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CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL



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**December 27 & December 28, 2025;
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:17

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday 8:00 am
Wednesday 5:30 pm
Thursday No Mass
Friday 8:00 am



Shelter in Their Arms



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Please Pray for the Following People

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



† Phyllis Pate & Pat Maas.

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



Giving thanks to God and using our words and actions to give all glory to God is the foundation of living a Stewardship lifestyle. We were made in God's image and likeness; gratitude and generosity are in our DNA. As beloved sons and daughters of God, we are all part of God's family. Using our gifts to help others is our gift back to God and helps grow the Body of Christ here on earth and establishes a pathway to Heaven for each of us.

For the Married Couples



"Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another..." (Col 3:12-14). St. Paul reminds us that God's holy family is brought together whenever we choose to act in this way toward one another. How might you help your spouse and family to "put on" these things?

Christmas Collection Goal and End-of-the-Year Giving



As the calendar comes to a close, the Finance Council invites you to remember All Saints as end-of-the year and Christmas gifts are planned. The goal for our Christmas collection is \$70,000.00. All Saints depends on your generosity at Christmas to cover operational costs such as snow removal and the extra cost for heating and lighting during January, February and March. End-of-the year financial gifts will be accepted for 2025 through the Vigil Mass for Mary, Mother of God on December 31. Additionally, any gifts received via USPS with a postmark of December 31 or prior will be credited for 2025. Thank you for your generosity - Come Holy Spirit! If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to one of our Finance Council members or Tracy Huk, Parish Life Coordinator.

Everyday Metanoia



Welcome to the Feast of the Holy Family. As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the gospel reminds us that family life is never easy. Even the Lord's family had to endure hardship and exile at the onset. Because of the fear and wrath of Herod, the Holy Family was forced to make an arduous journey to Egypt. For months and probably years they were separated from family, friends and familiar places. Eventually, they did return to Nazareth. After being absent for so long, can we imagine the wariness they felt at their return? What was it like? How had things changed? Were they missed? Hopefully the ties, especially among their family members, remained strong. One of the marks of a "holy" family would be firm reliance on the bonds of family and friendships and the strong hope that even though circumstances may have shifted, love remains constant.

Christmas Masses next year will be different. Familiar places may not have a Mass or it may be at a time which does not fit our schedule. How will we feel if we worship at a different location? Will we allow the absence of the familiar to harden our heart or will we, like Mary and Joseph, trust God and embrace the new? Will we greet those who are unfamiliar or will we huddle in our own little circle? St. Paul's letter to the Colossians gives us the map to follow as we venture into the new Pastorate territories. "Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful."

Despite our best efforts, there will be speed bumps, detours and pot holes along our journey from individual parishes to Pastorates. There will, also, be many moments of God's grace that shine a light on challenges and the darkness and open roads that were blocked or "under construction." When we attended Christmas Mass this year, who did we see that has been missing from our Sunday assembly at Mass? Have we reached out to this person or family? When we encounter fellow parishioners at worship, parish activities, or in the course of our life activities who may have been away for a while, what do we say? How do we offer welcome and hospitality? It's all too easy to presume that people who have drifted from parish life are lazy or angry. We grow to be judgmental. But perhaps, like the Holy Family, there has been a hardship or they have had to carry out their relationship with God at another place for various reasons. We need to be purposeful and aware - we don't want to make an assumption that "Kevin" is with us or with someone else, only to find that he was left behind and is now "Home Alone."

Members of holy families are resilient in their commitment to one another. St. Paul gives us several landmarks to embrace in our travels: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." We have many holy families: nuclear, extended, work, parish, and play. Like Joseph and Mary, let's listen to the voice of God. Unlike MapQuest, we don't get to choose to avoid tollways or highways when we listen to and follow the direction of God. But in trust we know that even if we do take a wrong turn, God will catch up to us and get us back onto the desired path. As we move closer to announcing the Pastorates, let's follow the example of Joseph and Mary. Let's focus on listening more and talking less. Let's focus more on obeying God and less on following our own ego. Despite the hardships and uncertainties, the Holy family let the embrace of God's love and will be the center of their lives. By God's grace, may it be so for us.

Come Holy Spirit!

Praying with you always, Tracy Huk, Parish Life Coordinator

Mass Intentions

Tues. Dec. 30	8:00 am
†	Ray Stovie
Wed. Dec. 31	5:30 pm
	For the People
Fri. Jan. 2	8:00 am
†	Barbara Hunt
Sat. Jan. 3	4:00 pm
†	George Martin
Sun. Jan. 4	9:00 am
	For the People

Scripture Readings

Week of December 28, 2025

Sunday:

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23 (17)

Monday:

1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35 (202)

Tuesday:

1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40 (203)

Wednesday:

1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18 (204)

Thursday:

Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 (18)

Friday:

1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28 (205)

Saturday:

1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34 (206)

Sunday:

Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 (20)

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 serve dinner at Green Square Meals twice each month on the 2nd Tuesday and 3rd Monday. All volunteers in sixth grade and older are welcome. Use the sign-up link below or contact Bea Rethwisch (319-651-4831 or pbr8675@msn.com).

