

ALL SAINTS

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL



Love God • Serve Others • Form Disciples



**January 6 & January 7, 2024;
Baptism of the Lord**

*Your light has
come, the glory
of the Lord shines
upon you.*

Isaiah 60:1

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

We Have Come to do Him Homage



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Please Pray for the Following People

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



The Marek Family and Rose Jackson.

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



Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. The U.S. bishops pastoral on stewardship reminds us that Baptism gives all of His disciples a share in His priestly work and calls them “to offer up the word and all that is in it – especially themselves – to the Lord of all.”

Catholic Daughters of the Americas



Catholic Daughters of the Americas Cedar Rapids #1768 has members from all 11 parishes who engage in creative and spiritual programs. There is no CDA membership meeting during the winter month of January. The next meeting will be Tues, February,13.

Haiti Committee is Looking for Website Support Volunteers



The All Saints Haiti Committee is looking for volunteers interested in providing technical and content support for their website <https://haitieasterniowa.com/category/haiti/>. This would include page design, posting photos and information, updating content during fundraisers, tracking subscription services, and updating website software and extensions. Volunteers must be familiar with WordPress.

If you are interested in helping our Haiti mission by providing website support, please contact Steve Schmitz at stephen@schmitzia.com for more information.

You Are Cordially Invited...



Welcome to 2024! Today is 123123! Happy New Year! I've heard or read these statements probably a thousand times in the past 2 weeks. They're all reminders of the fact that it's time to throw away that 2023 calendar and dig out the old one from 1996 that somehow lines up with 2024. As I recall, 1996 was a good year for me so I have hope for a wonderful 2024. No, I'm not making traditional resolutions. Studies show that most people break their resolutions before January even ends. This year, I'm opting to set a goal for myself. Last summer, I spent most of the season working on a project that I put off after the loss of my father. 2022 took a toll on me and the backyard certainly shows the scars it created. Repairing the scars of recent years will be an undertaking but a rewarding one nonetheless. The memories of fire pit gatherings of years past are some of my fondest in recent years. These memories are the reason why I put my blood, sweat, and tears into my backyard oasis. I believe I've set for myself a very realistic goal—one that will be fun and fulfilling to achieve before my daughter and I invite people over to celebrate her upcoming high school graduation.

This certainly isn't a good time to be looking longingly at my garden wishing for warmer days. After all, it's only January. Winter has only begun. For many, winter is a very demotivating time. We've just swept away the last bit of magical Christmas glitter and tucked those beautiful memories away for the season. Post-holiday depression is certainly a very real creature for most of us. It's important to remember that there is support in the world for those who may find the battle with that creature a bit overwhelming. Sometimes the creature bests us. We say things to people that we don't necessarily mean. We glare angrily at the lone server at the restaurant who's probably working her 12th hour that day because her coworkers called in sick. We forgot the receipt to return that sweater that was just a little too small and now the girl at the register who is wincing at every word. It's important to know that these people are our coworkers, friends, and children. They're our neighbors. It's important to know that they are... *ourselves*.

Like our computer, our bodies, minds, and souls need a restart now and then. Just as we restart those computers at the end of the day, I look at New Year's as a great time to give myself a fresh restart. After that, I feel more prepared for the world—prepared to tip the lonely server, prepared to let the person in line at Aldi with 2 items ahead of me with my full cart, prepared to dig up that lost receipt, and prepared to hug my friend Hannah who just kinda lost her way today.

During these cold months, I find creative ways to feed and care for my soul. I'm a lucky season ticket holder of Iowa Women's Basketball. I have friends over to my home weekly for tabletop games. I'm also an avid movie buff. These diversions keep me motivated through the winter until my garden starts displaying little green shoots through last year's brown mulch. By the time Spring rolls around, if we've taken care of ourselves and those around us, we'll show a little growth coming through the mulch as well. I encourage you all to give yourselves a restart at this time of year. It's not only good for the operating system, it's also good for the mind, body, soul... and that neighbor that just needed someone around who cares.

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Save the Date for a CEW



The Christian Experience Weekend, or CEW, is a renewal weekend for adults, designed to enable them to more deeply “experience” themselves and their relationship to God and the Christian community.

