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April 5 & April 6, 2025; Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday

Sunday



WEEKEND MASS TIMES

4:00 pm
9:00 am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday	8:00 am
Wednesday	8:00 am
Thursday	8:30 am
Friday	8:00 am

Go, and from now on do not sin any more









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



ት Margaret Steffen, ት Marilyn Frank, and ት Kim Witte.

To add a name call Dan Alpers, at 363-6130, ext. 100. Names will be listed for four weeks and may be renewed. $\hat{\tau}$, Recently deceased will be listed for two weeks.

Stewardship Corner



The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts. Living Stewardship by sharing our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works, and our treasure to support the Church helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us from becoming a slave to our possessions. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for the glory of ourselves.

A Weekly Tip on Caring for Our Common Home



When shopping, often you can choose to have a receipt emailed to you instead of receiving a printed copy. Digital receipts are easier to organize, save and search, and they reduce paper waste.

For the Married Couples



"Forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14). How might you let go of something from the past that hinders your loving relationship with your spouse? How are you accompanying your spouse on the path "toward the goal" of holiness?

Attention Married Couples



Is it time to disconnect from the world and reconnect with one another? Busy lives can take away from our relationships. Put your relationship on track for more communication, love and harmony. The upcoming weekends in Iowa are April 25-27 in Epworth and September 12-14 in Dubuque. For more information contact Greg and Denise at 563-920-9419 or sign up for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on *wwme.org*. Early registration is highly recommended.

A Paradigm Shift... of Sorts



When Tracy is away (on vacation), Dan will have a lot to say! That was fun. Anyway, as we all prepare for Father Jack's retirement this Summer, we all have lots of questions. All of us in the parish office have already begun asking our own questions and imagining our futures. So many changes are on the horizon.

Just as the world around us is rapidly changing day by day, our own little parish community will see change almost overnight. I don't care how optimistic you are, change can always bring along with it a little fear. It feels as if Father Jack has always been here and for many of our younger parishioners, he truly has. Saying goodbye is uncomfortable. For me, he's always been here. Please allow me to get a little personal. When I first started

as Office Manager here in the parish office in mid-July, I had just buried my father 3 days prior to my first day. I had been separated from my wife since early June and my future was more uncertain than it had ever been. Luckily, I had the open arms of my new coworkers to guide me down my new path. At the front of the pack was Father Jack. (That was fun, too.) Father's analogy about swimming in the river has stuck with me from my early days here at All Saints. I'm certain that Father has guided many of you down your path as well. Lent is a great time for reflection so I encourage you all to take a moment in the coming days to reflect on how Father Jacks words and actions may have given you pause for thought or helped guide you.

A lesson I'm often reminded of in my role as Office Manager is how we don't know everyone's story. Just like everyone, I've certainly experienced my own story. All of us have. I like to hear from coworkers how interesting my story is to *them*. I'm sure many of us would like to think that our story has some interesting highlights now and then. Like me, your story has had chapters of difficulty, self-discovery, and success. Sometimes it takes the words of Father Jack to make one recognize their own successes. These are the sorts of memories and lessons I'll be taking with me as All Saints enters its new chapter. Another personal note about me is that I am an avid fan of the show, Survivor. This recent season has taken me back to some of these lessons with stories from Mitch, a man who copes with a stutter. He doesn't let it defeat him even while experiencing stressful moments that create extreme moments of difficulty with even the simplest of words. During one of these moments, the host of the show, Jeff was inclined to ask what sort of reaction was appropriate from an observer. Mitch's response was that many people are inclined to help, it's best to give the stutterer some patience. Just 2 episodes later, an autistic woman named Eva was struggling with a severe moment of overstimulation. On her first day on the island, she confided in a firefighter named Joe about her autism and how to help her escape challenging moments of overstimulation. After winning the challenge for her team, Joe was called upon. The display of empathy and understanding that followed brought even the most hardened individuals to tears. The care that Joe showed Eva was absolutely inspiring.

