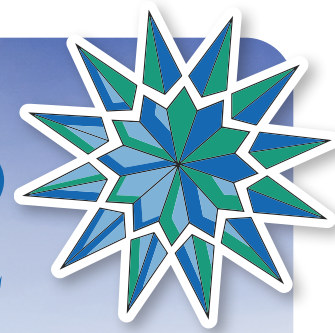


ALL SAINTS

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL



Love God • Serve Others • Form Disciples



*But blessed
are your eyes,
because they see,
and your ears,
because they
hear.*

Matthew 13:16

**July 15 & July 16, 2023;
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday 8:00 am
Wednesday 8:00 am
Thursday 8:00 am
Friday 8:00 am

Take a Moment to Reflect Upon the Gospel of Matthew



Please Pray for the Following People

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



Vera Mehring, Brette Dostal, Pat Malloy, Scott Bembenek, Kevin Conway, Tina Schmitz, Christina Rinderknecht, Randy Krejci, Kerry Lynn, Christina Lynn, Tammy Fox Hingtgen, Joyce Jeanblanc, Bette & Patrick Logan, Jim Thompson, Deb Gallagher, Mindi Van Gilder, Imelda Tatara, Jenny Owens, Alan Murray, Elsa Mudong, Gregory Anexstad, Joe Zachar, Larry Richards, Nyle Pratt, Donna Feld, Teddy Sabet, Jerry Noel, Mary Gallagher, Boheman/Bowers Family, Jones Hingtgen, Cal Speltz, John and Cindy Beasley, Jim and Joanne Treka, Mike Wirfel, Brenda Fox-Kowalsky, Mary Gates, † Donna Feld, † Joseph Zachar Jr., and † Fini Durin.

Parishioners & Family Members on Active Duty:

Andy Murtha, Stephen Ocenosak, Zachary Gilbert, Ryer Barnes

To add a name call Dan Alpers, at 363-6130, ext. 100. Names will be listed for 4 weeks and may be renewed. †, Recently deceased will be listed for two weeks.



Stewardship Corner



May our stewardship of time, talent and treasure show us to be among those who have heard the message of Christ and taken it in, yielding a hundred — or sixty — or thirty-fold!

Peaches for Me... Peaches for YOU!



Court Cedar Rapids #1768 is made up of women from all the Catholic parishes in the metro Cedar Rapids area. The Catholic Daughters are again conducting the fresh Colorado peaches fundraiser during June and July. Previous proceeds have benefited Metro Catholic Outreach, the Catholic Worker House, and St. Vincent de Paul. 18-22 pound boxes are \$35 and 9-12 pound boxes are \$22. Order forms can be found at: www.crcatholicdaughters.org or at www.facebook.com/CDAcourt1768/. Orders will be delivered in August to St. Wenceslaus Church at 1224 5th Street SE. Orders must be placed no later than Wednesday, July 26.

Get the “Scoop” on Parish Life with Root Beer Floats!



Join us for a summer treat!

Come enjoy a root beer float after 4:00 and 9:00 Mass on July 15-16 and July 29-30.



Service to Others

Metro Catholic Outreach



Assembling Homeless Bags

Many of our clients have no kitchens or stable housing, and are living on the streets of our town. A big part of the day here in our office is giving out bags of easy open food, snacks, and personal care items to these folks.

We can easily give out 15-20 bags per day, which requires constant assembling of the supplies on hand to have bags ready to distribute.

We can always use an extra volunteer who can give an hour or two of time to assemble some bags and help answer the door. If you're interested in helping out, give us a call or shoot us an email.

And as always, donations are needed each week to keep the supplies on hand for those in need. See our list below each week for suggestions.

Thanks for all you do to help those who need it the most!

A Note to All Saints from MCO:

The parishioners at All Saints regularly bring in their food donations once a month. Last month, to answer our cereal shortage, they quickly organized a summer cereal food drive, asking their people to bring in cereal donations every week. What a wonderful outpouring of love and cereal we have received from the faithful folks at All Saints!

