

# ALL SAINTS

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL



*Love God • Serve Others • Form Disciples*



**November 1 & November 2, 2025;  
All Souls' Day**

*...because I came  
down from heaven  
not to do my own will  
but the will of the  
one who sent  
me...*

**John 6:38**

### 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



## Remembering...

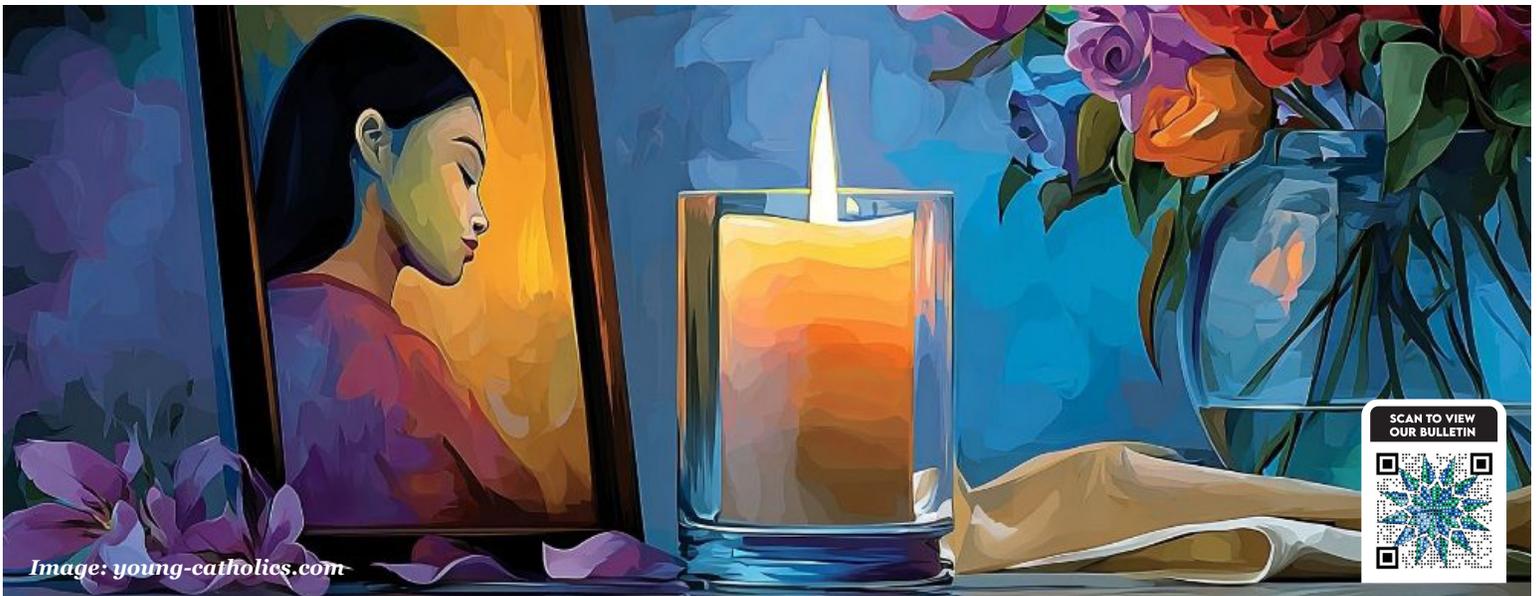


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# Please Pray for the Following People

(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



When Stewards pray the “Our Father”, say the words slowly so you truly recognize what you are saying. Every day when praying this prayer, we repeat what Jesus said in the scripture passage – “thy kingdom come, thy will be done.” Even though we say these words, do our actions reflect those words? This is the difference between saints and the rest of us. Saints were faithful and obedient to God’s will. Start today – start aligning your words and actions with God’s will for you.

## A Weekly Tip on Caring for Our Common Home



In an era of online consumption and big box stores, supporting small businesses in your community can benefit the environment greatly, and it can also help them a great deal too. It takes a lot to get a small business off the ground sometimes, and many states issue out loans to help get them started. For example, people can get a USDA loan or a small business loan. Once set up, it is the local shoppers contributing their money to the business that keeps it afloat and successful. So there are plenty of reasons to shop local! The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reports that industrial pollution is responsible for almost 50% of the pollution present in the United States. Shopping locally reduces processing, packaging and transportation waste – leading to less pollution.

