

ALL SAINTS

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL



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**October 25 & October 26, 2025;
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*...for whoever
exalts himself will
be humbled, and the
one who humbles
himself will be
exalted.*

Luke 18:14

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



God Hears the Humble

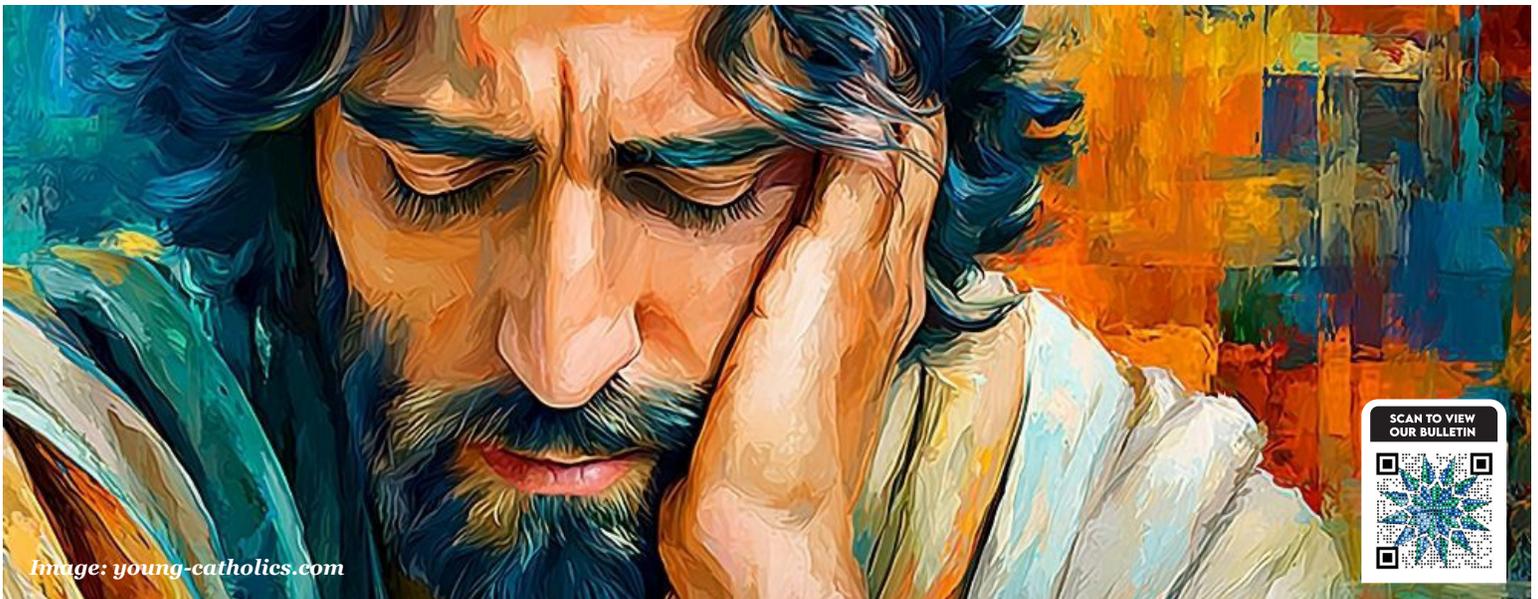


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Please Pray for the Following People

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



Anonymous request

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



Pride and ego are the root causes of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable or your talent is better than anyone else or your money gives you status is another way of making those things “gods” before God. Pride is the opposite of humility. Remember Stewardship. All that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. We should be humbled by God’s incredible generosity and be grateful for all we have been given. Ultimately, gratitude leads us to humility.

A Weekly Tip on Caring for Our Common Home



Did you know that plastics are made from petroleum? Or, that single-use food plastics aren't the only plastic problem we are facing? Hundreds of household products are sold in plastics. From makeup and beauty supply products to household cleaning supplies – our homes are being overrun by plastic. By bringing awareness to the household plastic epidemic, we can help reduce plastic pollution.

Are you aware that there are over 45 different groups of plastics in circulation today – and within those 45 groups, there are hundreds of varieties? Most household plastic packaging is made from polyethylene and comes in over 1,000 different grades. The majority of household plastics, including toothbrushes, razors, cosmetics, cleaning supplies, hoses, and pipes, as well as plastic sandwich bags and plastic wraps – are currently not biodegradable. Therefore, these plastics will remain in landfills indefinitely.

