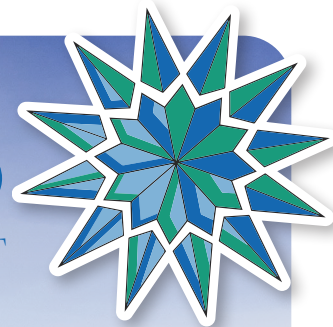


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September 5 & September 6, 2026;
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*You, son
of man, I have
appointed watchman
for the house of
Israel...*

Ezekiel 33:7

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday (Labor Day)
Tuesday
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Friday

No Daily Mass
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In His Presence Together

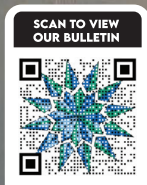


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Young at Heart/Wisdom Generation



September 16 is the next Wisdom Gen. lunch in the St. Ludmila Social Hall.

Bring a side or dessert to share. We will eat at 12:00 and the doors open at 11:30 so come socialize before lunch. Our speaker will be St. Ludmila parishioner, Wes Bruns, speaking about his recent book *When Life Changes the Game*. It will also be the Feast Day of St. Ludmila. We hope you will join us!

Stewardship Corner



Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts and to give back with increase. He calls us as stewards to be generous with all the gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.

Service to Others *Metro Catholic Outreach*



Provisions Needed For The Homeless

Bags of supplies are available to our many clients living on the streets of Cedar Rapids, assembled and distributed each and every day by our cheerful office volunteers. Many of these unhoused folks pick up a bag from us every day we are open. You can see by the numbers above, we gave out 267, or about 66 bags per day, just this week.

Our numbers are once again on the rise for clients requesting these provisions, and we depend on your donations of easy-open, single serving items that don't need to be cooked, refrigerated, or stored. (Please note - we cannot distribute any items that are not professionally sealed and packaged, or any foods that have expired.)

Thanks to all our generous donors who help feed our homeless neighbors!

Journey in Faith: We Need You!



God leads us out. During this Journey in Faith, God is calling us out of the familiar and into something new. He is calling us to be a Church that is committed—not compliant or complacent. And we cannot become that Church if we remain in our comfort zones. So, if you are feeling uncomfortable right now, perhaps that is exactly where God wants you to be. And if you aren't, you are invited to consider that He may have a call waiting for you. We all have a part to play in leaving behind what was and stepping into what will be—with trust, courage, surrender, and faith. What are you being asked to leave behind? What are you being asked to step into? You are invited to take these questions to prayer. We need you.

Everyday Metanoia

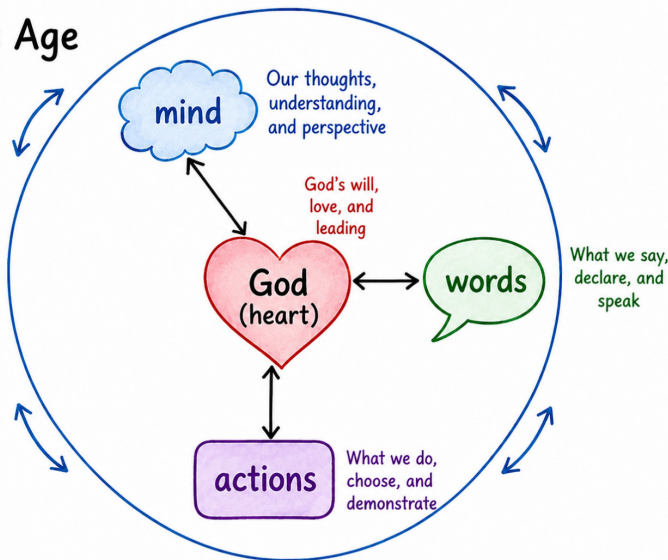


Welcome to the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today's readings ask us to ponder the similarities and differences between our human definition of love and how we live that and God's definition of love and how we are expected to live it.

