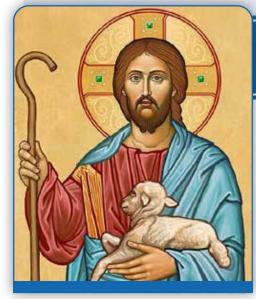


Love God • Serve Others • Form Disciples



April 20 & April 21, 2024; Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday

Sunday



MASS TIMES

4:00 pm
9:00 am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday	8:00 am
Wednesday	8:00 am
Thursday	8:15 am
Friday	8:00 am

I know my sheep, and mine know me.





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



ት Jeannie Parr and ት Bob Kurcharski.

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 four weeks and may be renewed. $\hat{\tau}$, Recently deceased will be listed for two weeks.

Stewardship Corner



To be good stewards we must be good shepherds, willing to lay down our lives for those committed to our care, not mere hired hands who run off, "leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the wolf."

A Weekly Tip on Caring for Our Common Home



"How can we genuinely teach the importance of concern for other vulnerable beings, however troublesome or inconvenient they may be, if we fail to protect a human embryo, even when its presence is uncomfortable and creates difficulties?"

Earth Day Project



This Earth Day, (April 22) the Parish Staff will be placing mulch around the trees across the All Saints Campus. There will be a pallet placed by the garage door on the drive on the west side of the property. We are hoping to receive 40 bags of brown mulch in donations. We'd like to have all 40 bags donated. You may sign up to donate a bag or more at

https://allsaintscr.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2230012, on our website, on the Church Center mobile app, or by calling Jeremy at 319-363-6130 x 108. Please sign up and drop off the weekend of April 20-21 or by 9:00 am on April 22.



Thank You from the Haiti Committee



The Haiti Committee and our brothers and sisters in Haiti want to thank you all for your special prayers for them, for hope, for safety, for food, for teachers, for students, for employment, and for PEACE. And thank you for your donations to be used for the education of the children and adults in our sister parish.

Here is some hopeful news.

- A nine-member Presidential Transitional Council has been officially established in Haiti. They are tasked with appointing an interim prime minister and eventually elections.
- President Biden announced plans to help arm and train the Haitian Police Force for them to combat the gangs.
- Haiti Caucus members in the US House of Representatives have asked to have Temporary Protective Status redesignated for Haitians fleeing the violence, to stop deportation of Haitians, and to expedite Humanitarian Parole Program applications.
- They have also filed the "Caribbean Arms Trafficking Causes Harm Act (CATCH) which aims to curb illicit arms trafficking from the US to the Caribbean (the main source of arms used by gangs).

All people in Haiti continue to suffer and we ask that you continue your prayers for them including the leaders and gang members to bring the nation back to a democratically run country serving all the people of Haiti.

Help one another through Prayer Open one's heart to God and fellow man Pray daily for world peace Enable to give others strength through our example



Service to Others Metro Catholic Outreach



Mount Bagmore

Robyn, our Pantry Manager, is putting out a plea for PAPER GROCERY BAGS. Right now, we are drowning in plastic. Even though we easily go through 1500 per week, we also have a need for brown paper bags at the moment. Thank you all for your donations!

Green Prairie Garden

- Christine Kirpes, Garden Coordinator

Help grow fresh produce for our hungry neighbors! Volunteers are needed for our current season. Have fun while planting, weeding, watering, and more. We can use your help even if you don't garden. Bring a friend!

Contact me if you are part of a work or community group that would like to experience the satisfaction of helping us alleviate food insecurity with fresh healthy produce. We are flexible on days & times for group service. Students are eligible to complete service hours at our garden. Our garden site is on the Prairiewoods grounds in Hiawatha.

Contact Christine for more info at *cmckirpes@gmail.com*.

From the Catholic Daughters of America



The Catholic Daughters of America will be collecting funds on Sunday, April 28 after Mass to help support the important work that Waypoint Services provides to those in our community who are living with domestic violence. Please be generous.

Join the Un-Committee



Have you ever wanted to dip your toe into the waters of volunteering with our parish community, but don't have the time for monthly meetings or have you ever wanted to try volunteering for something before making a full commitment? If the answer is yes, then joining the Un-Committee is just the thing. When you sign up for the Un-Committee, we take your name, phone number, email address and even the things you might be interested in. When the parish has a need, we look at the list to see if there are any direct matches and give you a call to see

if you are interested and/or send out a bulk e-mail to all the Un-Committee members. No meetings, just volunteering your time and talents when your schedule allows. If you are interested in adding your name to the Un-Committee list, please send your name, phone and e-mail contact along with any special talents you may have to Peg Schmitz at *peg@schmitzia.com* or Ellen Mouw at *eamouw@aol.com*.

