

ALL SAINTS

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL



Love God • Serve Others • Form Disciples



**July 11 & July 12, 2026;
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*The seed
sown among thorns
is the one who hears
the word but then he
cares of the world and
the lure of riches choke
the word and it bears
no fruit.*

Matthew 13:22

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

8:00 am
8:30 am
8:30 am

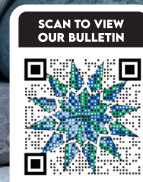


No Daily Mass

Seeds Among Thorns and Stones



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Please Pray for the Following People

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



Dawn Bembenek & Scott Bembenek and his family.

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



Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are stewardship virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.

Vocation Bulletin Blurb



"The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest." (Matthew 13:23)

God's Word bears fruit in hearts that are open and receptive. Pray that more hearts will be opened generously to however God may be calling them. Gently encourage young people to consider priesthood, consecrated life, or sacramental marriage as ways to respond with a joyful "yes" to God's plan.

From Archbishop Zinkula



Journey in Faith is ultimately about much more than schedules, structures, or parish boundaries. It is about strengthening our ability to proclaim the Gospel, accompanying one another in faith, and lead more people into a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ. Together, we have an opportunity to build vibrant Catholic communities that honor our rich heritage while embracing the future to which God is calling us. As we begin this new chapter, I invite you to approach it with open hearts. Introduce yourself to someone new. Attend a pastorate event.

Offer a smile and a warm greeting to someone from another community. These simple acts of kindness and hospitality can help foster the relationships that strengthen our pastorates and support our shared mission for years to come.

welcome

Everyday Metanoia



Welcome to the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings for today are about the fruitfulness of God's Word most especially when we prepare our hearts and minds to receive and live it.

Jesus uses the parable of the sower and the seed. Many are gardeners and have an appreciation for this parable or they grew up in a farming community and know the life lessons well. I wonder if we might use a different analogy to help cement the wisdom and fruit that Jesus is sharing with us? After reading this reflection, let's close our eyes and replay the following in our mind:

Imagine that we are at a car lot with Jesus. There are hundreds of cars on the lot in every size, shape and color imaginable. There are micros, hatchbacks, crossovers, sedans, coupes, SUVs, off-roaders, pick-ups, wagons, vans, sport cars, convertibles, roadsters and muscle cars. This is the Word of God. Sometimes it comes in small, bite-sized micro packaging while others are neatly wrapped and elegant like a sedan. Like an off-roader, the Word of God can have one clinging to the seat and the "oh, my goodness" handle as we traverse hilly and dangerous territory as we encounter it. Then there are times when the Word of God is so weighty that the only way we can travel with it is a sturdy pick-up. Many of the Old Testament readings contain so many people and thoughts that one needs a wagon or a van to pack everything in. Sometimes God needs to "rev the engine" to get our attention and in those times the Word of God seems more like a roadster or a muscle car. For the most part, the Word of God allows us to "pack it away" in the trunk of the car so we can use or think about it whenever we need to on the journey of life; sort of like a spare tire. But for those times when God's Word calls us to immediate action it can seem like we encounter it more as a hatchback, crossover or SUV. There really isn't a place to store it long-term; it requires us to pick it up and take it with us now by choosing the nearest exit door whether it be on the driver's side, the passenger's side or the tailgate.

And then there is the array of colors stretching from black and white to pink, burgundy and purple. The color of the car represents the state of our heart and mind as we first encounter God's Word. Some of us are most like the Peanuts® character Pig-Pen and enter the encounter more like the color black; surrounded by a swirl of muddy feelings and thoughts. Others come to it more like a Disney® princess; convinced we are already pure as snow and not wanting to receive any message that might stain us or cause us to get our white clothing dirty. Life is often hard as we choose the yoke of the world rather than the yoke of God. In those moments we can feel as though we are entering a gray car; feeling "blah" and uncaring; our mind everywhere but the present moment. And then there are the times when we enter the car as a color of the rainbow; full of energy and spirit. No matter what color car we first enter, God's Word has the power to change it through the encounter, but we must be willing to participate.

"The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart." When we come to God's Word aimlessly and unprepared, no matter what kind or color of vehicle we enter, we just sit there. We might start the car. We might even touch some of the control knobs or play the radio for a while; but we are content to just sit there on the lot, not even willing to take it out for a test drive. We enter and exit the car, untouched and unchanged.

"The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away." Sometimes we come to God's Word and are at first receptive to the message because of something that has happened in our life or because we want something from God. For a short while the car is a glorious color and we toot the horn as we drive so others notice us. But like the maidens who did not have spare lamp oil, if we don't pay attention to the gas gauge and fill it up regularly, we soon stall by the side of the road, walk away unhappy and blame it all on the car.

