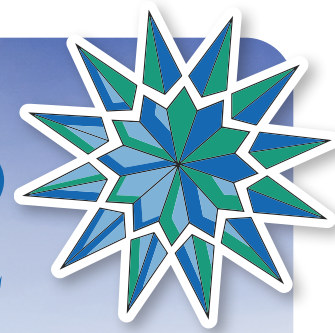


ALL SAINTS

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL



Love God • Serve Others • Form Disciples



June 27 & June 28, 2026;
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday 8:00 am
Wednesday 8:30 am
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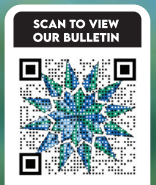


No Daily Mass

A Cup of Welcome



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Please Pray for the Following People

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



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



Pope Benedict XVI said “The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness”. “Comfort” puts me first. “Picking up your cross and following Jesus” puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts in stewardship and living the life God intended for you!

Vocation Bulletin Blurb



“Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.”
(Matthew 10:38)

Following Christ means embracing sacrifice. Are you willing to carry your cross, offering your hopes and dreams in order to follow Him and discover true peace and purpose? Have you asked God what He is calling you to in your life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at dbqcvo@dbqarch.org.

Evangelization



Dubuque Totus Tuus Missionaries Have Begun the Summer Tour!

Please keep the 13 Totus Tuus Missionaries serving in the Archdiocese of Dubuque in your prayers. They completed ten days of training and will be traveling throughout the Archdiocese serving the youth in Grades 1-12. To know where they will be this summer go to dbqarch.org/summer-202. To meet the teams, go to dbqarch.org/2026-totus. Please contact Joanne Pohland (j.pohland@dbqarch.org) with any questions.



Everyday Metanoia



Welcome to the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Gospel of Matthew 10:37-42 is the ending of Jesus' discourse to the Apostles as he sends them out on Mission. Over the past three weeks, Jesus has instructed the Apostles on the authority that he has shared with them, the persecutions they will face as they share the signs of God's kingdom with other Jewish cities, and now, the critical importance of the relationship one must have with God as a disciple.

Recently I was listening to a podcast and the presenters entered into an interesting discussion regarding the Ten Commandments; the fundamental moral laws given by God to Moses and affirmed by Jesus. One supported the thought that the Ten Commandments were an articulation of that which already resides in our hearts; in other words, natural law. The other supported the thought that the Ten Commandments were very revelational given the culture that surrounded the people. The first of the Ten Commandments is "I am the Lord your God; you shall not have strange gods before Me." But this commandment cannot be reduced to renouncing the worship of pagan gods; it is also about the priority that we place on our relationship with God - where does God fall in the pecking order? The question that is worth wrestling with is - does Jesus' ordering of our relationship with God as presented in the Gospel of Matthew and the primacy of it find a natural home in our heart or is this a new revelation? Pope Francis unpacks this primacy of relationship with God and why it is central to being a disciple: "He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me..." (v. 37), Jesus says. A father's affection, a mother's tenderness, the gentle friendship among brothers and sisters, all this, even while being very good and valid, cannot be placed before Christ. Not because he wants us to be heartless and ungrateful, but rather, on the contrary, because the condition of a disciple demands a priority relationship with the teacher. Any disciple, whether a layman or laywoman, a priest or a bishop: an all-absorbing relationship. Perhaps the first question that we must ask a Christian is: 'Do you meet with Jesus? Do you pray to Jesus?'. The relationship...Those who allow themselves to be drawn into this bond of love and of life with the Lord Jesus become his representatives, his 'ambassadors', above all in the way of being, of living. To the point that Jesus himself, in sending his disciples on mission, says to them: 'He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives him who sent me' (Mt 10:40). It is important that the people be able to perceive that for that disciple Jesus is truly 'the Lord'; He is truly the center of his or her life, the everything of life."

