

ALL SAINTS

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL



Love God ♦ Serve Others ♦ Form Disciples



**March 18 & March 19, 2023;
Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,
and Christ will give you light.”**

Eph 5:14

WEEKEND MASS TIMES		WEEKDAY MASS TIMES		ADORATION	
Saturday	4:00 PM	Tuesday	8:00 AM	Monday	5:30 - 6:30 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM	Tuesday	6:00 PM	Wednesday	8:30 - 9:30 AM
STATIONS OF THE CROSS		Wednesday	8:00 AM	RECONCILIATION	
Tuesday	5:30 PM	Thursday	8:15 AM	Tuesday	5:00 - 5:30 PM
		Friday	8:00 AM	Saturday	3:00 - 3:45 PM

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Sacrament Information

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

By appointment only during this time.

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 at 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 Dan Tatara, Director of Formation, for more information at formation@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 at 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 www.allsaintscr.com.

Bulletin Deadline:

Items must be submitted electronically to the parish office by Noon on the preceding Monday to: bulletin@allsaintscr.com.

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, Isabelle Werner, Joyce Jeanblanc, Bette & Patrick Logan, Jim Thompson, Deb Gallagher, Mindi Van Gilder, Imelda Tatara, Stacey Lehr, Jenny Owens, Allan Murray, Elsa Mudong, Gregory Anexstad, Joe Zachar, Larry Richards, Nyle Pratt, Donna Feld, Teddy Sabet, Jerry Noel, Mary Gallagher, Boheman/Bowers Family, Jones Hingtgen, Jerry Alderson, Cal Speltz, John and Cindy Beasley

Parishioners & Family Members on Active Duty

Andy Murtha, Stephen Ocenosak, Zachary Gilbert, Ryer Barnes



To add a name call Dan Tatara, at 363-6130, ext. 112. Names will be listed for 4 weeks and may be

METRO LENTEN RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE



Sunday	March 19	St. John Parish, Mt. Vernon	2:00 PM
Sunday,	March 26	St. Mary Parish, Urbana	3:00 PM
Thursday	March 30	St. Jude Parish, CR	6:30 PM
Saturday	April 01	St. John XXIII Parish, Fairfax	9:00 AM


Make plans to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation this Lenten season.

Stewardship Corner

The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?



Mass Intentions

 *Mass Intentions*
intentions for all of 2023.

If you would like to have a loved one remembered with a Mass, please call 319-363-6130 or stop by the office during business hours. We are scheduling

RCIA Updates

Please continue to pray for Krystal Decker and Jim Steele as they enter their final preparations to become full members of the Catholic faith. Krystal will be baptized, receive Confirmation and First Communion. Jim will make a profession of faith, receive Confirmation and First Communion. They are both very excited for this journey!



Please Remember



The funeral for Theresa Ocenosak was celebrated March 15. Please remember Theresa and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Scrip News

- We have new items in stock: Donutland in \$10 and \$25 cards, and McDonald's in \$10 cards
- We are welcoming new local merchants to participate in our scrip program! Contact Lori at scrip@allsaintscr.com for more details.

- Volunteers Needed

We are always looking for additional volunteers to participate in our scrip program! In which other ministry can you financially help our parish, our parish school, our school families, AND several church ministries, all without any additional cost to you?

Scrip's top volunteer need today: **adults to sell scrip after Mass**. It only takes a few minutes before Mass, 20-30 minutes after Mass, and it's always at least two people working together. Right now, scrip is sold after Masses only on the first full weekend of the month, due to lack of volunteers. The more people we have, the more often we can have scrip available after Mass. Email Lori at

scrip@allsaintscr.com to learn more.



More scrip information is available online! Scan the code to visit our website: sites.google.com/view/aptscrip.

As always, scrip is available anytime at [RaiseRight.com](https://www.raise-right.com), plus order forms and drop boxes are in both the parish and school entryways.

Thanks for supporting All Saints!

All Saints Lenten Mission

The Mission begins next weekend!

When: March 26 and March 27, 6:30—8:00 PM

Who: Deacon Allen Tatara

What: Recharging Your Spiritual Batteries

In many ways, our spiritual life is a lot like a cell phone battery. There are times when our “spiritual battery” is fully charged.

We're into the Scriptures, our prayer life is healthy, our spiritual appetite is good, and our passion and enthusiasm is running high. But then there are times when our “spiritual battery” is low or even dead. We have no hunger for God's word. We spend little or no time in prayer. Our spiritual passion is gone, and we're just going through the motions in our spiritual life.

