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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

October 7 & October 8, 2023; Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	4:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

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

Seek Peace Amidst Turmoil









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



Kathleen Todd and Day Crowder.

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



In the Gospel today, the owner of the vineyard sent messengers to collect his share of the harvest from the tenant farmers, but there was not a single good steward on the property! God is the owner, we are the tenants. What sort of stewards are we?

You're Invited!



You are invited to the **Chris & Suzy DeWolf Family Innovation Center** *Memory Café*. October 11, 2023 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

The Memory Café is for those living with dementia and their care partners. It provides an opportunity to meet others, socialize, and learn about trusted resources. The Cafés will be held twice monthly, the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays through 2024 at the DeWolf Innovation Center.

Co-Facilitators are Sam McCord & Susie Winkowski. Refreshments will be served. Registration is **requested by October 9, 2023** by calling (319) 221-8866 or emailing *fcgc@mercycare.org*. The Chris & Suzy DeWolf Family Innovation Center for Aging & Dementia of Mercy is located at 9000 C. Ave. NE in Cedar Rapids.

2023 Mt Calvary Cemetery Fall Cleanup



The mid-October Mt. Calvary Cemetery Fall Cleanup is around the corner. If you have any floral tributes, decorations, or other items around your loved one's grave sites, please remove them by Friday, October 13th. The cemetery will be completely cleared of all decorations starting Saturday morning, Oct. 14th. In-ground vases will be turned down into their storage positions until spring usage. After Nov. 15th, holiday wreaths, mounds and evergreen blankets may be placed, and will remain until the spring clean-up in March 2024. If you have questions, please

call Mt. Calvary Cemetery @ 319-362-4659.

If you would like to volunteer your time for this Corporal Work of Mercy, we will be starting our clean up at 8am on Saturday, Oct. 14th. The location is 375 32nd St. Drive, SE, Cedar Rapids.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas



Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) Court Cedar Rapids #1768 will meet Tuesday, October 10, 6:30 at St. Wenceslaus Church. Doors open at 6pm with a Potato Bar. In recognition of "Respect for Life Month," our speaker will be Kristina Glackin on Human Trafficking.

Catholic Daughters across the nation will celebrate Catholic Daughters Sunday on October 15. Members of the Cedar Rapids Court will celebrate by attending 10:15 am Mass at Immaculate

Conception Church and after Mass will hold a Court Recognition of members Ceremony. All Catholic women are welcome to come as guests. Contacts are *Ericka* 319-238-1798 and *Stephanie* 319-540-7193.

Service to Others Metro Catholic Outreach



Our volunteer Karen recently was surprised to receive an EBT card in the mail, good for \$120. Because her son attends a school where a certain percentage of the students are eligible for free lunch, ALL the kids receive the benefits. If your family has received a card and you would like to use it to donate to those with food insecurity, please remember our clients here at MCO. The cards themselves are non-transferable, but whatever you purchase with them can be donated to others.

2023 P-EBT cards can be used to purchase eligible food items anywhere SNAP EBT cards are accepted. Eligible food items include dairy, eggs, meat, cereal, rice, pasta, bread, fresh, frozen, canned or dried vegetables and fruit, any ingredients you use for cooking, baby formula, diabetic foods, garden seeds, plants for growing food at home, and ice. Food that is already prepared or hot food, pet food, and non-food items are not eligible for purchase with P-EBT cards. For more information, please visit: *https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/eligible-food-items*

St. Vincent de Paul - Grand Reopening



Come one come all to the Grand Reopening of Saint Vincent de Paul's thrift store October 13th and 14th from 9 to 2 PM! Come shop our new furniture gallery and revamped women's and men's department.

We will be serving coffee/lemonade and desserts. Door prizes and discounts will be available to all shoppers!

We hope to see you there. 928 7th St SE Cedar Rapids, IA



Dan's Corner



I'm all about making life easier. Working more efficiently, etc. etc. Making life difficult for others as well as myself isn't in my personal guide of *How to Live Life*. During my day-to-day activities, I often find myself giving a slightly audible growl when I encounter a speed bump. Today, my Amazon package had 2... count them... TWO envelopes wrapped around the book I ordered. Not only was this a waste of material, but it was an unnecessary waste of my time. Yes, there was that legitimate audible growl. My daughter can vouch.

