

Cedar Rapids Area East Pastorate

ALL SAINTS * ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST * ST. LUDMILA * ST. PIUS X



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Interim Mass schedule

DAILY MASS

- * Monday | 5:30 pm - All Saints
- Tuesday | 9:00 am - St. Pius X - School Mass
- Tuesday | 5:30 pm - St. Ludmila
- * Wednesday | 8:30 am - All Saints
- Wednesday | 8:30 am - St. Pius X
- Thursday | 8:30 am - All Saints - School Mass
- Thursday | 5:30 pm - St. Pius X
- Friday | 8:30 am - St. John The Baptist
- Friday | 8:30 am - St. Ludmila

WEEKEND MASS

- * Saturday Vigil | 4:00 pm - St. Ludmila
- Saturday Vigil | 4:30 pm - St. Pius X
- * Sunday | 8:30 am - St. John The Baptist
- * Sunday | 9:00 am - St. Pius X
- Sunday | 10:30 am - St. Ludmila
- Sunday | 5:30 pm - St. Pius X

* Masses marked with an asterisk are livestreamed and can be found on that Parish's website

LOCAL FOREIGN LANGUAGE MASSES

- Sunday | 8:30 am - Latin at St. Wenceslaus
- Sunday | Sunday | 12:30 pm - Spanish at St. Matthew
- Sunday | 2:00 pm - Vietnamese twice/mo at St. Matthew - Sept. 6th / Sept. 20th
- Sunday | 2:00 pm - French 1st Sunday at St. Jude

ADORATION

All Saints - Tuesday | 8:30 am to 9:30 am

St. John The Baptist

1st & 3rd Wednesday | 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

1st Friday | After 8:30 am Mass until 9:30 am

St. Ludmila - During open office hours by request

St. Pius X - Wednesday | 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Friday | 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

All Saints - Wednesday | 7:30 am - 8:15 pm

St. Ludmila - Saturday | 3:00 pm

St. Pius X - Saturday | 3:30 pm, Sunday | 4:30 pm

St. John The Baptist - Sunday | 7:30 am

*or by appointment

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 | 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In Sympathy

Tom McMahon - St. John the Baptist

Steve Mullen, brother of Sharon Hewitt - St. Pius X

Mary Hanlon - All Saints

Pastorate Obituaries are available at
Stjohnmv.org/pastorate-obituaries. Please scan the QR
code to view them.



Baptism

*For Baptismal Prep information, please contact
your local Parish Office!*

Marriage

David Lukan & Renee Huber - St. Ludmila

*For Marriage Prep information, please contact
your local Parish Office!*

Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to all of our Parishioners who are 90+

Dick Stenberg - St. Pius X

Angie Malley - St. Pius X

Ed DeWees - St. Pius X

(Retired) Dcn. Al Scharosch - St. Pius X

Nadine Hollis - All Saints

Staff Spotlight - Deacon Mark Sandersfeld

Deacon Mark Sandersfeld was ordained in July 2013 while a member at St. Ludmila. He retired from his professional job in 2018 after working for Rockwell Collins for eight years and Hewlett Packard and Agilent Technologies for 27 years as an electrical engineer. He and his wife, Rosann have been married for 50 years. They have three daughters and ten grandchildren.

Deacon Mark's primary charitable work is visiting inmates at Linn County Jail. He has stayed in touch with many who have moved on to state and federal prisons. He has enjoyed this ministry since 2010. In February 2024 he was assigned to St. John the Baptist Parish in Mount Vernon, St. Isidore Parish in Springville and Sacred Heart Parish in Oxford Junction as their first Permanent Deacon. He is currently a Pastoral Associate at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Mount Vernon. His role includes Adult Faith Formation Director and Confirmation Coordinator, which he teaches with his wife Rosann. He and Rosann served in Worldwide Marriage Encounter for 20 years before he became a Deacon, four of those years as local leadership and three years as Section Seven Leaders. They have served in several Marriage Ministry positions in the Archdiocese.



