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CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL



Love God • Serve Others • Form Disciples



**November 15 & November 16, 2025;
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Rather, we
wanted to present
ourselves as a model
for you, so that you
might imitate us.*

2 Thessalonians 3:9

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



Hope Beyond the Broken Wall

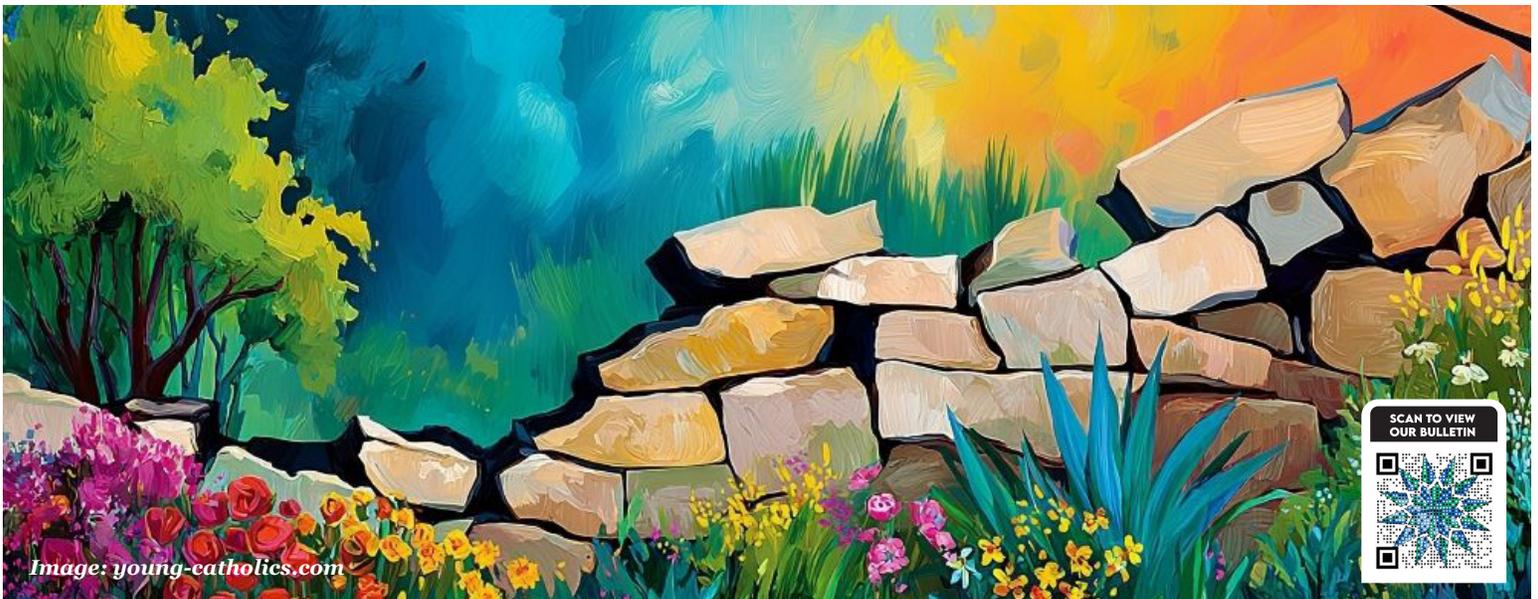


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Please Pray for the Following People

(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



Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don't go around bragging about it. But through their words and actions, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results and others desire this in their own life. Know that the Stewardship way you live your life may be the only interaction others may have with our Catholic faith.

A Weekly Tip on Caring for Our Common Home



Twenty years ago, palm oil was found mainly in cosmetics and beauty products. Once palm oil was discovered to be trans-fat free, many food companies transitioned to palm oil to promote a healthier product. In supplying the growing demand, farmers across Southeast Asia, South America and Africa are currently clearing massive amounts of tropical forests to make room for palm plantations. We can make an impact by switching to eating whole foods; this reduces the amount of processed foods you'll purchase that contain palm oil, reading food labels; if purchasing foods containing palm oil – mindfully support companies that sustainably harvest palm oil, and by choosing body care products that don't contain palm oil.