This mission (through Scripture, stories, humor, and song) will offer six spiritual practices that we need to follow to recharge our spiritual batteries in order to renew our strength, restore our joy, release our anxieties, rekindle our hope, and reconnect us with God.

Deacon Allen Tatara is a permanent deacon in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Ordained in 2009, he serves at St. Hubert Parish in Hoffman Estates, Illinois. He has been involved with teens and young adults for more than 30 years, and is blessed to work alongside his wife, Stephanie, as Youth Ministry Coordinators at the parish.

Deacon Allen is a dynamic and fiery speaker, preacher, storyteller, musician and evangelizer. He loves sharing his God-given gifts in his ministries and is truly humbled to be in service to God and his people. He ministers around the country at diocesan, school, and parish adult and youth events. He has motivated and inspired groups of all ages to a greater awareness of how to recognize God's presence in their daily lives through his unique blend of storytelling, humor, audience participation, music, and deep-seeded spirituality.



Mass Intentions

Tues	Mar 21	8:00 AM
✠	Deceased Members of the Magee Family	
Tues	Mar 21	6:00 PM
	For the People	
Wed	Mar 22	8:00 AM
	For the People	
Thurs	Mar 23	8:15 AM
	Jim Hoverman	
Fri	Mar 24	8:00 AM
	For the People	
Sat	Mar 25	4:00 PM
✠	Robert O. Hook	
Sun	Mar 26	9:00 AM
	For the People	

Scripture Readings Week of March 19, 2023

Sunday:

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

Monday:

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Tuesday:

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday:

Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday:

Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday:

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday:

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Sunday:

Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45

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.com/get-involved/prayer-requests>.

SEE, I AM DOING A NEW THING ... FOR HAITI

Overcoming Fear and Doing Something New Can Be Rewarding



Father Magloire, a former pastor of our sister parish in Haiti, participates in one of the teacher trainings he asked our committee to begin during our visits.

By Cate Biro

Doing something new can be very exciting, but it can also scary. That was my initial thought about Haiti; it sounded both exciting and scary. Something new can bring the specter of the unknown, and at the time I first heard about Haiti, I already had too many unknowns in my life. So, I listened and thought about Haiti, knowing the unknown was too scary just then. God had other ideas. I felt like He was keeping Haiti very present in my thoughts.

A few years later, when my life had turned entirely upside down, everything was scary and unknown. I decided I needed something new and positive, so I decided to join the Haiti committee. I hadn't thought to travel to Haiti. My plan was just to help, but I did something new and a few months later I was in a village in Haiti. I don't know what I expected, I didn't expect to be moved so profoundly. The people of the villages taught me grace and humility. They live in abject poverty, without any of the conveniences that I have in my life and yet they are positive and full of hope.

Then Father Magloire (the pastor at our sister parish at that time)

asked our group to do something new – to create a seminar for the teachers in the villages. We didn't quite know what that meant, it was certainly a small thing to ask that would have a large impact. From the very first training, the teachers were professional and engaged. We have been able to demonstrate different teaching methods to the villages and add to the professionalism of the teachers. The teacher training has grown in attendance, and along the way we built trust, as the teachers felt comfortable to suggest topics for the training.

Being involved with the Haiti committee has taught me that doing something new, even if it's a little scary, can be one of the most memorable experiences in your life.

Your Lenten Alms support education in Haiti.

Please give generously.

Donate at allsaintscr.churchcenter.com/giving (choose "Haiti Education Fund" from the drop-down) or send a check to the parish, with "Haiti" in the memo.

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How's Your Lenten Journey Going?

By Peg Schmitz, Faith Formation Commission

Have you ever found yourself on a major vacation that you weren't able to really research and plan as much as you would have liked to? Steve and I found ourselves in just that situation on a 10 day tour of the United Kingdom in 2015. Life and work were both busy leading up to the trip and we found little time to research the places we'd be staying at. And because it was a tour, we thought we would be OK because every day was all planned for us. We did enjoy the vacation, which started in London and from there we headed to Scotland, Ireland, Wales and back to London. But I will never forget as we were touring the Titanic Museum in Belfast that we learned that all of the museums and galleries in London were free to the public. It really frustrated me because we had a free afternoon in London before the tour started. But we had decided to pass on stopping at the museums because we assumed the entrance fee was as high as comparable museums in Chicago or New York. We missed a great opportunity to see much more that afternoon in London! While Lent is a spiritual journey, it's a little different than a vacation, but I think we all agree it's much more important to our development as a spiritual being! It is a journey that we should spend some time planning for ahead of the season. Now our church offers many services and resources that makes planning our Lenten journey easier: reconciliation, stations of the cross, extra masses, bible studies, Adoration are some examples. And the beautiful week before Easter is full of opportunities to worship and reflect on Christ's Passion and then on Easter, celebrate the resurrection of Christ.



