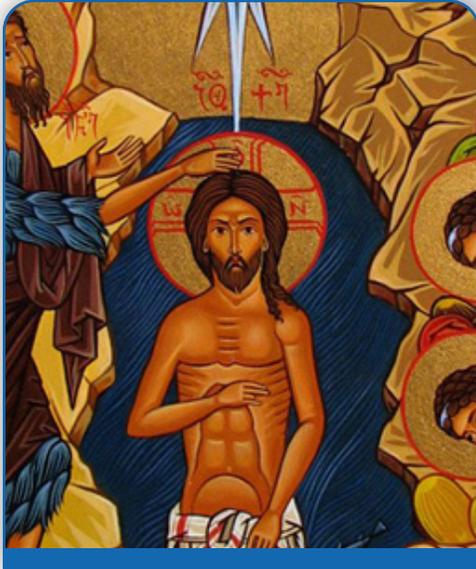


# ALL SAINTS

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL



*Love God • Serve Others • Form Disciples*



**January 10 & January 11, 2026;  
The Baptism of Our Lord**

*John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, yet you are coming to me?"*

*Matthew 3:14*

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:00 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

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

*He stands with us, not above us*



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## Please Pray for the Following People

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



Pat Maas & † Teresa Frank.

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



The Catholic Catechism states that “Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.” In other words, as baptized Catholic Stewards there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

## Catholic Daughters of the Americas



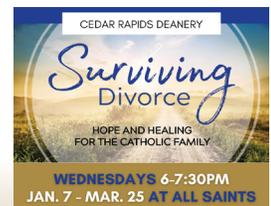
Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Cedar Rapids Court #1768 will not meet in January. Our next meeting is Saturday, February 7, 2026. 10 AM to Noon at St. Pius Catholic Church. We will have a speaker on POA. Guests are welcome. Contacts: Roberta 319-431-2222 or Stephanie 319-540-7193.

## 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.



# Service to Others

## Metro Catholic Outreach



### Our Most Urgent Weekly Needs

Pantry: Canned Chicken & Chili

Homeless Supplies: Gloves, Handwarmers, Underwear, & Winter Scarves

Personal Care: Soap & Shampoo

## 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>

## Soup Supper for Seminarians and Religious



**Save the Date! Saturday, January 31, 2026, 5:00 - 8:00 PM;  
St. Wenceslaus Glovik Center**

Catholic Daughters Court #1768 is sponsoring a Soup Supper Fundraiser to benefit Seminarians and Religious from parishes in the Cedar Rapids Deanery (no matter where they are studying) and the Seminarians that will be assisting at our parishes the next five months. Funds raised will also



benefit the Archdiocese of Dubuque Seminarian Education Fund.

Would you like to donate food or volunteer for this event to help make it a success for our young people? Use the QR Code to sign up with Sign Up Genius, sign up in the gathering space St. Wenceslaus or Immaculate Conception, OR contact us. **Pat Semelroth** (319) 721-9730; [se\\_me@live.com](mailto:se_me@live.com) OR **Roberta Peters** (319) 431-2222; [chrisnbert94@gmail.com](mailto:chrisnbert94@gmail.com)

# Journey in Faith Reminders



**This is a process of listening and discernment.** Journey in Faith is about prayerfully listening to the Holy Spirit and one another. Every viewpoint matters, and decisions are being made with care, collaboration, and prayer.

**We are walking together through change.** The Archdiocese knows this process can bring both hope and sadness. We are committed to walking with every parish and their parishioners through the transition, trusting that God is leading us toward new beginnings and enhanced vitality.

**The rights and voices of the faithful matter.** Every baptized Catholic has rights, including the right to be heard and to participate in the life and mission of the Church. Canon law exists to protect those rights, and Archbishop Zinkula has gone beyond what is required to ensure broad consultation and shared discernment.

**Forming pastorates is not the same as merging parishes or closing churches.** A pastorate is a group of parishes served by one pastor, one collaborative staff, and one leadership team. Parishes and churches within a pastorate keep their names, identities, finances, and worship spaces (although some churches will not have weekend Mass). This is not a merger and churches are not closing.

**Pastorates are created through prayer and consultation.** Working with the Planning Commission, the priests, and the Core Team, Archbishop Zinkula will determine the groupings after a thoughtful, consultative process. After having been shaped by local input gathered through the Journey in Faith process, pastorates will be announced in spring 2026.