“...I myself will give you a wisdom in speaking...” (Luke 21:18). In today's gospel, Jesus directs his listeners to respond in times of crisis. Their attention must remain steadfastly on him, and they are able to stand fearless. Jesus will provide the necessary wisdom for speech and action in the critical moments of our lives.



Everyday Metanoia



This is our last Sunday in Ordinary Time for this liturgical year and also for many Sundays to come. We will not return to Ordinary Time until January 18, 2026. For this liturgical season in between, what are we anticipating, what will we be celebrating and what should be at the forefront of our study, prayer and reflection?

The parable in today's Gospel reading is a great follow-up to Stewardship weekend. Jesus talks about "talents", which does not have the same meaning as we assign to it today. In Jesus' time and culture a talent was a monetary trust. As Curtis Mitch and Edward Sri note in their commentary on the Gospel of Matthew, "It is impossible to calculate what each talent was worth in modern currency. The talent was a measurement of weight, and the value of any given talent depended on whether it was gold, silver or copper. Nevertheless...a single talent was a significant amount of wealth to be used in commercial trading." "Most commentators identify the talents of the parable with perpetual endowments of some sort. One might think of natural abilities and aptitudes that are meant for the use of others. Similarly, the financial resources entrusted to us are to be invested for the good of the other, especially the poor. One could also apply the talents to the spiritual gifts that are meant to be used for the edification of the Church."

Love God-Serve Others-Form Disciples. The All Saints Pastoral Council that undertook the journey to update our parish mission statement understood that the foundation we were laying had to be centered on stewardship. Anything less would not express our understanding of the life, death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Anything less would not reveal our hope in the living Word of God expressed through the covenantal relationships established with God, our Father. Anything less would not bear out our understanding of every person's call to participate in the priestly, prophetic and kingly mission accepted in the Sacrament of Baptism as we become God's children and members of the body of Christ as we receive the Holy Spirit. Summarizing sections 784-786 in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: As priests, baptized individuals offer themselves and their lives to God. As prophets, they witness to the truth of God's word through their words and actions. As kings, they lead others toward God by using their talents to advance the Kingdom of God and by ruling over their own passions.

As we approach the season of Advent in two weeks, let's anticipate the remembrance of the time leading to God breaking into our human world by being more purposeful in the decisions we make. We make too many of them unconsciously and out of habit. Let the whisper of "what would a steward do?" enter the conversation. The same decision may hold, but now it is a conscious choice. That is worthy of celebration. As God entered our world as a tiny babe, we are inviting Him to enter our lives as a tiny voice. And just as that babe grew in knowledge and love of the Lord, that tiny voice can grow. But how? Through study, prayer, reflection and frequent Sunday Mass attendance, where we are strengthened by God's forgiveness, His Word and the Eucharist.

Our Faith Formation Commission will have Advent reflection booklets available soon and they have planned additional opportunities for prayer during Advent. Although a bit of an unconventional suggestion for Advent, let's read and study the U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on stewardship called *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*. The introduction spells out three convictions that are key to understanding, embracing and living out stewardship: "1. Mature disciples make a conscious, firm decision, carried out in action to be followers of Jesus Christ.; 2. Beginning in conversion, change of mind and heart, this commitment is expressed not in a single action, nor even in a number of actions over a period of time, but in an entire way of life.; 3. Stewardship is an expression of discipleship, with the power to change how we understand and live out our lives. Disciples who practice stewardship recognize God as the origin of life, the giver of freedom, the source of all they have and will be...They know themselves to be recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts. They are grateful for what they have received and eager to cultivate their gifts out of love for God and one another."

Love God-Serve Others-Form Disciples. As we focus on being grateful for the month of November, let's name what God has given us. Then, through prayer, let's make a conscious decision - will we choose to multiply those gifts by 2 times, by 5 times or to bury them in the sand?

Come Holy Spirit!