At this latter point in Lent, you may be asking why are you talking about planning? Because it's never too late to start looking at a deeper relationship with God! So, as we're drawing closer to Easter, and perhaps you're feeling a lack of connection to the Lenten season, there is still time to refocus and reengage.

A great opportunity is being offered this next week. Deacon Allen Tatara will be presenting on "Recharging Your Spiritual Batteries" at the All Saints Lenten Mission on March 26th and 27th. You may have attended the last mission Deacon Tatara gave which was very well received. He will be offering several practices, all geared toward recharging our spiritual batteries and renewing our strength, restoring our joy, releasing our anxieties, rekindling our hope and reconnecting us with God.

So if you haven't felt the energy or connection you anticipated this Lent, this mission could be the answer. I encourage you to spend some time in reflection in advance of the mission. Consider what area of your spiritual life might be holding you back from growth. Is it something internal such as pride or ego, desire, anger, or a need to forgive someone or yourself? Is it external such as natural disasters, illnesses, or accidents? Having an awareness of what may be bringing your spiritual energy down will help you to be prepared to pick up ideas on how you may benefit from one or more of the practices Deacon Tatara will be sharing with us.

And if you feel you have been experiencing a great Lenten journey then you will be all the more receptive to learning even more practices to put into your spiritual tool box!

March Meetings

1st	Men of the Eucharist	
	Library	7:00 PM
2nd	Parish Plant	
	Library	5:30 PM
7th	Haiti Committee	
	Library	6:30 PM
8th	Liturgy	
	Library	5:15 PM
8th	Men of the Eucharist	
	Library	7:00 PM
14th	Stewardship	
	Library	6:15 PM
15th	School Board	
	School	5:30 PM
15th	Men of the Eucharist	
	Library	7:00 PM
16th	Pastoral & Finance	
	Zoom	5:00 PM
21st	St. Annes	
	Social Hall	1:00 PM
22nd	Men of the Eucharist	
	Library	7:00 PM
23rd	FFC	
	Library	6:00 PM
29th	Men of the Eucharist	
	Library	7:00 PM

Save the Date

Parish Mission

March 26 and 27: 6:30 PM

Holy Thursday

April 6: 5:30 PM

Good Friday

April 7: 5:30 PM

Easter Vigil

April 8: 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday

April 9: 9:00 AM

First Communion Mass

April 15: 4:00 PM

April 16: 9:00 AM

Ministry Schedule

March 25, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan

Cynthia Gunsolly, OFS

Extraordinary Ministers

Aaron Kelly

John Lutkenhaus

Cindy Lyness

Altar Servers

Ryan Kelly

Logan Kelly

Sean Kelly

Lectors

Theresa Harker

Lisa Stephenson

Hospitality Ministers

Chris Colby

Jen Colby

Dick Kettelkamp

Barb Lindstrom

Daniel Greene

Mike Votroubek

March 26, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

Joe Latta

Extraordinary Ministers

Stephanie Guzman

David Shema

Loesje Shema

Altar Servers

Willa English

Kevin Favorite

MJ Golobic

Lectors

Matt Brandes

Chris Conway

Hospitality Ministers

Connor Murray

Pete Rethwisch

Jeanne Amosson

Shannon Murray

Chris Shimon

Bea Rethwisch

Bruins Beat



LEARNING WITH A HIGHER PURPOSE

ESA has passed! See if All Saints is the Best Fit for Your Child!

Over the next few weeks and months, we will learn more about the details of how the ESA program will be implemented. Being new legislation, there are certainly things we do not know right now. We ask for grace as we learn, implement, and communicate about this opportunity for families. We will continue to communicate with you as more information becomes available. Until then, please review the information below to learn more about how ESAs will impact your family and invite others to consider our school for their family.

How will the ESA work?

Parents who choose to enroll their children in an accredited nonpublic school will receive \$7,598, the amount of per pupil funds allocated annually by the state, to use for tuition, fees, and other qualified expenses.

ESA Eligibility:

ESAs will be available based on the following eligibility:

Year 1: School Year 2023-24

- All entering kindergarten students
- All students enrolled in a public school

A student enrolled in a private school with a household income at or below 300% of the 2023 Federal Poverty Guidelines, \$90,000 for a family of four

Year 2: School Year 2024-25

- All entering kindergarten students
- All students enrolled in a public school
- A student enrolled in a private school with a household income at or below 400% of the 2024 Federal Poverty Guidelines that will be updated January 2024

Year 3: School Year 2025-26

All K-12 students in Iowa regardless of income

Call the school office at (319)363-4110 to learn more and schedule your tour today!