Sign up at: <https://signup.com/go/vJYiFPm>

Parish Office Hours



- Monday & Tuesday - 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Wednesday through 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.

Service to Others

Metro Catholic Outreach



All Saints Group Takes Away Hunger

The Jim Barry Memorial Take Away Hunger Friends convened here over the weekend to package 8,000 meals in honor of their friend Jim who passed away a year ago. This caring group of All Saints parishioners, many of whom are also regular MCO volunteers, meets several times each year to package meals for the hungry. Most recently, these meals have been distributed locally to MCO clients.

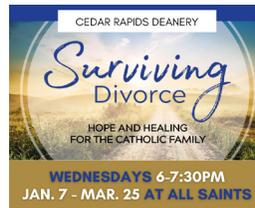
Divorce Ministry



Surviving Divorce is a facilitated, small-group Catholic conversation that is endorsed and promoted by the Archdiocese of Dubuque. The sessions are a 12-week process and are led by trained facilitators using the program: Surviving Divorce, published by Ascension. The local team for Surviving Divorce has planned the

Winter session: The sessions will run on Wednesday evenings, January 7th to March 25th 2026, from 6-7:30pm at All Saints.

This is our thirty-second session in the Cedar Rapids metro area since beginning in the winter of 2009. We have trained staff members who function as the directors of the program from each parish in our Deanery. All session facilitators are parishioners who have personally experienced divorce and are trained through our Archdiocese.



Mass Intention Stipends



Archbishop Zinkula has issued a decree that beginning with all Mass stipends accepted on January 1, 2026 or after, the customary offering will go from \$5.00 per Mass to \$10.00 per Mass. All Mass stipends accepted prior to January 1, 2026 will still be honored at the \$5.00 offering. If you have any questions or concerns, please call or email Dan Alpers, Office Manager at 319-

363-6130 ext 100 or officemgr@allsaintscr.com.



Ministry Schedule

December 27, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan

Jean Bell

Extraordinary Ministers

Connie Deutmeyer

Andrew Lang

Dennis Mullarkey

John Myers

Daniel Prentice

Alison Prentice

Stephen Schmitz

Altar Servers

Dylan Lang

Alexandra Lang

Caleb Lang

Lectors

Joan Murrin

Kathy Ulrich

Hospitality Ministers

Daniel Greene

Joe Jeffries

Ann Jeffries

Barb Lindstrom

Marcia Myers

Tom Takes

December 28, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

Sherry Casey

Extraordinary Ministers

Tom Amosson

Terry Goerd

Mary Jo Goerd

Stephanie Guzman

Stephanie Klappholz

Bill Knapp

Dianne Knapp

Altar Servers

Everly Felland

Katherine Osen

Cayden Suby

Lectors

David Shema

Loesje Shema

Hospitality Ministers

Pete Rethwisch

Bea Rethwisch

Tony Satariano

Diane Weimer

Maureen Wolf

Dave Wolf

Ministry Schedule

January 3, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan

Cynthia Gunsolly

Extraordinary Ministers

Jean Bell

Joan Fishburn

Ellen Mouw

Mike Powell

Kourtne Powell

Daniel Prentice

Alison Prentice

Altar Servers

Emerson Eichhorn

Katrina Golobic

Sylvia Robbins

Lectors

Lisa Stephenson

Becky Weininger

Hospitality Ministers

Elie AbouRaad

Chris Colby

Jen Colby

Dick Kettelkamp

Marcia Myers

Theresa Werner

January 4, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

John Michael

Extraordinary Ministers

Joseph Cataldo

Maureen Dale Ernst

John Ernst

Terry Goerd

Mary Jo Goerd

Mary Beth Helgens

Bob Helgens

Altar Servers

Madison McCarville

Rocco Schmidt

Hunter Schmidt

Lectors

Gregory O'Connell

Tasha Tatara

Hospitality Ministers

Mike Klappholz

Stephanie Klappholz

Chase Philpott

Diane Weimer

Maureen Wolf

Dave Wolf

Family Ministry

December 28, 2025 • The Holy Family • Matthew 2:13–15; 19–23

The Holy Family

An angel appears to Joseph telling him to flee to Egypt. Herod, the king, is about to kill all the infants in Bethlehem. He was reminded of an old prophecy that said the King of the Jews would be born in Bethlehem. When Herod dies, the Holy Family returns to Israel and settles in Nazareth.

Imagine the terror of fleeing for your child's life. You receive word of danger and you are up and moving. You grab a few precious things, but only what you can carry. Your heart is beating faster than your legs can move. It's a matter of life or death, and there is no time to look back.