Praying with you always, Tracy Huk, Parish Life Coordinator

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.

Young at Heart



Come join All Saints' Church members for the Young at Heart Luncheon on Wednesday, November 19 at noon in the Social Hall. The speaker this month is Sharon Tauke. Sharon will share information on Medicare changes for 2026. Come and join us for a Holiday Meal and fellowship! All Saints members over 50 are welcome to come each month. There is no cost for lunch. Remember if school is cancelled, the YAH luncheon will also be cancelled.

All Saints Giving Tree Begins This Weekend



It's the season for our Giving Tree. The All Saints Giving Tree will be online and have ornaments on the tree. The gifts you choose to purchase will help children and families in the community. Ornaments can be chosen off the tree, purchased and wrapped. After attaching the ornament to the gift, it can be returned to the church.

Online sign up is very easy. Click [here](#). Choose what gifts you would like to purchase and enter the needed information. Once you have bought the gift(s), wrap and place a tag or piece of paper with the code and description on the front of the gift (i.e. 3F gift card). Please drop off the gift at All Saints Church. We would like to have all gifts returned by Sunday, December 7th.

Thank You, Blood Donors!



Thank you to all the people who donated at the October blood drive and also to those who donated at the ImpactLife donation center. In all, 26 donations earned \$276 for All Saints School. Our volunteer, Dennis Mullarkey is already taking steps to coordinate a Spring blood drive. We'll see you then!

Service to Others

Metro Catholic Outreach



Feeling the Pain

Over 270,000 Iowans receive monthly SNAP benefits from the USDA via EBT cards used for food purchase.

The federal government, shut down since September 30, has said there are NO FUNDS to pay November SNAP benefits. (As of this writing, it looks like funds may be eventually issued, but greatly reduced.) Folks who depend on these benefits to purchase food for their families began calling food pantries last month, and the calls have continued to rapidly increase now in this first week of November. Last week alone, we turned away nearly 200 households who called MCO for food assistance. Even though there are 15 other food pantries in the area, EVERYONE is dealing with the effects of this shutdown. We have also received requests of help from government workers here in town suddenly faced with no paychecks.

Usually providing food for about 150 households per week, Metro Catholic Outreach has ramped up our efforts. This week we opened 50 more slots, and served nearly 200 households. This, of course, takes more of EVERYTHING -- Food, money, volunteers, time, planning. Every little bit helps! If you would like to help in any way, please know that you can bring in food and/or monetary donations any time during our office hours, OR drop off at any Catholic church. We accept any nonperishable food items that have not passed the expiration date, in unopened and undamaged non-glass containers. Toiletry items, such as soap, shampoo, detergent, and other personal hygiene products are much needed also.

Please call us if you are bringing in a very large delivery so we can assist in making your drop-off easier, and avoid busy distribution times at our loading dock.

If you are interested in volunteering, we need more folks for each of our shifts now. Please let us know how you would like to help local folks facing this unexpected very tough time.

Thanksgiving Food Collection



In conjunction with our Blessed and Grateful bulletin board activity for the month of November, we invite you to show your gratitude to God by contributing to our food pantry collection for Metro Catholic Outreach on Thanksgiving Day and the weekend after. During the liturgy on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 27 at 9:00 AM) and both the Saturday and Sunday liturgies (November 29 and 30), parishioners and guests will be invited to place their non-perishable and/or personal care items on the altar at the Presentation of the Gifts. God has richly blessed us. This is an extension of our monthly Loaves and Fishes collection to help with the unusually high need for pantry items. You can bring items forward at the Masses in the MCO blue bags or in grocery bags. Let's show God our gratitude by blessing those who have less!



Advent Wreath Project



Join us for an Advent Wreath Making activity after Mass on Saturday, November 22nd & Sunday, November 23rd! Families and kiddos are invited to assemble a wreath together to kick off the Advent season. All supplies will be provided and take-home kits will also be available for those who prefer to make their wreaths at home. Meet us in the Narthex after each Mass for cookies, juice & crafting. Come make, pray, and take your wreath home to use as we prepare our hearts for Jesus' coming!