## For the Married Couples



“I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me” (John 6:38). The will of the Father is that all would believe in his Son and may have eternal life. How are you doing the will of the Father, and helping your spouse get to heaven?



# Everyday Metanoia



What a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed or All Souls Day as the Sunday liturgy! The Old Testament and the New Testament readings should be very familiar if you have attended a funeral, especially a Catholic funeral, within the past few years. The readings from the Book of Wisdom and St. Paul's Letter to the Romans are frequently chosen.

Sometimes we can present as a very bi-polar culture: on the one hand we are often fascinated with things that pertain to the end-of-life and on the other hand we try to use every Facebook and TikTok feed gimmick to prevent death, especially the appearance of aging which signals the path to death. The reading from Wisdom proclaims, "The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace." So if we know and believe this, why the disconnect and the angst? Ah, but there is part of the answer, is it not? Knowing and believing. The statistics for the Archdiocese of Dubuque show that Mass attendance has decreased by 46% since 2006: that is, going from an October Mass count of 86,997 in 2006 to 47,417 in 2024. When we absent ourselves from Mass, we become anxious about anything that cannot be proven beyond the shadow of a doubt. The path of mystery leads to the darkness of disbelief rather than to the light of faith. Without the nourishment of the Eucharist, we lose contact with the hope that anchors our faith life and the boat of life has no protection from the wind and waves. In focusing on our own ego dramas, we allow the trials of life to become a heavy noose around our neck. When the nucleus of our life is loving God and loving neighbor that heavy noose is transformed into an easy yoke, lightening the burdens of life. "Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love: because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with his elect."

But then, why do horrible things happen to those who believe? Shouldn't we be cocooned from the challenges of life? Paul reminds us that, "Hope does not disappoint because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given us." We must remember, though, that the hope that is given us through the Holy Spirit is centered on the will of God, not on the will of [insert your name here.] The world is full of sin and evil exists, but our faith teaches us that God can and will bring good from the scandal of evil. The Catechism of the Catholic Church #309 states that "only Christian faith as a whole constitutes the answer to this question: the goodness of creation, the drama of sin, and the patient love of God who comes to meet man by his covenants, the redemptive Incarnation of his Son, his gift of the Holy Spirit, his gathering of the Church, the power of the sacraments, and his call to a blessed life to which free creatures are invited to consent..., but from which, by a terrible mystery, they can also turn away..."

What does all of this have to do with All Souls Day? Partly as a reminder to all of us why Catholic funerals are so important to our faith life - both for the living and for those who have died. As the number of those who practice the Catholic faith has dwindled - so has the number of funerals celebrated not just in church, but with a Mass. Looking at the obituaries, we frequently see that we are invited to a 'celebration of life;' that is to say good-bye to the deceased, to receive some closure, and to celebrate the life of that person. Fr. Mike Schmitz in an Ascension Press podcast reminds us, "That is not the reason for a Catholic funeral." While there may be a few ties to the life of the person, "the point of a Catholic funeral is to worship God, to thank God for his mercy, to renew our own faith in the Resurrection, and to intercede for the dead in prayer" all through the power of God's Word, our own reconciliation with God, the Sacrament of the Eucharist, and the prayers of intercession found in the Mass. And then, we are sent forth, not just to bury the dead, but to share all of this with our brothers and sisters in the world. Faith. Hope. Love.

The Gospel of John provides us with yet another assurance from Jesus: "Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day."

So, not just on All Souls Day, not just in the month of November, but everyday and especially when we participate in the liturgy, let's intercede for our deceased brothers and sisters through conversation with our heavenly Father; through the gift of prayer.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at 10am, after the 9am Mass and a second opportunity on Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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>

## Service to Others

### *Metro Catholic Outreach*



#### ***Check Those Expiration Dates***

Each and every shift, our faithful volunteers check the expiration dates on every single item of donated food that flows into our pantry. We NEVER include expired items in the food boxes we pack for our clients, and the same goes for opened boxes or damaged cans. Recently expired items (within the past 12 months) are offered on the free shelf in our office for clients to choose if they wish. Items that came out of a bigger container (such as the individual packets of oatmeal) that don't have expiration dates can not be given out to clients. **All** food we distribute to clients need to include a list of ingredients **and** an expiration date. Many well meaning donors pack up donation bags with extra items in their pantry, possibly unaware that many may be well past the point of use. It is then left up to us, sadly, to discard this unusable food.