**After pastorates are established, parish life continues and planning begins.** Once pastorates are formed, parishes will begin a period of collaboration to create local plans that strengthen ministry and community life.

## Journey in Faith - Pastoral Priorities and Goals



The Pastoral Center leadership and teams have been focused on making action plans to carry out the *pastoral priorities and goals* set forth by the Archdiocesan Envisioning Team and Archbishop Zinkula.

Action plans have been developed for the Pastoral Planning, Evangelization, and Leadership Formation goals. These action plans name concrete steps that are being taken by Pastoral Center staff (and others) to achieve the goals approved by Archbishop Zinkula. As we move forward in Journey in Faith planning, the priority areas and goals will be interwoven into our implementation steps.

The evangelization goal states that an archdiocesan evangelization plan will be developed by July 2026. [Click here](#) to learn more about the plans for achieving this goal. Although much listening, learning, planning, and preparation are still in the works, this document gives a good idea of what will be included in the final evangelization plan.

More will be shared in upcoming communications about our archdiocesan goals, action steps, and points of contact for each goal area.

# Journey in Faith - New FAQs



New FAQs are located at [dbqjourneyinfaith.org](http://dbqjourneyinfaith.org).

## Journey in Faith Days of Prayer



In his letter to the Romans, St. Paul encourages fellow Christians to uphold steady prayer, “Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer.” As we continue to move forward with the Journey in Faith initiative, prayer serves as our foundation. Prayer for the people of God, especially parish staff members, and those who bear the yoke of leadership. All Saints is beginning a new prayer initiative, coming together as a community to pray the Rosary, every second Wednesday of the month. Having a set time of communal prayer will strengthen our bonds as an Archdiocesan and parish community. Lifting up our souls, hearts and minds simultaneously surely will rise as a pleasing offering before God. Our first prayer opportunity will be Wednesday, January 14 beginning at 6:00 PM. We will continue every second Wednesday each month, but may adjust the time based upon the feedback of participants. The Rosary will be led by All Saints parishioner, Chase Philpott. Please join us!

## Young at Heart



Come join All Saints' Church members for the Young at Heart Luncheon on Wednesday, January 21 at noon in the Social Hall. This month's speaker is Cate Biro. Cate is going to share information on her trip to the Holy Land. If you have visited the Holy Land, come and share your experiences. If you have always wanted to go to the Holy Land, come and see slides of the land where Christ walked with his disciples. Come and join us for a 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.

## Save the Date(s)



1. 'Cinnamon Rolls & Hot Chocolate of 2026 are coming the weekend of January 17/18. Parish Life will be hosting fellowship after each Mass.' Come join us! We look forward to seeing you!
2. 'Breakfast of Champions Potluck' to be held after 9:00 Mass on February 1st in the Social Hall. Bring your favorite breakfast item to share with others. Potluck will benefit the Habitat for Humanity. Come hungry! We look forward to seeing you!



# Everyday Metanoia



Welcome to the Baptism of the Lord. Let's take three different reflections about the Baptism of the Lord to prayer this week:

1) Pope Francis, in his January 2024 homily, reminded the faithful how our Baptism extraordinarily changes our lives and immerses us in His infinite embrace. Our Baptism, has made us, in turn, "children of God. It is, in fact, not, like John's, a symbolic gesture, but, a real gift of divine, eternal life, an event of grace and communion with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit." At our Baptism, we are immersed in "His infinite embrace, transmitting to us the power of His saving love. Baptism, is the gift not only of a new life, but of becoming, in Jesus, beloved children of God forever. Let us make a commitment to seek and remember the date of our Baptism; and today let us thank the Lord because since then He is not only with us, but in us."