Easter Collection



We are grateful for the financial gifts we have received for Easter. Our budget goal for 2024 is \$65,000.00. To date we have received \$35,060.15. We encourage all parishioners to share a financial gift in celebration of Easter by the end of April. We received \$15,000.00 less for Christmas of 2023 than Christmas of 2022. The parish relies on the generosity of the Christmas and Easter collections to help cover the budget shortfalls that occur over the summer months. Please help if you are able. Thank you.

Smoke-Off Challenge



Everyone is welcomed to attend this family friendly event with no entry fee. Our talented All Saints Smoke Masters will provide a mouthwatering experience and you will be able to vote for your favorite meat! There is a registration process for the upcoming All Saints Smoke Off Challenge. You can now access the registration page using the following link: [*Registration Link*]. Click on the link to register. Please RSVP by April 28th. We look forward to seeing you!"

May 4, 2024 Time: 4-7 PM Social Hall









Everyday Metanoia



Today's Gospel reading is a reminder of how we are to care for each other. The shepherd, the model of caring, has two adversaries: the hired person and the wolf.

In a general audience last year, People Francis says this about the hired person, "By being with Jesus, we discover that his pastoral heart always beats for the person who is confused, lost, far away. Jesus never said, 'Let them sort themselves out,' he went out to find them." Our Social

Justice Committee is that pastoral representative to our Metro area and to our brothers and sisters in Haiti. Each member personally gives of their time and talent to one or more of the agencies that we support with your generous financial gifts. Homelessness is rising at an alarming rate in our area. Drive by Green Square Meals around dinner time - the number of our brothers and sisters congregated for a nutritious meal is eye-opening. The articles that Metro Catholic Outreach contribute to our bulletin echo the seriousness of this challenge. Willis Dady shares information about their programs which meet our homeless community on the street and create a shared path to reach employment and stable housing. The majority of our Haiti Committee members have traveled to Haiti to witness first hand the challenges of our brothers and sisters. When we walk together we can work together and collaborate on efforts to encourage, support and assist. In today's world of global communication, it is very easy to spout rhetoric - that is the path of the hired worker. Unless we walk the path of our brothers and sisters, our words are just that - empty words. Our world is full of lost sheep. It is our responsibility and our God-given purpose to walk with the lost and the confused; to be Jesus in the midst of all the struggles and turmoil. There is a song in our missal entitled, "Now is the Time" which gets right to the heart of our call to be pastoral. It is the voice of the lost sheep that we need to hear: "Come to us, you who say, 'I will not forget you.' Be with us you who say, Do not be afraid.' Take hold of us, our hearts, our minds, our whole being. Make us your own. Now is the time."

The wolf thrives on division. Our communication channels are full of this and we hear it everyday. It is "us" against "them." These labels are destructive and create fear and isolation; it does not create community. Pope Francis encourages Christians to model themselves on Jesus, the Good Shepherd, longing for those who have left the church just as a shepherd longs for lost sheep, rather than treating them as "adversaries or enemies." "When we meet our brothers and sisters at school, work or on the streets of our city, why don't we think instead that we have a beautiful opportunity to witness and provide the joy of a Father who loves us all?" I have started to pay more attention to supposedly helpful emails and newsletters. It is surprising how many of the headlines or subject lines are meant to create fear and division. I have begun to clean house. If that is a consistent theme from the sender, I have started to block and unsubscribe. Being informed is a positive action, but the pathway should not begin in fear and division. The verses to "Now is the Time" invite us to let the Holy Spirit be our driver. "Spirit of love, crush the pain of hatred. Spirit of hope, stand before our eyes. Spirit of light, dance within our darkness. Make us your own. Now is the time. Spirit of peace silence tongues of anger. Spirit of life, break the chains of death. Spirit of joy, overcome our sadness. Make us your own. Now is the time. Spirit of faith, rise above our doubting. Spirit of truth, save us from our lies. Spirit of God, walk among your people. Make us your own. Now is the time."

