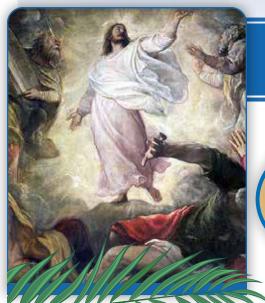


Love God • Serve Others • Form Disciples



February 24 & February 25, 2024; Second Sunday of Lent

From the
shining cloud the
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Father's voice is heard:
This is my beloved
Son, listen
to him.
Mark 17:5

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

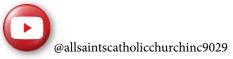
Saturday 4:00 pm Sunday 9:00 am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday
No morning Mass due to a Funeral
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
8:00 am
Friday
8:00 am











Please Pray for the Following People (Why people want prayers isn't important, the prayers are!)



The Hommer Family, † John Gourley and family, and † Nancy Snyder and family.

Parishioners & Family Members on Active Duty: Matthew Reitzel



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

Stewardship Corner



Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself "did not spare His own Son." Are my gifts to the Lord – of my resources, of my time, of myself - also sacrificial?

Service to Others Metro Catholic Outreach

We Are OUT of Bus Passes

Bus passes are such a needed item for our Cedar Rapids folks without housing or transportation.

After two generous donations from St. John and All Saints parishioners, we have handed out every last pass. Several

clients each day are asking for them. Please consider this donation.



https://www.cedar-rapids.org/residents/city_buses/passes.php

A Unique Request

Wheeled luggage is great for a homeless client to keep and transport food and a change of clothes. We have several requests for these each week. Wheeled luggage or any type of cart or wagon is also appreciated for folks without vehicles who pick up the heavy bags of groceries from our food pantry. Each distribution day we have clients coming on foot, and any type of wheeled cart is always a hit.



2023 Tax Documents Have Been Mailed

Anyone who donated more than \$250 to MCO in 2023 should have received your tax verification in the mail. (This applies to monetary donations only.) If you happened to donate online, we may not have your mailing address, but you should have received an email confirmation at the time you donated. Contact our office if you have not received the needed documents. Thank you to all our wonderful donors!



Faith Formation in Haiti



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By Peg Schmitz

Prize Question: How many Catholic dioceses are there in Haiti?

(Hint: the answer is in the article below. Please deposit your response, name, phone number or email in the little red schoolhouse near the Haiti display case by the parish office, or submit your answer at bit.ly/HaitiLentQuiz by Friday morning.)

LEARN

Catholicism is the official religion of Haiti. According to 2018 estimates, <u>60% of the population are Catholic</u>, and 29.5% are Protestant. Haitian Vodou, which combines elements of Christianity with traditional African religious beliefs, is widely practiced. It is estimated that 50-80% of Haitians incorporate some elements of Vodou culture or practice with another religion; Vodou has been an official religion since 2003.



There are <u>ten dioceses in Haiti, 251 parishes and 1,500 Christian rural communities</u>. The Haitian clergy has 400 diocesan priests and 300 seminarians. There are also 1,300 religious missionary priests belonging to over 70 congregations. Of the estimated <u>11,470,261 Haitian population</u>, a little over 6 million identify as Catholic. That means Haiti has one ordained priest for every 3,711 Catholics. In comparison, the US Religious Census reported in 2022 there is <u>one priest for every 2,000 Catholics in the United States</u> (see also - <u>USCCB data</u>).

All Saints became a sister parish to Notre Dame de Lourdes in 2000, and since that time Fr. Antonio was the only priest to assume full time residence in the parish. Only one priest, Fr. Magloire was a diocesan priest. The rest of the priests assigned to Notre Dame de Lourdes have come from the Redemptorist missionaries who have their home base at St. Gerard parish in Port au Prince. Because of the difficulty of access to many of the 24 chapels, a priest often visits them only once or twice a year, mostly by foot or on donkey.

Our current priest and his associate pastor had planned on living in the parish but due to gang activity they have had to continue to reside at the Redemptorist home parish of St. Gerard. They both make chauffeured trips via motorcycle or by donkey which allows them to take the less traveled roads and avoid confrontations with gangs.