In Cedar Rapids there is a separate weekend each year for women and men. Both retreats are held at La Salle Middle School. For 2024, the women’s weekend will be February 9 - 11. The men’s weekend will be February 23 -25. The weekend begins on Friday evening and ends at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.

The weekend is specifically designed to focus on our self-worth and relationship with Christ but also how to carry that into our Christian mission. Save your spot soon for this retreat! You can register at <http://crcew.org> for more information.

The All Saints Podcast



Announcing the All Saints Podcast! Episodes 3 through 5 featuring Isabelle, Stacy, and Tracy are available NOW! Search The All Saints Podcast on Apple Podcasts or Spotify today.

Or listen to it right here:

<https://feeds.buzzsprout.com/2233953.rss>

SCAN TO LISTEN



Service to Others

Metro Catholic Outreach



Thanks to all our faithful volunteers who worked extra hard this holiday season.

You make Metro Catholic Outreach a success!

Shrines of France Pilgrimage



Come along Nov. 4-14, 2024, to some of the most beautiful sites in all of France. We’ll visit the holy Shrine of Lourdes, the home of St. Martin in Tours, the grand Chartres Cathedral, the monastery of Mont St. Michel, Normandy Beach along with both an American Cemetery and a German Cemetery, the home of St. Therese the Little Flower in Lisieux and the wonderful city of Paris! Mass each day in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. Cost is \$4,299 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, 307 4th St. N., Humboldt, Iowa 50548 or call 712-899-6870 or email frdanguenther@gmail.com Fr. Guenther has been leading these pilgrimages for over 25 years!

Mass Intentions

Tues. January 9 8:00 am
† Bernard Bernemann

Wed. January 10 8:00 am
For the People

Thurs. January 11 8:15 am
For the People

Fri. January 12 8:00 am
For the People

Sat. January 13 4:00 pm
† George Benedict, Jr.

Sun. January 14 9:00 am
For the People

Scripture Readings

Week of January 7, 2024

Sunday:

Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 (20)

Monday:

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11
or, in Year B, Is 55:1-11 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk
1:7-11 (21)

Tuesday:

1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28 (306)
or 1 Sm 1:1-8 (305) and 1:9-20 (306)/Mk
1:14-20 (305) and 1:21-28 (306)

Wednesday:

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39 (307)

Thursday:

1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45 (308)

Friday:

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12 (309)

Saturday:

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17 (310)

Sunday:

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/
Jn 1:35-42 (65)

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 Power of *Planning Center*



Planning Center offers a range of features that cater to the needs of Parishioners at All Saints Catholic Church, enhancing their overall experience in managing People, Giving, and Registrations. In the People module, parishioners can easily access and update their personal information, ensuring that the church database remains

current and accurate. This feature promotes efficient communication and fosters a sense of community by allowing members to connect with each other seamlessly.

The Giving module provides a user-friendly platform for parishioners to contribute to the church financially. Through secure and convenient online giving options, members can support the church's mission and activities with ease. Additionally, this feature offers transparency, allowing individuals to track their donation history and stay informed about the impact of their contributions on the community.

For Registrations, Planning Center simplifies the process of signing up for events, programs, and services within the church. Whether it's registering for a religious education class or signing up for volunteer opportunities, parishioners can navigate the registration process effortlessly. This ensures smooth event planning and coordination while empowering members to engage actively in various church activities.

In summary, Planning Center provides Parishioners at All Saints Catholic Church with practical tools for managing personal information, making financial contributions, and participating in church events. These features are designed to streamline administrative tasks, promote community involvement, and contribute to the overall well-being of the church congregation.

This app may be found in the app store on your Smartphone. Click the search button and enter **church center** app in the search bar. Download it, open and explore the many features of this app.