Once again, the English language lost much when it chose to use one word which can have so many different meanings and rely on contextual clues for the reader or listener to use for interpretation. The word 'Love' is perhaps one of the greatest examples of this. The ancient Greek had eight distinct words to categorize and describe various forms of love. The English language has one. Let's use the example of 'I love my neighbor.' Chances are we are not referring to philautia (self love), but do we mean eros (romantic passion), philia (deep friendship), storg (familial affection), agape (unconditional love), ludus (playful love), pragma (enduring commitment) or mania (obsessive attachment)? If one has a conflict with that neighbor, like is described in the Gospel of Matthew, the type of love will most likely influence the approach used to address and solve it.

While our human definition of love can vary widely, God brings simplicity and wholeness to our understanding of it along with the actions that should grow from it. "You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law." This is a great umbrella view, but what does it look like in actual life? Part of the challenge for our modern life is that we don't take the time to let our minds rest, nor do we often put our thoughts, feelings and actions in communication with God.

This Age



This illustration might be helpful again. Most of the time we quickly go from the mind to words to action and back and forth at a dizzying pace. Even when we try to let our minds rest, we grab hold of some thought and before we know it, we are down the proverbial rabbit hole. This is where reading some of the words of the great contemplatives such as Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross and Thomas Merton, can help steer our mind, words and actions back to effective listening and dialogue with God. These two passages from The Sign of Jonas by Thomas Merton have been fruitful in revealing some of the meaning and richness of God's love as found in Sacred Scripture; and thus inspiring words and actions that uncover, recognize and live the love that God intends for His Kingdom to be visible and known on earth.

"It is a great thing when Christ, hidden in souls-and perhaps forced by the world to keep in hiding-manifests Himself unexpectedly by an unplanned expression of His presence. Then souls light up on all sides with recognition of Him and discover Him in themselves when they did not even imagine He could be anywhere. His one Image is in us all, and we discover Him by discovering the likeness of His image in one another. This does not destroy the differences between us but all these accidentals cease to have much meaning when we find that we are really one in His love. It is great praise of Him when people rejoice at finding Him in one another-not by effort, not by mere blind acts of faith, but by the experience of charity illuminated, perhaps, by Wisdom-for it is [deep understanding] and fruition of God's reflection in the joy which is His mirror in souls."

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Everyday Metanoia (cont.)

“To be led and moved by the love of God; indifferent to everything except that. This is the source of the only true joy... It is beautiful to see God’s grace working in people. The most beautiful thing about it is to see how the desires of the soul, inspired by God, so fit in and harmonize with grace that things seem natural to the soul, seem to be a part of its very self. That is what God wants to create in us – that marvelous spontaneity in which His life becomes perfectly ours and our life His, and it seems inborn in us to act as His children, and to have His light shining out of our eyes.”

Brothers and sisters, God’s love is inborn in us through our baptism into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Could we start to pause before we think, say or do something and allow God to guide our human efforts and allow those to be infused with His love? “And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.”

Praying with you always!

Tracy

Catholic Daughters of Americas



Catholic Daughters of Americas Cedar Rapids Court 1768 will meet Tuesday, September 8th at 5:30 PM in St Pius X Parish Hall.

Note a change in Potluck: (3) Officers will provide meat dishes, Jan-Mar Birthdays (sides/salads), and Apr-June Birthdays (desserts). Visitors are always welcome! Contact: Roberta (319-431-2222) or Stephanie (319-540-7193).

ProLife With Love Gathering



Our Pro-Life With Love group will host a “Cedar Rapids Area East Pastorate Faith in Action/ Social Justice/Pro Life Social Gathering” on Monday, September 21st, at 6:30 pm in the St. Ludmila Community Center. We hope you will join us!



Pastor's Corner



Let me begin by saying “Thank you” for the many cards and greetings recognizing my 60th birthday. Thanks to social media, it is no secret, I am getting older!

If you are connected to Catholic social media in the Archdiocese of Dubuque, you have been hearing about the Eucharistic Processions in the four dioceses of Iowa. Sam Lange, a senior at Prairie High School and a member of St. Ludmila Parish and the National Catholic Youth Council, created, planned and executed these processions. In all four dioceses, the participants signed the back of a puzzle piece in the shape of their diocese and the pieces will all be united at the Christ Our Life Conference in Des Moines on September 26-27th. The significance is to recognize we are all Eucharistic People, united under the same Lord.