Sacristans are assigned to each chapel in our parish, who assist our priest when he visits. They manage church-related functions in between visits, and the parish priest sends them to the diocese for faith formation. Our travel teams have also provided faith formation in conjunction with teacher training on more than one occasion.

When the parish priest can visit one of the more remote chapels, Sunday Mass may include multiple baptisms, first communions, confirmations, and marriages (sometimes all four sacraments at one Mass!).

We have discovered that baptismal certificates are particularly important. According to a recent Haitian Times article, about <u>3 million Haitians have no birth certificate</u> and do not officially exist. (6) We have seen parishioners of Notre Dame de Lourdes proudly show their baptism certificate, which for many in our parish is the only type of official documentation proving their existence!

Faith Formation in Haiti (cont.)

Haiti

DO

Attend a daily Mass, adoration or stop by church to pray. Give thanks for the abundance in our lives and pray that the people of Haiti's suffering and oppression will be lessened.

PRAY

More than anything, Haiti needs our prayers right now. Please pray for the people of Haiti as they **H.O.P.E.** for the end of chaos and the return of peace to their country. This week in particular, we reflect on their faith formation challenges:

- **Help one another through prayer.** Pray that parishioners in our sister parish gain increased access to the sacraments and Mass.
- **Open one's heart to God and fellow man.** Give thanks for the abundant access we have to the sacraments and Masses at All Saints.
- **Pray daily for world peace.** Pray for peace and safety for the people of Notre Dame de Lourdes.
- Enable to give others strength through our example. Take time to attend a daily Mass or adoration and give thanks in prayer for the abundance of God's gifts.

Thank you for your support of our parish mission in Haiti. We would love to have you join the Haiti committee. We need your talents to continue supporting our sister parish.

If you would like to give financially, visit <u>allsaintscr.churchcenter.com/giving</u> and use the dropdown menu to select "Haiti Education." You may also send a check to All Saints with "Haiti Education" on the notes line. Each gift helps support our Sister Parish through education, faith formation, pastoral functions and urgent needs. In particular, our sister parish experienced crop failure due to drought last fall, which means they need seeds for their spring planting. Your generosity will help us send \$5,000 to Haiti to help farmers purchase seeds.

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Upcoming Dates for Communal Reconciliation



Saturday, **March 2** at 10:30 am at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, **Sunday**, **March 3** at 3:00 pm at St. Mary (Urbana), **Saturday**, **March 16** at 10:30 am at St. Ludmila, **Tuesday**, **March 19** at 6:00 pm at St. Matthew, and **Thursday**, **March 21** at 6:30 pm at St. Paul (Newhall).

Eucharistic Adoration



Evening Eucharistic Adoration on Mondays During Lent

Eucharistic Adoration will be held each Monday evening during Lent from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the chapel. It will start on Monday, February 19th and the last night of Adoration will be held on Monday, March 18th.

Yes, Lord, I Believe



Yes, Lord, I Believe: A Sing-Along Celebration of the Creed

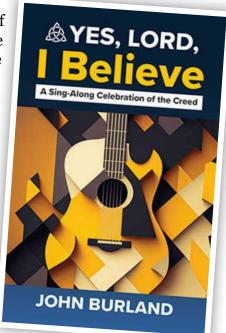
By Peg Schmitz, Faith Formation Commission

I hope you are enjoying your copy of "Yes, Lord, I Believe". If you don't have a copy yet, there are still some available at the front and back entrances of the church. John Burland is the

songwriter of "Yes, Lord, I Believe" and author of the book. He is a religious educator who wrote the song to help children learn the Apostles' Creed. The song gained popularity and has been used to engage many children in learning the articles of the Apostles' Creed. You can listen to the song by following this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MzCJEqeIHCI

The Apostles' Creed can be traced back as early as the second century. The creed was intended to help articulate the foundational aspects of the Catholic faith against heresy, specifically Gnosticism, which denied Christ's incarnation, divine creation, salvation by faith in Christ and the deity of Christ.