Perhaps you have felt some of that terror on hospital runs with a sick or injured child. Those were probably some of the worst minutes and hours of my life, seeking emergency help—a ruptured spleen, broken arms, head injuries, loss of vision.

As terrible as those experiences were, I always feel guilty for complaining when I think about the thousands of refugee families who flee for their lives. I can't even comprehend their terror—the agony of leaving everything, including family, behind, the uncertainty of any sort of future, the misery of their living conditions. What if one of those families were the Holy Family? What would I do? What can I do? I guess the answer is to do something, anything, and not allow the depressing immensity of the situation overwhelm and paralyze me. Call my representative. Send a check to Catholic Charities or another well-reputed aid agency. Get some friends together and do some brainstorming. The fact is that Jesus and his family were refugees at one time, fleeing for safety, and every one of those refugee families today is the Holy Family. My faith calls me to do something.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Discuss the refugee situation in a way appropriate to your child's age level. Decide as a family what you can do for those in need.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Have you ever had to run away from a bad situation? When have you felt like a refugee? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

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2025 Holiday Scrip Schedule



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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 [REDACTED] 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.



❄️ *Thank-you for supporting All Saints!* ❄️

Save the Date - Beauty in Christ



Start the New Year off right! Join All Saints to virtually attend the 2026 Archdiocesan Women's Conference, Beauty in Christ: Grace for the Journey on Saturday, January 31, 2026, 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM at the All Saints Social Hall. Inspirational speaker and singer/songwriter Kitty Cleveland and Kelsey Kaiser, authentically joyful wife and mother from Bellevue, IA will help



us begin the new year by sharing their stories of how the Lord has filled them with "Grace for the Journey"! Their witness will captivate our hearts and lead to conversation, praise, and thanksgiving. Check out the website for more information about the speakers, invite your sisters and friends, and be ready to receive His grace! For more information about the speakers go to: <https://www.archwomensconference.org/>.

We will have breakfast, lunch, prizes and great conversation!

Registration Link: <https://allsaintscr.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3317296>

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The Gospel at Home

This Week's Gospel: Luke 2:1-14 and Matthew 2:1-12

God blessed us by becoming a member of the human family. This is what Christmas celebrates. The Holy Family and God's incarnation is why there is something so very human about this feast, something that touches us in a way deeper than mere nostalgia. Christmas celebrates God's becoming one of us and one with us. Jesus comes as an infant, placed in the care of a struggling, but lovely family. We are reminded at Christmas that our families are shrouded in the same holiness that Jesus' family is. We look to their lives together as an example of how to love each other through celebrations and struggles. We also remember the account of the Magi traveling to the infant Jesus opens this week's lessons. They honor Jesus as the king of all people.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): Your child will be bringing home new characters to add to their manger scene. Place the scene where everyone can see and enjoy it. Invite your child to move the figures around to tell you about the night of Jesus' birth and the visit from the Magi. Remind your child to thank Mary and Joseph for their sacrifices that allowed Jesus to come into their family.

Promise (Grades K-1): Ask your child to show you the connect-the-dots picture of Christmas on the front page of the lesson booklet. Together you can place the figures from the Magi story into the manger scene your child has made. Be sure to visit the manger in your parish church during Christmas time. While you are there, thank Mary for being a wonderful mother to Jesus. Say a prayer there that everyone will hear the Good News of Jesus.

Good News (Grades 2-3): This week's lesson focuses on the point that Jesus is the Son of God. Have your child lead your family in acting out the Christmas and the Magi come to see Jesus

plays in the lesson booklet. Talk with your child about why it important that the shepherds and the Magi are part of the Christmas story. Discuss why God wants everyone to know his Son. Your child has made a manger scene. Display your child's work where all in the family can enjoy it.

Venture (Grades 4-6): Christmas time is often filled with various activities, and it may be difficult to find time to share as a family. Try to set aside time with your child to talk about the Christmas story. It is good to remember that Jesus Christ came so that all people could be saved. Talk about all the elements of Jesus' birth—Mary's saying yes to God, the journey to Bethlehem, the vision of the angels, the shepherds at the manger, and the visit of the Magi. Talk about the entire time of Christmas as outlined in the lesson.

Visions (Grades 7-9): Read together as a family the Christmas story presented as a play in this week's lesson. Talk about why the shepherds were the first to hear of the great mystery of Jesus' birth. Consider doing the same for the Epiphany account from this week. Your youngster's class learned the Greek word *Theotokos* as it refers to Mary. Ask your young person to explain the word to your family. Play the Story Cards Game from this week's 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

Pick one of the feast days during the season (not a Sunday) to attend Mass together as a family. Use the opportunity to pay a visit to the manger scene at your parish church and pray that you will always be faithful followers of Jesus and always bring joy to the world.



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

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For a complete listing of Xavier Catholic Schools, go to <https://crxcs.org>



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.