During times of transition like the one we're about to experience this Summer, it's important to remember that we all react differently to change. For some this may be smooth but for others, not so much. Whether you're working with me in the office, serving on a committee, or volunteering during Mass, we are all about to travel this new path *together*. Show each other the sort of compassion that Jeff showed Mitch. Don't be afraid to empathetically ask questions if you're not certain how to help someone, just as Jeff asked Mitch how to properly react to his stuttering. Be the Joe to the Eva that is showing signs of needing a little empathy.

Don't let me make you feel like everything coming is big, bad, and scary because it's not. We have a lot to look forward to as we enter this new chapter in the novel that is All Saints. I'm sorry that I don't have any specifics other than the fact that our very own Tracy Huk has been assigned as parish life coordinator. What this means is that Ms. Huk will be busier than ever but in addition to her usual everyday duties here at the office, she'll be performing a few extra special duties as well. We'll all learn more about those as time progresses, me included. With that said, I want everyone to know that since taking this job in July, 2022, I've been taking on more and more of Tracy's duties so that she can focus on bigger, more important things. If you have any questions that you might initially want to direct to Tracy, know that I will likely be asking you if it's something I can take care of. It's likely that I'll have the knowledge and skills to help you out.

In closing, as we get closer to the Easter holiday, many feared what life would be like after Jesus' passing. People felt lost without their savior. Upon the discovery of Jesus' resurrection, it was clear that Jesus' time on Earth was only the beginning of something greater to come. His teachings of love and compassion for our fellow man, especially during times of change and uncertainty remain over 2000 years later.

Hugs to anyone that may need one. I've heard that I'm good at that. I'm betting you are, too. Chances are, there's someone next to you that could use one. Go ahead. You'll both feel a little better afterward.

- Dan Alpers, Office Manager, officemgr@allsaintscr.com.

Hold on to Hope



When you contribute to our sister parish, you help Haiti parishioners HOLD ON TO HOPE in celebrating feast and holy days.





Parishioners celebrate the Feast of St. Jean de Baptiste, the patron saint of the chapel in Ducrabon. Each chapel's feast day is a "homecoming," of sorts, lasting from Friday until Monday. Family members who have moved away often return to celebrate this day. Gifts of food are offered at mass and later, the whole community celebrates. Word has it that after the priest leaves, the dancing begins and continues into the early morning hours!



St. Jean de Baptiste chapel, the main village of our sister parish of Notre Dame de Lourdes in Haiti, is decorated for Christmas. Parishioners take very good care of the church buildings and take pride in their cleanliness and decorations. The chapels in each village also serve as classrooms, meeting rooms and places of civic activity. On our mission trips, we have often seen plays and fashion shows in this chapel.



A new nativity set is displayed at St. Jean de Baptiste chapel in Ducrabon, the main villiage of our sister parish.

Please continue to support our sister parish with prayer and financial contributions.

Donate today! Visit *allsaintscr.churchcenter.com/giving* and choose "Haiti Lenten Alms" from the drop-down menu. You can also send a check to All Saints, with HAITI LENTEN ALMS in the memo line.

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Mercy Auxiliary Spring Bazaar



Mercy Auxiliary Presents: Mercy Auxiliary Spring Bazaar Thursday, April 17, 2025,8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mercy Medical Center – Hallagan Education Center, 701 10th Street SE, Cedar Rapids. Mercy will presenting the annual Spring Bazaar. Not only will there be nearly 40 local vendors booths, but we will also be featuring Kroul Farms with spring plants and Iowa Nutty as well as spring items at the Mercy gift shops. This event is free and open to the public.

Results of The Disciple Maker Index Survey are IN



The results of the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey that all parishioners were invited to do in December of last year are now available. They are being reviewed by Fr. Jack, Tracy Huk and selected parish leaders. In the coming weeks, detailed information will be shared with parishioners. We are excited to share our top 3 strengths now!



- The Eucharist is the body/blood of Christ
- Scripture is the Word of God
- Would recommend our pastor to a friend

Other highlights from the survey include:

- 94% of the respondents attend Mass weekly and 14% attend daily
- 89% of the respondents take time for weekly prayer and 66% of those pray daily
- 52% of the respondents pray with others at least monthly, 16% of those pray with others weekly and 20% daily

We appreciate the time and sharing by those who completed the survey. The results will offer clear benchmarks for understanding the strengths and opportunities for All Saints. The assessment will help guide our leadership Councils to prepare goals and other opportunities for growth. The results are also being reviewed by the Archdiocese as they work to create new mission/vision statements and identify pastoral priorities.