And so, I invite you to attend Mass this weekend (and then the next and the next...) Be the good shepherd. Now is the time.

Tracy Huk Business Manager, *businessallsaints@gmail.com*

Hy-Vee Receipt Update



We collected over \$600,000 in HyVee receipts this collection year. Thank you All Saints Families and Friends.

Hy-Vee gives schools \$1.00 for every \$200.00 in receipts turned into the school. Receipts can be from any CR/Marion Hy-Vee, Hy-Vee Drug, or Hy-Vee Gas. Any qualifying receipts dated April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025, can be dropped off in the school office.

Electronic receipts are also accepted and can be submitted to *allsaints@allsaints-crschool.org*.

Volunteer Appreciation Brunch

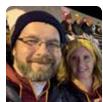


All Saints Volunteers and Staff: If you help at our church or school in any way, please bring your family to our appreciation brunch in the Social Hall after Mass on Sunday, April 21st. Food and drink will be provided. Thank you for helping our parish community thrive!

Parish Council Nominee Profiles



Thank you to all of the nominees for answering the call to serve our parish through the roles of representatives on the Pastoral Council or the Faith Formation Commission. We are blessed to have the gifts and talents of parishioners as we build upon and live out our mission statement to *Love God-Serve Others-Form Disciples*. Please review the profiles for each candidate. Parish elections will be held during Mass at both the liturgies on May 4 & 5. Registered parishioners who have been confirmed are eligible to vote in the elections.



Daniel Prentice

- What 'office' you're running for Pastoral Council
- Number of years you've been a parishioner at All Saints 12 years since RCIA
- What is your motivation to serve? I enjoy using my talents to support the community in which I live. I have been volunteering in some capacity for over 20 years and I find it extremely fulfilling. I would like to see what I can do in order to help our parish grow.
- **Tell us about your past & present Parish/School activities/interests** I currently serve on the Parish Plant committee and previously served on the All Saints School Board. I am also the Scoutmaster for Scouts BSA Troop 100 and enjoy helping the youth in and around our parish to mature from children into young adults.
- **Tell us about yourself** When I'm not working as a Certification Engineer at Collins Aerospace, I enjoy traveling with my wife, Alison, and our children - Abby, Ethan and Zach. We have gone all over the United States and enjoy taking in the history and culture of the area or attending Cyclone football games!



Catherine O'Connell

- What 'office' you're running for Pastoral Council
- Number of years you've been a parishioner at All Saints 21 years
- What is your motivation to serve? What is your motivation to serve? As a member of the All Saints Parish, I have really been looking to get involved in our parish in another aspect. By becoming a member of the Parish Council, I would be able to bring my energy and dedication to each meeting for the betterment of our parish. I love the things we do here at All Saints, and by serving on Parish Council, I would be able to be part of our parish life even more.
- Tell us about your past & present Parish/School activities/interests - In 2000, I began my teaching career at All Saints School as a second grade teacher. There I was blessed to teach second graders as they prepped for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion. I taught at All Saints for three years, and while teaching, I became a member of our parish Adult Choir. I have been a member of the Adult Choir for 20 years, and love every minute of it! I was also the parish youth minster for 4-5 years, where I worked with both middle school and high school students. I love being active in our parish, and you can usually find my singing in the Adult Choir, or cantoring some weekends with my husband, Greg.
- **Tell us about yourself** *My* husband and I were so lucky to be married here at All Saints 51/2 years ago. I am a teacher for the Cedar Rapids Community School District having taught 1st 3rd graders, I am lucky to be teaching 1st grade at Arthur Elementary School (soon to be Trailside Elementary). I also teach as an instructor for the University of Dubuque in the undergraduate education LIFE Program, where I teach the literacy foundations and background courses, as well as integrating curriculum in reading. I love being active as a teacher and teaching others, whether adults or kids. In addition to singing, Greg and I love to travel, spend time with our family and friends, attend live theatre events and so much more! We love getting to spend time doing things we love, including family, work, and church. During the summer, you will also find me doing lots of reading and cross-stitching.



David Wolf

- What 'office' you're running for Pastoral Council
- **Tell us about yourself** *I have been a member of All Saints Catholic Church since March 2023. I am a lifelong practicing Catholic. Married Maureen in 1987 at Sacred Heart Parish in Monticello. I am the proud father of four children and grandfather of seven. Since 2013 I have been employed at Cedar Rapids Winpump after previously operating a business for twenty-six years.*

Before moving to Cedar Rapids, I was active in my previous parishes: Epiphany Parish, Mason City 2013-2019 where I served on the Buildings and Grounds Committee, and Sacred Heart Parish, 1989-2013 where I served on the Board of Education, Parish Finance and Parish Council.