For the Married Couples



“The one who humbles himself will be exalted” (Luke 18:14). Humility is the recognition that no matter what our accomplishments, we still stand in need of the Lord. How can you humble yourself in your marriage today? Make an effort to take the back seat today and let God (and your spouse) shine.

Marriage License

To All Persons Legally Authorized to Solemnize Marriages in the State of

Everyday Metanoia



The reading today from St. Paul to Timothy is one that is quite frequently chosen for funeral liturgies. It has been especially poignant for me to wrestle with this reading this week as the anniversary of both of my parents' death was this week. My mom died in 2020 and my dad in 2024. Everyday of our life, we come closer to the time of our departure, but I feel that as we get into our 70s, 80s and beyond or if we have a terminal illness, our awareness is more keen in terms of how fast that time is approaching. I wonder what life might look like if we came to this awareness much sooner in life? Would we be kinder, gentler people?

Paul's definition of a successful life is anchored in one thought, "I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith." Not to be cynical, but I wonder if we took a poll asking for what makes a successful life, how far down the list "kept the faith" would be? And yet, if we follow the first great commandment, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind," wouldn't persevering in an active faith life just be a natural by-product? Like the Pharisee in today's Gospel reading, we often elevate ourselves and worship that which brings us pleasure, power and wealth, all while looking down our noses at our brothers and sisters of the world. Sometimes God gently nudges us to see how focusing on ourselves and the ego drama of our lives is leading us to the lion's mouth...and sometimes it is more like a "DiNozzo" whack on the back of the head.

Recently I met with a friend who, if I'm honest, I have always envied a little. This person is a hard worker, but seems to breeze through life without a care in the world. During our conversation, my friend shared lifelong challenges that I had no clue about. The revelations and ensuing discussion quickly shrank my own ego dramas from lion-sized to pea-sized. As we gathered our belongings and got ready to leave, my friend and I shared a big hug and a commitment to help each other to name the "God" moments in our lives and to encourage each other in growing our prayer lives. In a homily from 2020, Pope Francis talked about these moments where we come to realize that we are "poor in spirit". We should be joyously celebrating this as it bonds and connects us to God, who makes us rich. "How many times have we been told otherwise! You have to be something in life, be someone... You have to make a name for yourself... This is where loneliness and unhappiness arises: if I have to be "someone", I am competing with others and I live in obsessive concern for my ego. If I do not accept being poor, I hate everything that reminds me of my fragility. Because this fragility prevents me from becoming an important person, rich not only in money, but in fame, of everything."

Paul knew that his death would be sooner rather than later. He looked forward to the crown of righteousness from the Lord; not the crown of riches and accolades from men. "There are those who have the kingdoms of this world: they have goods and they have comfort. But they are kingdoms that end. The power of men, even the greatest empires, pass and disappear. So many times when we look at the news or in the newspapers we see people governing, powerful people and so that government that was there yesterday is no longer there today, has fallen. The riches of this world will disappear, and also the money. The old men taught us that the shroud had no pockets. It's true. I've never seen a moving truck behind a funeral procession: no one brings anything. These riches remain here."

An examination of conscience at the end of the day is a way to bring peace before slumber. Where are the moments that we competed well? Where are the moments that we left someone or something on the racetrack as we took a shortcut rather than crossing the finish line? Where are the moments when our actions or thoughts reflected the attitude of 'God? God who?' When are the moments when we acted more like Tarzan beating his chest than the tax collector asking for mercy?

As we come to the close of this phase of discussion and discernment with Journey in Faith I pray that as a parish we can proclaim, "I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith." Not in terms of "winning" or "losing", but in terms of building our relationship with God, our heavenly Father. We should want to joyously share at the end, "...the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the proclamation might be completed and all...might hear it."

Come Holy Spirit!

Praying with you always, Tracy Huk, Parish Life Coordinator

Journey in Faith - Preparation for Session 3

First of all, **THANK YOU** for looking at this document.

We hope it helps you prepare for our Session 3 meetings on November 2nd starting at 10am, after the 9am Mass and a second opportunity on Thursday, November 6th at 6:30. Both of these will be in the Social Hall.