Please continue to pray for All Saints and the Archdiocese of Dubuque as we seek the Holy Spirit's guidance during the discernment phase of the Disciple Maker Index results.

Tracy Huk, Business Manager

Xavier Band Garage Sale



XAVIER BAND FUNDRAISER: The annual sale will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2025 from 9am-1pm in the XHS Practice Gym. Shoppers can enter through the practice gym doors located next to the Saints Field Pass Gate (east side of the building).

Donations can be dropped off at the practice gym Friday, April 11, 2025 from 3-6pm. If you have any questions, please contact Holly Robe at *hrobe@amfam.com*. Thank you for your support!

Service to Others Metro Catholic Outreach



Going To Waste

It hurts our hearts (and our backs) to throw away all this food, but only fresh items are distributed to our clients in our weekly food boxes.

The first photo shows two very heavy boxes of various foods

that we just received this week from many different well-meaning donors. All the items in the photo are much more than 12 months expired and will have to be loaded up and carted away. As you can see, the can of beans is ten years old. *Recently* expired (in the past 12 months) food can be set out on our office shelf to be selected by those in need, if they wish. Everything else must be hauled out by volunteers and staff. Please check the dates before bringing to our pantry. We so appreciate your donations of healthy, usable food!

All Saints Foundation



You can share your faith beyond your lifetime by careful estate planning that includes All Saints in your will. During your lifetime you will have the joy of knowing that whatever you do not use in this life will continue in ministry through All Saints after your death. If you would like more information about leaving a legacy gift to All Saints contact Tracy Huk at 319-363-6130 ext 111 or *businessmgr@allsaintscr.com*. If you would like information about gift planning, please contact our planning partner at the Catholic Foundation at 563-552-0176 or

CFAD@OurCFAD.org.

Earth Day, 2025



The Parish Office staff will be spreading mulch around the trees and refreshing a few of the flower beds. We would appreciate the help of the parish through donations of bags of mulch. The color we use is the chocolate or brown wood mulch. A pallet will be placed over by the church garage door (west side of the church.) Our goal is to get



55 bags. Earth Day is April 22 so we will appreciate all donations by Sunday, April 20. If you have any questions, please contact Jeremy Lutz at *bookkeeper@allsaintscr.com*.

What is Catholic Culture?



Tuesday, April 22, 7:00 PM at the Mt. Mercy Donnelly Center

You are invited to the 2025 Hesburgh Lecture hosted by the local Notre Dame Club! Dr. Jennifer Newsome Martin, professor of theology at the University of Notre Dame, will lead a discussion on the nature of Catholic Culture. She will offer analysis about what is distinctive about the phenomenon of Catholic Culture, with particular attention to its relationship to ethics.

Evening Eucharistic Adoration Held During Lent



During the Lenten season, we invite you to participate in Eucharistic Adoration. It will be held in the chapel from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on the following Monday evenings: • Monday, April 14

Please join us as we spend this time in prayer and reflection. Please contact Peg Schmitz with any questions at *peg@schmitzia.com*.

St. Patricks Fish Fry Dates



Every Friday during Lent from 5:00-7:30 pm. Call ahead, Dine-in, and Drive through. 2025 fish fry dates include: March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18. More information can be found at *www.stpatrickscr.org/fish-fry*

Easter Sunday Reservations



As the crocus and daffodil bulbs 'spring' to life, we're reminded that Easter is right around the corner. We invite you to join us at All Saints to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We're excited to announce that the reservation system we used for Christmas Eve was received very positively. Those of us in the parish office liked it so much that we feel compelled to use it again for Easter Sunday! On Tuesday, April 8 you will receive an email like this one with a link to the reservation service. Click that link and follow the same process as Christmas Eve. It's as easy as that! We recognize that some of you prefer the social hall during larger events. We're

ready for you as well! A second link will be available that will allow you to reserve seats in the social hall. Be sure to click the proper link for the seating chart you prefer.