But as the Catholic faith spread throughout the world, gaining many new followers, it required a common language to express the beliefs of the church. The Apostles' Creed serves as a concise summary of Catholics' beliefs and the core aspects of the Scripture and God's teachings. It was a great choice to provide that common language for our church worldwide.



I hope this booklet and song may help the younger members of your family learn this beautiful profession of our Catholic beliefs. And that adults enjoy the opportunity to reflect on this prayer that represents what we as Catholics profess to believe.

Mt. Calvary Cemetery 2024 Spring Cleanup

A reminder that the Mt. Calvary Cemetery 2024 Spring Cleanup is coming up fast. This year the Spring Cleanup will be on Friday, March 15th.

If you have wreaths or other holiday tributes on loved one's graves at Mt. Calvary and you wish to keep them, please have them removed by Thursday,

March 14th. The cemetery will be completely cleared of all decorations starting Friday morning, March 15th. After April 1st conforming spring/summer floral displays may be placed.

If you have any questions or wish to volunteer for this Corporal Work of Mercy, please contact Mt. Calvary Cemetery at 319-362-4659 or at *crmt.cal@gmail.com*



Thank You!



Recently, the All Saints Foundation was the recipient of a gift from Joseph Creen. We are most grateful for this generosity. Planned gifts like this help the Foundation to support the parish and the school for many generations to come. If you are interested in information about the All Saints Foundation, please contact Lisa Wallerstedt at 365-7746 or Tracy Huk at 363-6130 ext. 111.

Keeping Our Kids Safe



In the coming weeks, there will be several days that students from All Saints School and Regis Middle School will be visiting the church during the day. Please remember that we lock the church to enhance our building security when students are present. We appreciate your patience and your coopertion by using the doorbell at the church north entry doors when they are locked during business hours.

Nomination Weekend is March 2 & 3



Parish Elections for Council positions will be held soon! Please pray about who you would like to represent you on Pastoral Council, Finance Council, and Faith Formation Commission. We will collect your recommendations at Masses on March 2 & 3, in preparation for elections May 4 & May 5. Self nominations are always welcome. Nominations may also be left in the parish office before March 6th. Nomination forms will be available soon.



Thank You, All Saints!



Through your collective efforts, our blood drive was a big success with a total of 33 units of blood donated. Thanks to all who participated including 9 first-time blood donors. Your donations will provide life-saving support to those in need, right here in our community. In appreciation, The ImpactLife Blood Center will be awarding All Saints School with a \$283 Life Savings Grant. Thank you for sharing your life with others in such a special way.







Take Away Hunger Meal-Packing



Please join us for our next Take Away Hunger Packaging Event on Sunday, March 10, after 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please use the following link to sign up to help. https://signup.com/go/BuukwSZ

Lenten Eucharistic Adoration Series



During Lent, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church will have themed petitions during the last hour of their weekly Eucharist Adoration time (7–8 PM). The first week in the series began on Monday, February 19 with the petition for racial unity in celebration of Black History Month. Come lovingly adore Jesus during all or just part of the holy hour.

Calling All Meat Smokers!



All Saints Church is hosting its 1st Annual Smoke-Off Challenge on May 4th after 4pm Mass and we need people who are willing to participate in the fun event. If you're a "backyard" or "patio" smoker and want to enter this event or have questions about it, contact Jason Ainsworth at <code>ainsworthjason21@gmail.com</code> by March 31st or fill out this form:

https://forms.gle/a9kfj1rozKQVMr5k6

From Bishop Oscar Romero

This Lent, which we observe amid blood and sorrow, ought to presage a transfiguration of our people, a resurrection of our nation. The church invites us to a modern form of penance, of fasting and prayer – perennial Christian practices, but adapted to the circumstances of each people.

Lenten fasting is not the same thing in those lands where people eat well as is a Lent among our third-world peoples, undernourished as they are, living in a perpetual Lent, always fasting. For those who eat well, Lent is a call to austerity, a call to give away in order to share with those in need. But in poor lands, in homes where there is hunger, Lent should be observed in order to give to the sacrifice that is everyday life the meaning of the cross.

