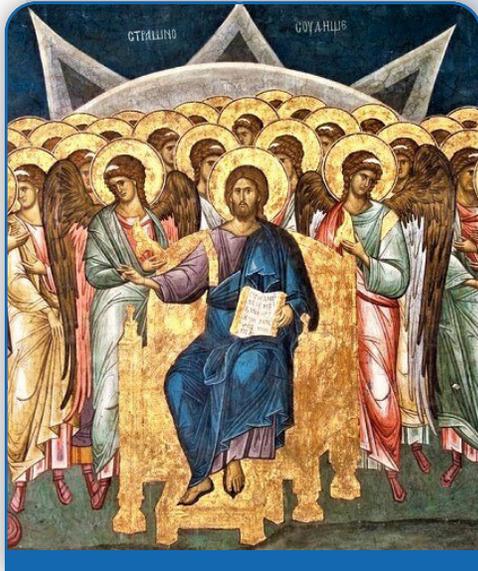


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**November 18 & November 19, 2023;
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**



WEEKEND MASS TIMES

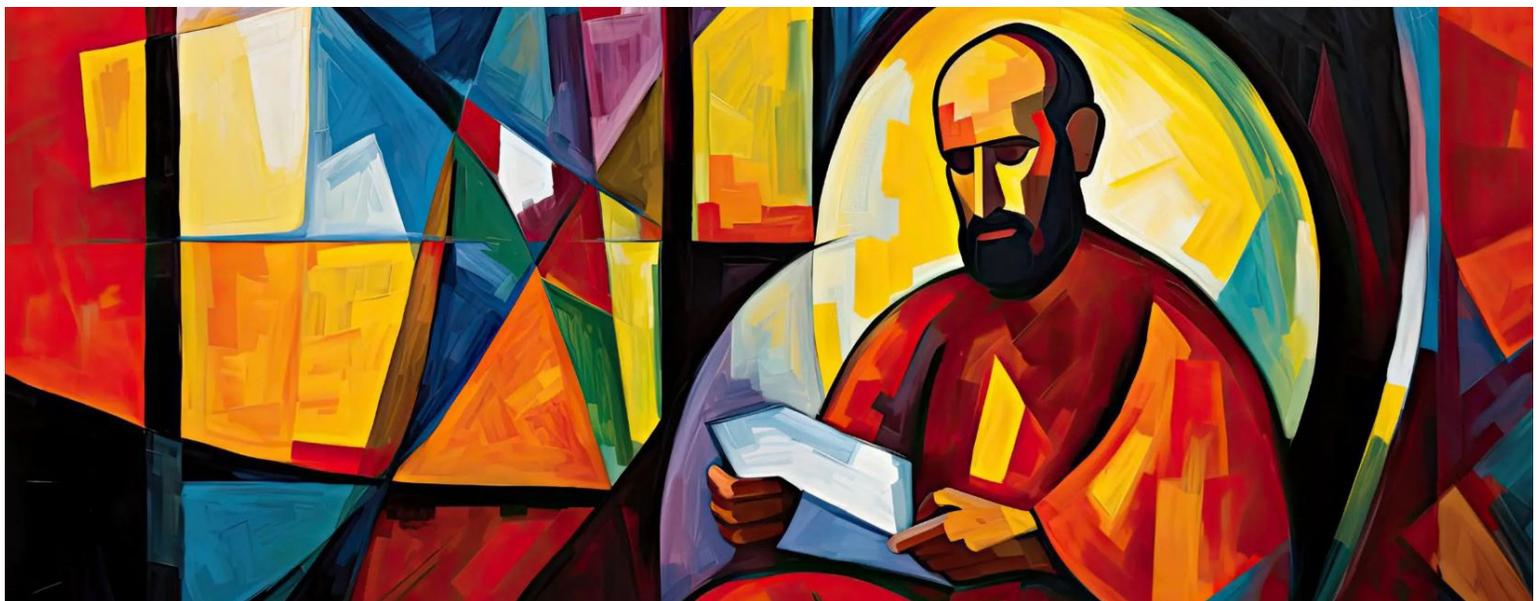
Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

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



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Please Pray for the Following People

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



Dawn Bembenek, Sarah M. Robbins, Cheri Burbach, Pat Shea, Kathleen Todd, Megan Conway, and Kevin Conway.

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. †, Recently deceased will be listed for two weeks.