If you have not attended this weekend, I would encourage you to put it on your calendar. The weekend consists of speakers, Mass, prayer services and testimonials. If you do not want to drive to Des Moines, we are planning a “watch party” in the Cedar Rapids Area East Pastorate. This is a great way to get to meet other people, grow in faith and save the time of traveling to Des Moines. There have been several inserts in our bulletins advertising this event. Continue to watch the bulletin for more details.

Some of the speakers include: Charbel Raish, who will share his story of how Islam led him to Christ. Crystalina Evert has spoken to more than 1 million people about God’s perfect plan for human sexuality. Bishop Joseph Espallat, a beloved rapper priest from the Bronx, is the second youngest bishop in the USA. Fr. Robert Spritzer is a scientist who shares research gleaned from studying more than 1,500 near death experiences. Fr. David Moses, ordained in 2019 at age 25, has more than 1 million social media followers. He is a pro-life activist, songwriter, and guitarist.

Tickets are available online – Adults in person or streaming only pay \$30 for the whole weekend. Students up to age 23, priests and religious are free to attend, but need a ticket. There will be high school and college breakout sessions, if you choose to drive to Des Moines. More information can be gathered at [https:// christourlifeiowa.com](https://christourlifeiowa.com) Have a great week! Fr. Ken Glaser

Surviving Divorce - Cedar Rapids Deanery

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TUESDAYS 6-7:30PM

SEP. 8 – NOV. 24 AT ALL SAINTS

Questions? email: catie22001@yahoo.com or jseals33@icloud.com

Mass Intentions

Mon. Sept. 7 All Saints
No Daily Mass

Tues. Sept. 8 St. Pius X
9:00 am For the People

Tues. Sept. 8 St. Ludmila
5:30 pm For the People

Wed. Sept. 9 All Saints
8:30 am For the People

Wed. Sept. 9 St. Pius X
8:30 am For the People

Thurs. Sept. 10 All Saints
8:30 am † Douglas Ferreter

Thurs. Sept. 10 St. Pius X
5:30 pm For the People

Fri. Sept. 11 St. Ludmila
8:30 am † Ron Michels

Fri. Sept. 11 St. John's
8:30 am For the People

Sat. Sept. 12 St. Ludmila
4:00 pm † Robert Hildebrand

Sat. Sept. 12 St. Pius X*
4:30 pm † Sandy Huisman

Sun. Sept. 13 St. John's
8:30 am † Larry Haight

Sun. Sept. 13 St. Pius X
9:00 am † David Wingert

Sun. Sept. 13 St. Ludmila
10:30 am † Wayne Rosauer

Sun. Sept. 13 St. Pius X
5:30 pm For the People

**Collective Mass*

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

Family Ministry

September 6, 2026 • 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 18:15-20

Words and Actions

Jesus tells his disciples if someone close to you sins against you, go to that person one-on-one and try to set things straight. If the person will not listen, bring someone else with you and confront the person. If that doesn't work, bring them in front of the whole church. If even that fails, let them go. Do not allow them to hurt you again.

As a church and as a family, we are responsible for each other's welfare. Loving my brother and sister as myself, the way Jesus commands, means being concerned not only for their physical welfare, but also their spiritual welfare. This is especially true in families.

As parents, we have been told that our children's faith formation is our responsibility. We help them grow in their faith by sharing what we believe about God and our church through our words and actions. Clearly, we have not only the right, but also the responsibility, to talk to our children and take action when they are doing something wrong.

Parents should also be aware that children are often capable of giving them the same guidance. Sometimes a child's words or actions offer a subtle insight into our own actions or lack of action. Without even meaning to, children can give us clear signals about how we are doing as their primary role model.

A young person acting out can sometimes be a clear warning sign that we are not spending enough time with them, or we are overindulging them. Sometimes it's their words that hit the mark. "Why doesn't Daddy go to church?" or "How come we have so much, and other people have so little?"