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit." Once again, we can enter any kind and color of car; we might even take it out for a spin. But then we see a different car or a different color and we allow it to lure us into one test drive after another, never staying in any vehicle long enough to get a real feel for it.

"But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." Metanoia takes a lifetime. God's Word needs time to have a ding or two; a stray French fry under the seat and a plethora of maps in the glovebox. When we take the time to wash the car regularly, to keep the interior of the windows free from fog, to have maintenance checks and to keep the gas tank filled, the car of life fills with the beautiful music of God's Word and together we motor through the hills and valleys of life.

Praying with you always!
Tracy

Service to Others

Metro Catholic Outreach



Personal Care Products Needed

As you all are well aware, prices have risen dramatically for non-food essentials such as toilet paper, shampoo, soap, paper towels, detergent, and other hygiene and cleaning products. For families who struggle to put food on the table, these essential items are not covered by any monthly SNAP benefits they may receive. MCO prefers to spend our money on food; we rely on donations for the majority of personal care products. Each of our food boxes we distribute has a bag of personal care/cleaning items. Right now, our personal care shelves are quite bare. Please consider helping out local folks in need by doing a personal care drive in your church, neighborhood, or business.

Check Those Expiration Dates

The food items included in our food boxes, packed by our faithful volunteers weekly, contain only non-expired, unopened and undamaged groceries for our clients. Each week, as our donations come in, our sharp-eyed pantry volunteers examine each item before it goes onto our shelves. Sadly, each week, crates and boxes of expired and damaged items have to be disposed of.

Pictured are just a couple of the boxes brought up earlier this week from just one afternoon shift. We pull out many rusted, dented, and expired cans of food, even some products that have been opened. Please be certain the items you bring us are usable before you lug them out of your house to donate. Thank you ALL for your thoughtful contributions of food we can give to your local neighbors in need.



Volunteers Needed



500+
volunteers
needed
over the
weekend!

*Do you need volunteer hours
for work or school?*

**Volunteer at the
Sweet Corn Festival!**

August 7, 8 & 9, 2026

**Online Volunteer Sign Ups
available June 1, 2026!**

For the latest Festival news, updates,
and volunteer opportunities, scan the QR code
to visit **www.judesweetcornfest.com**.



**Follow us on Facebook at St. Jude Sweet Corn Festival
or on Instagram at crsweetcornfestival.**

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Free Introductory Session, Creighton Model FertilityCare™ System.

It can assist women with:

- Infertility or difficulty conceiving
- Achieving or avoiding pregnancy naturally
- Irregular cycles, PMS, and hormonal concerns

Friday 7/10 at 8:15 am at St Joseph

Saturday 7/11 at 9:30 am at Immaculate Conception (basement)

RSVP: nfpguadalupe@gmail.com

Calla's Young at Heart



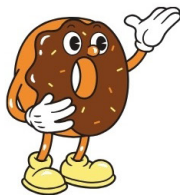
All Saints Young at Heart and St. Ludmila Wisdom Generation will meet on Wed. July 15 at noon for a combined potluck in the St. Ludmila Social Hall. A main dish will be provided. Please bring a side or dessert to share. Coffee, lemonade, and water will be provided. A tour of the St. Ludmila campus will follow the meal. We also welcome members of St. Pius and St. John the Baptist to join us. Enter through the Parish Center from the parking lot.

In future, we will alternate Centers, All Saints will host in August, October, and December, St Ludmila's in September, November and January.

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. July 14 St. Pius X
9:00 am For the People