Stewardship Corner



Good stewards are like the industrious and reliable servants in today's Gospel, prudently using and multiplying the gifts entrusted to them by God.

Thanksgiving Mass



Thanksgiving Mass is at 8:15 on Thursday. Non-perishable food donations for Metro Catholic Outreach will be gratefully received that day.



Service to Others

Metro Catholic Outreach



Pantry Needs: Canned Soup, Tuna/Hamburger Helper, Tuna, Canned or Packets, Rice, Pork and Beans, Pasta Sauce, Syrup, Any Size ZipLock Bags, Brown Paper Bags*, Plastic Grocery Bags*, Kid Friendly Food Items (for the school bags), and Garbage Bags (30 gal)

Personal Care Needs: Soap, Toilet Paper, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Tampons and Pads, Laundry Pods, Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Aspirin, Ibuprofen, Wet Wipes, Body Lotion, Lip Balm

Homeless Supplies Needed: Gloves and Mittens, Blankets, Sleeping Bags, Men's/Women's Socks, Jackets, Sweatshirts, Winter Coats, Tents, Plastic Tarps, Backpacks, Hormel Complete Meals, Canned Meat, Beef Sticks, Easy Open Cans of Food, Hand and Foot Warmers

We always need brown paper and plastic grocery bags to use for food distribution.

*** No Eucharistic Adoration on Thanksgiving Thursday***



There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday, November 23rd due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Wishing you a blessed Thanksgiving holiday!

Eucharistic Adoration on Monday Evenings During Advent



Eucharistic Adoration is a Catholic devotion dating back to the early days of the Church. It involves the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and offers the faithful time to sit and pray in the presence of Jesus.

During Advent this year, there will be three opportunities to attend Eucharistic Adoration on Monday evenings. Please join us on December 4th, 11th, and 18th from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the chapel for this incredibly special time of prayerful meditation.

Thank You!



The Haiti Committee and Fr Viller as well as the families and teachers in our sister parish want to thank you all for your support of education in their village/chapel schools. We are always overwhelmed by your generosity and love for our friends in Haiti. **God uses ordinary people to do the unexpected.**

God bless you all.

Renmen Bondye, Sèvi Lòt Moun, Fòm Disip // Love God, Serve Others, Form Disciples



Cub Scout Catholic Emblem Workshop 1



Light of Christ Catholic Religious Emblem

What: The purpose is to help the Catholic Cub Scout develop a personal relationship with Jesus. With the parents' assistance and participation, the Cub Scout will come to see Jesus as a real person and friend.

Date: Saturday, December 2, 2023

Time: 8:30AM-10:30AM

Where: St. Pius X Catholic Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Who: Designed for Tiger and Wolf Cub Scouts (Ages 6-7) of Catholic faith.

Event Details: <https://mycouncil.hawkeyesba.org/Event/4832/Register>

Cub Scout Catholic Emblem Workshop 2



Parvuli Dei Catholic Religious Emblem

What: The purpose is to help young Catholics explore a wide range of activities in order to discover the presence of God in their daily lives and to develop a good, positive self-image through the contributions they can make to the community.

Date: Saturday, December 2, 2023

Time: 8:30 am -11:30 am

Where: St. Pius X Catholic Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Who: Designed for Bear and Webelos Cub Scouts (Ages 8-10) of Catholic faith.

Event Details: <https://mycouncil.hawkeyesba.org/Event/4834/Register>

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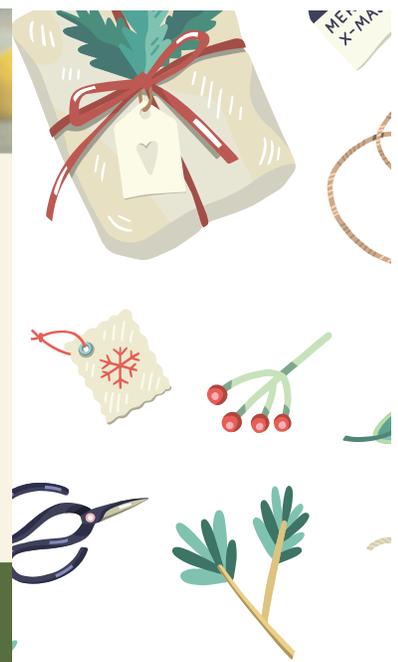
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Advent Wreath Lighting

Please Join Us...