CFAD Update



All Saints Church recently received a distribution from our Endowment Fund. This fund was started many years ago by parishioners who wished to provide for the future of All Saints and the generations to come. Others have contributed since its beginning either through estate gifts, life insurance policies, stock or cash. You, too, can make an impact on the future of All Saints through any of these opportunities. If you would like more information or have any questions about how you can invest in the legacy of All Saints Parish, please contact Tracy Huk, business manager, at businessmgr@allsaintscr.com or 319-363-6130 ext. 111.

Volunteer with Catholic Charities - You can make a difference!



Catholic Charities is looking for enthusiastic, service-oriented, and dedicated individuals to join our team as volunteers. We are seeking mentors and support group members to help clients through their journey out of poverty. Please visit our website for more information or to submit your online volunteer application. If you have questions about this opportunity, please contact Daniel Shafer (Waterloo/Mason City), at d.shafer@dbqarch.org or 319-272-2080 or Karen Hoeger (Dubuque) at k.hoeger@dbqarch.org or 563-588-0558.

You Are Cordially Invited...



Welcome to the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In today's Gospel, the disciples ask a great question, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" I imagine that teachers and parents nod their heads in understanding as Jesus answers, "This is why I speak to them in parables, because they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand." Anytime we learn something new, it is best comprehended and integrated when we are taught from something we already know or are familiar.

In school, we learn basic concepts like counting or simple words and then build upon those over the years until we are studying calculus or writing a thesis. We typically don't just hop on a bike and ride. We learn how our legs work as we crawl and then walk. Many times a tricycle is then introduced and we learn how to pedal and steer. One skill builds to the next. The parables that Jesus used to teach the crowds were all based on ideas or practices that they were already knowledgeable about. This made it easier for them to identify with his story, which allowed Jesus teach them new ways of thinking and acting - the ways of God.

I am currently reading, *I Heard God Laugh*, by Matthew Kelly. It is about how to have an active and fruitful prayer life. Matthew Kelly makes a distinction in his book between knowing prayers and the transforming process of learning how to pray. Knowing prayers and reciting them is a good basic. Learning how to pray with God rather than just to God is life changing. "Nothing will change your life so completely, absolutely and forever like learning how to really pray. In prayer we learn who we are and what we are here for, what matters most and what matters least. Through prayer we discover the-best-version-of-ourselves, and are given the courage to celebrate and defend it in each moment of each day. In prayer we learn how to love and be loved, because we discover that we have been loved, are loved, and will continually be loved by God."

I don't share the reality of my prayer life with others often as I am usually met with disbelief and sometimes shock. "You talk to God that way?!" For better or for worse - yes, I do. My prayer life is always a work in progress; there are times of oasis and stretches of desert. The One who loves me the most and brings me joy is also the One who frustrates me when He challenges me and calls me on everything. My childhood imagination is never far away and I readily feel God's presence throughout the day. God and I started this journey on a very real note: I was on a retreat and struggling with many things in my life. That evening, as I was tossing and turning, I felt God calling for me to come and see him in the chapel. I resisted for several hours, but in a very grumpy huff, I finally grabbed my pillow and stalked to the chapel. Throwing open the doors, I yelled, "What do you want?!" The dam burst open and life has never been the same. I wish I could tell you that my relationship with God has been all peaches and roses since that night, but I can feel God rolling his eyes and laughing even as I type this sentence. God created me to be very independent and so we tend to argue quite a bit. Like Matthew Kelly, though, there is that one question, that when I finally let go of the steering wheel and ask, that consistently leads me to peace: God, what do you think I should do? "To think that we can find happiness without asking this question is one of our grandest delusions. This question has led men and women from all walks of life to discover who they are and what they are here for." God knows us - like Adam and Eve - we are naked before God. There is nothing that He does not know about us. These are the real conversations that God wants to have with us. "This conversation with God about anything and everything that's happening in our lives, about the things that are troubling us, and the things that bring us joy, is the heart of spiritual life."