Family Ministry

March 19, 2023 • Fourth Sunday of Lent John 9: 1-41 Living Out Loud

The Pharisees continue to try to find something they can convict Jesus of. They question the blind man that Jesus healed. Hoping to trap him into saying something to incriminate Jesus, they persecute the man with words. The blind man continued to tell the truth.

There are all sorts of ways of being persecuted. The Pharisees laughed at and ridiculed the blind man for speaking the truth. A few years later, Stephen became the first Christian martyr for speaking his truth. I admire these men for their courage, particularly when I consider my own lack of it.

I don't think I would ever disavow being a Catholic, but at the same time I wonder why sometimes it looks like I'm trying to keep it a secret. I remember sitting in a restaurant recently and seeing an elderly couple bless themselves and say grace before eating their meal. I was impressed, and had to wonder why I feel so uncomfortable making the Sign of the Cross in a crowded restaurant. I know that in the United States nobody's going to stone me for my faith.

However, persecution can come in a variety of forms and degrees, from the ultimate price of martyrdom to the subtle disrespect of being laughed at. There may seem to be no comparison between the two, but the discomfort of being left out or talked about still hurts. Sometimes it takes courage to live one's faith openly.

We may live in a free society, but folks see religion as a private matter. If we pray out loud, mention the Bible, or talk about what the priest said on Sunday, our coworkers may be inclined to negatively consider us religious fanatics. Blessed are those who witness to their faith anyway.

The best place to practice living your faith out loud is at home. Pray together with your family before meals and at bedtime, take turns reading the Bible to each other, talk about Sunday's Gospel and homily. Let your children see you witness your faith to the outside world, even if it is just by making the Sign of the Cross in a crowded restaurant.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Talk about how each family members can let the light of faith shine. How can you live out your faith as a family?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

How comfortable are you sharing your faith at home or outside the home? How can you get better at this?

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Ministry Schedule

April 1, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan

Joan Fishburn (sub req.)

Extraordinary Ministers

Joan Murrin

Marvin Stallman

Jim Thebeau

Altar Servers

Joseph Cataldo

Emma Colby

Remington Taylor

Lectors

Rick Stefani

Teel Thebeau

Hospitality Ministers

Chris Colby

Jen Colby

Sue Bright

Ryan Donnelly

Peg Schmitz (sub req.)

Tom Takes

April 2, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

Cate Biro

Extraordinary Ministers

Tom Amosson

Wade Johnson

John Michael

Altar Servers

Roman Kilburg

Bella Schmidt (sub req.)

Logan Weininger

Lectors

Robin Brown

Becky Weininger

Hospitality Ministers

Jeanne Amosson

Tony Satariaon

Dorothy Svatosch

Shelly Zaugg

Chris Shimon

Grace Zaugg

Service to Others

Metro Catholic Outreach



Thanks to you,
the food pantry
served 318

Metro Catholic Outreach people from 112 families last week, as well as providing 65 homeless bags and 28 school bags.

Pantry Needs

Canned Meat	Potatoes/Rice
Helper Meals	Soup/Stew/Chili
Pancake Mix	Mac & Cheese
Syrup	Peanut Butter
Pork & Beans	Canned Fruit
Soap/Body Wash	Single Serve Meals
Toilet Paper	Shampoo
Laundry Pods	Dental Supplies
Plastic and brown paper bags	

Thank you all for everything you do for MCO!

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 grades 6 and up are welcome. Sign up at:

<https://signup.com/go/vJYiFPm>

Take Away Hunger Food Packaging

We have temporarily postponed the packing events the last Sunday of even numbered months after mass. When pandemic restrictions are eased, you may also host an event; the

more events, the better! Contact Bea Rethwisch at 319-651-4831 or pbr8675@msn.com.



Local & International Food Relief

You are Cordially Invited...



Welcome to the fourth Sunday of Lent. We are halfway through our Lenten journey and the Church acknowledges this by designating this as Laetare Sunday. Laetare means rejoice! It is a brief moment to remember the joy that will be coming before we enter into the somberness of Holy Week soon.

In both the Old Testament reading of 1 Samuel and the Gospel reading from John, we are reminded that “not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart.”