We have two opportunities to get involved at All Saints this Advent Season...

Faith, Family, Fellowship

Please join us on Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 10:00 am in the Social Hall. We will be sharing ways to celebrate the Advent and Christmas season with young families. To RSVP, please contact Stacy Cataldo catechesis@allsaintscr.com

Advent Wreath

The Hospitality Committee is looking for volunteers to light the Advent Wreath at each of the weekend Masses during Advent. Click [HERE](#) to sign up.

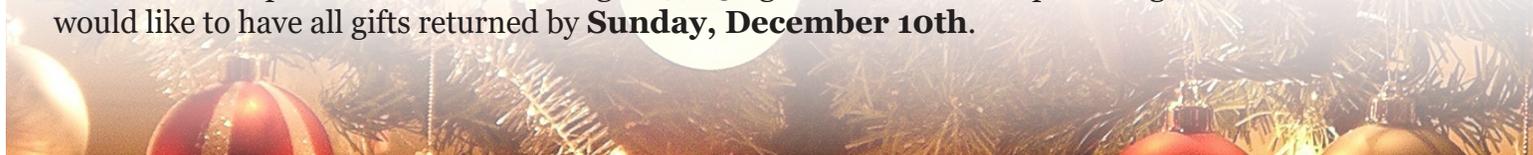


All Saints Giving Tree



Gift tags and ideas are available to be taken for the All Saints Giving Tree. You can also access the Giving Tree online. The gifts you choose to purchase will help children and families in the community. Ornaments can be chosen off the tree, purchased and wrapped. After attaching the ornament to the gift, it can be returned to the church.

Online sign up is very easy. [Click here](#). Choose what gifts you would like to purchase and enter the needed information. Once you have bought the gift(s), wrap and place a tag or piece of paper with the code and description on the front of the gift. (i.e. 3F gift card) Please drop off the gift at All Saints Church. We would like to have all gifts returned by **Sunday, December 10th**.



Holiday Scrip Schedule



The holiday shopping season is upon us, and gift cards make great gifts!

To have your order ready to pick up by:	Place your online order before 8am on:	Drop off your paper order form before 8am on:
Nov 17	Nov 13	Nov 13
Nov 27	Nov 20	Nov 17
Dec 1	Nov 27	Nov 27
Dec 8	Dec 4	Dec 4
Dec 15	Dec 11	Dec 11
Dec 22	Dec 18	Dec 18
Jan 5	Jan 2	Dec 22

The All Saints Scrip Office will be closed Nov 18-26 and Dec 23-Jan 3.

Online orders will be available while the Scrip Office is closed. However, "Pay Coordinator" and "Ship to Coordinator" items will be delayed until the Scrip Office reopens.

Please contact Lori at scrip@allsaintscr.com or 319.535.3570 for more information.

Thank-you for supporting All Saints!

You Are Cordially Invited...



Welcome to the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time. This is our last Sunday in Ordinary time for the 2023 calendar year. Next Sunday, we celebrate the end of our liturgical year with Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Two Sundays from now we start the new liturgical year with the 1st Sunday in Advent. There is a lot that happens during the next two months. Today's Gospel reading is a good one to keep in our back pocket as we enter into the holidays. It can help us respond to rather than react to the demands of our time, talents and financial resources, as well as some of the family challenges that arise.

This passage has many interpretations as to what the talents symbolize. Some interpret it more literally as money, others as gifts and abilities from the Lord and still others as revealed knowledge from God. The most eye opening interpretation that I read is the one that found a solid resting place in my heart and mind. It was given in a Labor Day weekend homily by Fr. Robert Schoenstene, an Old Testament professor at Mundelein University. After acknowledging the common interpretations, he shares, "What the contemporary reader will likely miss, and what the ancient Jewish reader would have caught immediately, is the connection to heaviness: a talent was weighty, and five talents was massively heavy. Heaviness would have brought to mind the heaviest weight of all, which was the kabod of Yahweh. That term was rendered in Greek as doxa and in Latin as gloria, both of which carry the connotation of luminosity, but the basic sense of the Hebrew word is heaviness, gravitas. And this kabod Yahweh was to be found in the Jerusalem Temple, resting upon the mercy seat within the Holy of Holies. Therefore, what was heaviest (most glorious) of all was the mercy of God, which abided in infinite, inexhaustible abundance in the Holy Temple. In light of these clarifications, we can read Jesus' parable with fresh eyes. The talents given to the three servants are not so much monetary gifts or personal capacities; they are a share in the mercy of God, a participation in the weightiness of the divine love. But since mercy is always directed to the other, these "talents" are designed to be shared. In point of fact, they will increase precisely in the measure that they are given away. The problem with the timid servant who buried his talent is not that he was an ineffective venture capitalist but that he fundamentally misunderstood the nature of what he had been given. The divine mercy—received as a pure gift—is meant to be given to others as a pure gift. Buried in the ground, that is to say, hugged tightly to oneself as one's own possession, such a talent necessarily evanesces. And this is why the master's seemingly harsh words should not be read as the punishment of an angry God but as an expression of spiritual physics: the divine mercy will grow in you only inasmuch as you give it to others. To "have" the kabod Yahweh is precisely not to have it in the ordinary sense of the term."