2) Pope Benedict in his homily of January 2011 had these thoughts: "Although it was called Baptism it did not have the sacramental value. It was actually with his death and Resurrection that Jesus instituted the sacraments and caused the Church to be born. What John administered was a penitential act, a gesture of humility to God that invited a new beginning: by immersing themselves in the water, penitents recognized that they had sinned, begged God for purification from their sins and were asked to change wrong behavior, dying in the water, as it were, and rising from it to new life. For this reason, when John the Baptist saw Jesus who had come to be baptized queuing with sinners he was amazed; recognizing him as the Messiah, the Holy One of God, the One who is without sin, John expressed his consternation: he, the Baptist, would himself have liked to be baptized by Jesus. But Jesus urged him not to put up any resistance, to agree to do this act, to do what is fitting to fulfill all righteousness. With these words Jesus showed that he had come into the world to do the will of the One who had sent him, to carry out all that the Father would ask of him. It was in order to obey the Father that he accepted to be made man. This act reveals, first of all, who Jesus is: he is the Son of God, true God as the Father; he is the One who humbled himself to make himself one of us, the One who was made man and who accepted to humble himself unto death on a cross. The Baptism of Jesus, which we are commemorating today, fits into this logic of humility and solidarity: it is the action of the One who wanted to make himself one of us in everything and who truly joined the line of sinners; he, who knew no sin, let himself be treated as a sinner, to take upon his shoulders the burden of the sin of all humanity, including our own sin. His humility is dictated by the desire to establish full communion with humanity, by the desire to bring about true solidarity with man and with his human condition."

3) (This is paraphrased from the Liturgical Press resource - Living Liturgy) In 1655, the Spanish artist Bartolome Murillo painted this picture (Baptism of Christ) for a monastery in Seville. Look at what is in the center of the painting...a tree. Reflect on the tree: It stands there, noticeable, but in the background between the two men. The tree is a reminder of the cross that awaits Jesus. Why would that be important for Murillo to paint in the picture? Remember that John's baptism was one of repentance for sins. Jesus was without sin. In approaching John for baptism, sinless Jesus was identifying himself with the sins of humanity, stepping forward already to be counted as a sinner; foreshadowing the sacrifice he would make for us. Another item to notice - the lettering on the banner. It translates to "Behold the lamb of God." And what follows that in our Mass: "who takes away the sins of the world." Finally, notice the loincloth that Jesus is wearing. Some depictions of the baptism of the Lord have Jesus naked or wearing a smaller cloth. This...this is more like a burial cloth; like one that would one day enshroud Jesus's corpse in the tomb. As we remember with Christ's birth: he was, he is and he will be; the conclusion of the Christmas season through the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord also emphasizes the reason that Jesus broke into our earthly world in history, breaks into our human lives now and will continue until the end of time is to reestablish and heal the broken relationship between man and God. Within a few short weeks, we will be entering into that journey though Lent, Holy Week and Easter.



May God bless your prayer time this week! Come Holy Spirit!

Praying with you always, Tracy Huk, Parish Life Coordinator

# Christmas Collection



We are grateful and thankful that many joined us at our Christmas Masses this year! The All Saints Finance Council would like to report that as of 1/6/2026 we have received 163 individual donations for the Christmas collection totaling \$102,817.36. We know that many traveled over the holidays, and we rejoice to have you back safe and sound with us at the daily and weekend Masses. Please continue to send in the gifts for Christmas and we will update the total by the end of the month. Thank you to all who so generously shared a portion of their financial blessings with us at Christmas!

## Adoration for Life - Join Us!



St. Pius X Sanctity of Life Committee is hosting a city-wide Holy Hour on Thursday, January 22, from 7:00-8:00 PM at St. Pius X Catholic Church. Join together on this annual observance of the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children to pray for every individual born and unborn, and for a culture of life in our community and nation. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with scripture readings, singing, and silent reflection, concluding with Benediction. **All are invited!**

## Let's Talk About Immigration



Today there is a lot of interest as well as concern and confusion about the topic of immigration, so faith leaders - including the Catholic bishops of Iowa, the US Catholic bishops, and Pope Leo - have urged and challenged all of us Christians to learn more about this important issue so that we can engage in positive, respectful, constructive conversation. In order to assist in this effort, the St. Ludmila Social Justice Committee invites you to attend a special presentation Let's Talk About Immigration on Monday, January 26, 6:30-7:30 pm in the St. Ludmila Community Center. The presenter will be Dave Cushing, Director of Adult Faith Formation for the Catholic Parishes of Waterloo and a member of the Immigration Committee for the Cedar Valley Interfaith Council, who will address how people of faith can have helpful and meaningful conversations about this often difficult issue. There is no cost and no advance registration necessary. All are welcome.

## Thank You From Green Square Meals



On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors at Green Square Meals, we would like to thank you for your continued generous support with monetary donations and also the volunteers who help at Green Square Meals. We would also like to thank you for your generous donations during Advent through the Wreath of Hope. All of the items received are in much need. We appreciate everything you do for us!