Tues. July 14 St. Ludmila
5:30 pm † Rosemary Meyer

Wed. July 15 All Saints
8:30 am For the People*

Wed. July 15 St. Pius X
8:30 am For the People

Thurs. July 16 All Saints
8:30 am For the People

Thurs. July 16 St. Pius X
5:30 pm For the People

Fri. July 17 St. Ludmila
8:30 am † Daniel Ockenfels

Fri. July 17 St. John's
8:30 am † V. Edgar Bahl

Sat. July 18 St. Ludmila
4:00 pm † Nancy Sedlacek-Chalupnik

Sat. July 18 St. Pius X
4:30 pm † Leonard Lang

Sun. July 19 St. John's
8:30 am † Bill A. Grabe

Sun. July 19 St. Pius X
9:00 am For the People*

Sun. July 19 St. Ludmila
10:30 am For the People

Sun. July 19 St. Pius X
5:30 pm † Roberta Ackman

**Collective Mass*

**To request
Mass Intentions,
contact Dan Alpers at
(319) 363-6130
or
d.alpers@dbqarch.org**

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

July 11, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan

Cynthia Gunsolly

Extraordinary Ministers

Connie Deutmeyer

Tracy Huk

Sara Lang

Kourtne Powell

Mike Powell

Peg Schmitz

Becky Weininger

Altar Servers

Kennedy Blue

Emerson Eichhorn

Alexandra Lang

Lectors

Lisa Stephenson

Kathy Ulrich

Hospitality Ministers

Ryan Donnelly

Daniel Greene

Joe Jeffries

Ann Jeffries

Dick Kettelkamp

Tom Takes

July 12, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

John Michael

Extraordinary Ministers

Cate Biro

Brian Conway

Chris Conway

Stephanie Guzman

Dennis Mullarkey

Daniel Prentice

Bea Rethwisch

Altar Servers

Madison McCarville

Rocco Schmidt

Hunter Schmidt

Lectors

Robin Brown

JoAnn Hand

Hospitality Ministers

Jeanne Amosson

Beth Martin

Tyler Martin

Chase Philpott

Maureen Wolf

Dave Wolf

Scripture Readings

Week of July 12, 2026

Sunday:

Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9 (103)

Monday:

Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34-11:1 (389)

Tuesday:

Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24 (390)

Wednesday:

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27 (391)

Thursday:

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30 (392)

Friday:

Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8 (393)

Saturday:

Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21 (394)

Sunday:

Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30 (106)

Daily Scripture Reading Reference: (Includes responsorial Psalms)

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

Family Ministry

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Sowing the Seeds of Faith

Jesus, like all great teachers, shares his lessons in language his listeners can understand. His message is anchored in stories that will keep his listeners' interest. In the parable of the sower, Jesus talks about seeds scattered on different types of soil.

The parable of the sower has much to say to parents about bringing up their children in the faith. At baptism, each child receives the seeds of faith. It is God's free gift. Jesus generously scatters the seeds, but only the seeds planted in good soil will grow abundantly. Seeds of faith, like all seeds, need to be fed and nurtured, protected from harm.

In my early years as a parish director of religious education, I often told parents how important it was that they support their child's catechist or Catholic school teacher. As the years went by, I realized that I had things reversed. It is the catechist or teacher who is in the supportive role. What children learn or don't learn in their religion classes depends to a great degree on what they are learning at home, where the soil is tilled.

Parents and the parish work together to prepare that soil, but parents have the primary role. Parents turn pathways into fertile fields by living lives that promote Gospel values, by bringing to light the good in the world, and exposing and uprooting the evil. Parents cultivate and water rocky soil by providing a home where hope is encouraged and faith and love are shared.

Parents hack away at the thorns of a secular society—including self-gratifying consumerism and the violence and voyeurism called entertainment—by diligently supervising and actively participating in their child's free time. The seed of faith was planted in the hearts of our children at baptism. But it is up to you, as a parent, to cultivate an environment that will let that faith grow abundantly.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Let everyone take a turn talking about their favorite story about Jesus. When everyone is finished, ask each person why they liked their story. Make sure grown-ups share, too.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Who helped nurture the seeds of your faith? What can you do on a daily basis to help the seeds of faith grow in your child? 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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St. Joan of Arc Women's Prayer Group

NEW OPPORTUNITY
**St Joan of
Arc**
WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

JOIN US FOR ROSARY, INTENTIONS, TEA, AND SOCIAL TIME
WOMEN AND GIRLS, ALL AGES, INVITED

**Every 4th
Saturday,
9:30am-
11:30am**

ST MICHAEL
BARBELL CLUB
700 16TH ST NE,
CEDAR RAPIDS, IA
52402
USE RAMP
ENTERANCE

AFTERWARD,
ALL
ATTENDEES
ARE INVITED
TO WORKOUT
AT THE GYM
(OPTIONAL)



For more information and questions, contact Mae Schell: mischell435@gmail.com

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Welcome!

WELCOME

**Fr. Ken Glaser, Fr. Hung Le,
& Fr. Polycarp Hagan**

to the

Cedar Rapids Area East Pastorate!

Our community, and the Archdiocese of Dubuque, is going through many exciting changes. This luncheon will be a wonderful opportunity to meet our priests and for parishioners from across the pastorate to come together to meet one another. While we navigate our new schedules and transitions, it is our prayer that it opens up new opportunities for spiritual growth, a renewal of our ministry and mission, and a renewed connection with the universal in our church.

Please join us for good food and fellowship as we embark on this new adventure together. All are welcome!

Sunday, August 2nd, 2026

11:30 AM - 2:30 PM

All Saints Social Hall

A lunch by Dostal's Catering will be provided. This lunch is organized by our Knights of Columbus Councils. Please use the QR code to RSVP.



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Monday-Thursday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

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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>



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Sacrament Information

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).

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 online 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: Tuesdays, 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.

M.O.M.S Rosary: 7:30 PM 1st Monday of the month, Queen of All Saints Chapel.

Parish Website: You may submit prayer intentions any time at: allsaintscr.com/prayer.

