kathy Ulrich

Hospitality Ministers

Ryan Donnelly

Joe Jeffries

Ann Jeffries

Marcia Myers

Tom Takes

Mike Votroubek

October 26, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

Sherry Casey

Extraordinary Ministers

Joseph Cataldo

Maureen Dale Ernst

John Ernst

Stephanie Guzman

Ann Hunter

John Michael

Gregory O'Connell

Altar Servers

Paige Ainsworth

Lewis Benfield

Charlie Hamilton

Lectors

Larry Hunter

Loesje Shema

Hospitality Ministers

Jason Ainsworth

Kim Ainsworth

Nicole Johnson

Beth Martin

Tyler Martin

Diane Weimer

Family Ministry

October 19, 2025 • 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 18:1-8

Jesus Talks About Praying Always

Jesus tells his disciples a story about a persistent widow who hounds a judge until she receives a just decision. He suggests they be as constant in their prayers to God. Luke writes that Jesus urged his followers to "...[P]ray always and not to lose heart" (v. 1).

Prayer is much more than the rote words we learn when we are children, or even the spontaneous prayers from our hearts. Prayer is more than just talking to God. There are three ways of praying: vocal prayer (praying with words or actions), meditation (putting our own thoughts into our spiritual reading), and contemplation (sitting with God in silence). All three forms of prayer have been a part of our Christian tradition for centuries, but the prayer of silence is probably the one of which people are least aware.

In the last twenty years or so, young people have forgotten what silence is. Those traditional times of quiet (taking a walk, riding a bike, playing outside) are gone. Youngsters are plugged into sound constantly. Even we adults can't seem to walk into a room or ride in the car without turning on a radio, a podcast, or streaming music. Yet we know that God often speaks to us in the quiet. Remember Elijah on that mountaintop? It wasn't in the wind, fire or earthquake that he heard the Lord. It was in the silence (1 Kings 19:12).

There is a tradition of prayer in our church called lectio divina (holy reading) that includes practiced silence. It involves four steps: reading (usually from Scripture), meditating (thinking about or placing yourself in the story), contemplation (sitting in silence with a word or passage) and prayer (telling God what the reading meant to you). Small groups and individuals practice this ancient prayer form in monasteries and homes.

It can be a great way to pray together as a family. Lifestyles change with every generation. There are losses and gains. This generation seems to have an ever-growing access to information and a dwindling amount of quiet time. Helping our children appreciate silence is giving them a gift they can use all their lives.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Gather the family and read a story from Jesus' life. Meditate on the story by asking youngsters how they might feel if they were one of the people involved. (Make sure you talk about how you would have felt too.) Then sit together quietly for a minute. Finally, ask everyone to say a short prayer out loud.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

What was your prayer life like when you were a youngster? What is your prayer life like today? Write a short prayer to God in the space that is left.

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Feiereisen Inc.
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Generation - Brad Zwanziger
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(\$999 - \$500)

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 Paul Revere's Pizza
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(\$499 - \$250)

Randy Kuehl Honda
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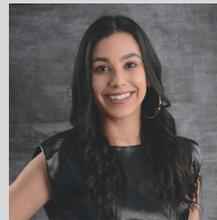
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Nothing Can Stop God's Plan

Retired policewoman Shannon (Stokesberry) Sampson has lived a very challenging and miraculous life. She will share with us "For I know the plans I have for you." (Jeremiah 29:11)

Where: St. Ludmila Catholic Church
211 21st Ave SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404
When: Monday, October 20th, 2025
Time: 6:30-8:00PM
Pizza will be provided. Childcare is not available. There is no charge and all are welcome. Please scan QR code for live stream.

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Catholic Evangelization Outreach

The Gospel at Home

This Week's Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus exalts a widow who persistently petitions for her needs. The unjust judge's softening of heart dramatizes God's willingness to respond to our frequent prayers. Asking God for what we want and need will help us clarify what is really important. This week provides a good opportunity to review how your family lives and prays together.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): This week's lesson focused on persistence and prayer. Consider adding a new prayer time to your child's daily routine. Use this time to review the day and its highs and lows. Lead your child in the Five Finger Prayer for family and friends, parents and teachers, our leaders, the weakest among us, and for yourselves.

Promise (Grades K-1): Ask your child to tell you about all the people who help your family. Have your child tell you things that we all need. Discuss the importance of asking for help when help is needed, and why God wants us all to ask for help. Look at the prayer book your child has made and promise to say the morning prayer together every day this week.

Good News (Grades 2-3): Children of this age do a lot of asking. To build on the experience of the lesson, talk about what family members ask for over and over again—toys, games, pets, or snacks. Talk about how Jesus wants us all to pray for what we need. This week is also a good time to commit to a family prayer time once a day—mornings, mealtimes, or in the evenings. Ask your child to teach your family the Five Finger Prayer and the petitions he or she learned about during the lesson.

Venture (Grades 4-6): This week's session helped your young person distinguish between a *need* and a *want*. Your youngster learned to appreciate God's willingness to answer prayers. Talk about things your family needs and also discuss things your family may want. Ask your youngster about how Moses served as a mediator to help God's People. Ask your young person to tell the family what kinds of prayer are found in Scripture. Talk about why it is important to keep praying.

Visions (Grades 7-9): This week's lesson pointed out the importance of being persistent in life and in prayer. The class looked at people who were persistent and read a story called, "Shaking Up the Squad." Your young person learned how to be persistent in responding to situations in a Christian way. Talk about situations in your family that called for persistence—in school, at work, in sports, in relationships with others. Discuss ways your family can be persistent in your relationships with God and the Church. Ask your youngster how Moses served as a persistent mediator.

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

The Gospel for the week shows that God expects all to be persistent in prayer and to ask God for help. Set aside a few minutes each day for sharing family prayers of petition. After each petition, the whole family can respond: "Lord, hear our prayer."



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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.