Our hope is that this guidance will encourage you to prepare ahead of the Session 3 meetings, maybe engage in small groups and come to Session 3 prepared to discuss your idea for a Pastorate proposal rather than BEGINNING to create one. The dynamics of our Session 3 would be greatly enhanced if we had some actual proposals to look at.

- Please download the **RPA 5 Models** Excel spreadsheet PDF which contains much of the data that the Archdiocese used to create the proposed models A, B and C.
- We have also created a map for you that helps focus on the Cedar Rapids and surrounding area. You can download this as many times as you want and draw your own Pastorate model.
- We do ask that as you contemplate your proposal for a Pastorate model, you also create a data table mirroring the one the Archdiocese used on their proposed model maps.
- This will allow your JIF team to upload to the Archdiocese not only your **comments** and your **Pastorate model map** but also the **data** behind your idea so they can compare apples to apples, somewhat.
- If you create a Pastorate model map by 10/31 and send it to stephen@schmitzia.com we might be able to include it in our PowerPoint to make it easier for others to give feedback.

Here is an example of the Archdiocese data table.

Using the RPA 5 Models Excel spreadsheet you should be able to recreate this table for your Pastorate proposal. You will need only one row per Pastorate model.

Pastorate Number	Minimum Priests needed	Number of Parishoners	Weekly Attendance	Total Capacity	Capacity Utilized
112	2.5	5185	1624	2536	64%
117	3	11452	2608	4553	57%
119	2.5	7920	2280	4032	57%
120	2.5	8719	2107	3666	57%
125	2.5	8205	1648	3257	51%

Here is a link to the Archdiocese Journey In Faith FAQ page:

<https://www.dbqjourneyinfaith.org/faq>

To have a more fruitful discussion ahead of Session 3, please explore the additional materials that we have conveniently placed on the All Saints website. Those materials can be found at: <https://allsaintscr.com/misc/RPA%205%20data%20info.pdf> and <https://allsaintscr.com/misc/Archdiocese%20Map%20-%20Cedar%20Rapids%20Only.pdf>

You Are Invited to the Parish Remembrance Service



The annual “Remembrance Service for our Beloved Dead” will be held on Sunday, November 2nd, 2025 at 1:00 PM in the church.

Every year close to All Souls Day, our parish gathers with the families who recently suffered the death of a loved one and celebrates with a Prayer Service. This year we will offer prayers for the following parishioners:

Cletus “John” Appleby
James Barry
John Behounek
Phyllis Brack
Fred Brown
Scott Bush
Sharon Byrne
Rev Dennis Conway
Richard “Rich” DeMeulenaere
Mark Dougherty
Frederick Engel
Marilyn Frank
Rosemary Gorman

Richard Hingtgen
Mary Ellen “Molly” Kempf
Mary Ellen Kenney
Francis Mangold
Marilyn Noble
Dolores Reisinger
Alicia Schmitz
Raymond Stovie
Eleanor “Tudy” Streletzky
Joanne Trcka
Charles Vermeersch
Sharon Warden
Kimberly Witte

We hope that you will participate in this time of prayer and hope in God’s promise of eternal life. If you have a loved one that died this past year that is not listed above, and would like to have them included in this year’s prayer service, please contact Dan Alpers at 319-363-6130 ext. 100 or by e-mail at officemgr@allsaintscr.com.

A reception hosted by Saint Anne’s Circle and Parish Life Committee will follow with light refreshments.

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.



Service to Others Metro Catholic Outreach



Plastic or Paper? Both, Please!

Our pantry easily uses over 1500 plastic bags each week, and over 150 paper bags each week also. Non-perishable food items are bagged up into the handy plastic bags, but the sturdy brown bags are freestanding, and are perfect for adding the fresh items quickly at distribution. We urgently need the brown paper bags. We have looked into purchasing, but they are nearly a dollar each, and we would much rather spend that money on food. Ask for paper rather than plastic at the checkout when you go to the store, and drop off bags at any area Catholic church, or here at MCO during office hours.

Thank you ALL for helping!

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.

