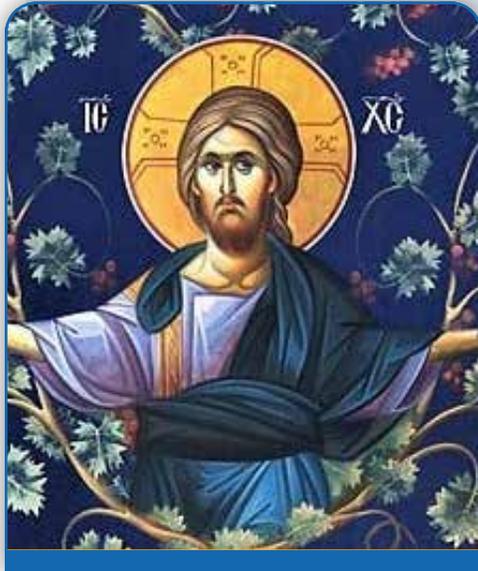


ALL SAINTS

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL



Love God • Serve Others • Form Disciples



**April 27 & April 28, 2024;
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

*Remain in me
as I remain in you,
says the Lord. Whoever
remains in me will
bear much fruit.*

John 15:4

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

“I am the vine, you are the branches.”



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Please Pray for the Following People

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



† Margaret Walsh and † Cathy Sheka.

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

Stewardship Corner



The good steward lives the advice of St. John, loving in deed and in truth, rather than just talking about it.

A Weekly Tip on Caring for Our Common Home



Practice observing and appreciating the beauty in all aspects of creation that surround you. "If someone has not learned to stop and admire something beautiful, we should not be surprised if he or she treats everything as an object to be used and abused without scruple."

Hy-Vee Receipt Update



Another year of gathering and compiling Hy-Vee receipt totals ended on March 31 and we are waiting to hear how much Hy-Vee is going to donate to All Saints School this year. Thank you to all of you who so faithfully drop off your receipts! Great job!

As of April 1 we have started a new year of gathering receipts, so keep on turning those in as you always have. Remember to include any CR, Marion, Hiawatha Hy-Vee gas as well as grocery receipts. You may drop them at the school, or at the church office. If you can't drop them off yourself, please contact me and I will pick them up. My email is jmmurr445@gmail.com. Thanks to everyone who helps with this fundraiser!

-Joan Murrin

Service to Others Metro Catholic Outreach



MCO is Hiring!

Join a fast-paced nonprofit organization that makes a huge difference right here in our community. Metro Catholic Outreach is a collaboration of the 11 metro area Catholic Churches and manages a large food pantry, plus financial assistance for rent and utilities. 24 hours per week, Monday - Thursday. See full job description and application details at www.indeed.com.

Keep Those Amazon Boxes Coming!

Thanks to all of our amazing donors who use the Amazon Wish List button at the top of each of our newsletters! You can click on the handy link in the dark blue box by our MCO logo above to order from the comfort of your own living room. Your donations are delivered directly to our office, usually within just a day or two of placing your order. There is rarely a name included as to who each package came from, but please know *each and every one of these deliveries is needed and much appreciated!*

Our Office Volunteers Are the Best!

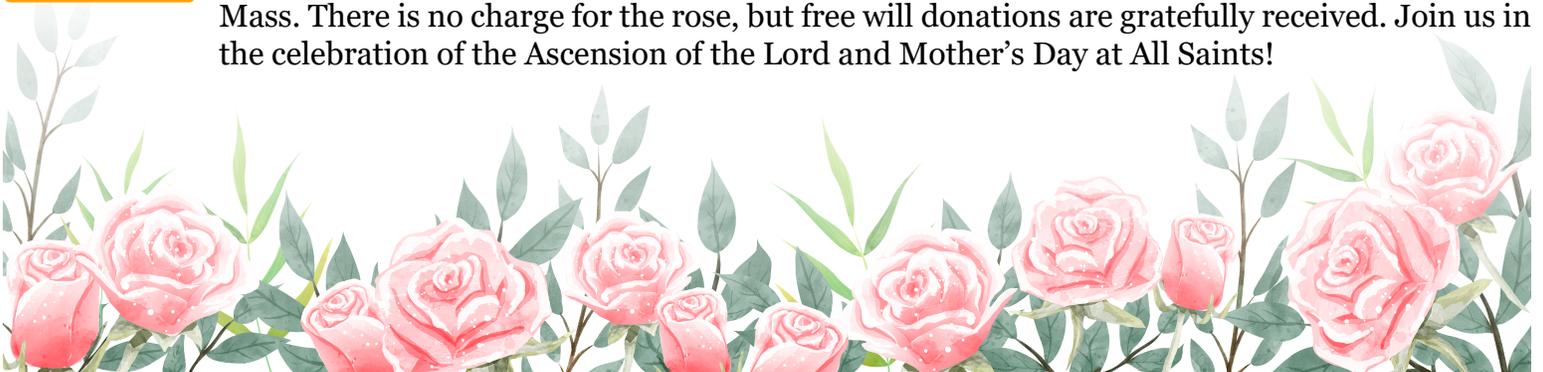
Enjoying a rare Friday lunch together last week, our dedicated office volunteers gathered to review details and procedures. Thanks to Gina and Cindy for all their hard work making this happen! These faithful volunteers usually work a three hour shift answering phones, scheduling families to pick up food boxes, assisting our homeless clients, organizing and displaying food, clothing and personal care items, etc. Record keeping and data entry are also part of our busy shifts. Many, many clients call and come through our doors each week and our office staff is their first point of contact. Many of our office volunteers come in whenever they have a couple of free hours, or once or twice per month, some please come in once or even twice or more per week.