Adoration During Advent



This year, we will once again offer Adoration on Monday evenings during Advent, combining it with the Advent Stations. Please note: there will be no Adoration on Monday, December 8th due to the holy day of obligation, evening Mass is at 5:30 that day. The schedule will be as follows:

****Advent Stations**** will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

****Adoration**** will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel and conclude at 6:30 p.m.

We invite you to sign up for a volunteer position for Adoration using the following link: <https://signup.com/go/FgWeKJS>.

To sign up:

1. Click the link above.
2. Review the available options and select the spot(s) you prefer.
3. Sign up! You do not need to register an account or manage a password on SignUp.

*Note: SignUp does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me directly at peg@schmitzia.com or 319-329-0155, and I will sign you up manually.

Thank you, Peg Schmitz

LaSalle Catholic Middle School Presents: Moana Jr.



Join us for an unforgettable musical adventure as the talented students of LaSalle Catholic Middle School bring Disney's Moana Jr. to life!

Where: Regis-LaSalle Theater at Xavier High School

When: Thursday, December 4th at 12:30 PM & 7:00 PM

Friday, December 5th at 7:00 PM

Tickets go on sale, Friday, November 14th online only at <http://www.gobound.com/ia/schools/xavierms.tickets>. Come support our young performers and enjoy a heartwarming story of courage, culture, and discovery. All are welcome!

Grateful and Blessed



This November we will be focusing on naming our blessings and sharing our gratitude with God and with each other. We invite you to help us create a “Blessings and Gratitude” bulletin board in the ambulatory. Our bookkeeper, Jeremy Lutz, pitched this idea and we love it (Thanks, Jeremy!) We will have hearts available for you to write the people, places and things that you are grateful for. These hearts will then be used to showcase all of our blessings on the bulletin board located by the entry to the church by the baptismal font. All of what we have comes from God. We own nothing - we are stewards of God’s generosity. Help us say ‘thank you’ to God as we name and lift up these blessings in prayer!



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!

New This Year - Christmas Giving Wreath



In addition to our wonderful Giving Tree, which supports needy families and individuals, we have added a Giving Wreath. The economy has been tough on the agencies that All Saints supports through your generosity in the Loaves and Fish collection. We asked these agencies if they could use a little extra help this Christmas and several of them gave us some great ideas that we incorporated into a Christmas Giving Wreath. Thanks to the great talent of our Office Manager, Dan Alpers, we have different colored Christmas ornaments attached to the wreath. Please choose one of more from the wreath and just like the Giving Tree, return the gifts to the Narthex with the ornament taped to the gift. Thank you for your generosity in helping make Christmas truly a season of blessings for all.



Mass Intentions

Thurs. Nov. 20	8:30 am
†	Rosemary Gorman
Fri. Nov. 21	8:00 am
†	Margaret Murphy
Sat. Nov. 22	4:00 pm
†	Margene & Jerry Rule
Sun. Nov. 23	9:00 am
	For the People

Scripture Readings

Week of November 16, 2025

Sunday:

Mal 3:19-20a/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19 (159)

Monday:

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Lk 18:35-43 (497)

Tuesday:

2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10 (498)

Wednesday:

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28 (499)

Thursday:

1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44 (500)

Friday:

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48 (501)

Saturday:

1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40 (502)

Sunday:

2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43 (162)

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

Our Upcoming Holiday Schedule

- November 26, 27, & 28-No School or Preschool. ELC/Bruins Care closes at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26 and remains closed until December 1st.
- December 1- Advent Prayer Service
- December 8-8:30 Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day
- December 9-9:00 a.m. Preschool Christmas Concert
- December 9-6:00 p.m. K-5 Christmas Concert-Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
- December 11-No School Mass
- December 23-12:15 Early Dismissal for Christmas Break
- January 5-School Resumes