And so, I invite you to Mass (and then the next and the next...) If you know someone who has been absent or who is seeking God to come into their life, invite them to join you! Let's really listen to the readings and talk to God about them. Sit for even 5 minutes everyday and have a conversation with God. Boldly ask the question: God, what do you think I should do? ***Love God-Serve Others-Form Disciples.***

Praying and hoping with you always.

Tracy Huk

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Mass Intentions

Tues. July 18 8:00 am
† Theresa Ocenosak

Wed. July 19 8:00 am
Judy Benedict Francis

Thurs. July 20 8:00 am
† Shawn Myers

Fri. July 21 8:00 am
† Angela Svoboda

Sat. July 22 4:00 pm
† William Vogl

Sun. July 23 9:00 am
For the People

Scripture Readings

Week of July 16, 2023

Sunday:

Is 55: 10-11/ Ps 65: 10. 11. 12-13. 14 (Lk 8:8)/ Rom 8: 18-23/ Mt 13: 1-23

Monday:

Ex 1: 8-14. 22/ Ps 124: 1b-3. 4-6. 7-8/ Mt 10: 34 11: 1

Tuesday:

Ex 2: 1-15a/ Ps 69: 3. 14. 30-31. 33-34/ Mt 11: 20-24

Wednesday:

Ex 3: 1-6. 9-12/ Ps 103: 1b-2. 3-4. 6-7/ Mt 11: 25-27

Thursday:

Ex 3: 13-20/ Ps 105: 1 and 5. 8-9. 24-25. 26-27/ Mt 11: 28-30

Friday:

Ex 11: 10 12: 14/ Ps 116: 12-13. 15 and 16bc. 17-18/ Mt 12: 1-8

Saturday:

Ex 12: 37-42/ Ps 136: 1 and 23-24. 10-12. 13-15/ Jn 20: 1-2. 11-18

Sunday:

Wis 12: 13. 16-19/ Ps 86: 5-6. 9-10. 15-16 (5a)/ Rom 8: 26-27/ Mt 13: 24-43

A Prayer as We Await a New Archbishop



O God, you send your Son,
Our Lord Jesus, as priest, prophet, and king.

We thank you for your abundant blessings bestowed upon our Archdiocese, and thank you for the ministry of Archbishop Jackels.

In your grace, send us a bishop like Jesus: a priest of deep and true prayer, a teacher with a loving heart and firm resolve, and a shepherd of joy and peace, who desires above all to do Your will.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.

All Saints Nights at Green Square Meals



All Saints helps prepare and serve dinner at Green Square Meals soup kitchen, 2-3 times a month. Sign up to help at the link below or contact Melissa Peckosh (847-975-1785 or missypeckosh@yahoo.com).

ALL SAINTS NIGHTS: 2nd & 5th Tuesday, 3rd Monday

All volunteers in sixth grade and up are welcome. Sign up at: <https://signup.com/go/vJYiFPm>

Changes to the Ablaze Event on July 19



In response to the overwhelming popularity of four-square at our last event, we have changed our family event from a movie night to a four-square and bags tournament. Families are invited to join Youth Ministry on July 19th from 7-8:30 by the playground. Join us for an evening of fun, friendly competition, and family bonding.

Bruins Beat *Summer Edition!*

Welcome PRINCIPAL STARR!

The All Saints School Board invites everyone to stop by the coffee bar in the Narthex following Mass on Saturday, July 22 and Sunday, July 23 to greet our new Principal, Ms. Kelly Starr, and to enjoy a time of Fellowship with coffee, lemonade, cookies and conversation.