Jesus emphasizes the primacy of our relationship with God when he says, "...and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." In our age and culture, we have lost the impact of the image of the cross. Curtis Mitch and Edward Sri in the Commentary on the Gospel of Matthew explain, "The idea of taking up a cross is often used by Christians today as a metaphor to describe bearing with life's regular burdens: a long wait in traffic, a difficult boss, a cold. However, for the first-century Jews, the image of taking up a cross evoked horror and shame. Crucifixion was the cruelest form of execution used by the Roman government. It was intended not only to punish the rebels by inflicting as much physical pain as possible but also to maximize humiliation, sending a signal to other potential rebels not to revolt against Rome. The criminal's public shaming began when he took up his crossbeam and carried it through the city streets amid the mockery of the crowds. Therefore when Jesus says the true disciple must 'take up his cross,' he is not merely calling for acceptance of life's little inconveniences and hardships. He is calling his disciples to be willing to give up everything, even their lives if necessary, to follow him." I love how St. Augustine reflected on the cross and its bearing on our relationship with God. From his Commentary on the Gospel of St. John, he uses this illustration, "If someone were to glimpse his homeland from afar, but a sea stood between them: he sees where to go, but does not know the way. So it is with us: we long to reach our final destination, [...] but the sea of this world stands in our way [...] to show us the way, the One to whom we longed to go came himself. And what did he do? He appointed a tree by which we may cross the sea. No one is able to cross the sea of this world unless they carry the cross of Christ." Do these examples find a home in our hearts with a natural sense of knowledge and acceptance or do we find the revelation of this to be startling and unsettling?

In closing his discourse, Jesus touches on the relationship between the giver and the receiver. All sharing of Jesus' authority is to be done without expectation - it is a pure gift of mercy and love. Do we readily share gifts of love and mercy free of expectations? The same should be true of the receiver. God's love and mercy is to be received with gratitude. How often though, do we value a gift from one person more than another? We attach a ranking system due to the perceived status or wealth of the giver. The disposition of the giver and the receiver should mirror one another. What is given in pure love and mercy should be received with love and gratitude. But it doesn't stop there. In receiving such a gift, God delights when we continue to multiply that gratitude and share it back with others. Does this find a natural home in our hearts or do we find this to be revelational? Good thoughts to take to prayer this week. Praying with you always!

Tracy

Service to Others

Metro Catholic Outreach



Update on Our Distribution of Homeless Food and Supplies

For several years, we have been distributing small bags of easy-open food and supplies to our neighbors living outside on the streets of Cedar Rapids.

This spring we have been changing things up, and experimenting with easier and more efficient ways to distribute to those who currently do not have housing. Special thanks to several of our faithful volunteers who have helped us try out some different times and locations for handing out the bags. Often folks coming to the door for these small bags are not actually homeless, but do not know they can pick up a complete food box from us to have food to keep and prepare in their kitchens. Our wonderful volunteers are so good at realizing when this happens. As a result, we have been able to help many more families with their food needs rather than just handing them a small bag of food meant for the homeless.

Right now our office volunteers are greeting homeless clients at our front door 10:00AM - 2:00PM, Mondays through Thursdays. Due to these changes, the number of bags we distribute each week has declined, so right now we have plenty of supplies. Stay tuned to see how our homeless outreach evolves over the coming months...

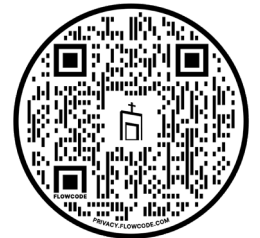
Thank You!



Thank you from St. Stephen the Witness Catholic Student Center

Thank you for welcoming me on June 20/21, allowing me to pray with you and share the good news of St. Stephen the Witness. Thanks also for any support you gave or will give, both prayerful and financial, to continue the mission of helping our college age young people deepen their friendship with Jesus in the Catholic Church.

~Father Mark Murphy



If you still wish to give, please make a check to St. Stephen the Witness and mail it to the address below or you can use the QR Code to give electronically.