These links will also be available as buttons on our website. If you have friends and family that may not receive the bulletin email but would like to reserve their seats, please direct them to the All Saints website.

As always, questions can be directed to the parish office staff during regular business hours. We look forward to a bright, beautiful, busy Easter Sunday!

The All Saints Parish Mission, 2025



It's time to register the kiddos for the children's portion of the All Saints Parish Mission happening next month. Click the link to our Google form to make your reservation happen! If you experience any challenges, please get in touch with Parish office staff members, Stacy or Dan. *CLICK HERE*.



We hope you're looking forward to April as much as we are!

Mass Intentions

	April 8 who suffer from	8:00 am mental illness or addiction.
Wed. पै	April 9	8:00 am John Creen
Thurs. ឋ	. April 10 Msg	8:30 am gr. Carl Schmitt
Fri. T	April 11	8:00 am Ed Gorman
Sat. †	April 12 John &	4:00 pm z Ida Behounek
Sun.	April 13	9:00 am For the People

Scripture Readings

Week of April 6, 2025

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 (36)

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30 (252)

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42 (253)

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59 (254)

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42 (255)

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56 (256)

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (37)/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/ Lk 22:14–23:56 or 23:1-49 (38)

Parish Life



Do you enjoy getting people together for fellowship and having fun as well? Parish Life Committee is looking for additional members to appreciate each event. If you are interested, please contact Ellen Mouw at 712-253-5540 or *eamouw@aol.com*.

Un-Committee



Don't have time for committees or meetings, but still want to help? Join the "Un-Committee" where you are contacted only for special events at All Saints Church. If interested, please contact Ellen Mouw at 712-253-5540 or *eamouw@aol.com*.

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*

Parish Office Hours



- Monday Thursday 8:00 am 4:00 pm
- Friday 8:00 am 2:00 pm
- Saturday and Sunday closed

The parish staff knows that your time is valuable. Please **call** or **email** the staff member you wish to speak with to ensure that they are available.



Bruins Beat

A Note from 3rd Grade

Please help the animals! Donate food, treats, bowls, or toys for cats and dogs. Drop off your donation for Cedar Valley Humane Society in the main hallway of All Saints School. Third grade will begin collecting items on Monday, April 7th, 2025 until Friday, April 11, 2025. This collection fulfills a Corporeal Work of Mercy feeding God's hungry creation.



SCRIP Through RAISE RIGHT

Enrollment Code: L55BFA2L1346-Log in and set up an account here: *https://www.raiseright.com/* enroll?enrollCode=L55BFA2L1346

You can purchase gift cards for yourself that can help earn money towards your preschool and school tuition.

Questions? Visit *scrip.allsaintscr.com* for general information about scrip at All Saints, and email questions to scrip@allsaintscr. com. Thanks for supporting All Saints! If you have any SCRIP questions, please call 319-535-3570.



Ministry Schedule

April 5, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan

Peg Schmitz **Extraordinary Ministers** Suzanne Lammers Andrew Lang Gavin Miller Ellen Mouw Joan Murrin **Alison Prentice Daniel Prentice Altar Servers** Caleb Lang Alexandra Lang Logan Weininger Lectors Kathy Ulrich Becky Weininger **Hospitality Ministers** Sue Bright Ryan Donnelly **Dick Kettelkamp** Marcia Myers Lauri Talvat Brian Talyat

April 6, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

Chris Conway **Extraordinary Ministers Brian Conway** Mary Jo Goerdt Terry Goerdt Stephanie Guzman **Bob Helgens** Mary Beth Helgens Wade Johnson **Altar Servers** Maeve Ainsworth Paige Ainsworth

Lucy Klappholz Lectors David Shema

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Hospitality Ministers Kim Ainsworth

Jason Ainsworth Stephanie Klappholz Mike Klappholz Pete Rethwisch Bea Rethwisch

Ministry Schedule

April 12, 4:00 PM Saturday

Sacristan Cynthia Gunsolly, OFS Extraordinary Ministers Jean Bell Connie Deutmeyer Riley Hoover Suzanne Lammers John Myers Kourtne Powell Mike Powell Mike Powell Altar Servers Kennedy Blue James Lammers Ethan Meyer