If you enjoy helping others, are able to answer a phone and can find your way around on a computer, WE NEED YOU! Let us know if you'd like to learn more about helping out in our busy and fun office. For more information, contact laura.o'leary@metro catholic outreach.org.

Mother's Day Weekend



Celebrate the gift of Motherhood with your All Saints Parish Community at both Masses, May 11 and 12. All are invited to bring a cut flower for a community memorial vase that will be placed on the altar prior to Mass. Additionally, there will be fellowship after both Masses courtesy of the parish and hosted by the Pastoral Council and the Finance Council. Finally, the Iowa Right to Life Group with the assistance of the Men of the Eucharist will be handing out roses after Mass. There is no charge for the rose, but free will donations are gratefully received. Join us in the celebration of the Ascension of the Lord and Mother's Day at All Saints!



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 \$35,538.19. 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 builds upon and echoes last week's message on how we are to love and support one another.

In 1 John we read, "Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth...And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us."

Through the resource, James, First, Second and Third John by Kelly Anderson and Daniel Keating we learn that the author of 1 John is writing to a community in crisis that has resulted due to a "division in the church. And [its members] are in need of an encouragement that both clarified the truth and fortified the heart." Anderson and Keating identify four points of importance within 1 John directed to the remaining Christian community: 1) that Christ is fully God and fully human (those who departed were denying his humanity); 2) that even as Christ died for our sins to restore our salvation with God, we are still human and we remain sinners (those who departed claimed they could no longer sin); 3) that we, as sinners, need to obey God's commandments as they provide the foundation for Christian living and the strength for resisting sin (those who departed failed to keep God's commandments); and 4) that Jesus is all about loving and supporting each other (those who departed might have been saying the words, but their deeds and actions did not support that love of neighbor as one self.)

What really got my attention as I continued to read from this resource is the emphasis the authors credited to the author of 1 John on the importance of love. As it was in the time period of the early church, we can imagine that there were many voices as the church tried to understand and "define" Jesus and what his life, death and resurrection meant for a Christian life of faith in God. One could easily understand that the primary importance may have been placed on the theological teachings that were being debated and formed. But, as important as that was, what is proclaimed most important in 1 John is love in word and deed, through loving your neighbor as you would want to be loved. As Father Jack would say, this is a good place to focus your time in prayer for the week.

And with that radical thought in mind, I invite you to attend Mass this weekend (and then the next and the next...) Call upon the power of the Holy Spirit that we may all reorient our hearts not to rules and regulations, but to love of oneself and love of neighbor through both words and deeds.

Tracy Huk
Business Manager, businessallsaints@gmail.com



Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA)



Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) Court Cedar Rapids #1768 will meet Tuesday May 14 at St. Wenceslaus Church. Doors open at 6pm with refreshments. Meeting at 6:15pm beginning with a May Crowning of the Blessed Mother ceremony in church followed by a business meeting with an election of officers. Guests are always welcome. Contacts: Erika at 319-238-1798 or Stephanie at 319-540-7193.

Thank You, Volunteers



All Saints has celebrated a lot of funerals over the past few months. It takes many volunteers to provide hospitality for funerals. We wish to thank all of our dedicated parishioners who assist our grieving families by greeting them, handing out missals, attending to other needs or requests from family and guests and assisting at the funeral luncheons in many capacities. Our volunteers truly share the love of Christ through both word and deed. Thank you!

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!*

Parish Council Nominee Profiles (cont.)



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 minister 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 5 1/2 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.

Parish Council Nominee Profiles (cont.)



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.*

2024 LEADERSHIP ELECTIONS

ABSENTEE BALLOT

Registered parishioners who have been confirmed and older can vote. Please provide your name below for our ballot counters. All absentee ballots can be dropped off or mailed to the parish office. Ballots must be received by Friday, May 3 to be counted.

PASTORAL COUNCIL - VOTE FOR 2

- Daniel Prentice Catherine O'Connell
 David Wolf Lisa Stephenson

FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION - VOTE FOR 3

- Lynn Holverson Jen Colby Emily Hamilton
 Samantha Dolezal Diane Weimer Amy Mason

Your name: _____ Envelope # _____

Parish Council Nominee Profiles (cont.)



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 co-chaired 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.



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. I feel 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.



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 All Saints 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.

Parish Council Nominee Profiles (cont.)