Xavier Catholic Schools Introduce Virtues-Based Programming for Early Learners

Xavier Catholic Schools Early Learning Centers across Cedar Rapids, Marion and Hiawatha have introduced a new faith curriculum this year, rooted in Catholic virtues, through which children as young as two weeks through preschool age to actively learn and grow in their faith. Pictured here are children from St. Matthew Early Learning Center Travel 1 Class engrossed in a few favorite activities like building a monastery out of blocks, reading the "Search and Find Jesus" book, and a group movement game called "Work and Pray," which demonstrates the fun way we can move our bodies while also remembering the rhythm of prayer in daily life. The mission of Xavier Catholic Schools is to form disciples unafraid to follow Jesus Christ and we thank our parishes for their support.



www.allsaints-crschool.org

Ministry Schedule

November 15, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan

Jean Bell

Extraordinary Ministers

Mary Jo Goerd

Terry Goerd

Sara Lang

Alison Prentice

Daniel Prentice

Stephen Schmitz

Becky Weininger

Altar Servers

Logan Kelly

Sean Kelly

Zachary Prentice

Lectors

Theresa Harker

Joan Murrin

Hospitality Ministers

Sue Bright

Ryan Donnelly

Daniel Greene

Dick Kettelkamp

Barb Lindstrom

Tom Takes

November 16, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

Sherry Casey

Extraordinary Ministers

Larry Hunter

Ann Hunter

Stephanie Klappholz

Bill Knapp

Dianne Knapp

Dennis Mullarkey

Bea Rethwisch

Altar Servers

Kendra Beeler

Julien Giacinto

Annemarie Giacinto

Lectors

Robin Brown

Joe Giacinto

Hospitality Ministers

Jason Ainsworth

Kim Ainsworth

Jeanne Amosson

Nicole Johnson

Tony Satariano

Diane Weimer

Ministry Schedule

November 22, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan

Cynthia Gunsolly, OFS

Extraordinary Ministers

Connie Deutmeyer

Andrew Lang

John Myers

Kourtne Powell

Mike Powell

Alison Prentice

Stephen Schmitz

Altar Servers

Katrina Golobic

Lindsey Talyat

Megan Talyat

Lectors

Theresa Harker

Kathy Ulrich

Hospitality Ministers

Joe Jeffries

Ann Jeffries

Peg Schmitz

Brian Talyat

Lauri Talyat

Mike Votroubek

November 23, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

John Michael

Extraordinary Ministers

Tom Amosson

Brian Conway

Chris Conway

Mary Jo Goerd

Terry Goerd

Bob Helgens

Mary Beth Helgens

Altar Servers

Everly Felland

Lucy Klappholz

Adalyn LaMere

Lectors

Gregory O'Connell

Tasha Tatar

Hospitality Ministers

Jeanne Amosson

Mike Klappholz

Stephanie Klappholz

Pete Rethwisch

Bea Rethwisch

Diane Weimer

Family Ministry

November 16, 2025 • 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 21:5-19

Jesus Talks About the Trouble to Come

Jesus tells his followers about the calamities ahead: wars and insurrections, earthquakes and plagues. He tells them that they will be handed over by people they trust and they will suffer greatly. But he also assures them that if they listen to him and put their faith in him, they will be saved. "By your endurance you will gain your souls" (v. 19).

If only we could shelter our children from all of the calamities and tragedies of life! But we can't. Our primary job is to get them ready for the real world—and calamities and tragedies are part of it. Besides, bad things happen even to the very young. Friends move away, parents separate, family members or beloved pets die, and those are just some of the possible tragedies. For us parents there is a great temptation to say, "Don't cry. Everything will be all right." It sounds like a very Christian response, rooted in faith and hope. In truth, the "Everything will be all right" part is fine. It's the "Don't cry" that needs to go.

Tears are cleansing. They are a gift of our human condition. They communicate our feelings, allow for the cohesive bond of compassion and open the door to healing. But sometimes tears get stifled. It takes faith and hope to trust that all will be well, just as it takes courage and humility to accept our own tears and those of others.