Anyway, you're now asking what the point of this is. By now, we are all very aware of the shooting threat that closed the Cedar Rapids schools on Monday. It got me thinking about how such a disruption can be perceived. Of course there are the folks out in the world who, even while mass shootings occur daily, will (sadly) see this as an irritation. As efficient as I try to be with what little spare time I have in life these days, I refuse to be blind to the big picture behind this disruption to our everyday lives. Today, I'm able to hug my daughter and tell her how much I love her. Unfortunately, after discussing the changes that would be happening at school for at least the remainder of the week, she perceived these as irritating inconveniences.

<Insert parenting moment here.>

It was a good time to remind her of things that are important when life becomes 'inconvenient':

- We're here together... right now. In other words, we still have each other.
- Your school is taking steps to ensure everyone's safety. Nothing has happened yet and it's unlikely to happen now that the administration has taken precautions. We'll work together to make sure that any changes you and I need to make are made as easily as possible.
- Someone a little too close to home is experiencing life so badly they felt compelled to make such threats. Know that the people you choose to surround yourself with have you in their life. If they ever felt compelled to make a similar threat, you're the sort of person that would step in and provide them with a caring shoulder to cry on. You make life for those around you easier.
- Last but not least, know that someday, maybe, just maybe people who sell books on Amazon might learn that one padded, plastic envelope is more than enough to ship my graphic novel, which will prevent your dad from ever making that annoying growling noise ever again.

Perhaps this wasn't just a parenting moment. Maybe this was also a reminder to myself.

Service to Others Volunteer for the Red Cross



The Red Cross is looking for volunteers. The most-needed volunteer opportunities include: sheltering, disaster health services team, recovery care, disaster action team, blood transportation specialist, and blood donor ambassador. For more information about opportunities, visit the following link:

https://www.redcross.org/volunteer/become-a-volunteer/urgent-need-for-

A Moment to Pause...

"Rejected" by Charles Marshall

I needed love, I needed care; To turn their backs just wasn't fair. I hadn't been around that long; I didn't do them any wrong.

I hid within my secret place, They didn't have to see my face. But I was somehow in the way. They didn't know me anyway.

Just like a stranger on the road Who needed help with a heavy load, I was just a situation, An inconvenient aggravation.

They didn't know what I could be; They didn't even try to see How I could surely make them proud I only I would be allowed.

All I wanted was a chance To see the sky, to walk and dance, To feel the love of someone dear, To know a life without threat of fear.

But mom and dad just made their choice, And made that choice without my voice; My future stolen in painful death, No chance to even take a breath.

I never made it from the womb An unmarked grave became my tomb No name was ever given me. They didn't mean for me to be.

"HOPE" by Parnell Etteldorf

- H Help One another through prayer
- O Open Ones heart to God and to fellow man
- P Pray Daily for world peace
- E Enable To give others strength through our example

From Bob Lillibridge

Pray a blessing over your family and home everyday before you leave;

FOR:

- Praise God for His attributes
- Thank Him for His blessings
- Confess your Sins
- Pray for Wisdom and Direction
- Ask for Daily Provisions
- Ask His Will Be Done
- Pray for a Forgiving Spirit
- Pray for Protection from Evil

2023 Archdiocesan Catholic Parenting Conference



The Archdiocesan Catholic Parenting Conference will be held at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Cedar Rapids on Saturday, October 28, 2023. Keynote speakers will be Mike and Alicia Hernon (from *The Messy Family Project*), and Jonathan and Amanda Teixeira (from Wallet Win: Your Catholic Money Mentors).

This conference will be for parents of all ages and stages, and will include breakout sessions, Mass, an opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and vendors. This will be a day to connect with other parents, to hear dynamic speakers, to discuss the joys and challenges of parenting, and to receive resources, insights, and information on various aspects of parenting to help you strengthen your domestic church!

A virtual option for the conference is also available!

Children ages 1-11 may participate in Kidzone on-site at St. Pius X Parish during the Parenting Conference and the Couples Night events! Infants are welcome to stay with their parent(s) during the events. Paid adults and volunteer students will manage Kidzone. A liability and medical release form will be sent to you prior to the conference and must be completed for your children to participate. Food will be provided for those registered. Space is limited.

Couples Night Kidzone:

Cost for Kidzone during Couples Night is \$10 per family (regardless of how many children you have).