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.*



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.*

Mass Intentions

Tues. April 23	8:00 am
†	Bob Casey
Wed. April 24	8:00 am
†	George R. Benedict Family
Thurs. April 25	8:15 am
	Special Intention
Fri. April 26	8:00 am
	For the People
Sat. April 27	4:00 pm
	For the People
Sun. April 28	9:00 am
†	Sally Carroll

Scripture Readings

Week of April 28, 2024

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26 (285)

Tuesday:

Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a (286)

Wednesday:

Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8 (287)
or, for the Memorial, Gn 1:26-2:3 or Col
3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Mt 13:54-58 (559)

Thursday:

Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11 (288)

Friday:

1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14 (561)

Saturday:

Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21 (290)

Sunday:

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/
Jn 15:9-17 (56)

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>

SCAN TO LISTEN



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

Service Projects, Service Projects, and Mr. Reitzel!

This year was our first year of implementing school wide service. To celebrate, Mrs. Conyers included a lesson on the Kindness Quilt during her time with students. It highlights how each student chooses to show kindness. The first grade ambassadors helped, Ms. Detert sewed, Mrs. Conyers glued, and this wonderful masterpiece was created. It will soon be displayed in the school for everyone to see!



Thank you to our All Saints students and parish faculty for their efforts in cleaning up and sprucing up our school grounds yesterday for Earth Day.



What better way to spend your Friday than a surprise visit from Mr. Reitzel! #wemissyou



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Ministry Schedule

April 27, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan

Mary Pat Wilkinson

Extraordinary Ministers

Aaron Kelly
Suzanne Lammers
Daniel Prentice
Alison Prentice
Peg Schmitz
Stephen Schmitz
Mary Takes

Altar Servers

Logan Kelly
Sean Kelly
Jennifer Semelroth

Lectors

Tim Nash
Lisa Stephenson

Hospitality Ministers

Ryan Donnelly
Barb Lindstrom
Marcia Myers
Brian Talyat
Lauri Talyat
Mike Votroubek

April 28, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

Chris Conway

Extraordinary Ministers

Tom Amosson
Sherry Casey
Stephanie Guzman
Tracy Huk
Bill Knapp
Dianne Knapp
John Michael

Altar Servers

Adalyn LaMere
Eli Shane
Ellorie Shane

Lectors

Lynn Holverson
Todd Holverson

Hospitality Ministers

Jeanne Amosson
Nicole Johnson
Tony Satariano
Chris Shimon
Diane Weimer

Ministry Schedule

May 4, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan

Cynthia Gunsolly

Extraordinary Ministers

Jean Bell

Cindy Lyness

Joan Murrin

John Myers

Kourtne Powell

Mary Takes

Becky Weininger

Altar Servers

Joseph Cataldo

Vivy Robbins

Logan Weininger

Lectors

Stacy Cataldo

Lisa Stephenson

Hospitality Ministers

Elie AbouRaad

Daniel Greene

Barb Lindstrom

Marcia Myers

Peg Schmitz

Tom Takes

May 5, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

John Michael

Extraordinary Ministers

Maureen Dale Ernst

John Ernst

Terry Goerd

Mary Jo Goerd

Stephanie Guzman

David Shema

Loesje Shema

Altar Servers

Annemarie Jiacinto

Julien Jiacinto

Maili McMahon

Lectors

Robin Brown

JoAnn Hand

Hospitality Ministers

Nicole Johnson

Pete Rethwisch

Bea Rethwisch

Diane Weimer

Dave Wolf (sub req.)

Maureen Wolf

Family Ministry

April 28, 2024 • 5th Sunday of Easter • John 15:1-8

The Vine and Branches

Jesus uses another image in this Gospel to explain his relationship to us. He is the vine and we are its branches. Just as a branch can not survive apart from the vine, we have no life apart from God. Jesus is the vine that provides that life to us.

This reading gives us a clear picture of who we are as Christians and what is expected of us. When Jesus tells us, "I am the vine, you are the branches," he offers us a strong metaphor regarding our relationship to him. Indeed, we will know how strong that relationship is by the fruit we bear.

And what fruit do we look for in a Christian's life? Certainly not the same rewards and benefits offered in the secular world. We don't count money, possessions or position as fruit on Jesus' vine. The blossoms and fruit on Jesus' vine reflect the life force that feeds it. The product of Jesus' vine is the reproduction of his life-giving love in kind acts, healing actions and our own loving relationships.

This is an important message to hand on to our children. Christians have a different gauge to judge success. It is not how much we have that marks us as a winner; it is how much we love. We are the branches and Jesus is the vine, and as long as we stay connected to Jesus, his courage, his strength, his love will flow through us.

Like all healthy fruit, our actions and relationships will bear their own seeds and new vines will grow and the branches will multiply. Jesus wants us to know that he is our life force, and with him we are strong enough to overcome anything and accomplish everything.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Decide as a family who the real winners you know are using the criteria of how much a person loves us as a gauge of a person's success.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Do you find it hard to gauge your own success as a person by how much you love others and your loving actions? 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>.