St. Ludmila Christmas Market



Saturday, December 6, 2025 • 9:00am to 3:00pm

Held in the St. Ludmila Community Center, 211- 21st Ave. SW Cedar Rapids

Shop from over 50 crafters and vendors including St. Ludmila sponsored.

Kolaches - Cookie & Candy Sales - Silent Auction - Crafts - Fresh Cut Greenery Arrangements – Café Ludmila

Kolaches will be sold starting at 9:00am until sold out! There is no limit to the number you can buy!

A Message From Mt. Calvary Cemetery



November is the month in which we remember the dead. During this time, we continue to pray for those who have gone before us in faith that they might be embraced by God. Did you know that praying in a Catholic cemetery is a Spiritual Act of Mercy that results in indulgences being granted for the Souls in Purgatory? And from November 1 through the 8th, those indulgences are Plenary.

Consider coming out to Mt Calvary Cemetery to pray for family and friends that are resting here. And, in case you haven't chosen your final resting place yet, have a look around and discover the beauty and serenity of our sacred grounds.

Mt Calvary Cemetery, 375 32nd St Drive SE in Cedar Rapids or call us at 319-362-4659

Hearts on Fire - Fanning the Flames of Hope



“Fanning the Flames of Hope.” What a powerful image. The flames of the Holy Spirit live in all of us, and we need to fan them.

Nowhere else is this hope more important than in the lives of the children of Haiti and the dedicated teachers that teach them. Some days, hope is all they have. Fortunately, we continue to help them. Despite all the turmoil and violence experienced in the capital Port au Prince, the remote villages of Notre Dame de Lourdes are a bit separated from that. The roads to get there may be dangerous but once you are out in the countryside life is a bit calmer, people less fearful. This has allowed our parish schools to reopen this fall! We heard from one of our Directors that Sunday, October 5th was parent’s welcome day. And Monday, October 6th was for welcoming students and teachers to the new school year. Oh, that sounds like our schools right here! We have so much hope in common. A school in the village of Ducrabon (the village we stayed in our most recent visits) is adding a classroom because they need more capacity!

With your continued support we help these teachers by enhancing their salaries, which increases retention and experience. It is heartwarming to see, in photos from Fr Viller, teachers who attended our teacher trainings from 2015-2019 still teaching in the same school. Father Viller also presents continuing religious education lessons to the teachers and chapel directors, with your support.

So, keep the Flames of Hope fanned for our sister parish students, families, and teachers.

We invite you to recite the following prayer (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!

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.

Wishing Fr. Eric Well



Fr. Eric left this last Monday, October 20th to return to Italy in order to defend his doctoral thesis in Canon Law. We pray for a successful defense and a speedy return to us, which we hope to be near the end of November. During his absence, we will not have daily Mass on either Tuesday nor Wednesday. We will have a sign at the door posting the daily Mass times for nearby parishes. We will continue to provide Adoration on Wednesdays. Thursday Masses with our grade school students will continue and our presider will be different each week. We are grateful to the area priests who were so willing to help us during this time. The daily Mass on Friday, along with the weekend Masses will be covered by Father Jack Flaherty. The priest shortage is very real and we are very grateful that Fr. Jack is able to assist us for the entire time that Fr. Eric is gone. If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 319-363-6130.

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.

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!

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!"

Xavier High School Fall Musical: The Addams Family

2025 XHS FALL MUSICAL



The Addams Family

SCHOOL EDITION

November 14 at 7:00 pm

November 15 at 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm

November 16 at 2:00 pm

Xavier High School · Regis-LaSalle Theatre
6300 42nd Street NE · Cedar Rapids, IA 52411



Reserved Seat Tickets Available October 15th

www.gobound.com/ia/schools/xavier/tickets

All Seats \$12

All fees included. All seats must be purchased prior to show time.
No tickets will be sold at the door.