For centuries, the Christian family has been called the domestic church. What holds true for congregational churches also holds true for the church that gathers around the kitchen table. "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them" (v. 20). We need to listen to our children's actions and words and remember that sometimes Jesus can speak very clearly through the words of a child.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Have a simple family reconciliation service. Talk about how easy it is to hurt the people closest to you. Say a prayer asking God to help you consider the ways you have hurt each other. Ask each person to write down or draw a picture of his or her offenses. Share what you have written and say you are sorry. (A parent should begin the process.) Close with a prayer.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Is there anyone in your life who is hurting you and whom you need to confront? How can you be most effective in doing this? 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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Bruins Beat

From Principal Parlet

Dear All Saints Families:

What a wonderful *second week of school* we have had! As I walk through the hallways and visit our classrooms, my heart is full seeing our students and teachers settling so wonderfully into their daily routines.

These early days are always filled with vibrant energy and promise. It has been a true joy to watch our students build warm relationships with their teachers, reconnect with old friends, and welcome new peers into our faith community. The laughter, curiosity, and kindness filling our building serve as a beautiful reminder of the loving environment we cultivate together at All Saints.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to each of you. Thank you to our dedicated teachers and staff for creating engaging, Christ-centered learning spaces, and thank you to our families for your continued trust, prayers, and partnership.

We are off to a fantastic start, and I am deeply grateful for the privilege of walking alongside your children on their educational and spiritual journeys this year. May God continue to bless our students, staff, and families as we grow together in faith and knowledge.

-Mrs. Parlet

Thursday School Mass is Always a Highlight of Our Week



www.allsaints-crschool.org

Scripture Readings

Week of September 6, 2026

Sunday:

Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20 (127)

Monday:

1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11 (437)

Tuesday:

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23 (636)

Wednesday:

1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26 (439)

Thursday:

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38 (440)

Friday:

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Lk 6:39-42 (441)

Saturday:

1 Cor 10:14-22/Lk 6:43-49 (442)

Sunday:

Sir 27:30-28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35 (130)

Daily Scripture Reading Reference:

(Includes responsorial Psalms)

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



We Need Your Help!



Greetings:

Thank you for your continued patience and support as we continue to move forward as a Pastorate. Good things are happening as we continue to move forward. I continue to work with our Liturgy People, I have met with those who plan and organize funerals. Tonight I will meet with those who deal with Buildings and Grounds and next week with the Faith In Action Committee members. I am also working with our Finance and Pastoral Councils for guidance and direction. I appreciate the ministry of those working with Faith Formation, Youth, Young Adult and Adult Formation. For this year we will keep doing what we have been doing, looking to the future for more collaboration. Know that we have secured a speaker for a Pastorate Mission. More details will be coming this spring.

I am looking for individuals willing to be part of a Human Resource Committee. They will be tasked with helping hire the Director of Evangelization and Director of Operations positions. They will also provide guidance for the Pastorate. If you know of someone or you are interested in being considered for this committee, please provide your contact information to Fr. Ken Glaser at l.sills@dbqarch.org.

Please let me know of anyone you think would be good on that committee. I would like representatives from all four parishes.

Fr Ken Glaser

Reconciliation & Adoration Times



RECONCILIATION *Times*

 **WEDNESDAY** | All Saints 7:30am

 **SATURDAY** | St. Ludmila 3:00pm
St. Pius X 3:30pm

 **SUNDAY** | St. John the Baptist 7:30am



or by appointment



ADORATION *Times*

 **ALL SAINTS** | Tuesdays 8:30–9:30am

 **ST. JOHN
THE BAPTIST** | 1st & 3rd Wednesday 7:00–9:00pm
1st Friday 9:00–10:00am

 **ST. LUDMILA** | *during office hours*
Monday–Thurs. 8:30am–3:30pm
Friday 8:30am–12:00pm

 **ST. PIUS X** | Wednesdays 3:00–6:00pm
Evening Prayer at 5:40pm
Fridays 11:00am–1:00pm



Rural Life Mass



Plan to attend the third-annual Rural Life Mass on Friday, September 18! Archbishop Zinkula will celebrate Mass at 10:30 a.m. at the Lichty Family Farm, 8110 Ansborough Ave., Waterloo, recognizing the many people who work the land and those who make their homes in our rural communities. **All are welcome!** A recognition program and free-will luncheon will follow Mass. Limited seating is available, so please bring a lawn chair. Learn more at dbqarch.org/rural-life.