Mass Intentions

Monday Sept. 21 | 5:30 pm All Saints -

† Douglas Ferreter

Tuesday Sept. 22 | 9:00 am St. Pius X -

† Harry Larson

Tuesday Sept. 22 | 5:30 pm St. Ludmila -

† Mariann Tresnak

Wednesday Sept. 23 | 8:30 am St. Pius X -

For The People

Wednesday Sept. 23 | 8:30 am All Saints -

† Scherrman Barry Families

Thursday Sept. 24 | 8:30 am All Saints - Collective

† Pat Mass

Thursday Sept. 24 | 5:30 pm St. Pius X -

For The People

Friday Sept. 25 | 8:30 am St. Ludmila -

† Jolene & John Schulte

Friday Sept. 25 | 8:30 am St. John the Baptist -

† James & Margaret Lynch

Saturday Vigil Sept. 26 | 4:00 pm St. Ludmila -

† John & Elaine Seber (Parents of Jan Dostal)

Saturday Vigil Sept. 26 | 4:30 pm St. Pius X -

For The People

Sunday Sept. 27 | 8:30 am St. John the Baptist -

† Dolores Fosdick

Sunday Sept. 27 | 9:00 am St. Pius X - Collective

† David Karnik

Sunday Sept. 27 | 10:30 am St. Ludmila -

For the People

Sunday Sept. 27 | 5:30 pm St. Pius X -

For The People

Mass Intentions can be requested by contacting

Dan Alpers at All Saints Parish

d.alpers@dbqarch.org

319-363-6130

Ministry Schedules

**PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING
LINK TO ACCESS THE MINISTRY
SCHEDULES FOR THE UPCOMING
WEEKEND MASSES**

OR CONTACT SARAH COPPA AT
s.coppa@dbqarch.org



Financial Stewardship

Stewardship is the sharing of our time, talent, and treasure that God has provided us with. Here is the financial stewardship shared with our parishes from Aug 29-Sept 11.

ALL SAINTS

Budget Giving - \$20,478.33

Faith In Action (Social Justice) - \$11,041.97

Building - \$0.00

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Budget Giving - \$6,509.00

Faith In Action (Social Justice) - \$0.00

Building - \$20.00

ST. LUDMILA

Budget Giving - \$26,115.20

Faith In Action (Social Justice) - \$561.00

Building - \$122.00

ST. PIUS X

Budget Giving - \$22,937.00

Faith In Action (Social Justice) - \$2,397.00

Building - \$366.00

Important - Please make checks payable to the specific parish or cemetery you wish to support. If you are donating to a designated purpose (such as Building and Grounds, Faith in Action (Formally Social Justice), etc.), please note the purpose in the memo line. If you are giving to more than one parish or fund, we kindly ask that you write separate checks for each as each parish has a separate bank account. If you would like to give an online donation instead of a check, use the QR codes below.

Thank you for your stewardship!