CAST:

GOMEZ ADDAMS.....	NATHANIEL PERREULT
MORTICIA ADDAMS.....	EMMA SIRES
UNCLE FESTER.....	KILLIAN SIMANEK
WEDNESDAY ADDAMS.....	LIZ HUTCHINS
GRANDMA.....	BRILEY SELLNAU
PUGSLEY ADDAMS.....	CHRIS KANG
LURCH.....	SAM GIESE
MAL BEINEKE.....	RILEY PENCE
ALICE BEINEKE.....	KARRAH MARION
LUCAS BEINEKE.....	DREW MEYER
CONQUISTADOR ANCESTOR.....	JOSHUA LEE
CAVEMAN ANCESTOR.....	COLE SCHMERBACH
SOLDIER ANCESTOR.....	JACK LAMMERS
SALOON GIRL ANCESTOR.....	MAYA NGUYEN
FLIGHT ATTENDANCE ANCESTOR.....	JILLIAN BROCK
GAMBLER ANCESTOR.....	NATE COATES
COURTESAN ANCESTOR.....	THEA EID
BRIDE ANCESTOR.....	VENORA AKIN
PURITAN ANCESTOR.....	BROOKE MOORE
FLAPPER ANCESTOR.....	ELLIE ZECKER
THE ANCESTORS.....	JULIANA ACKERSON, KATIE ALLARD, AVA ARMSTRONG,
	AUBREY BALLARD, VIVIAN BANDOWETZ, ADDY BEELER, LYDIA BEER, ALICE BILSLAND,
	HARPER BOWERS, BROOKLYNN BRAID, MARYELLA BUENZOW, ELLIANA CASEY,
	KASSIDY CLINE, LAUREN COOPER, BRENT DAUGHERTY, BRIDGET DIXON,
	GRACE DOMMER, LILY GIESE, EMILY HUNSAKER, CLAIRE JULICH,
	LIZZIE KROGMEIER, HENRY LAMMERS, CLARISSA LAURENT, Ayla LONG,
	LILY MOSES, LEAH NGUYEN, PAYTON NORRIS, AMELIA OLSON,
	COOPER PACHA, SAWYER POMPEI, ZACHARY PRENTICE, ESTELLA RATH,
	KYLIE ROLING, THATCHER SIMANEK, MIREYA SMITH, SULLIVAN SYTSMA,
	ZOEY TAKES, MEGAN TALYAT, BREE THOMASON, ELLIE WALZ,
	ANNALYNN YOUNGBLUT, PAYTON ZENTZ

Rosary



Please join us as we pray the Rosary to close our the month of October where we have honored the gift of Mary in our lives and have also brought fresh awareness to our Catholic Social Justice teachings, especially those that call us to Respect the gift of Life from beginning to end and all that lies in between. We will gather in the Chapel and begin at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, October 28. Extra rosaries will be available.

Hy-Vee Receipt Update



First of all, THANK YOU to everyone that brings their Hy-Vee receipts to the parish office to help raise money for the students and staff at All Saints Elementary. In our first quarter, receipts totaled \$88,542.78. In quarter two, receipts totaled \$126,903.08. These numbers total \$215,445.89 in receipts. What this tells me is that we are all absolutely determined to make first place this next Spring. The formula is this: for every \$200 in qualifying receipts, All Saints receives \$1. Keep bring'n those receipts in!

St. Thomas More Center Catholic Youth Camp

CATHOLIC YOUTH CAMP



GROW IN FAITH

Get ready to go Forward in Faith! Dive into the adventure of daily Mass, prayer, small groups, and inspiring speakers as you deepen your relationship with God!



BUILD FRIENDSHIPS

Discover laughter, friendship, and stories you will cherish forever at CYC! Whether you come with old friends or make new ones, a week spent at CYC is always one to remember!



CREATE MEMORIES

Experience the place where peace and joy come together, and special moments become memories of a lifetime! Get excited to make amazing memories this summer!



CYC 2026 REGISTRATION OPENS 11/8 AT NOON!

VISIT STMCENTER.COM TO LEARN MORE!



Week	Date	Cost*
1. Elementary (Half Week)	June 2-5, 2026	\$375.00
2. Combined Elem./Jr. High	June 7-12, 2026	\$475.00
3. Junior High	June 14-19, 2026	\$490.00
4. Elementary	June 21-26, 2026	\$490.00
5. Junior High	June 28-July 3, 2026	\$475.00
6. High School	July 5-10, 2026	\$475.00
7. Elementary	July 12-17, 2026	\$490.00
8. Junior High	July 19-24, 2026	\$490.00
9. High School	July 26-31, 2026	\$490.00
10. Elementary	Aug 2-7, 2026	\$490.00
11. Elementary (Half Week)	Aug 9-12, 2026	\$390.00

FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 3RD GRADE THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION IN THE '26-'27 SCHOOL YEAR

*REGISTER BEFORE JANUARY 1ST, 2026 TO RECEIVE AN EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT OF \$15 OFF YOUR COST!