Faith in Action



The All Saints Social Justice committee is now part of the Cedar Rapids East pastorate Faith In Action committee. We have had three meetings as a pastorate so far and things are progressing as we try to figure out how to work in collaboration as a pastorate group now.

All of the agencies we have been supporting through the Loaves and Fishes collection taken up on the last weekend of the month are still being supported by the CR East FIA committee with funds for the All Saints list of agencies coming from our Loaves and Fishes fund for the time being.

It is also important to know that our support for our Haiti sister parish, Notre Dame de Lourdes, will continue. The Run for Pie (<https://www.runforpie.com/>) will happen on September 26th. Our October Fall Fundraiser will still be held AND supported at St. Ludmila, St. Pius X and St. John the Baptist.

All of the work that was done by the All Saints Social Justice committee is now part of the combined work of St. Ludmila, St. Pius X, St. John the Baptist AND All Saints. It's just a little harder to see that work in action.

St. Ludmila, St. Pius X and St. John the Baptist will have the following announcement in their communications to encourage continued support for Social Justice needs:

"A few parishes in our Pastorate have traditionally taken up a second collection at the end of each month to support local community needs. While these second collections will no longer take place, we want to continue supporting the important work of our Faith in Action Committees.

This weekend, collection envelopes will be available at the end of the pews. If you would like to donate, please place your contribution in one of these envelopes, write your name on the envelope, identify your parish, and check the Faith in Action/Social Justice box next to your church name. Then place the envelope in the regular collection.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of those on the margins of life.

Until a long-term solution is developed, we will continue to share this information and work together to support Faith in Action in the Cedar Rapids Area East pastorate."

For All Saints parishioners you can also go to our website - <https://allsaintscr.churchcenter.com/giving> and choose Loaves and Fishes from the drop-down menu.

The needs have not diminished so your continued support, wherever you are and wherever you are attending Mass is still needed!

If you want to be part of the CR East FIA committee please email stephen@schmitzia.com.
Thank you, Stephen Schmitz

Parish Office Hours



- Monday - Closed for Labor Day (No Daily Mass)
- Tuesday - Thursday - 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Friday - 8:00 am - 3:00 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.

Vocation Bulletin Blurb



“If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.” (Matthew 18:15)

Jesus calls us to reconciliation, guiding us to bring peace and healing into the lives of others. Every vocation is an invitation to embody His love and forgiveness. How might God be calling you to share His peace in your life? If you feel God is stirring a holy desire for the priesthood or consecrated life, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at dbqcvo@dbqarch.org.

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>

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.

Priest Holy Hour



All Parishioners are invited to join Fr. Le, Fr. Ken and Fr. Polycarp as his schedule allows for a Holy Hour, weekly on Thursday mornings at 7:00 AM in the Sanctuary at All Saints Church. Please park in the South parking lot off of Mt. Vernon Road, enter the church using the door labeled 2A.

We will also be praying Morning Prayer at 7:45 AM.

You are encouraged to download “iBreviary” to get an electronic version.

Let us continue to pray for one another

Election Season



The 2026 mid-term election season has begun. In Iowa, voting begins in October and continues through Election Day, Nov. 3. As stated in the U.S. bishops’ document, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, “The Church’s obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society is a requirement of our faith. It is a basic part of the mission we have received from Jesus Christ, who offers a vision of life revealed to us in Sacred Scripture and Tradition.”

Each of us is a precious creation in the image and likeness of God; each one of us possesses innate and inviolable human dignity. This dignity is present in each person from the moment of their conception and throughout their lives. We offer the attached bulletin insert on the “Dignity of the Human Person” not to tell you how to vote, but to help you form your conscience in accordance with God’s truth as you approach this often-challenging decision.

To be clear, the Church does not endorse or oppose any candidates or a particular political party. Advocacy for or endorsement of a particular candidate or party is not permitted and jeopardizes the tax-exempt status of our Catholic churches. No signs or materials supporting a particular party or candidate can be placed on or distributed within church/institutional property.