# Introducing the Covenant for Parishes & Families



Dear XCS Families,

You will soon be receiving a letter in the mail about an important new initiative: The Covenant for Parishes & Families. This covenant reflects our deep commitment to strengthening the partnership between home, parish, and school as together we work to form disciples unafraid to follow Jesus Christ.

## What is the Covenant?

The Covenant for Parishes & Families is a shared commitment rooted in our Catholic mission and centered on three essential relationships:

- The parish's role in nurturing faith
- The family's call to active participation in parish life, especially through regular Sunday and Holy Day Mass
- Xavier Catholic Schools' identity as a ministry of our supporting parishes

Watch an introduction to the Covenant for Parishes & Families from Fr. Gary Mayer, XCS Pastoral Coordinator/Pastor, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish at [CRXCS.org/Covenant](https://CRXCS.org/Covenant).

## Why is this Important?

Our parishes generously support Xavier Catholic Schools with more than \$4 million annually. The Covenant helps ensure that this support is directed to families who are actively engaged in parish life, reinforcing the vital connection between parish involvement and Catholic education.

## Next Steps for Families...

To join in this commitment and confirm eligibility for in-parish tuition rates starting with the 2026–2027 school year, families are required to do the following:

1. Attend a parish informational meeting
2. Sign the Covenant with your parish

Meeting dates and times are listed on the Covenant page of our website.

We encourage you to read the full Covenant at [CRXCS.org/Covenant](https://CRXCS.org/Covenant).

Thank you for your continued partnership in forming faith-filled disciples and strengthening our Catholic community!

## Questions About the Covenant?

For questions about the Covenant and/or you do not receive a copy in the mail, email: Dr. Phil Drey, XCS Catholicity Director - [phil.drey@crxcs.org](mailto:phil.drey@crxcs.org) or Mary Harken, XCS Parish Outreach Coordinator - [mary.harken@crxcs.org](mailto:mary.harken@crxcs.org).



**Meetings have been scheduled for All Saints on  
Tuesday, Jan. 13 | 6:00 PM & Sunday, Jan. 18 | 10:15 AM**



## *When God Leads Through Adversity*



Very often in life, we just want to be happy, feel at peace, and have everything go our way. Sean McVeigh thought he finally found that peaceful life when he found God. Then... God flipped everything upside down through a series of challenges and life adversities. Sean did not understand and was wondering why. Looking back, Sean was shocked as he realized God had guided him to exactly where He wanted him. Sure, there are still challenges, but now he is a different person with a different mindset.

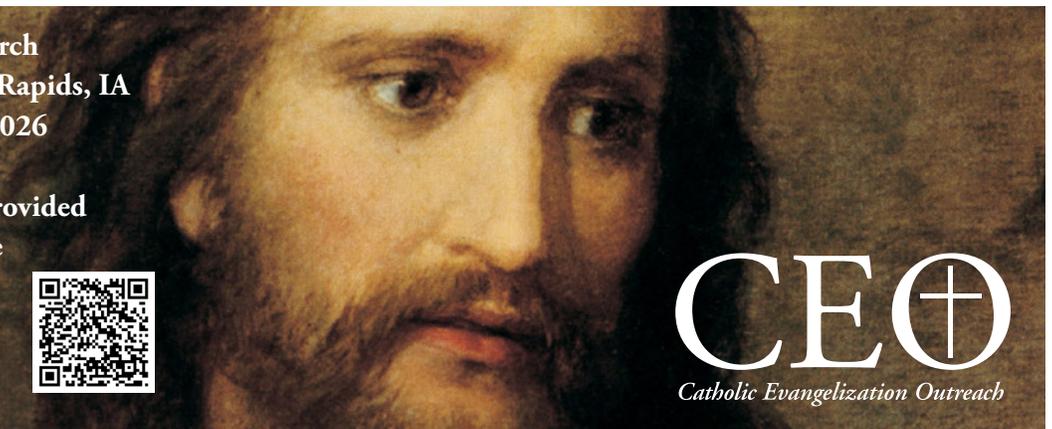
Where: St. Jude Catholic Church  
50 Edgewood Rd NW, Cedar Rapids, IA

When: Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Time: 6:00-7:30 pm

A potato bar supper will be provided following the event. Childcare is not available. Please scan QR code for live stream.