For more registration information visit stmcenter.com/registration

Mass Intentions

Thurs. Oct. 30 8:30 am
Cathy Hanson

Fri. Oct. 31 8:00 am
† Rev. Walter Kleinfehn

Sat. Nov. 1 4:00 pm
† Bob & Mary Hook

Sun. Nov. 2 9:00 am
For the People

Scripture Readings

Week of October 26, 2025

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17 (479)

Tuesday:

Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16 (666)

Wednesday:

Rom 8:26-30/Lk 13:22-30 (481)

Thursday:

Rom 8:31b-39/Lk 13:31-35 (482)

Friday:

Rom 9:1-5/Lk 14:1-6 (483)

Saturday:

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a (667)

Sunday:

Any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead (1011-1016)

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 (319-651-4831 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

Doing God's Work

Friday, October 17th was a fantastic day filled with fun, laughter, rejuvenation, serving, and community. Teachers began the day with a PRAYER walk. Then, we came together to SERVE, as we packed 10 boxes of food to be delivered to Metro Catholic Outreach. Finally, after reviewing school goals and academic highlights, we concluded the morning with a friendly pumpkin ninja competition and luncheon to build COMMUNITY. #GodLeadsUs

The Living Rosary

This week, All Saints Elementary students participated in our annual Living Rosary. The month of October continues to bring a variety of activities for students and families. Please join us! If you haven't done so already, please stay connected to our facebook page to see what is happening throughout the school year.



www.allsaints-crschool.org

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

Ministry Schedule

November 1, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan

Joan Fishburn

Extraordinary Ministers

Jean Bell

Ellen Mouw

Dennis Mullarkey

John Myers

Alison Prentice

Daniel Prentice

Stephen Schmitz

Altar Servers

Willa English

Ethan Meyer

Ilyzza Shea

Lectors

Joan Murrin

Becky Weininger

Hospitality Ministers

Elie AbouRaad

Sue Bright

Daniel Greene

Dick Kettelkamp

Barb Lindstrom

Marcia Myers

November 2, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

John Michael

Extraordinary Ministers

Tom Amosson

Mary Beth Helgens

Bob Helgens

Bill Knapp

Dianne Knapp

David Shema

Loesje Shema

Altar Servers

Katherine Osen

Rocco Schmidt

Hunter Schmidt

Lectors

Lynn Holverson

Todd Holverson

Hospitality Ministers

Nicole Johnson

Mike Klappholz

Stephanie Klappholz

Pete Rethwisch

Bea Rethwisch

Tony Satariano

Family Ministry

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The Pharisee and the Tax Collector at Prayer

Once again, Jesus reproves those who believe they are better than others. He tells them a story about a Pharisee whose prayer in the temple gives thanks that he is not like everyone else, especially the despised tax collector he sees praying in the back. Jesus declares that it is the tax collector who is justified in the eyes of God. "...[F]or all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted" (v. 14).

Tax collectors were considered cheats and frauds—Jewish turncoats who worked for the enemy. The Pharisees were well-respected people of learning who were called to keep the people true to their faith and heritage. In the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector, the Pharisee looks at the tax collector at the back of the temple and thanks God he is not like him. Whenever I hear this reading, I think of the supposedly Christian proverb: "There, but for the grace of God, go I."

I have heard folks quote this phrase when they see someone who is homeless or destitute or storm-ravaged, as if it is God's lack of grace that caused their situation or problem. I have heard others use it when they hear about some convicted felon or murderer. They forget that they undoubtedly have also refused God's grace and failed in some areas of their own lives.

Only someone who can honestly confess no sin could say, "There, but for the grace of God, go I," without exemplifying the pride of the Pharisee. Quite frankly the only proverb truly worthy of a Christian when observing another person is: "There go I."

Christ is in each person I encounter, whatever his faith or lack of faith. Christ is in all creation both on this earth and in this universe. We are all brothers and sisters, all one with God in the family of God. It is only when we can truly see our connection, this oneness that is God's plan, that God's kingdom will come.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Go through newspapers or magazines and cut out pictures of people's faces. Put together a collage for the refrigerator and title it, "We are all God's family."