Pastorate Bulletin and Weekly Electronic Newsletter



Beginning the weekend of September 12/13, the Cedar Rapids Area East Pastorate bulletin will be distributed. This printed publication will replace all weekly bulletins currently published at the four Parishes within our Pastorate. With that said, this will be the final weekly bulletin published and distributed by All Saints. I don't say this with sadness, however, because I will be keeping myself busy with the weekly Cedar Rapids Area East Pastorate Weekly Newsletter! I can't wait to show you what's coming together in my head. I'll tell you more in a moment.

The weekly bulletin will be printed. Copies will be available at all four Parishes. It will also be available electronically but details about how to view the electronic version are not quite ironed out. As soon as that information is available, it will be shared on our Facebook page.

The transition to the electronic weekly newsletter will likely happen closer to the *end* of September. For you, this will likely be a seamless transition. We will move our Parishioner database from the method we currently use to email the All Saints weekly bulletin to the system the Archdiocese uses—*Flocknote*. For the first few weeks of the newsletter, if you do not see it drop into your inbox, please be sure to check your junk/spam folder.

While there are things we will certainly miss about our bulletin, please know that the information you rely on that document for will be made available through these new methods of communication. If there is anything missing, don't hesitate to contact me here at the All Saints office and provide your feedback. While we know that change is difficult for all of us, rest assured that everything you need to know will be available in these new sources of content.

Many of you have likely begun attending Weekend Masses at a location outside of the East Pastorate but you still attend Daily Masses here at All Saints. I encourage you to stay in touch with all of the Pastorates you attend Mass at by subscribing to all of their sources of content—*bulletins and newsletters*. While community-wide pieces of news such as announcements from MCO, etc. will all be the same, I feel that it's important to make yourself aware of everything that's happening at all of our Parishes. I want to see everyone engaged and excited about the opportunities that every staff at every Parish is brainstorming as we progress through this time of change. Not only are staff members coming up with cool new ideas, but we've already started to see Parishioners not only continuing to work on their long-time passion projects but also coming up with new ways of engaging our Pastorate community. Excitement for your passion projects can be communicated in new ways using these new methods. Our team is ready to help you do just that. Reach out to me with your ideas, write-ups about your events, etc. by emailing me at d.alpers@dbqarch.org. Making our Pastorate grow and flourish will take all of us working together so please get in touch so that we can make magic happen in the Cedar Rapids Area East Pastorate.

Reconciliation Times



Reconciliation at All Saints has been scheduled for Wednesday mornings from 7:30 am until 7:45 am. Please enter through the door marked "2A" or the north side doors leading into the Narthex. This will begin this coming Wednesday, September 9. Thank you for your patience while discussions about scheduling took place.

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Cost – Registration

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For More Information

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Dignity of the Human Person

Dignity of the Human Person



In their statement on *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the Catholic bishops of the United States identify the four main principles of the Church's social teaching and apply them to some concrete issues. This is not to tell the faithful for whom or against whom to vote, but instead to help them form their consciences in accordance with God's truth as they approach this often-challenging decision. The four main principles are the Dignity of the Human Person, the Common Good, Solidarity, and Subsidiarity. They are all interrelated. This bulletin focuses on the **Dignity of the Human Person**, and the other three principles are covered in three other bulletins in this series. —★

Because each human person is created in the image and likeness of God, each one of us possesses innate and inviolable human dignity. This dignity is present in each person from the moment of their conception and throughout their lives. As Pope Francis has emphasized, human dignity is central to building a society in which we are “brothers and sisters all.”¹



“The dignity of the human person is the foundation for a moral vision of society.”



Every human being has the right to live with dignity and to develop integrally; this fundamental right cannot be denied by any country. People have this right even if they are unproductive, or were born with or developed limitations. This does not detract from their great dignity as human persons, a dignity based not on circumstances but on the intrinsic worth of their being. Unless this basic principle is upheld, there will be no future either for fraternity or for the survival of humanity.²

Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 107

The dignity of the human person is the foundation for a moral vision of society. As we seek to imitate the Good Samaritan and become neighbor to all, we must work to protect the dignity of all, especially those who are most vulnerable.