St. Stephen the Witness Catholic Student Center
1019 West 23rd Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Celebration of Thanksgiving



Join the Pastoral Council, Finance Council, and Faith Formation Commission for Fellowship and Celebration of Thanksgiving after masses the weekend of July 11 and 12 as we say “Thank you” to Fr. Eric and Tracy Huk. We wish Fr. Eric the best as he journeys to his new assignment in Peosta, and we thank Tracy Huk for her leadership and time as our Pastoral Life Coordinator. We appreciate their stewardship and dedication to our parish as we move into our pastorate. Parishioners are welcome to bring words and gifts of thanksgiving to them, as we will also recognize them at the end of Mass that weekend.

Congratulations, Todd Holverson!



Congratulations to Todd Holverson Who Will be Ordained to the Permanent Diaconate

Our parish joyfully celebrates Todd Holverson, who will be ordained a Permanent Deacon on Saturday, June 27th.

Permanent Deacons share in a threefold ministry in the life of the Church:

Ministry of the Word – proclaiming the Gospel, preaching, and teaching the faith.

Ministry of Liturgy – assisting at the altar, baptizing, witnessing marriages, and leading prayer.

Ministry of Service – bringing Christ’s love to those in need through works of charity and pastoral care.

Todd will begin this ministry by assisting Father Eric at all weekend Masses on July 4th and 5th, where he will also preach his first homily. Please join us in celebrating this special moment for Todd and his wife, Lynn:

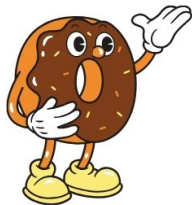
- Saturday, July 4: Fellowship after Mass with grilled hot dogs.
- Sunday, July 5: Fellowship after Mass with donuts.

We give thanks for Todd’s generous “yes” and look forward to the gifts he and Lynn will share with God’s people in the years ahead.

Cedar Rapids East Pastorate Welcome Socials



**AFTER MASS
PIZZA PARTY**
JULY 18 | 5:30PM | PIUS HALL
It's a Pizza Party Welcome!



**AFTER MASS
DONUT
WELCOME SOCIAL**
JULY 19 | 10 AM | PIUS HALL



Eat some cheesy goodness or a sweet treat as we welcome our new priests and new members of St. Pius X and the Cedar Rapids East Pastorate. Enjoy pizza or donuts and coffee, fellowship, and the chance to meet new friends and reconnect with familiar faces.

Everyone is invited—we hope to see you there!

Mass Intentions

Tues. June 30	8:00 am
†	Dennis Haefner
Thurs. July 2	8:30 am
	For the People
Fri. July 3	8:00 am
	For the People
Sat. July 4	4:00 pm
	For the People
Sun. July 5	9:00 am
	For the People

Scripture Readings

Week of June 28, 2026

Sunday:

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42 (97)

Monday:

Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19 (591)

Tuesday:

Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Mt 8:23-27 (378)

Wednesday:

Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Mt 8:28-34 (379)

Thursday:

Am 7:10-17/Mt 9:1-8 (380)

Friday:

Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29 (593)

Saturday:

Am 9:11-15/Mt 9:14-17 (382)

Sunday:

Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30 (100)

Daily Scripture

Reading Reference:
(Includes responsorial Psalms)

<https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>

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 - Thursday - 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Friday - 8:00 am - 1:00 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.

Let's Tee Off!



“The Locher” Airport National Golf Course Saturday, August 22, 2026

FUNDRAISER

18 Holes – 4 Person Best Shot
Registration at 7:00 a.m.
Shotgun Start at 8:00 a.m.
Lunch & Prizes to Follow
Registration due by August 15, 2025

GOLF FEES:

Foursome - \$320
Single - \$85

SPONSORSHIPS:

Tournament Sponsor: \$2,000
Banquet Sponsor: \$1,500
Scoreboard Sponsor: \$1,500
Competition Sponsor: \$500
Hole Sponsor: \$150

For Registration/Sponsorship, go to:

www.greensquaremeals.org – 2026 Golf Tournament

or Scan the QR code



Scan me!