Parenting Conference Kidzone:

Cost for Kidzone during the Parenting Conference is \$25 per family (regardless of how many children you have).

Registration for this event and the aforementioned couples event can be found here: *https://dbqarch.org/parenting-conference*

Couples attending both events can register at a reduced rate! Register by October 15th for the early-bird pricing! Registration Options: Couples Event Only Parenting Conference Only Couples Package for Both Events Virtual Group Parenting Conference Option

You Are Cordially Invited...



Welcome to the Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings for this week follow last week's Gospel about saying no to God.

The Catechism has much to say about human freedom and the act of sin. God graced humanity with the gift of free will. He does not seek our love and obedience through threats, coercion or domination; but rather as a free response to the many blessings that are bestowed upon us.

"Freedom is the power, rooted in reason and will, to act or not to act, to do this or that, and so to perform deliberate actions on one's own responsibility. By free will one shapes one's own life. Human freedom is a force for growth and maturity in truth and goodness; it attains its perfection when directed toward God, our beatitude." [CCC 1731]

Sin is a tough topic, especially in a first world country. We wonderfully have many choices and opportunities available to us, which is on one hand such a blessing and on the other hand very challenging. As a child we often see the world as black and white; clear right and clear wrong. As we mature, we begin to realize that the world is more gray and that a choice made by one person might be good for them, but lead to sin for another. That is why it is so important to come to Mass each weekend. The liturgy "speaks" anew to us each time we attend. When we let our guard down and let God in through the prayers, readings and the Eucharist, the liturgy can serve us as our compass for life. Pope Francis reminds us that it is at the liturgy that we are reminded each time of "the good news that it is with Jesus that this ancient evil of sin, which seems unbeatable, no longer has the last word."

Struggling with sin and our feelings of guilt is a part of life. Too often we rationalize this guilt away because we mistakenly believe that we should feel happy and good all the time. Jesus broke into our world to share all of our humanity, the good, the bad and the ugly. Wrestling with sin is healthy and leads to growth in our journey to be disciples of the Lord. While we may regain the feeling of happiness when we excuse our own sins, it is nothing compared to the joy we will know when we bring our sins to God, seeking and receiving his forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Paul sums up the relationship between sin and the growth we experience when we seek God's forgiveness: "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you."

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! If you have been absent for a while, come back - we need you and love you! Love God - Serve Others - Form Disciples. Praying and hoping with you always.

Tracy Huk, Business Manager businessmgr@allsaintscr.com

Mass Intentions

Tues. October 10 8:00 am Holy Souls of Purgatory Wed. October 11 8:00 am ዮ Ellen Sabin Thurs. October 12 8:15 am William Vogl Ŷ Fri. October 13 8:00 am Ŷ Ludger & Lynne Thuente October 14 Sat. 4:00 pm For the People Sun. October 15 9:00 am

Scripture Readings

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Week of October 8, 2023

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Sunday: Is 5: 1-7/ Ps 80: 9. 12. 13-14. 15-16. 19-20/ Phil 4: 6-9/ Mt 21: 33-43

Monday: Jon 1: 1 2: 1-2. 11/ Jon 2: 3. 4. 5. 8/ Lk 10: 25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3: 1-10/ Ps 130: 1b-2. 3-4ab. 7-8/ Lk 10: 38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4: 1-11/ Ps 86: 3-4. 5-6. 9-10/ Lk 11: 1-4

Thursday:

Mal 3: 13-20b/ Ps 1: 1-2. 3. 4 and 6/ Lk 11: 5-13

Friday: Jl 1: 13-15; 2: 1-2/ Ps 9: 2-3. 6 and 16. 8-9/ Lk 11: 15-26

Saturday: Jl 4: 12-21/ Ps 97: 1-2. 5-6. 11-12/ Lk 11: 27-28

Sunday: Is 25: 6-10a/ Ps 23: 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6 (6cd)/ Phil 4: 12-14. 19-20/ Mt 22: 1-14

Announcing Archbishop-elect Zinkula



Dubuque, Iowa – Pope Francis has appointed Most Reverend Thomas R. Zinkula, Bishop of Davenport, as Archbishop of Dubuque. Archbishop-elect Zinkula is scheduled to be installed as the archdiocese's eleventh archbishop on Wednesday, October 18.