I am Interested in being more involved with our parish and willing to help in any way. Thank you for considering me to serve on our Pastoral Council.



Lisa Stephenson

- What 'office' you're running for Pastoral Council
- Number of years you've been a parishioner at All Saints 9 years
- What is your motivation to serve? Having recently completed several years of service on the Regis Middle School school board and having served on the Middle School Exploratory Study Committee, I have been praying and contemplating how I might next serve. As our children matriculated through Catholic school my service focused on Catholic education. Looking forward, serving on the Parish Council presents a wonderful opportunity to support our parish so I was honored to be nominated.
- **Tell us about your past & present Parish/School activities/interests** I regularly Lector at Mass and have done so for several years now. Also, as set forth above, I served on the Regis school board for 7 years, the last 2 as President, and I was a member of the Middle School Exploratory Study Committee, which was tasked with addressing if it is in the long-term best interest for the metro Catholic middle schools to remain independent or become consolidated.
- **Tell us about yourself** *My* husband of nearly 27 years, Brett, and I have three children - all of whom attended All Saints, Regis and Xavier. Our sons, Jack and Andy, are 2020 and 2023 graduates of Xavier, respectively. Our daughter, Ellie, is a sophomore at Xavier and recently celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation at All Saints. For the last eight years I have worked for CRST as its General Counsel and before that, I was in private practice and worked for the federal judiciary. In my spare time I love to cook, read and take walks with my husband.



Lynn Holverson

- What 'office' you're running for Faith Formation Commission
- Number of years you've been a parishioner at All Saints 17 years
- What is your motivation to serve? My motivation to serve is to continue to help provide various opportunities and experiences to all our parishioners. If eel it is important to continue to learn about our Catholic teachings and grow in our personal relationship with Christ, and I recognize there are a variety of ways we could explore to work to accomplish this within our parish.
- **Tell us about your past & present Parish/School activities/interests** Over the past 17 plus years I have been involved in the MOMS group, Rosary group, various bible study groups, co-hosted a Marriage Enrichment series, helped with Children's Liturgy of the Word, served on the Building and Grounds Committee and currently serve as a Lector. I was also a classroom teacher at All Saints for 11 years, and principal for an additional 2 years. Throughout this time I helped students learn about our Catholic faith, helped prepare many 2nd graders for their sacraments, served as Eucharistic Minister and helped set up weekly Adoration for all students.
- **Tell us about yourself** *My* husband Todd and I have been married for 27 years and have 2 children, Ethan and Lauren. Ethan and his wife Alli have 1 child. I am currently the principal at Xavier Catholic High School. In my free time I enjoy being outside, spending time with family, reading and watching the Chicago Cubs.



Jen Colby

- What 'office' you're running for Faith Formation Commission
- Number of years you've been a parishioner at All Saints 15 years
- What is your motivation to serve? Our family loves All Saints Parish and School and I want to always help to make it a better for future parishioners and students.
- Tell us about your past & present Parish/School activities/interests I cochaired APT at the school for two years, volunteered for several years for school activities— School Board and hospitality at All Saints church.
- **Tell us about yourself** *My* husband Chris and I have been married for 15 years and have a daughter Emma who is in 6th grade at Regis and our dog Jovie. I am a Manager at BMO here in Cedar Rapids and have been there for 18 years. Our family loves to go camping and just be outdoors when Emma's sports schedule allows us to be.



Emily Hamilton

- What 'office' you're running for Faith Formation Commission
- Number of years you've been a parishioner at All Saints 10 years
 - **What is your motivation to serve?** *In my time at All Saints I have attended RCIA* (2014) and felt first hand how Faith formation can significantly impact one's life. My five children have all been baptized at All Saints and I have seen how my children's faith life has been nurtured and fed, for that I am grateful. In return I would like to support others, their families, and our faith community in any way I can.
- **Tell us about yourself** *I* am a stay at home mom to five children, 3 of whom attend All Saints and 2 pre-school age. In addition to childcare I help run our family's hobby farm where we raise Scottish Highland cattle. I am an avid gardener and food preserver. I am drawn to the Arts and manifest my creativity by making pottery and oil paintings.