While all of the interpretations speak to a heightened awareness of our call to love, worship and serve God through the development and generous use of our blessings from God (time, talent and treasure), to know God's mercy and multiply this magnanimous gift by sharing it freely with others calls for an sense of humility and service that the others do not. It can be easier to share our time, talent and treasures, because our culture lauds the giver which can increase the ego and crowd out God. Our culture does not celebrate mercy and forgiveness to the same degree. Those who grow God's mercy and freely share it are often ridiculed and labeled as weak and foolish. We have all sinned. This Advent, come and receive God's all-powerful and life changing mercy through the sacrament of Reconciliation. And then, I invite all of us to grow this love in our hearts by foolishly, freely and lavishly giving it away. The beauty of doing so is that it never leaves you, but miraculously grows the more it is shared.

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. November 21 8:00 am
For the People
- Wed. November 22 8:00 am
For the People
- Thurs. November 23 8:15 am
† William Vogl
- Fri. November 24 8:00 am
† Bob & Mary Hook
- Sat. November 25 4:00 pm
† Rosemary & Lawrence Schenden
- Sun. November 26 9:00 am
For the People

Scripture Readings

Week of November 19, 2023

Sunday:

Prv 31: 10-13. 19-20. 30-31/ Ps 128: 1-2.
3. 4-5/ 1 Thes 5: 1-6/ Mt 25: 14-30

Monday:

1 Mc 1: 10-15. 41-43. 54-57. 62-63/ Ps
119: 53. 61. 134. 150. 155. 158/ Lk 18:35-
43

Tuesday:

2 Mc 6: 18-31/ Ps 3: 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/ Lk 19:
1-10

Wednesday:

2 Mc 7: 1. 20-31/ Ps 17: 1bcd. 5-6. 8b and
15/ Lk 19: 11-28

Thursday:

1 Mc 2: 15-29/ Ps 50: 1b-2. 5-6. 14-15/ Lk
19: 41-44. Thanksgiving: Proper Mass
in Thanksgiving to God, esp. Sir 50: 22-
24/ 1 Cor 1: 3-9/ Lk 17: 11-19

Friday:

1 Mc 4: 3-37. 52-59/ 1 Chr 29: 10bcd.
11abc. 11d-12a. 12bcd/ Lk 19: 45-48

Saturday:

1 Mc 6: 1-13/ Ps 9: 2-3. 4 and 6. 16 and
19/ Lk 20: 27-40

Sunday:

Ez 14: 11-12. 15-17/ Ps 23: 1-2. 2-3. 5-6
(1)/ 1 Cor 15: 20-26. 28/ Mt 25: 31-46

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>

Christmas Market Time!



St. Ludmila Christmas Market will be held Saturday, December 2nd from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm in the lower level of the church located at 211-21st Ave. SW. Enjoy shopping from over 25 crafters and vendors! Also featuring St. Ludmila Silent Auction, crafts, cookie/candy sales, fresh greenery arrangements and Cafe Ludmila!

The All Saints Thanksgiving Fund



As Thanksgiving approaches and you and your family begin to count the many gifts and blessings given to you by the Father, please consider sharing with those who have less. The All Saints Thanksgiving Fund, contributed to by our parishioners every year, has helped to support Metro Catholic Outreach, Green Square Meals and Take Away Hunger in our Community. Follow [this link](#) to donate.

Thank you for your Stewardship. May God bless you and your family this Thanksgiving.

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: Peter 4:10



Bruins Beat

Service Project Time!