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## Mass Intentions

Tues. Jan. 13	8:00 am
† Rev. Water Kleinfehn	
Thurs. Jan. 14	8:30 am
† Judy Francis	
Fri. Jan. 15	8:00 am
† Deacon Roger Riesberg	
Sat. Jan. 16	4:00 pm
† Alicia Schmitz	
Sun. Jan. 17	9:00 am
For the People	

## Scripture Readings

Week of January 11, 2026

### Sunday:

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17 (21)

### Monday:

1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20 (305)

### Tuesday:

1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28 (306)

### Wednesday:

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39 (307)

### Thursday:

1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45 (308)

### Friday:

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12 (309)

### Saturday:

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17 (310)

### Sunday:

Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34 (64)

## 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](mailto:pbr8675@msn.com)).

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

## Parish Office Hours



- Monday - Friday - 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Saturday & 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.

# Christian Experience Weekend



## What is a Christian Experience Weekend?

The weekend is a time of adult renewal held separately for men and woman, 18 years of age or older. It is intended for anyone looking to live life more fully as an adult Christian. The renewal of one's life in Christ is the focus as each participant examines his or her relationship with self, others, and God.

## Retreat Structure

The CEW weekend begins Friday night at 7:30 pm and ends about 5:00 pm Sunday. In order to maximize the CEW community experience, all participants spend the entire time together, in one building, sleeping on cots or air mattresses and using their own bedding. Meals are included in the registration fee.

## Who Should Attend?

Anyone wishing to grow in their faith, strengthen their personal relationship with God and become engaged with their Christian community. Non-Catholics are welcome to attend. This retreat weekend includes a strong Catholic emphasis in the talks plus a sacramental presence of the Eucharist and Reconciliation and the celebration of Mass on Sunday.

## 2026 Retreat Dates

Women's Weekend - February 6-8,  
Contact: Amy Prewett (319) 210-0032

Men's Weekend - February 20-22,  
Contact: Brian Globokar (319) 400-2911

# Worldwide Marriage Encounter Valentines Weekend



Married Couples. Would you like to relive the excitement, romance and passion from your honeymoon? Rekindle that spark on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information call Denise and Greg at 563-920-9419 or sign up at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org). Upcoming experiences are February 13-15 in Dubuque, April 10-12 in Marshalltown and October 9-11 in Epworth.

# Ministry Schedule

January 10, 4:00 PM Saturday

## Sacristan

Joan Fishburn  
**Extraordinary Ministers**  
Joseph Cataldo  
Mary Jo Goerdt  
Terry Goerdt  
Aaron Kelly  
Suzanne Lammers  
Sara Lang  
Daniel Prentice

## Altar Servers

Kennedy Blue  
Bo Dittmar  
Zachary Prentice

## Lectors

Gavin Miller  
Joan Murrin

## Hospitality Ministers

Elie AbouRaad  
Sue Bright  
Jen Colby  
Chris Colby  
Barb Lindstrom  
Marcia Myers

January 11, 9:00 AM Sunday

## Sacristan

Cate Biro  
**Extraordinary Ministers**  
Ann Hunter  
Larry Hunter  
Bill Knapp  
Dianne Knapp  
Dennis Mullarkey  
Loesje Shema  
David Shema

## Altar Servers

Julien Giacinto  
Annemarie Giacinto  
Wyatt Ross

## Lectors

Lynn Holverson  
Todd Holverson

## Hospitality Ministers

Kim Ainsworth  
Jason Ainsworth  
Jeanne Amosson  
Nicole Johnson  
Pete Rethwisch  
Bea Rethwisch