But it should not be out of a mistaken sense of resignation. God does not want that. Rather, feeling in one's own flesh the consequences of sin and injustice, one is stimulated to work for social justice and a genuine love for the poor. Our Lent should awaken a sense of social justice.

Mass Intentions

Tues. February 28 6:05 pm For the People

Wed. February 29 8:00 am
For the People

Thurs. March 1 8:15 am
For the People

Fri. March 2 8:00 am

John Thraen

Sat. March 3 4:00 pm † Rosemary & Lawrence Schenden

Sun. March 4 9:00 am For the People

Scripture Readings

Week of February 18, 2024

Sunday:

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10 (26)

Monday:

Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38 (230)

Tuesday:

Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12 (231)

Wednesday:

Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28 (232)

Thursday:

Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31 (233)

Friday:

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 (234)

Saturday:

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 (235)

Sunday:

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 (29) or, for Year A, Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42 (28)

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

The All Saints Podcast



Announcing the All Saints Podcast! Episode 8 featuring Amy Conyers is available to download! We talk about The Great Kindness Challenge and Catholic Schools Week. Search The All Saints Podcast on Apple Podcasts or Spotify today. Or listen to it right here: https://feeds.buzzsprout.com/2233953.rss



Lenten Soup Dinners



Soup Dinners will be provided after Stations of the Cross on Tuesday evenings beginning February 20th. Dinner will be held in the social hall on February 20, February 27, March 5, March 12, and March 19.

"The Mass"



Bruins Beat

A Note From the Beeler Family



"The wonderful sense of community among teachers, staff and families is what initially drew us in when our oldest daughter started preschool at All Saints many years ago. Since then, our children have loved being a part of this community of believers, where they've been given a chance to become the person God created them to be. All Saints uses the Catholic faith as the foundation for all learning and the children are both supported and challenged to grow spiritually, physically, and academically every day. The small class size and attention to individual needs that the wonderful teachers provide, has been a blessing to our children."

"We love the annual Sock Hop at the end of Catholic Schools Week that the older kids even come back to once they've moved on to middle school and high school! The Art Fair and Write-On event is another favorite where the students get to showcase their creativity and practice their public speaking! They learn how to write and physically create a book and then get to read it to a group of students and parents on that special night."

"All Saints provides so many opportunities for students to grow. Our favorites: service projects, student-led school Mass, weekly STEM activities, the accelerated reading program, the wax museum project, music concerts, band, Stations of The Cross, Adoration, prayer services, Grandparent's day, holiday classroom parties, celebrating Saints' feast days, pet blessings, the living rosary and so many more!"

"All Saints really feels like home to our family and we are so thankful for finding this community."

- The Beeler Family



Ministry Schedule

February 24, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan

Cynthia Gunsolly

Extraordinary Ministers

Jean Bell

Joan Fishburn

Sara Lang

John Lutkenhaus

Gavin Miller

Ellen Mouw

Stephen Schmitz

Altar Servers

Joseph Cataldo

Vivy Robbins

Jennifer Semelroth

Lectors

Stacy Cataldo

Dolores Reisinger

Hospitality Ministers

Elie AbouRaad

Daniel Greene

Dick Kettelkamp

Barb Lindstrom

Peg Schmitz

Mike Votroubek

February 25, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

Sherry Casey

Extraordinary Ministers

Biran Conway

Chris Conway

Wade Johnson

Dianne Knapp

Bill Knapp

Loesje Shema

David Shema

Altar Servers

Martin (MJ) Golobic

Addison Johnson

Henry Johnson

Lectors

Lynn Holverson

Todd Holverson

Hospitality Ministers

Jeanne Amosson

Maureen Dale Ernst

John Ernst

Tony Satariano

Dorothy Svatosch

Diane Weimer

Lent Activities, 2024

Communal Anointing at Masses

Ash Wednesday

Reconciliation, Stations of the Cross, Mass, & Soup Suppers

Confirmation Retreat

Regis Students' Station of the Cross

Communal Reconciliation at other Parishes

Confirmation

Palm Sunday

Chrism Mass

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper

Silent Adoration at the Altar of Repose

Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Easter Vigil Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Sunday Mass Resurrection of the Lord

Family Ministry

February 25, 2024 • 2nd Sunday of Lent • Mark 9:2-10

Finding Mountaintop Experiences In the Everyday

Jesus takes Peter, James and John to a high mountain to be alone and pray. While they are there the apostles see Jesus in a whole new way. Jesus is transfigured. His clothes become a dazzling white and they see Elijah and Moses conversing with him.