For the month of November, students at All Saints School will be participating in our first community service project of the school year. Each month a grade will take lead to ensure our service is both meaningful and supportive of our community. This month is being led by our kindergartens and will entail students creating thank you cards/placemats to be dispersed to our retired priests/nuns for Thanksgiving. We will be doing this to show our appreciation to their dedication to the church. During this time students are able to reflect on their own level of gratitude and become a bit more aware of the joy, love, service, and at times sacrifices our church leaders have made to share Jesus' love with us. We thank all of our religious leaders either retired or active for their never ending support as we grow in our own faith.



www.allsaints-erschool.org

Ministry Schedule

November 18, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan

Cate Biro

Extraordinary Ministers

Stephen Schmitz

Jim Thebeau

Teel Thebeau

Altar Servers

Emma Colby

Stella Lippe

Max Marcott

Lectors

Theresa Harker

Gavin Miller

Hospitality Ministers

Elie AbouRaad

Sue Bright

Jen Colby

Chris Colby

Dick Kettelkamp

Barb Lindstrom

November 19, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

Sherry Casey

Extraordinary Ministers

Michelle Favorite

Dianne Knapp

Bill Knapp

Altar Servers

Adalyn LaMere

Ellorie Shane

Eli Shane

Lectors

Loesje Shema

David Shema

Hospitality Ministers

Maureen Dale Ernst

John Ernst

Pete Rethwisch

Bea Rethwisch

Chris Shimon

Diane Weimer

Ministry Schedule

November 25, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan

Cynthia Gunsolly, OFS

Extraordinary Ministers

John Lutkenhaus

Cindy Lyness

Sharon Warden

Altar Servers

Willa English

Jennifer Semelroth

Remington Taylor (sub req.)

Lectors

Riley Hoover

Rick Stefani

Hospitality Ministers

Daniel Greene

Jan Merfeld

Peg Schmitz (sub req.)

Debbie Suby

Tom Takes

Mike Votroubek

November 26, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

John Michael

Extraordinary Ministers

Cate Biro

Stephanie Guzman

Wade Johnson

Altar Servers

Maeve Ainsworth

Kevin Favorite

Addison Johnson

Lectors

Gregory O'Connell

Tasha Tatara

Hospitality Ministers

Jason Ainsworth

Kim Ainsworth

Dorothy Svatosch

Shelly Zaugg

Gary Zaugg

Grace Zaugg

Family Ministry

November 19, 2023 • 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 25:14-30

Living Up to Your Potential

Jesus teaches through another story. A man entrusts his servants with his possessions while he is on a journey. The first servant receives five talents; he trades them and ends up with ten. The second received two and also doubles his master's money. The third servant receives one talent, and out of fear, buries it. When the man returned, he punished the third servant for doing nothing with what he was given. He praises the other servants.

Well done, good and trustworthy servant. Aren't those the words we would all like to hear when we face the Lord for our final judgment? I have my own theory about what we have to do to hear those words. I don't think God is going to judge us on what we have done, but on who we have become.

We were each created to be absolutely unique. No two people are made the same. God created each of us with our own set of talents, abilities, and limitations. I think when we face God on the last day, God will say to us, "Have you become the person I created you to be?" When you become the person God created you to be, you are at your best. You become the best parent you can be, the best friend, the best teacher, lawyer, doctor, scientist, writer, designer, assistant, firefighter, or painter.

Think of the world as a giant jigsaw puzzle. Each person represents one piece of the puzzle, and when all the pieces are put together you find the Kingdom of God. But suppose a few pieces decided they didn't like their particular shape and wanted to look like the shapes next to them. Or what if some puzzle pieces decided they wouldn't show up because they weren't sure where they would fit in? It would be forever before you would get to see the Kingdom of God.

In the parable of the talents, the servant buries the treasure because he is afraid of losing it. He gives into his fear and it ends up costing him everything. Fear that is rooted in an uncertainty of our own worth can be like that. Fear of failure or rejection, or even the fear of being laughed at, can paralyze a person. Don't let that happen to you.

Discover who God created you to be and be that person. Develop your gifts and when it comes time to face your creator you are bound to hear, "Well done."

FAMILY RESPONSE

Ask each person to answer the question, "What do I think God wants from me?"

PERSONAL RESPONSE

What are some of your particular talents, gifts, and limitations? 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 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>.