We so appreciate each and every usable item that is donated. Thank you to all our wonderful donors!

## 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!

## 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!

## Become a Minister to the Homebound



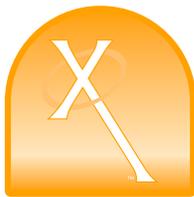
Is God calling you to bring Christ in the Eucharist to those unable to join us for Saturday vigil/Sunday Mass? Our Homebound Ministry brings the Eucharist to our parish members and other Catholics who are unable to join our community at weekly Mass. As an All Saints Homebound Eucharistic Minister, you 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://dbqarch.org/couples-ev).

# 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!

## 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

## A Message From Catholic Daughters



Catholic Daughters, Cedar Rapids Court #1776 will meet Tuesday, November 11th in St. Pius Catholic Church Parish Hall. Doors open 6:00 PM. Memorial Service for deceased CDA members at 6:15 PM. Refreshments following the ceremony. Business meeting at 7:00 PM. Silent Auction for food banks, Bring gently used items, baked goods. Guests always welcome. Call Stephanie 319-540-7193 or Roberta 319-366-0999.

## Thank You!



To all of our wonderful blood donors,

Thanks so much for your participation in our parish blood drive last Saturday. Collectively we were able to donate a total of 24 life saving units of blood. We could not have done that without your help. It is a great opportunity for our parish family to help others in our community and we will plan to do it again next spring. Thanks again for your participation.

Sincerely, Dennis Mullarkey



# 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](http://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 SELLAU
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 BANOWETZ, 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, CLARISSE 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

## 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](http://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.



# 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](http://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](http://stmcenter.com/registration)

## Mass Intentions

Thurs. Nov. 6	8:30 am
Cunningham/Herman Families	
Fri. Nov. 7	8:00 am
Scherrman/Herman Families	
Sat. Nov. 8	4:00 pm
†	Yvonne & Bill Pape
Sun. Nov. 9	9:00 am
For the People	

## Scripture Readings

*Week of November 2, 2025*

### Sunday:

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

### Monday:

Rom 11:29-36/Lk 14:12-14 (485)

### Tuesday:

Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24 (486)

### Wednesday:

Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33 (487)

### Thursday:

Rom 14:7-12/Lk 15:1-10 (488)

### Friday:

Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8 (489)

### Saturday:

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Lk 16:9-15 (490)

### Sunday:

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22 (671)

## 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](mailto: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

## Spooky Season Shenanigans

**HALLOWEEN  
2025**



[www.allsaints-crschool.org](http://www.allsaints-crschool.org)

## 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

## Ministry Schedule

November 8, 4:00 PM Saturday

### Sacristan

Peg Schmitz

### Extraordinary Ministers

Connie Deutmeyer

Andrew Lang

Ellen Mouw

Joan Murrin

John Myers

Kourtne Powell

Mike Powell

### Altar Servers

Martin (MJ) Golobic

Dylan Lang

Alexandra Lang

### Lectors

Lisa Stephenson

Kathy Ulrich

### Hospitality Ministers

Jen Colby

Chris Colby

Marcia Myers

Tom Takes

Mike Votroubek

Theresa Werner

November 9, 9:00 AM Sunday

### Sacristan

Cate Biro

### Extraordinary Ministers

Sherry Casey

Joseph Cataldo

Stephanie Guzman

Wade Johnson

Mike Klappholz

John Michael

Gregory O'Connell

### Altar Servers

Addison Johnson

Henry Johnson

Madison McCarville

### Lectors

Mick Erdman

JoAnn Hand

### Hospitality Ministers

Jeanne Amosson

Maureen Dale Ernst

John Ernst

Beth Martin

Tyler Martin

Chase Philpott

# Family Ministry

November 2, 2025 • All Souls • Matthew 5:1-12

## Blessed Are We

*When Jesus sees the crowds who are following him, he goes up a mountain. He wants to make sure everyone can see and hear him as he tells them how they can find happiness.*

Moses went up a mountain to receive the Ten Commandments, and in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus went up a mountain to give us the Beatitudes. The Ten Commandments are a set of laws to help us live in harmony with God's love. The Beatitudes are broader and more subtle. They offer a vision and suggest a self-giving attitude that goes beyond the Commandments.