Lectors

Hospitality Ministers

Jen Colby Chris Colby Ryan Donnelly Marcia Myers Tom Takes Theresa Werner

April 13, 9:00 AM Sunday

Sacristan

John Michael Extraordinary Ministers Brian Conway Chris Conway Mary Jo Goerdt Terry Goerdt Nicole Johnson Dennis Mullarkey Gregory O'Connell <u>Altar Servers</u> Lewis Benfield Addison Johnson Henry Johnson

Lectors

Hospitality Ministers

Jeanne Amosson Tyler Martin Beth Martin Chase Philpott Maureen Wolf Dave Wolf

Family Ministry

April 6, 2025 • 5th Sunday of Lent • John 8:1-11

Mercy, Not Punishment

Jesus is confronted by prideful leaders who want him to publicly condemn a woman caught in adultery. He refuses to do so, instead challenging everyone present to examine their own lives for their sinfulness..

This story comes amidst a period when Jesus was creating quite a stir. Many of the common people were quite taken by his teachings and speaking favorably of him. They were touched and inspired by his healing acts and the way he preached of God's love and forgiveness. Some had even begun to wonder if he was the longanticipated Messiah. The religious leaders, on the other hand, had turned against him. They wanted him arrested because his teachings of compassion and mercy conflicted with their way of keeping the people under their control.

When the Pharisees and scribes brought the woman caught in adultery to Jesus, they were openly humiliating her—but note, they didn't involve the man caught in the act. He was off the hook. They also used her to try to trap Jesus into contradicting Moses, the Jews' greatest religious teacher. However, rather than condemn her, Jesus chose that moment to impart a teaching about mercy rather than judgment and forgiveness rather than punishment. He did it gently, asking the crowd to search their own hearts for sins, rather than call them out publicly to shame them.

When the crowd left, Jesus spoke lovingly to the woman, telling her explicitly that he didn't condemn her. But he didn't ignore her trespass either—he asked her not to sin again as she went on her way. His response to her was probably much more effective in moving her to a change of heart than any other punishment would have been. As parents, we are often in situations in which we need to balance mercy and justice for our own children. What might we learn from Jesus' approach?

FAMILY RESPONSE

When have you wanted to see someone else punished for something they did wrong? Does it upset you to think of Jesus forgiving them? Why or why not?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

What sin(s) of your own have you found it hard to accept God's forgiveness for? Pray to internalize Jesus' words, "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again."

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Preparing with Jesus this Lent...To Live in Easter Joy!

Each year we make the long journey through Lent. Lent is not the end but rather an important means to the final goal of Catholic life, achieved in Jesus' Resurrection. With the help of Scripture and story, let us reflect on the love and saving power of our God, which offers us and our children joy and fullness of life in Christ Jesus!

Join us for our mission speaker Tom Quinlan at All Saint Catholic Church 720 29th St SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403.

- **Sunday, April 6.** Doors open at 4:30 presentation to begin at 5 pm for the parents of children. Taco bar available.
- Monday, April 7 and Tuesday, April 8. Doors open at 5:30, presentation to begin at 6 pm. Snacks will be served.

We welcome all that want to Live in Easter Joy.

Young at Heart



Come join All Saints' Church members for the Young at Heart Luncheon on Wednesday, April 16 at noon in the Social Hall. The speaker this month is Roger Mach of St Vincent de Paul. Money from our Loaves and Fishes collection is donated to the programs provided by St. Vincent de Paul. Roger will tell us about the "Conference of St. Vincent de Paul," and we will also learn about the

activities of St Vincent De Paul. There is no cost for lunch

Remember if school is cancelled, the YAH luncheon will also be cancelled.