Have you ever listened to the radio and tried to imagine what the host looks like and then either met that person or saw them and were surprised by how much the mental picture did not match reality? Or have you had a phone conversation with a person and the same thing happened when you finally met them in person? It seems that the apple from which Adam and Eve ate was full of the by-product known as bias and that has been passed on to each generation ever since. Now bias doesn't always have to be negative. There is a small segment of the population that seems to look for the “silver lining” more often than not in any given situation (yes, my sons, I know that you called me Mary Poppins behind my back!) There is also a small segment of the population that seems to cast doom and gloom like a flower girl casts rose petals with every step they take. We all see the world with human eyes. Whether we like to admit it or not, humanly, we judge one another (positive, negative or somewhere in between) all the time. That was God's point with Samuel. God was not focusing on outward appearance; rather, He was looking for a receptive heart and he found that in David.

When the disciples tried to play the game of pin the sin for the blind man they passed, Jesus shattered their judgement glasses. “Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.” It's just as true now as it was in this Gospel passage, bad things happen to good people, most often through no fault of theirs. Is God inviting us to stop playing our own pass the blame game in life and to start responding with a receptive and open heart? What would the world be like if we all started to pray, “God let your mighty works be made visible to all through this situation. Give me hope and courage to say yes to allowing your grace to shine through me.”

As Mary showed us over and over, saying “yes” to God does not mean you will then have an easy life. Personally, I feel that journeying with God is the hardest path I have ever walked. I stumble and fall a lot. I often try to look over my shoulder and even go backwards. In this passage, God is inviting us have trust and faith, to say yes to allowing him to do great works through us. That means letting go of the steering wheel. This is a terrifying thought for me. What if I don't like where God takes me? What if He goes too slow or too fast? What if there is a flat tire or the check engine light goes on? What if...? For when I accept that God does not cause bad things to happen; then I also have to accept that God does not wave a magic wand and “fix things” to match how I think they should be.

Like Mary, like David, like the blind man, being a willing participant takes courage, prayer and perseverance. Let's continue to work on having open hearts and willing tongues to say yes this Lent. Let's continue to roll away the stone that covers our heart. Let's gather at Mass at Easter and gloriously proclaim as the blind man, “I do believe, Lord.”

And so, I invite you to attend the weekend liturgy (and then the next and the next...) This Lent, let us come together to be healed, to be restored and to be transformed.

Praying with you always.

Tracy Huk

Business Manager

Catholic Charities Annual Appeal

Thank You from Catholic Charities - These past several weeks Catholic Charities has received strong spiritual and financial support for their 2023 Annual Appeal. These gifts work to strengthen families, reduce poverty, and empower communities in Northeast Iowa. Thank you to all who have given so generously. It is never too late to join this important effort. To learn more about Catholic Charities or to give go to



<http://www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org>.

Faith Formation Listening Sessions

As we revise our children and youth formation programs, we want to hear your insights, feedback, and thoughts.

Join us as we work to create programming for our All Saints families.

When: Sunday, April 30, 10:00 AM

Tuesday, May 2, 2:00 PM

Thursday, May 4, 9:15 AM

Sunday May 7, 10:00 AM

These session will take place in the Social Hall.



CEO Event - March 23



Travis Lacy

St. Wenceslaus Church, 6:30 PM

Refreshments will be served. No Childcare will be available.

Travis Lacy grew up as a Protestant, which taught him to treasure the words of scripture and to seek the truth above all else. Livestream:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=My4-htJQe-s>.

Update on HyVee receipts

March 31 ends another years' collection of HyVee receipts. We will turn in receipts to HyVee and they will calculate this year's donation to All Saints School. That does NOT mean you should quit saving your receipts! Keep on saving them and turning them in! April 1 will start a new year of collection. A couple of reminders: (1). Only HyVee receipts from the Cedar Rapids area qualify which includes HyVee gas, and HyVee restaurant receipts. (2) Turn in receipts regularly either at the school or the church. Receipts less than 2 weeks old can be scanned for Box Top rewards which is also making money for the school; (3) Turn in the entire receipt as the bottom half has the date of purchase which is required to be eligible. For anyone who needs help turning in the receipts, contact Joan Murrin (319-431-1850). Many thanks to all who help with this important fundraiser for All Saints School! This years' donation will be announced in a future bulletin...watch for it!



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Catholic Daughters of the Americas Meeting



Catholic Daughters of the Americas-Court Cedar Rapids #1768 will meet Tuesday March 14, at St. Wenceslaus Church. Doors open at 6:00 PM with refreshments, meeting at 6:30 PM.

Our speaker is Diana Richardson on "Miracles."

We will make Easter favors for retired Sisters of Mercy. Guests are always welcome.

Contacts: Erika 319-238-1798 or Stephanie 319-540-7193 with any questions.

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