It's a big day here at Xavier as Mrs. Holverson is officially on board as Xavier's fourth principal in school history! We are blessed to have her as a leader and part of the XHS team. Welcome, Mrs. Holverson! #WeAreXavier



We just received the Hy-Vee check in the amount of \$3,735.49! Woo Hoo! Way to go! Special thanks go to All Saints parishioners, *Joan Murrin* and *Jessica Cox* for their time and talent in processing Hy-Vee receipts and inspiring others to provide our school with theirs. Keep bringing those receipts in!



Ministry Schedule

July 15, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan

Cynthia Gunsolly, OFS
Extraordinary Ministers
Stephen Schmitz
Marvin Stallman
Sharon Warden

Altar Servers

Jackson Keller
Stella Lippe
Max Marcott

Lectors

Tim Nash
Rick Stefani

Hospitality Ministers

Daniel Greene
Dick Kettelkamp
Barb Lindstrom
Peg Schmitz
Debbie Suby
Mike Votroubek

July 16, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

John Michael
Extraordinary Ministers
Stephanie Guzman
Joe Latta
Dennis Mullarkey

Altar Servers

Martin (MJ) Golobic
Dylan Lang
Bella Schmidt

Lectors

David Shema
Loesje Shema

Hospitality Ministers

Maureen Dale Ernst
John Ernst
Nicole Johnson
Tony Satariano
Chris Shimon
Diane Weimer

Ministry Schedule

July 22, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan

Joan Fishburn

Extraordinary Ministers

Suzanne Lammers

Andrew Lang

Ellanor Morrissey

Altar Servers

James Lammers

Caleb Lang

Remington Taylor

Lectors

Theresa Harker

Kathy Ulrich

Hospitality Ministers

Sue Bright

Jen Colby

Chris Colby

Ryan Donnelly

Barb Lindstrom

Jan Merfeld

July 23, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

Sherry Casey

Extraordinary Ministers

Brian Conway

Chris Conway

Isabelle Werner

Altar Servers

Kevin Favorite

Addison Johnson

Maili McMahan

Lectors

Lynn Holverson

Todd Holverson

Hospitality Ministers

Nicole Johnson

Shannon Murray

Connor Murray

Pete Rethwisch

Bea Rethwisch

Chris Shimon

Family Ministry

July 16, 2023 • 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 13:1–23

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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Ablaze Youth Ministry Summer Sessions

ABLAZE YOUTH MINISTRY

Summer Sessions

FOR MIDDLE AND
HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS

MAY 17

CAPTURE THE FLAG
7:00 - 8:30 | ALL SAINTS

JUNE 8

LOST ISLAND WATER PARK
\$45 | MEET AT ST. E'S
CONTACT ISABELLE FOR MORE DETAILS

JUNE 14

YARD GAMES
7:00 - 8:30 | ALL SAINTS

JULY 19

FAMILY YARD GAMES
7:00 - 8:30 | ALL SAINTS

AUGUST 16

KICKBALL & CRAFTS
7:00 - 8:30 | ALL SAINTS

AUGUST 30

PRAISE & WORSHIP ADORATION
7:00 - 8:30 | ALL SAINTS

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Sacrament Information

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays at 3 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.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA): Classes are scheduled for Sunday mornings beginning in the Fall. Contact Bob Lillibridge, Director of Formation, for more information (adultformation@allsaintscr.com).

Confirmation: High school sophomores through seniors meet one Sunday per month from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM, September through February to prepare. Contact Isabelle Werner for more information (youthministry@allsaintscr.com).

First Reconciliation & Eucharist: Second graders combine home study and retreats to prepare for these sacraments. Contact Stacy Cataldo, Director of Catechesis, for more information (catechesis@allsaintscr.com).

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 Church.

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

Prayer Tree: Available to anyone who would like us to pray for their intentions. Please call Ramona Welsh at 319-366-1770.

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, in the Sanctuary.

Parish Website: You may both submit and view prayer intentions any time at: <https://allsaintscr.churchcenter.com/people/forms/413117>.