The Beatitudes talk about the poor and those who mourn, those who are hungry for justice, those who are merciful and peacemakers, those who are pure in heart, and those who are persecuted. Jesus tells us that all of these people will be happy. They will be blessed. How can this be?

Perhaps Jesus is just reminding us that life is difficult. Each of us will face our own hardships. We need to remember that nothing—not poverty or deep loss or suffering, not the worst injustice — can triumph over us. Jesus offers his own strength and endurance, his assurance that we will not be alone. We are blessed. We are gifted not only with faith, but with hope.

The Beatitudes ask us to be meek, not the doormat sort of meek, but the biblical idea of meek—tolerant and unassuming. We are to be poor in spirit. Money and possessions should not own us. We are to be peacemakers and hunger and thirst after justice. The Beatitudes offer a positive way to respond to difficult life experiences. They encourage us to live in a self-possessed, positive way.

Finding the Kingdom of God is not just about keeping the Ten Commandments; it's keeping the commandments with the right attitudes—the Beatitudes.

## FAMILY RESPONSE

Talk to your family about what difficulties they are facing this week. Encourage each other to be tolerant. Pray together to find ways your family members can be peacemakers.

## PERSONAL RESPONSE

Which of the beatitudes do we find most difficult to live?

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# Worldwide Marriage Encounter



November 7-9, 2025

Our Lady's  
Immaculate Heart

Ankeny, IA

## live your best life in love

### 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](http://wwme.org/apply) or contact Greg and Denise Rubner at 563-920-9419.

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## The Gospel at Home

### This Week's Gospels: John 6:37-40

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus promises that he will never turn away any person who comes to him. He also gives us the perfect example to follow to do the will of God the Father. Whoever believes in Jesus will have eternal life with God in heaven. That seems like an easy thing to do, but it is often difficult in reality. With prayer and guidance from the Holy Spirit, we will enjoy eternal happiness with the Lord.

### Exploring the Gospel Message

**Seeds (Preschool):** Your child learned this week that the saints and each of us are friends of Jesus. Ask your child what a saint is. As we celebrate All Souls' Day, share stories about departed loved ones or friends. Pray for them as a family. Ask to see your child's booklet from this week's lesson.

**Promise (Grades K-1):** This week, your child heard the story of Saint Martin de Porres and the mice. Ask your child to tell the family what happened in the story. Discuss the deceased person whom your child remembered in this week's lesson. Pray as a family the prayer on Page 4 for people who have died.

**Good News (Grades 2-3):** When it comes time during Mass to pray for those who have died, who does your child remember? What about the rest of your family? Pray together for loved ones and friends who have died. Discuss with your child what he or she learned about the Día de los Muertos. Talk about the saints your child learned about in class this week.

**Venture (Grades 4-6):** Your youngster learned that they are part of the Communion of Saints and that Jesus has promised us a place in Heaven. Have your young person tell the story of "A Day with the Saints." What did your son or daughter think Jalen decided after talking with Mrs. Fedora? Talk as a family about when our bodies will be resurrected. Pray for those who have died.

**Visions (Grades 7-9):** The Editor's Note with the story, "Good Friends," says its message is still important today. Ask your young person about the story and why its message is still important. Discuss who comprises the Communion of Saints. Ask who your youngster nominated as a saint during the lesson. Pray that your family can answer God's call to live as saints. Consider celebrating the Día de los Muertos as described in the lesson.

**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

This Sunday is the day after the Feast of All Saints and the day of All Souls. As a family, take a few moments to talk about your favorite saints and loved ones in Heaven. Then thank God for the witness of these saints and loved ones. You can make your own Litany of the Saints by having each family member in turn say the name of a saint and all can answer: "Pray for us!"



# Parish Office (319) 363-6130

## Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:adultformation@allsaintscr.com)).

**Confirmation:** Classes have begun. For more information, contact Alisa Pfab ([alisapfab@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://allsaintscr.com/prayer).