We parents often have almost a compulsive need to make things better, to solve problems, to fix things. And so we say things like, "Don't cry," or, "Look at it this way," when often what our children really need is just our quiet presence and our loving support. It helps, when we find a youngster in distress, to take a few moments for some quiet prayer of our own—to ask for the grace to experience and share God's comforting love.

If we take the time to suffer our children's pain with them, then perhaps later they will also be open to talking about and processing the experience. As parents, we need to allow our youngsters to show their grief, offering our comforting presence and gentle support as a testimony to our words, "Everything will be all right."

FAMILY RESPONSE

Practice attentive listening again. Have someone talk about a problem he or she is having at work or school. Make sure no one interrupts until the speaker is done. Ask questions to better understand the situation. Suggest solutions—only if the person asks for them.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Try some spiritual reflection. Consider something difficult that happened to you last week. Think about the situation and consider what Jesus might have observed if he were present. How might he have reacted?

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ADVENT RENEWAL

Now that we've renewed our church,
let's renew our faith!



with **Fr. Leo Patalinghug**

November 30 - December 2

St. Joseph Parish, Marion, Iowa

Fr. Leo Patalinghug is a priest member of a community of consecrated life, Voluntas Dei (The Will of God). His diverse background as an award-winning cook, radio and TV host gives him a unique perspective on ministry and family life.

*Fr. Leo will celebrate Mass with us November 29-30
in addition to inspirational evening talks below*

Sunday, November 30 - 6 PM

Celebrating with the Saints

Monday, December 1 - 6 PM

Celebrating with Mary

Tuesday, December 2 - 6 PM

Celebrating with Jesus in the Eucharist



The Wonderful Wizard of Oz



**Regis Middle School Invites You to Follow the
Yellow Brick Road!**

Join us for an unforgettable adventure as Regis Middle School students bring The Wonderful Wizard of Oz to life on stage Friday, November 21 and Saturday, November 22 at 7 pm in the Regis Gym. Journey along with Dorothy and her friends down the yellow brick road for a captivating performance filled with friendship, courage and the beauty of home.

Tickets at the door only: \$5 general admission, \$3 students and senior citizens, and children 4 and under are free.

Ministry Schedule

*November 27, 9:00 AM
Thursday (Thanksgiving)*

Extraordinary Ministers

Stephanie Guzman

Riley Hoover

Altar Servers

Madison McCarville

Katherine Osen

Sylvia Robbins

Lectors

Todd Holverson

Kathy Ulrich

Hospitality Ministers

Joe Jeffries

Ann Jeffries

Beth Martin

Pete Rethwisch

Bea Rethwisch

Eric Schmitt



2025 Holiday Scrip Schedule



❄️ 2025 Holiday Scrip Schedule ❄️

To pick up your order on:	Place your online order before:	Drop off your paper order form before:
Nov 14	Nov 10	Nov 10
Nov 21	Nov 17	Nov 17
Dec 5	Dec 1	Dec 1
Dec 12	Dec 8	Dec 8
Dec 19	Dec 15	Dec 15
Jan 9	Jan 5	Jan 5

The All Saints Scrip Office will be closed Nov 26-30 and Dec 19-Jan 4.

Online orders are available while the Scrip Office is closed. Dropoff orders, "Pay Coordinator" and "Ship to Coordinator" items will be delayed until the office reopens.

Contact Lori at scrip@allsaintscr.com / 319.535.3570 or scan the code to visit scrip.allsaintscr.com for more details.



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Christmas Eve Mass



Please allow me a moment to preface this with a personal note. I LOVE Thanksgiving. It's a time to sit just with friends and family and spend some time around the best meal of the year. I like to reflect on the past year without worrying about when it's time to start tearing into gifts. I love the warm feeling I get from inviting friends over that may not have a traditional Thanksgiving holiday because perhaps they don't have family in the area or just don't feel welcome for one reason or another. My Christmas tree never goes up until Thanksgiving is over. Thanksgiving is wholeheartedly given its time in the spotlight in my heart and my home.