As we engage in the public square with a well-formed conscience:

- We work to protect the most vulnerable—children in the womb who are in danger of abortion—while also standing in radical solidarity with mothers.³ Building on their bond of flesh and kinship, and on the network of family, neighbor, and community relationships in which they are situated, the Church actively assists mothers and their children to have a brighter future.

Dignity of the Human Person (cont.)

- We continue to protect the dignity of our sister or brother who is elderly, disabled, or ill by strongly rejecting euthanasia and assisted suicide. These practices are symptoms of a “throw-away culture,” in which children of God of inestimable worth are cast aside as worthless.⁴
- Likewise, we must recognize the inherent dignity of the migrant and refugee. In our country now, that means comprehensive immigration reform that offers a path to citizenship, treats immigrant workers fairly, prevents the separation of families, maintains the integrity of our borders, respects the rule of law, and addresses the factors that compel people to leave their own countries.
- We support the dignity of the person, created male or female; therefore, we oppose a gender ideology that fails to recognize the difference and reciprocity between man and woman.⁵
- Racism attacks the dignity of the human person by denying that we are all equally made in the image of God, so we must overcome racism in our hearts as well as in our systems and institutions.⁶
- We continue to seek reform of the criminal justice system and to end the use of the death penalty. We support common sense measures to reduce gun violence.⁷
- Finally, we seek to prevent and remedy any aspects of an “economy of exclusion,”⁸ which “does not hesitate to exploit, discard, and even kill human beings,”⁹ and to work instead toward an “economy of communion” rooted in ethical concern.¹⁰

“Social friendship and universal fraternity”

Pope Francis writes, “necessarily call for an acknowledgement of *the worth of every human person*, always and everywhere.”¹¹ Through our political participation, our accompaniment of those in need, and the witness of our daily lives, may we support the worth of every person, created in God’s image.

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1 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti* (On Fraternity and Social Friendship), no. 8.

2 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 107. See also: Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate* (Charity in Truth), no. 45.

3 USCCB, “Letter and Policy Recommendations Supporting Women and Children,” October 26, 2022.

4 St. John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae* (The Gospel of Life), nos. 8, 15, 18, 23, 94. See also: Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti* nos. 18-21.

5 Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love), no. 56.

6 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*, 3-8.

7 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, nos. 263-270. See also: *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, no. 84.

8 Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* (Joy of the Gospel), no. 53.

9 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 22.

10 Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate*, nos. 45-47.

11 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 106.

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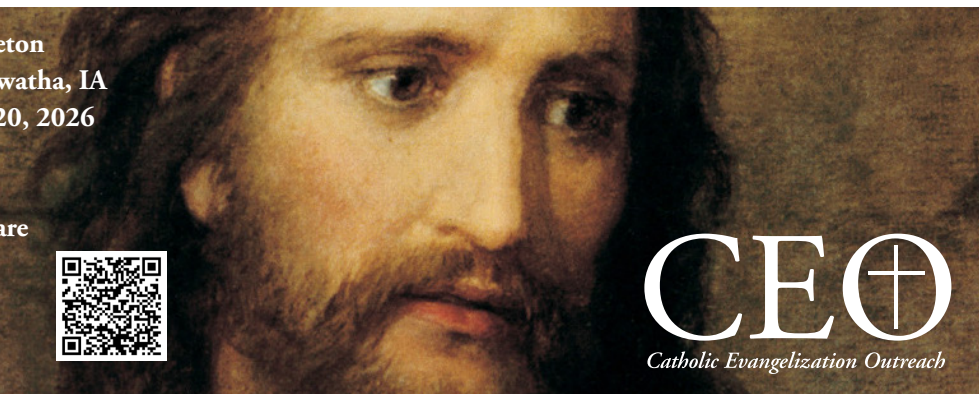
Led by the Holy Spirit to Jesus through Mary



All of John Williams' long held beliefs were shattered by the truth that ***Mary is the mother of God.***

The central point of his intense conversion experience was when he heard the word **κεχαριτωμένη** meaning "**Full of Grace**" in Greek.

Where: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
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When: Sunday, September 20, 2026
Time: 6:00-7:30 pm
Dinner will be provided
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