Online Giving

ALL SAINTS



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



ST. LUDMILA



ST. PIUS X



Weekly Calendar

Monday September 21

1:00 pm Card Crafting Club, Creative Corner - St. Ludmila

5:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul, Church - St. Ludmila

5:30 pm CGS Session, Ed Wing - St. John the Baptist

6:00 pm Faith in Action Committee Meeting, UR - St. Ludmila

6:00 pm Catholic Daughters, PstrH - St. Pius X

6:30 pm ProLife with Love Meeting - St. Ludmila

6:30 pm Hope for Caregivers Small Group, Clare, - St. Pius X

7:00 pm Boy Scouts Meeting, PiusH - St. Pius X

7:00 pm AA Meeting, Bingo Hall Bride's Room - St. Ludmila

Tuesday September 22

6:00 am Men of Action, PstrH - St. Pius X

9:30 am CGS Session, Ed Wing - St. John the Baptist

10:00 am Adult Discussion Ladies Group, ND - St. Ludmila

3:00 pm Prayer Group, Library - All Saints

5:00 pm Evening Prayer, Eucharistic Chapel - St. Ludmila

6:00 pm Men's Group, Soulful Saints - St. Ludmila

6:00 pm Divorce Ministry, Library - All Saints

6:15 pm Autumn Book Study, UR - St. Ludmila

6:30 pm Pastoral Council Meeting - St. John the Baptist

Wednesday September 23

6:00 pm Bible in a Year, Clare - St. Pius X

6:00 pm 9th Grade Bible Study, PstrH - St. Pius X

6:00 pm RE K-5 Classes, School - St. Pius X

6:00 pm Middle School Formation, YouthRm - St. Pius X

7:00 pm Men of the Eucharist, Library - All Saints

7:00 pm Experience King David, PstrH - St. Pius X

7:00 pm 6th - 12th Grade FF, Ed Wing - St. John the Baptist

7:30 pm Confirmation Prep Parent Meeting, PiusH - St. Pius X

Thursday September 24

6:00 am That Man is You, PiusH - St. Pius X

9:00 am-4:00 pm St. Ludmila Rummage Sale - St. Ludmila

9:15 am ProLife Rosary, Chapel - All Saints

10:15 am Bible in a Year, Clare - St. Pius X

11:00 am Autumn Book Study, UR - St. Ludmila

6:30 pm Bible Study - St. John the Baptist

6:30 pm OCIA (All OCIA Candidates), ND - St. Ludmila

Friday September 25

9:00 am-Noon St. Ludmila Rummage Sale - St. Ludmila

12:00 pm Run for Pie Baking, Kitchen - All Saints

Saturday September 26

Area Needs Collection - St. Ludmila

6:30 am That Man is You, Lower Level - St. John the Baptist

7:00 am Run For Pie, Lisbon City Park - Pastorate Event

10:00 am Christ Our Life, PiusH - St. Pius X

Sunday September 27

Area Needs Collection - St. Ludmila

8:30am am Christ our Life - St. Pius X

9:00 am RE Class, AC, All Classrooms, CH - St. Ludmila

9:30 am She Women's Group, Lower Level - St. John the Baptist

10:15 am First Sacraments Parent Meeting, PstrH - St. Pius X

4:00 pm Ad Altari Dei Workshop, Lower Level - All Saints

5:00 pm Bingo, BH - St. Ludmila

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All Saints Ministries

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>

Pro Life Rosary

Please join us immediately following Thursday morning school Mass to say a Pro Life Rosary. This will take place from 9:15 am - 9:45 am in the **Chapel**. We hope to see you here! As this is something new to look forward to here at All Saints, we chose to highlight it. Beginning next week, this will appear under 'Opportunities for Prayer'.

A Message From Our Principal

I hope you are all having a wonderful week! As we move further into the school year, it has been such a joy watching our students settle in so seamlessly and really master their daily routines. Their energy, enthusiasm, and kindness set the tone for our hallways every day. Our students make All Saints Elementary such a special place to learn and grow, and they remind us daily of what it means to be united as One Body in Christ.

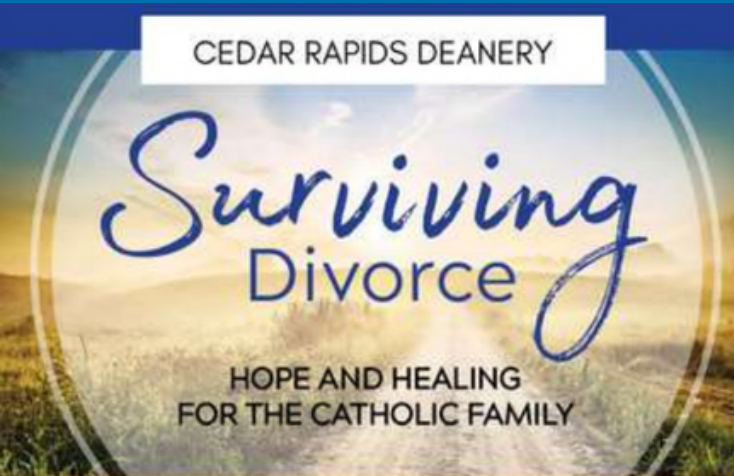
One of the highlights of our week is coming together for School Mass every Thursday at 8:30 AM. It is deeply moving to see our students so actively involved - serving, reading, singing, and participating with reverence. Their leadership and devotion make our liturgies truly beautiful and inspiring. We invite and encourage families to join us for Mass whenever you can; worshipping alongside our school community is always a wonderful blessing.