Samantha Dolezal

- What 'office' you're running for Faith Formation Commission
- Number of years you've been a parishioner at All Saints 8 years
- What is your motivation to serve? I want to deepen the connection between the church and the school. Serving on the Faith Formation Committee can help me facilitate learning experiences for throughout the committee.
- **Tell us about your past & present Parish/School activities/interests** 2nd grade teacher at AllSaints and I help students prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion.
- **Tell us about yourself** *I have been married to my husband Matthew for almost 3 years. We enjoy playing games, visiting family from out of state and going to the shore.*





Diane Weimer

- What 'office' you're running for Faith Formation Commission
 - **Tell us about yourself** *I was born and raised in Cedar Rapids attending St. Patrick's Church with my three brothers and our parents. I graduated from Jefferson High School and Texas Tech University. After an absence of almost thirty years, returned to Cedar Rapids working briefly at Kirkwood Community College and then for the City of Cedar Rapids until retirement. Shortly after, I was invited to join the team providing hospitality for funerals at All Saints. About a year ago I started helping hospitality for church on Sunday. Last summer, I joined St. Anne's Circle. I have a son living in Baltimore. I love to travel and belong to a group making cards for all the Honor Flight participants as well as for many non-profits. Being elected to Faith Formation Commission would permit me to further give back to my church.*



Amy Mason

- What 'office' you're running for Faith Formation Commission
- Number of years you've been a parishioner at All Saints 22 years
- What is your motivation to serve? I have wanted to be more involved at All Saints for a long time, but nothing felt quite right. Now that we have only one child at home, I have more time to use for serving my parish. When the opportunity presented itself, I jumped at the chance to accept the nomination to be a part of the Faith Formation Commission. I look forward to being part of all of the activities that happen at All Saints, and helping others to grow in their Faith.
- **Tell us about your past & present Parish/School activities/interests** Recently, I have been most active supporting Xavier High School and helping with the various sports teams that my children have been, and currently are, involved with. In the past, I was very active with the Association of Parents and Teachers when my children attended All Saints.
- **Tell us about yourself** *I* am originally from North Dakota, and moved here after college. *I* joined All Saints 22 years ago when my husband, Scott, and *I* were married, as he is a lifetime parishioner. We have two children, Kyla a freshman at Iowa State University, and Cody a Sophomore at Xavier High School as well as a spoiled beagle named Hunter. *I* am currently employed by the Linn County Sheriff's Office, where *I* have been a Deputy Sheriff for over 23 years. *I* enjoy following Xavier sports, reading, traveling, camping, and hiking.



Mass Intentions

Tues. ช	April 23	8:00 am Jeannie Parr
Wed. ช	April 24 Richa	8:00 am ard Wilwerding
Thurs.	April 25 Sp	8:15 am becial Intention
Fri. †	April 26 Fr.	8:00 am Jerry Kopacek
Sat. †	/	4:00 pm ichard Schmitz
Sun.	April 28	9:00 am For the People

Scripture Readings

Week of April 21, 2024

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18 (50)

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10 (279)

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30 (280)

Wednesday: Acts 12:24–13:5a/Jn 12:44-50 (281)

Thursday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20 (555)

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6 (283)

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14 (284)

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8 (53)

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



We Need Your Help



The All Saints Podcast is still a very new thing but the feedback that we've received thus far has been very positive. For that, we thank you. Now that we've poured the foundation of the podcast, we want your help to build this up to reach the potential we feel it deserves. Do you have a story to tell? Is there a story

you want to hear? This could be anything from bible stories to your anecdotes and experiences. Or maybe just tell us about what All Saints means to you. Drop us a note by emailing Dan your thoughts: *officemgr@allsaintscr.com*

It's Scrip Cleaning Time!



We are having a scrip Spring Cleaning sale! The details are at *https://forms.gle/crZ65A44FuMK1Cte9*



Bruins Beat

Congratulations, Ms. Detert!

Our amazing teacher Ms. Detert has won 2 STEM Scale-Up Awards from the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council. This means even more exciting STEM opportunities for our students in computer science classes for the 2024-2025 school year!

Award 1: Storytime STEM Pack

Get ready for a fun adventure in learning! This pack brings stories to life with engineering design, math, 21st-century skills, and literacy!