## Ministry Schedule

January 17, 4:00 PM Saturday

### Sacristan

Joan Fishburn

### Extraordinary Ministers

Joan Murrin

Mike Powell

Kourtne Powell

Daniel Prentice

Alison Prentice

Stephen Schmitz

Becky Weininger

### Altar Servers

Logan Kelly

Sean Kelly

Ilyzza Shea

### Lectors

Lisa Stephenson

Kathy Ulrich

### Hospitality Ministers

Chris Colby

Jen Colby

Ryan Donnelly

Marcia Myers

Mike Votroubek

Theresa Werner

January 18, 9:00 AM Sunday

### Sacristan

Cate Biro

### Extraordinary Ministers

Brian Conway

Chris Conway

Terry Goerd

Mary Jo Goerd

Wade Johnson

Dennis Mullarkey

Gregory O'Connell

### Altar Servers

Henry Johnson

Roman Kilburg

Cayden Suby

### Lectors

Lynn Holverson

Todd Holverson

### Hospitality Ministers

Jeanne Amosson

Maureen Dale Ernst

John Ernst

Tyler Martin

Beth Martin

Chase Philpott

# Family Ministry

January 11, 2026 • The Baptism of the Lord • Matthew 3:13–17

## Well Pleased

*This reading from Matthew is short and to the point. Jesus wants to be baptized, and John believes it to be inappropriate. Jesus wins out, and John baptizes him. When Jesus comes up from the water, his real identity is revealed to all. He is the beloved, God's Son, and God is well pleased with him.*

There is a lesson in this Gospel for all of us. When your child was baptized, his real identity was also announced and celebrated. He, too, is a son of God. She, too, is God's daughter. They are beloved, and they please God very much. It is up to us parents to help our children understand that they please God just by being who God created them to be.

Being a parent today is a monumental job. We try to raise our youngsters to discover, develop, and treasure their own uniqueness while they are surrounded by a culture that wants to impose its own criteria of what is special and worth prizing. Because of this, we need to continually find ways to remind our children of how loved they are and how precious they are to God.

At the same time, we need to name for them the individual qualities we see in them that make them special. Do they have a great sense of humor? Do they listen well? Do they keep confidences? Perhaps they easily befriend many different kinds of children. Focus on qualities and not accomplishments. Try not to rely on grades in school or sports successes as your only affirmations.

Finding and naming your child's gifts is a lot easier to do when you can name and appreciate your own. When we feel secure in who we are, when we can name our own gifts, we are going to be much more comfortable helping our children name their own. When we are certain of how precious we are in God's eyes, it will be much easier to convince our children of how precious they are.

## FAMILY RESPONSE

Have each family member mention one good quality for each of the other family members.

## PERSONAL RESPONSE

Name some of your good qualities. Where did they come from? 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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# The Gospel at Home

## This Week's Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

The Baptism of the Lord is recounted this week from the Gospel of Matthew. When Jesus approached John the Baptist to be baptized, John hesitated saying, "I need to be baptized by you." Still, Jesus said it was fitting for him to be baptized by John. When John baptized Jesus, the Holy Trinity comes together when the Holy Spirit descends as a dove, and the Father speaks from Heaven, saying: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

## Exploring the Gospel Message

**Seeds (Preschool):** This week's class focused on Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist and how Jesus' grew up in a loving family like many of our own families. Talk about your favorite memories of your child's younger years. Also ask to see the picture of a baby's Baptism that they colored during class. Share your memories of your child's Baptism and maybe photos of your own Baptism.

**Promise (Grades K-1):** This week's lesson focused on Jesus' baptism by John and on the Holy Trinity, which was present at Jesus' baptism. Talk about the tools that workers need to do their jobs and share what tools you use for your work. Talk about the mystery of the Holy Trinity and add all three Persons to your prayers this week.

**Good News (Grades 2-3):** This week's lesson talks about Baptism and family ties. Have your child recall the words of Baptism from the lesson. Friends talk about their family ties in the story on page 2. Discuss your family's nationality and share stories of each other's Baptisms, with photos, if possible. Discuss the mystery of the Holy Trinity, which is a big part of the Gospel story of Jesus' baptism. Recall with your children how we remember the Holy Trinity in the Sign of the Cross.

**Venture (Grades 4-6):** Your youngster's class discussed how we belong to God's family. Talk about how the Hmong people were able to make a new life for themselves. Ask your youngster to define what a sacrament is and to tell you what happened when John baptized Jesus. Go over how we celebrate Baptisms and be sure to share stories from each family member's Baptism, with photos if possible.

**Visions (Grades 7-9):** The mystery of the Holy Trinity is a key theme of this week's lesson. Talk with your youngster about how the young people from the Tijuana Ministry fulfill the work of the Holy Trinity. Take time to visit the ministry's website to see more about the work members do. Discuss how Jesus' baptism reveals his second family. How was your family involved in your young person's Baptism? Let them know some of the roles played by extended family members. Ask your youngster what it was like to play The Family Feelings Game.

**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

After discussing so much about the Holy Trinity and Baptism this week, consider emphasizing the Sign of the Cross before and after family prayers. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Pray that your family can love others in the way that the Holy Trinity loves the world.



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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).