Looking ahead, we have a lot of exciting events planned over the next month! We are so eager to gather with our school families, celebrate our vibrant community, and share in these special moments together. Keep an eye out for upcoming details in our newsletters so you don't miss a thing.

Thank you for your continued support, partnership, and prayers as we make this school year extraordinary.

-Mrs. Parlet

CEDAR RAPIDS DEANERY

A circular graphic with a landscape background. The text "Surviving Divorce" is written in a large, elegant script. Below it, in a smaller, sans-serif font, is "HOPE AND HEALING FOR THE CATHOLIC FAMILY".

TUESDAYS 6-7:30PM
SEP. 8 - NOV. 24 AT ALL SAINTS

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

Priest Holy Hour:

Thursday mornings at 7:00 am followed by morning prayer at 7:45 am.

M.O.M.S. Rosary:

7:30 pm on the 1st Monday of the month in the Chapel.

Reconciliation Times

Reconciliation at All Saints has been scheduled for Wednesday mornings from 7:30 am until 8:15 am. Please enter through the door marked "2A" or the north side doors leading into the Narthex.

St. John The Baptist Ministries

Fall St. John's Cemetery Cleanup

Cemetery Cleanup will begin on Thursday October 1st. Please remove all decorations and flower arrangements you would like saved before that date. They can be replaced on Thursday October 15th.



Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) started on September 13th.



CLW is during Mass and is for 4 year old children through 2nd grade.

TMIY

Apostles of the New Springtime

Saturdays 6:30 - 8:00 AM
St. John's Lower Level



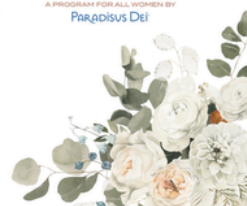
Our women's group is held on Sundays after Mass until 11:00 am

All women are welcome to attend.

"She Shall Be Called Woman" is a program from Paradisus Dei, the creator of That Man Is You.

She Shall Be Called Woman

A PROGRAM FOR ALL WOMEN BY
Paradisus Dei



FELLOWSHIP FRIDAYS

Join us on Fridays following 8:30 AM Daily Mass for coffee and treats in the Education Wing of St. John's!



TWELFTH ANNUAL
RUN FOR PIE
Chip-Timed Course
Sep 26, 2026
LISBON, IOWA
9 am: 5K run/walk
10 am: Kids Fun Run
Register at www.runforpie.com

PRIZES!

Men and women overall winners win an original work of Haitian art. The top three winners in each gender/age group are each awarded a freshly home-baked Apple Pie!



As we continue moving forward together in the Cedar Rapids Area East Pastorate, we would like to introduce the All Saints / St. John the Baptist Haiti Mission and share the story of this meaningful ministry!

This mission has helped provide educational opportunities by supplementing teacher salaries and supporting local students in Haiti for the last 26 years.

Registration fees for this event directly support this mission!

St. Ludmila Ministries

St. Ludmila Rummage Sale

We look forward to your drop offs on September 21 and 22 from noon to 8:00 pm. Items we do NOT accept are: TVs, large furniture, large Christmas trees, baby car seats, bouncers, broken items, summer clothing. Thank you for your donations and time volunteering.



St. Ludmila Fifth Week Cleaning

Join us Wednesday, Sept. 30 at 4:00 PM to vacuum, dust and make our worship and gathering spaces SHINE! Everyone is welcome to help - there are tasks for all ages! Afterwards, everyone is invited to gather at Los Compadres for dinner, where you can earn a 20% rebate for our church by using scrip!