PERSONAL RESPONSE

What person or types of persons in our society do you find it difficult to accept? How can you overcome this lack of love?

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter



November 7-9, 2025

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Uncover the secrets to a lasting, supportive, transformational marriage.

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience is a heart haven that helps you listen, share and connect more deeply. Over the course of the experience three couples and a priest will provide new tools, using examples from their own lives, to help you work through common themes we can all relate to. There's no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be.

The experience allows you to create a dialogue with each other and with God, to create a higher and broader understanding of what it means to be married. While faith is a powerful part of this process, the focus of the Marriage Encounter experience is on the ups and downs of married life.

Schedule: This non-residential weekend will start at 7:00 p.m. Friday and conclude late Sunday afternoon. Meals are served. Couples will return home Friday and Saturday nights.

Cost: \$90 non-refundable application fee at the time of registration. At the end of the weekend, couples are asked to prayerfully consider contributing what they can to defray the cost of the weekend.

Married couples of any denomination, mixed faith, or without religious affiliation are welcome.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a nonprofit organization faithful to the Roman Catholic Church's definition that marriage is a covenant that exists between one man and one woman. Any reference to "marriage" or "couple" made by WWME is in this context.

For more info or to register, visit wwme.org/apply or contact Greg and Denise Rubner at 563-920-9419.

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The Gospel at Home

This Week's Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Pharisees were the religion teachers of Jesus' time. They taught Jews their religious traditions and challenged them to apply the Law to their lives. In Sunday's Gospel story, Jesus criticizes a Pharisee's self-righteousness. In Jesus' time, few people liked tax collectors because they collaborated with the Roman government. Jesus' story challenges us to examine how we view others and how God views us.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): This week, your child spent time looking at similarities and differences—in plants, in homes, and in people. Jesus' message is that all people are important. Ask to see your child's lesson booklet, and let him or her tell you about the lesson. Share with your child some ways your family can show that all people are children of God. Be sure your child understands why the tax collector's prayer was the better way.

Promise (Grades K–1): This week's session taught your child to recognize that all people are important because God loves them. Talk about what your child chose as his or her favorite color, food, and book. How did your child draw your family, and who did your child choose as their VIP? Talk about ways your family can show other families just how important they are. Make extra efforts this week to ask your child about the things that are important to him or her.

Good News (Grades 2–3): Your child has gained a sense that the saints show ways to follow Jesus. (The Feast of All Saints is Saturday, November 1.) The session also helped your child understand that all people—living

and dead—are special in God's sight. As a family, you might play the "Praise or Putdowns Game" that appears on the last page of the lesson booklet. Talk about ways you can help one another appreciate how God sees all people.

Venture (Grades 4–6): This week the class learned what makes people great in God's eyes. Ask your young person to share the Gospel reading of the Pharisee and the tax collector in their own words and to tell what the story means. Talk together about what it means to be holy. Talk about ways your family can treat everyone as important. Ask your youngster how Saint Katharine Drexel did so.

Visions (Grades 7–9): The equality of all people in God's eyes and the dignity of every human being were central themes in this week's lesson. Take the opportunity to talk about how your family treats other people with dignity. Remind one another that the value of every human life is the basis for Catholic social teaching. Talk about how your family prays and how you can fulfill our mission like Saint Teresa of Calcutta.

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

Together read the Gospel parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector. Then spend a moment or two in silence, and then repeat three times the prayer, "Lord, have mercy on us!"



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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: Classes have begun. For more information, contact Alisa Pfab (alisapfab@hotmail.com).

First Reconciliation & Eucharist: Second graders combine home study and retreats to prepare for these sacraments. Contact Stacy Cataldo, Director of Catechesis, for more information (catechesis@allsaintscr.com).

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact the office at 319-363-6130, ext. 100 to schedule anointings.

Miscellaneous Information

Newcomer Registration: Call the Parish Office at 363-6130, ext. 100, or register on line at <http://www.allsaintscr.com>.

Bulletin Deadline: Items must be submitted electronically to the parish office by Noon on the preceding Monday to: bulletin@allsaintscr.com.

Opportunities for Prayer

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 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.