Ministry Schedule

June 27, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan

Peg Schmitz

Extraordinary Ministers

Terry Goerd

Tracy Huk

Sara Lang

Ellen Mouw

Kourtne Powell

Stephen Schmitz

Becky Weininger

Altar Servers

Logan Kelly

Megan Talyat

Lindsey Talyat

Lectors

Theresa Harker

Lisa Stephenson

Hospitality Ministers

Joe Jeffries

Ann Jeffries

Dick Kettelkamp

Marcia Myers

Brian Talyat

Lauri Talyat

June 28, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

Cate Biro

Extraordinary Ministers

Maureen Dale Ernst

John Ernst

Bob Helgens

Mary Beth Helgens

Tracy Huk

Dennis Mullarkey

Gregory O'Connell

Altar Servers

Paige Ainsworth

Lewis Benfield

Mason Osen

Lectors

Loesje Shema

David Shema

Hospitality Ministers

Jason Ainsworth

Kim Ainsworth

Jeanne Amosson

Stephanie Guzman

Tyler Martin`

Tony Satariano

Ministry Schedule

July 4, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan

Jean Bell

Extraordinary Ministers

Connie Deutmeyer

Joan Fishburn

Tracy Huk

Andrew Lang

Ellen Mouw

Daniel Prentice

Alison Prentice

Altar Servers

Alexandra Lang

Dylan Lang

Caleb Lang

Lectors

Theresa Harker

Kathy Ulrich

Hospitality Ministers

Elie AbouRaad

Sue Bright

Ryan Donnelly

Barb Lindstrom

Mike Votroubek

Theresa Werner

July 5, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

Tracy Huk

Extraordinary Ministers

Tom Amosson

Cate Biro

Terry Goerd

Mary Jo Goerd

Bill Knapp

Dianne Knapp

John Michael

Altar Servers

Charlie Hamilton

Ben Richards

Evelyn Richards

Lectors

Mick Erdman

Kathy Ulrich

Hospitality Ministers

Jeanne Amosson

Stephanie Guzman

Pete Rethwisch

Bea Rethwisch

Tony Satariano

Family Ministry

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Take Up Your Cross

Jesus continues to prepare the apostles to go out into the world. He tells them that his message of peace may sometimes provoke people. He tells them again that they will have to face suffering.

We try to shelter our children from harm. But eventually there comes a day when we realize we can no longer protect them from an imperfect world. They have to deal with illness, a pet dying, or friends talking about them behind their backs. Crosses are a part of the human condition. Jesus asks us to accept our crosses and instead of feeling sorry for ourselves to pick them up and somehow be graced through them.

Jesus was fully human, as human as we are, and he accepted his humanity. I think that is what Jesus asks of us, to simply accept the fact that we are human with all the limitations and restrictions that being human brings with it. We fall down and we get hurt. Friends and family disappoint us and sometimes even abandon us. Life is difficult, and no one can escape its crosses. Not even Jesus.

We can work hard to change the things we do not like, but inevitably we cannot control our lives. When we accept this fact in our heart of hearts, we can surrender control and begin to experience the peace of Christ's divinity. We can walk through the bitter haze of any physical or emotional pain because we share in Christ's strength and courage. We have his divine light to shine in all the dark corners.

Teach your children how to accept their disappointments and crosses by carrying your own crosses with grace. Help them to figure out what pain can be legitimately avoided and what pain just has to be suffered through. Allow them to face the consequences of their actions. And when they are old enough, pray with them the Serenity Prayer, "God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and the wisdom to know the difference. Amen."

FAMILY RESPONSE

Talk about how everyone has crosses in life, some are big and some are small. Ask everyone to share a cross they carried last week. End with the Serenity Prayer.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

What are some of the crosses in your life right now? Which ones can you let go or find a way around? Which ones do you need to just pick up and carry? 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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School Office Manager	Elaine Collins	elaine.collins@crxcs.org	Ext. 233
Early Childhood Director	Jenna Ackman	jenna.ackman@crxcs.org	Ext. 275

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: For more information, contact Alisa Pfab (alisapfab@hotmail.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 9:30 AM in the Chapel.

All Saints Prayer Group: Tuesdays at 3:00 PM in the church library.

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.