Jesus often goes off to pray and sit alone in silence, and he encourages his disciples to pray in the same way. On one special day, Jesus takes Peter, James and John with him as he climbs to the top of a mountain for solitude and prayer. On the mountain, the apostles' quiet prayer is rewarded as they experience the awesomeness of God. Jesus is transformed as he converses with Moses and Elijah.

Mountaintop experiences aren't just for the disciples, and they aren't limited to the saints. Regular, everyday folks sometimes have their own experiences of the awesomeness of God. These encounters don't happen often, but the experience can carry someone through a lifetime.

Mountaintop experiences are sometimes a surprise, an unexpected, overwhelming experience of the divine. We see a sunset or watch the miracle of birth, and we are absolutely overwhelmed by a feeling of fullness and peace. We experience the sacred at our very center and also all around us. Mountaintop experiences can also be a gift received after weeks or years of faithful waiting in silent prayer.

Introduce your children to the prayer of silence by praying with them. Find a quiet spot and sit very still, consciously relax your body. Tell your children to pay attention to their breathing. Ask them to say Jesus' name quietly with every breath they take in or let out. Thirty seconds is enough to begin this quiet prayer with children. When they are comfortable in the prayer, you can extend the time.

The peace and joy of quiet prayer leaves us open to encounter the awesomeness of God in the sacred spaces of our heart. The secret is to be faithful to this prayer, keeping a quiet watch with the Lord on a regular basis.

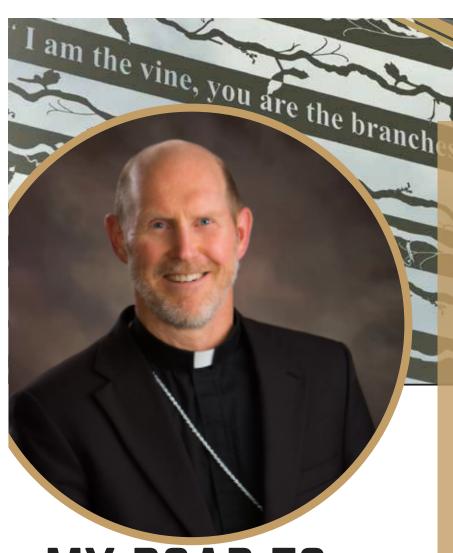
FAMILY RESPONSE

Practice the prayer of silence together. Follow the directions in the fourth paragraph above. Talk about the experience.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Do you think you might be able to find ten minutes a day for this quiet prayer? If so, what time of the day is best for you? In the space below, write down how you feel about making such a commitment. 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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The St. Jude Church Faith Formation Commission

WELCOMES ARCHBISHOP THOMAS ZINKULA

for a special Leap Your

MY ROAD TO BEING A BISHOP

What's God Saying to You?

Pebruary 6:30 PM | Church
Reception to follow in the Community Center



St. Jude Catholic Church I 50 Edgewood Rd NW Cedar Rapids, IA 52405

For more information, visit judes.org or call 319-390-3520.

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School Office Manager	Elaine Collins	ecollins@allsaints-crschool.or	Ext. 233
Early Childhood Director			Ext. 275
Regis Middle School Principal	Josh Gredys	jgredys@regisroyals.org	(319) 363-1968
Xavier High School Principal	Lynn Holverson	lholverson@xaviersaints.org	(319) 294-6635



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 Monday evenings beginning in the Fall. Contact Bob Lillibridge, Director of Formation, for more information (adultformation@allsaintscr.com).

Confirmation: High school sophomores meet bi-weekly on Sunday evenings from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM, 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: Thursdays, 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 Darlene Fandel at 319-560-4844.

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.

Parish Website: You may both submit and view prayer intentions any time at:

https://allsaintscr.churchcenter.com/people/forms/413117.