Archbishop-electZinkula reflected upon his appointment to Dubuque in a statement, saying, "Although I will be sad to leave the Diocese of Davenport in a couple of months, where the diocesan community taught me how to be a bishop and we walked together on our common faith journey, I am humbled and overjoyed to receive the appointment to return to my home diocese to serve as the eleventh archbishop of the Archdiocese of Dubuque."

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

Cold Weather is Coming... Kids Will Need Coats



Finally! 90 degrees seems to be behind us. But we all know how the state of Iowa likes to ride the proverbial weather roller coaster. Now that we've reached the topmost part of the rails, I'm feeling the anticipation of the downhill portion of the slope in my gut. With that said, I've acquired my nice, new coat. But there are still

kids out there that will need our help. The annual coat drive is still happening and the box is still in the front entryway. Let's fill it before the roller coaster hits top-speed on the way down the hill. Get those coats donated ASAP and don't forget about hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, etc. The cold will be here SOON!



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Grandparents' Day... WOW! 👙



Ministry Schedule

October 7, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan Cynthia Gunsolly, OFS **Extraordinary Ministers Riley Hoover** Peg Schmitz Jim Thebeau **Altar Servers** Emma Colby Max Marcott Jennifer Semelroth (sub req.) Lectors **Rick Stefani** Teel Thebeau **Hospitality Ministers** Jen Colby Chris Colby **Dick Kettelkamp** Barb Lindstrom Debbie Suby Mike Votroubek

October 8, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan Chris Conway **Extraordinary Ministers** Nicole Johnson David Shema Loesje Shema **Altar Servers** Maeve Ainsworth **Kevin Favorite** Martin (MJ) Golobic Lectors Mick Erdman Tim Nash **Hospitality Ministers** Jason Ainsworth Kim Ainsworth Pete Rethwisch Bea Rethwisch **Tony Satariano Diane Weimer**

Ministry Schedule

October 14, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan Mary Pat Wilkinson Extraordinary Ministers Suzanne Lammers John Lutkenhaus Sharon Warden

Altar Servers Lindsey Talyat Megan Talyat Logan Weininger Lectors Theresa Harker Becky Weininger Hospitality Ministers Elie AbouRaad Sue Bright Daniel Greene

Dick Kettelkamp Barb Lindstrom Peg Schmitz

October 15, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

Cate Biro Extraordinary Ministers Dianne Knapp Bill Knapp Bea Rethwisch Altar Servers

Addison Johnson Adalyn LaMere Remington Taylor **Lectors**

Todd Holverson Lynn Holverson

Hospitality Ministers Jason Ainsworth

Kim Ainsworth Wade Johnson Tony Satariano Chris Shimon Diane Weimer

Family Ministry

October 8, 2023 • 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 21:33–43

The Kingdom of God

In this parable Jesus warns his followers that God expects certain results if we want to be part of the kingdom. Tenant farmers beat the farm owner's representatives when they come to collect the owner's profit. They even kill the owner's son when he is sent. The landowner has the last say, and the tenants are put to death. The land is given to more reliable tenants.

Believing in God should be a life-altering decision. How can we hear the Gospels without understanding that the God we believe in is a God of love, a God of mercy, and a God of justice? How can we say we believe in the kingdom of God, and not have it affect every facet of our lives? Yet people do. They say they believe in the kingdom of God, but are selfish with their love.

Maybe it's because they think the kingdom of God is just some afterlife for those who follow the rules. They don't understand that the kingdom Jesus is talking about is also already with us. It is a kingdom of love. It is wherever God's love is happening. We enter into that kingdom by accepting God's love and responding in love.

Since no one is excluded from God's love, no one should be excluded from our love. The fruit of God's kingdom is all-encompassing love. It is always open to everyone. Indeed, it is a reciprocal love that will last for all eternity even into the afterlife.

What does it look like? To begin with, it doesn't look for any reward or payback. It is nurturing and forgiving, patient and enduring. It is not just feeling loving: It is played out in action. It's the way God loves us. When we accept God's love, we will bear fruit. Because when we really open our hearts to God's love, our hearts remain open to love others.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Talk to your family about what the kingdom of God really is. Ask family members to draw a picture of what the kingdom of God might look like.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Think about the last week. What fruit do you see from your interaction with your family or other people you have encountered? 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 Sunday mornings beginning in the Fall. Contact Bob Lillibridge, Director of Formation, for more information (adult*formation@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 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.

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