Legacy Gift Planning

You can share your faith beyond your lifetime by careful estate planning that includes St. Ludmila in your will. During your lifetime, you will have the joy of knowing that whatever you do not use in this life will continue in ministry through your church after your death. If you would like more information about leaving a legacy gift to St. Ludmila, contact Echo Wecker at [319-362-7282](tel:319-362-7282) or email: e.wecker@dbqarch.org. If you would like information about gift planning, please contact our planning partner at the Catholic Foundation at [319-200-4657](tel:319-200-4657) or CFAD@OurCFAD.org

2026 Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Annual Meeting

All women are invited to attend the 2026 ACCW Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 3, 2026, beginning at 8:30 am, at St. Ludmila Church. This year's theme is "Speak, Lord. Your Servant is Listening," and the keynote speaker will be Cynthia Gunsolly, OFS.



Archbishop Thomas Zinkula will be the main celebrant for the 11:00 am Mass and will give a short presentation in the afternoon. You are welcome to join us for the whole day or just the Mass. Contact Joanne Pohland at dbqaccw@dbqarch.org with any questions. For more information about ACCW in general, please contact ACCW President Billie Burhite at dbqaccwpresident@dbqarch.org.

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!



2026 St. Ludmila Baptism Class

Our remaining class for 2026 will be on Monday, September 28, beginning at 6:30 pm. To register call the Parish Office at: 319-362-7282.



SCRIP NEWS

SCRIP sales for the week ending Sept. 13 totaled \$6,131.00. We made \$376.10 from reloads and e-cards and the Kwik Star bonuses continue this week!

HELP WANTED! We're looking for people to help sell scrip one hour before Mass on Saturday. This involves handing out gift cards, recording sales and handling money. We want to have enough volunteers so that each person would help one weekend a month. You'll always be working with an experienced person. Interested? Talk to Paula or Alicia at the scrip desk.

ImpactLife Blood Drive

Join us for our next blood drive at St. Ludmila Parish on Monday, October 12, 2026, from 3-6 pm. To book your appointment, scan the QR code or contact ImpactLife at 800-747-5401. Last day to donate elsewhere is August 17, 2026. We hope to see you there!



St. Pius X Ministries



ImpactLife

DONATE BLOOD

October 1st from 2:00-6:30pm
St. Pius X Catholic Church - Pius Hall
In person sign-up available
Sept. 20 & 27 after all Masses



Caring for the Caregiver

St. Paul advises us to "rejoice in hope, be patient under trial, persevere in prayer" (Rom 12:12). We who care for loved ones with chronic illness or disability recognize the need for hope, patience, and prayer in our caring journeys. We also need confidential, deep listening from those who have "been there." Please join us from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month in the Clare Room at St. Pius X. First meeting: Sept. 21. Questions? email Caringingeastpastorate@gmail.com



DIGITAL REFLECTIONS

- Matthew 20: 1-16a

What aspects of your life can you thank God for?

This week, the Gospel shows us the dangers of exceptionalism; victimhood; "what about me?"; or simply 'envy.' Regardless of which term is used, the answer is found in the generosity of the giver and the ownership of the recipient: God chooses which gifts and blessings to grant His children, and it is our responsibility to use those with responsibility and dignity.



School Mass Reminder

The doors to the church do not open for 9:00am Mass until 8:30am. Please wait in your vehicles until then.

We are low on everything!

PANTRY NEEDS

Pasta Sauce (NO glass jars)
Canned Tuna,
Plastic Grocery Bags



PERSONAL CARE

Soap, Body Wash, Toothpaste

FOOD FOR OUR UNHOUSED CLIENTS

Chips, Pretzels, Salty Snacks, Granola Bars

Thank you for your generous support of the Cy/Hawk Food Drive!

Together, parishioners donated more than 2,200 food items and \$556 in monetary donations.



While the Hawks and Cyclones may have competed for bragging rights, the real winners were our neighbors in need! Your generosity will benefit Metro Catholic Outreach, St. Vincent de Paul, and SE Linn Community Center. Thank you for helping make this a fun and meaningful way to support our local community!