Bruins Beat

Holiday Highlights



www.allsaints-crschool.org

Ministry Schedule

January 6, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan

Mary Pat Wilkinson

Extraordinary Ministers

Aaron Kelly
Andrew Lang
John Lutkenhaus
Cindy Lyness
Ellen Mouw
Marvin Stallman
Sharon Warden

Altar Servers

Bo Dittmar
Sean Kelly
Logan Kelly

Lectors

Gavin Miller
Tim Nash

Hospitality Ministers

Elie AbouRaad
Ryan Donnelly
Daniel Greene
Jan Merfeld
Peg Schmitz
Mike Votroubek

January 7, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

Chris Conway

Extraordinary Ministers

Brian Conway
Ann Hunter
Larry Hunter
Stephanie Klappholz
Ellen Mouw
Dennis Mullarkey
Gregory O'Connell

Altar Servers

Julien Jiacinto
Annmarie Jiacinto
Lucy Klappholz

Lectors

Robin Brown
Mick Erdman

Hospitality Ministers

Jason Ainsworth
Kim Ainsworth
Jeanne Amosson
Maureen Dale Ernst
John Ernst
Tony Satariano

Ministry Schedule

January 13, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan

Cynthia Gunsolly

Extraordinary Ministers

Jean Bell

Suzanne Lammers

Gavin Miller

Joan Murrin

John Myers

Daniel Prentice

Alison Prentice

Altar Servers

James Lammers

Zachary Prentice

Megan Talyat

Lectors

Riley Hoover

Lisa Stephenson

Hospitality Ministers

Sue Bright

Ryan Donnelly

Dick Kettelkamp

Marcia Myers

Peg Schmitz

Mike Votroubek

January 14, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

Cate Biro

Extraordinary Ministers

Tom Amosson

Sherry Casey

Larry Hunter

Ann Hunter

Stephanie Klappholz

John Michael

Dennis Mullarkey

Altar Servers

Maili McMahon

Wyatt Ross

Logan Weininger

Lectors

JoAnn Hand

Tasha Tatar

Hospitality Ministers

Jason Ainsworth

Kim Ainsworth

Maureen Dale Ernst

John Ernst

Bea Rethwisch

Pete Rethwisch

Family Ministry

January 7, 2024 • Epiphany of the Lord • Matthew 2:1–12

Paying Homage

Mary, the baby Jesus and Joseph are still in Bethlehem, but they have left the stable and are resting in someone's home. While they are there three men from the East arrive. The strangers have followed a star and are seeking a newly born king. When they see Jesus they know their search has ended.

Imagine Mary and Joseph's surprise when the Magi turn up at their door. The Holy Family lets them in, and the strangers kneel on the floor saying all sorts of wonderful things about their newborn. Before leaving they give them gifts fit for the grandest of kings.

Imagine Mary and Joseph's conversation when the Magi left—first, the shepherds, then Simeon and Anna and now these exotic-looking travelers. They began their Bethlehem visit with only a stable for shelter, and now they carried gold, frankincense and myrrh. Having Jesus in their life was certainly going to be interesting. But they were open to challenges and surprises, hardships and blessings.

The same is true when we accept Jesus in our lives. With Jesus as our center we are expected to be like Mary and Joseph—open to all that life offers. We are expected to open our hearts and our lives to the poor as well as the wealthy, to the uneducated as well as those who are wise. God calls us to accept the unexpected guest in whatever travel-weary appearance they come.

Life is filled with challenges and hardships, benefits and surprise whether you believe in Jesus or not. However, those of us who believe are given a treasure even more precious than gold, frankincense or myrrh. When we say yes to Jesus, the good and not so good parts of life are shared with him, and all that is and is to be becomes a gift.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Have each family member talk about how they think Mary and Joseph reacted to the visit of the Magi. Ask each person what was one of the biggest surprises they have ever experienced.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Having a child in the house offers surprises every day. What still surprises you about being a parent? 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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BLOOD DRIVE

BLOODCENTER.ORG

All Saints Catholic Church & School

Saturday, February 17th

9:00am – 12:00pm

Lower Level

720 29th Street SE

To schedule, please call Dennis Mullarkey at (319)350-3776
or online at www.bloodcenter.org.

**All Saint's Elementary School Will Receive a
\$270.00 Grant with 20 donations!**

*Please eat before donating and bring Photo ID.
Last Date to Donate Elsewhere: 12/23/23
Group Sponsor Code: 1879*



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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>.