Award 2: Making Innovative STEM Connections

We're bringing cutting-edge robotics into the classroom! Students will code and command their very own Sphero Indi, deepening their understanding of computer science through these unplugged robots.

Both awards include dedicated training which Ms. Detert will attend this summer to bring these amazing resources to our students for the 2024-2025 school year.

Stay tuned for more updates on how these awards will transform our students' Computer Science and STEM education!

#STEMEducation #FutureReady #GrantWoodAEA



Ministry Schedule

April 20, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan

Mary Pat Wilkinson **Extraordinary Ministers** Jean Bell Suzanne Lammers Gavin Miller Joan Murrin John Myers Mike Powell Kourtne Powell **Altar Servers** Kennedy Blue Jackson Keller Jennifer Semelroth Lectors Kathi Grainter **Riley Hoover Hospitality Ministers** Rvan Donnelly **Barb Lindstrom** Marcia Myers Tom Takes

April 21, 9:00 AM Sunday

Brian Talvat

Lauri Talvat

Sacristan

Chris Conway **Extraordinary Ministers** John Ernst Ann Hunter Larry Hunter Wade Johnson Gregory O'Connell David Shema Loesje Shema **Altar Servers** Addison Johnson Henry Johnson Roman Kilburg Lectors Brian Conway JoAnn Hand **Hospitality Ministers** Pete Rethwisch Bea Rethwisch **Tony Satariano** Chris Shimon **Diane Weimer**

Ministry Schedule

April 27, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan Joan Fishburn **Extraordinary Ministers** Aaron Kelly Suzanne Lammers Mike Powell Kourtne Powell Daniel Prentice Alison Prentice Stephen Schmitz Altar Servers Willa English Logan Kelly Sean Kellv Lectors Tim Nash Lisa Stephenson **Hospitality Ministers** Jen Colby

Chris Colby Marcia Myers Brian Talyat Lauri Talyat Mike Votroubek

April 28, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

Cate Biro **Extraordinary Ministers** Tom Amosson Sherry Casey Stephanie Guzman Bill Knapp Dianne Knapp John Michael Dennis Mullarkev **Altar Servers** Adalvn LaMere Eli Shane Ellorie Shane Lectors Lynn Holverson Todd Holverson **Hospitality Ministers** Jeanne Amosson

Nicole Johnson Tony Satariano Chris Shimon Diane Weimer

Family Ministry

April 21, 2024 • 4th Sunday of Easter • John 10:11–18

The Good Shepherd

Jesus tells us he is the good shepherd, an image familiar to the people to whom he spoke. A good shepherd stayed in the fields with his flock. He was there when they slept and when they woke. He went out to find them when they were lost and he protected them from harm.

The message of the good shepherd is so clear; Jesus is there for us, ready to carry us through the hard times, ready to lay down his life for us. It isn't difficult for parents to understand this message. We would certainly lay down our lives for our children. We would gladly help shoulder their burdens. Sometimes it is so difficult to watch them struggle through a problem, waiting patiently to be asked for help.

I remember how frustrating it was to have an overly confident youngster stubbornly refuse help with problems way over his head. And I wonder if Jesus feels that way when I'm too stubborn or unaware to ask him for help when I need it. Self-determination is a great virtue, but like many virtues, when taken to an extreme, it can become a burdensome stumbling block.

When I was in my mid-thirties I remember going to confession and afterward asking God to be patient with me. "I will change," I told him, "I will change." In a graced moment, I saw myself as a fourteen-year-old kneeling in my old parish church confessing the same sin, and asking God to be patient with me. In that instant, I became aware that I could not overcome this deeply rooted transgression on my own. If I wanted to change I had to have God's help.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, doesn't want to stand patiently by while I try to overcome sin or less than-lovely habits on my own. He isn't just willing to be our crutch to get through hard times, he is willing to pick us up and carry us. In this reading, Jesus tells us, "You are mine." We just have to let go of our need to go it alone, and respond by telling Jesus, "I am yours."

FAMILY RESPONSE

See if your family can come up with a modern day person who would have the same qualities as a shepherd did in Jesus' time.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Imagine you hear very clearly God's voice saying, "You are mine." How would you respond? 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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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.

St. Monica Circle: Meets second Tuesday of every month. Please call Teel Thebeau 319-366-5021 or Jeanne Amosson 319-363-7573

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