PRAYER LINE: Contact Sara Veerhusen
StPiusPrayer@gmail.com or 319-551-6259

Cedar Rapids Area East Pastorate Presents

CHRIST OUR LIFE

L I V E S T R E A M

ST. PIUS X - 4949 COUNCIL NE

Buy your tickets here:
Joining for lunch?
Let us know
you're coming.



RSVP here:



Sat. - 9.26

10am - Morning Prayer
10:30am - Morning Talks
12:30pm - Lunch
2pm - Afternoon Talks
5:30pm - Adoration & Reconciliation
7pm - Evening Talk

Sun. - 9.27

8:30am - Morning Prayer
9am - Morning Talks
12:30pm - Dismissal

Questions?
a.lavorata@dbqarch.org



Journey In Faith

Journey in Faith: “We” over “me”

Once God leads us out and begins to form us, He invites us to become something together. He is building a Church where we know who we are, what we are called to, and that we belong to one another. Unity doesn't mean we all think, act, or do things the same way. It means we learn to trust one another, make space for one another, and move forward together with a shared sense of purpose. What would it look like for you to choose “we” over “me”? Where is God inviting you to build trust? What might you need to let go of so that we can become more united? Take these questions to prayer. Ask God to show you where you can build bridges, extend trust, and help create a stronger sense of who we are.

Pastorate Events

Autumn Pilgrimage to St. Paul

Adult parishioners and friends are invited to join us for a special Autumn Pilgrimage to St. Paul, Minnesota on October 21-22 where we will visit St. Paul's Benedictine Monastery and St. Louis, King of France Catholic Church for a time of prayer, spiritual reflection, communal meals, and fellowship. Total cost (including transportation, lodging, breakfast) is \$140/person for a single room and \$115/person for a double room; 2 lunches and one dinner are extra. To register go to the St. Ludmila Parish website home page, but don't delay...space is limited and the registration deadline is Thursday, October 1st!!! Contact Bob Gardner at r.gardner@dbqarch.org or [319-362-7282](tel:319-362-7282) with questions or for more information.

Faith in Action Collection Next Weekend

There would typically be a second collection for local area needs. While these second collections will no longer take place, we want to continue supporting the important work of our Faith in Action Committees and their efforts to serve local community needs. Collection envelopes will be available in the Gathering Space. If you would like to donate, please:

- Place your contribution in a collection envelope.
- Write your name on the envelope.
- Identify your parish.
- Check the Faith in Action/Social Justice box next to your church name.
- Place the envelope in the regular collection

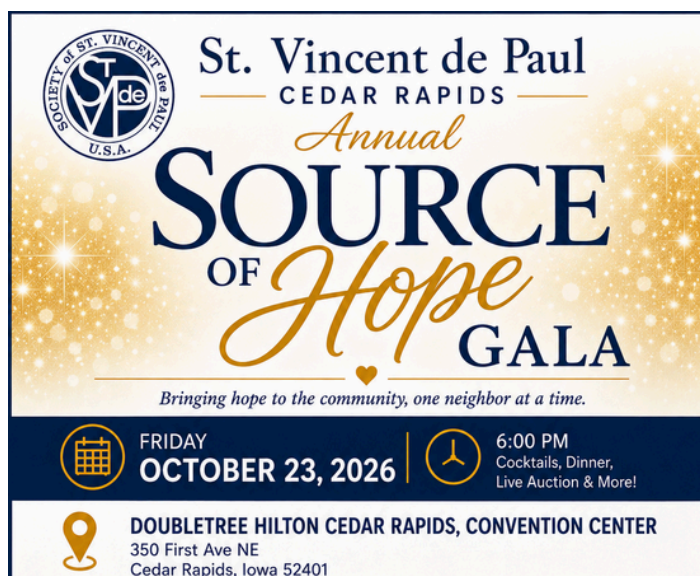


KMMK Autumn Banquet

“Radio to the Max,” KMMK 88.7 FM, will host its Annual Fall Banquet on Thursday, October 1, from 5:00–8:30 pm at the Hotel Kirkwood Center Ballroom, 7725 Kirkwood Blvd SW, Cedar Rapids. The featured speaker will be Fr. Joseph Mary Wolfe, MFVA, Chaplain for EWTN and founding member of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Eternal Word. Dinner is free, but reservations are required. To register, visit KMMK-FM.org, click on Events, and follow the registration link. For questions, please contact Sue May at 319-360-3290.