This week, I've received a couple phone calls asking about Christmas Eve reservations. Rest assured that the week I returned home from Indy in early August, I spent some time checking off items from the 'ol Christmas Eve to-do list. However, we still have numerous items on it that need to be completed before we can pull the trigger on reservations. The process will be similar to last year. One change that we'll be making is to take steps to remove the ads that were causing some confusion for some. This will be our third year using this system so we now have all of our ducks in a row.

A very important thing to remember is that we will NOT require any credit card numbers. If at any point during the process last year, you were asked to provide one, you likely clicked on the wrong button. With the removal of ads, this will be alleviated.

My request of you is that we all enjoy the gift of Thanksgiving and make the most of what it has to offer before we become concerned with Christmas. Information about reservations will be released after Thanksgiving. We will be communicating through Facebook posts, the bulletin, and messages using our bulletin email list). To best keep your finger on the pulse, please subscribe to that list today. You can do so by clicking [HERE](#). In the meantime, rest assured that everyone who wants a seat at Christmas Eve Mass will have one. As it's Father Eric's first here at All Saints, I'm certain it will be one to remember.

As always, your patience and understanding is appreciated. Dan Alpers, *Office Manager*

The Gospel at Home

This Week's Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Jews connected the very spirit of their faith to the Temple with its incense-filled, prayerful inner courts and its shaded outer courts where people met and talked. They celebrated their holy days at the Temple; it was the center of their faith community. But Jesus' assessment of the times in this Sunday's Gospel proved accurate. The Jews' rebellion against Roman occupation that began in A.D. 66 ended in the destruction of the Temple in A.D. 70 by the Roman forces. When Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple to his disciples in Sunday's Gospel, they are shocked. Jesus both scares and assures his listeners, past and present. He explains that wars, disasters, and persecutions will continue. He assures us that we can endure these and other troubles. He promises to put words in our mouths so no one can put us down. He promises to be with us always.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): The language of this Sunday's Gospel is frightening for small children, so talk about how much God loves all Creation. As the family looks forward to Thanksgiving, talk with your young child about all the good gifts God gives, especially the sun, the soil, and the seeds that grow the food we eat. This is a good time to establish the habit of a prayer before meals.

Promise (Grades K-1): This Sunday's Gospel is a difficult one for children, and so in class, children shared stories of their fears and worries. You may want to ask your child what he or she worries about. Emphasize that Jesus tells us not to be afraid because he is with us. Have your child tell you the story, "Lost in the Mall." Make a plan with your child so you both know what to do if he or she becomes lost like Jessica. The class learned and practiced the Our Father in class. Consider adding this prayer taught by Jesus into family prayers this week.

Good News (Grades 2-3): Although this Sunday's Gospel speaks of the end of the world, the class

learned about the wonderful world God creates with love. Ask your child to show you the Creation Spiral he or she completed in class. Discuss some of the ways that your child learned to care for the world, and brainstorm others that your family can do. Jesus asks us not to worry when there are bad things happening in the world. Talk with your child about concerns he or she has for the world. Discuss how you deal with problems and how your faith plays a role.

Venture (Grades 4-6): In class, your young person learned from the experiences of people who stood up for what they believed. Ask your son or daughter to share these experiences, especially Saint Elizabeth of Hungary. Ask what the Second Coming of Jesus means and share his promise to be with us in the last days. Spend some time talking about how your family can stand up for what you believe. Ask your young person about what it means to be Catholic, and maybe play a round of the game on lesson pages 7 and 8.

Visions (Grades 7-9): Your youngster's class began with a discussion of hopes for the world. Talk about what hopes your family has for the world. What hopes do you have for your family? Read the Sunday Gospel together and discuss what world events may make your family anxious or afraid. Then talk about Jesus' promise. How do Jesus' words concern or comfort you? The class also talked about resolving conflict. Discuss how you and other family members can work on solving arguments that come up.

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

Make a litany prayer of all the things your family is grateful for—life, health, friends, a good home, etc. After each is mentioned, the whole family can say together: "Thanks be to God!"



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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.