Coats for All

Knights of Columbus annual Coats for All drive will be taking place Sept. 26th - Oct. 11th. The collection boxes will be in the gathering space of all four pastorate churches. Needed are new or slightly used winter or fall coats also sweaters and sweatshirts. All sizes are collected. Kids to adults, women or men. Winter hats, scarfs and gloves are also needed. After they're collected the items will be distributed to local charities. Thank you in advance for your support of this project.





Pastor's Corner

As we continue to move forward with the Cedar Rapids Area East Pastorate, I have been meeting with a number of groups and organizations, listening to what they have done in the past, learning about their current concerns and creating plans of action for how we can unite our efforts to move forward together as a Pastorate.

I recently met with Lori Jiacinto and Paula Fries, who are responsible for the scrip programs at All Saints and St. Ludmila Parishes respectively. As I write this article, they are meeting in a separate room, creating “best practices” for how to maintain and perhaps grow our scrip program. I want to thank Lori and Paula for their commitment to this program, as it takes strong, organized leaders to make this successful. They do not do it alone. They have a committed group of volunteers who work behind the scenes to make sure these gift cards are available to you!

So how does scrip work? There is absolutely no cost to you as a parishioner to use scrip. There are numerous retailers, both local and national, that provide scrip for restaurants, grocery stores, general merchandise stores, as well as airlines, cruise lines, etc. As a parish, we are able to purchase the scrip cards at reduced cost and then sell them at face value. For example, currently Kwik Star has a 9% bonus rebate on their gas card. The scrip program purchases a \$100 Kwik Star gas card for \$90 and then we sell it to a parishioner for \$100. There are separate Kwik Star Grocery cards for food purchases. These have a 10% rebate and a 15% rebate when on bonus!

There are also numerous retailers that have reloadable cards. For example, when my card needs to be “reloaded” I simply contact Paula, write a check and my Kwik Star card is ready to be used. I was recently on vacation and on the first day my credit card was compromised. Using scrip cards eliminates this concern.

And when you have your own personal scrip account, and link it to your bank account, you can use your phone to order scrip to pay for your meal or other purchases in just seconds!

So, what happens to the \$9.00 difference? Do you have children in Catholic education? You can designate 50% of this sum to be used for tuition and/or fees; the other 50% goes into the general fund of the scrip program. Because of our volunteers, there is no overhead cost to help support our parish/pastorate. Do you have parents, aunts, uncles, friends who want to help support your child? When they sign up, they can designate their half of the proceeds to go to your “account”.

I know what you're thinking ~ \$9.00? But just think if this weekend we sold \$1,000 in Kwik Star or other cards with a 9% rebate. That would be \$45 for the parish and \$45 for tuition assistance, if you're signed up for that!

I am simply using Kwik Star as an example. There are numerous other options available. Rebates range from 1.25% up to 20% for one of our local restaurants. Lori and Paula are willing to continue to coordinate this effort for our parishes and are planning to expand it to all parishes in the Pastorate. If you have questions or are interested in volunteering or purchasing scrip, Lori can be reached at scrip@allsaintscr.com; Paula can be reached at p.fries@dbqarch.org.

If you have never used scrip, I encourage you to give it a try. It is quick, easy and safe. You can save money for tuition assistance and it also helps our parishes and Pastorate. Thank you for your continued prayers and support of your respective parish and our Pastorate.

-Peace, Fr. Kenneth J. Glaser

Where: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
1350 Lyndhurst Drive, Hiawatha, IA
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Time: 6:00-7:30 pm
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following the event. Childcare
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