Ministry Schedule

April 17, 5:30 PM Thursday

Holy Thursday

Sacristan

Jean Bell Extraordinary Ministers Tom Amosson Bill Knapp Dianne Knapp Suzanne Lammers John Myers Becky Weininger Altar Servers Emerson Eichhorn Katrina Golobic Jackson Keller Wyatt Ross

Lectors

Hospitality Ministers

Sue Bright Ryan Donnelly Dick Kettelkamp Marcia Myers Peg Schmitz

April 18, 5:30 PM Friday

Good Friday

Sacristan

John Michael Extraordinary Ministers Andrew Lang Gregory O'Connell Altar Servers Kendra Beeler Everly Felland Dylan Lang Caleb Lang Lectors

Hospitality Ministers

Maureen Dale Ernst John Ernst Nicole Johnson Pete Rethwisch Bea Rethwisch Tom Takes

The Safe Place Foundation



The Safe Place Foundation relies on the financial support of its Eastern Iowa community. As we begin our Spring Fundraiser, we are asking you to again support the mission which has animated us for over 30 years.

That mission is to return recovered men to their families and communities. To that end, the Safe Place operates a 40 bed transitional housing program for homeless or nearly-homeless men in early recovery from alcoholism and addiction. We facilitate that recovery with ongoing

staff support, community engagement, and peer mentorship.

We're proud to share some of our recent successes. Despite the continued threat of COVID, we have had no community spread within the Safe Place. We accepted new residents into the Safe Place in 2024, providing the same outstanding level of housing, employment assistance, and sobriety support as we always have. And of the residents who left our program, 1 of every 5 moved on to stable housing. All of our residents are taught the basic tenets of recovery providing a stable foundation and the tools needed for continued success.

Please help us continue to deliver these kinds of results by visiting our website and clicking the yellow "Donate" button. A contribution of \$450 will fund an entire month of recovery for one resident within our program. A contribution of any amount allows us to support our residents, their families, and our community. Thank you for your donation; we are genuinely humbled by your support that allows us to continue this important work.

CR Catholic Family Trivia



CRCatholic is hosting a Family Trivia Night on **April 25th from 6-8 PM at St Ludmila's Activity Center**. All ages are welcome from any parish! Bring some friends and the kiddos for a fun night to celebrate the Easter season! FREE EVENT, but an optional \$10 donation per team toward future CRCatholic events will get your team one correct answer per round! Don't have a team? Don't worry! We'll have a spot for everyone! Feel free to direct any questions to *crcatholics@gmail.com*.

Official Appointments



The full list of new priest assignments is now available, and with it comes an opportunity to embrace new beginnings, and support our priests as they take on new opportunities and callings. Whether you will be welcoming a new pastor, seeing a familiar face take on a different role, or simply staring informed you can find all the detail



simply staying informed, you can find all the details HERE.

These transitions are part of our shared journey, and as our priests step into their new roles, let's keep them in our prayers and extend the warm hospitality our communities are known for.

YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAM

WHO: 1ST-12TH GRADE STUDENTS WHERE: ST. PATRICKS PARISH CENTER // ST. WENCESLAUS GLOVIK CENTER WHEN:

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FOR MORE INFORMATION SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW!





Gospel Weeklies

April 6, 2025 5th Sunday of Lent

The Gospel at Home

This Week's Gospel: John 8:1-11

In this Sunday's Gospel, teachers of the Law try to trap Jesus into defending a woman caught in adultery thereby breaking the Law. The crowd was prepared to stone the woman. Jesus foils the attempt by suggesting that anyone without sin can cast the first stone. He then refuses to condemn the woman and encourages her to change and grow by not sinning.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): Your child can understand the blame the woman in the Gospel takes. No child likes to be blamed. This week's lesson showed your child that Jesus is not interested in who is to blame, but in who is growing. Talk about ways your family can stop the blame game and give problem situations a positive spin. Remember that young children respond to encouragement more quickly than to blame.

Promise (Grades K–1): This week your child learned the need to take responsibility for their actions. Ask your child to share the story of the "Glue Mess" with the family. He or she can share the pictures, too. Then talk together about the story "Jesus Doesn't Blame". Talk about ways your family can show forgiveness to one another.

Good News (Grades 2–3): Your child learned a variety of ways people need to forgive and to ask forgiveness, and they discovered Jesus' merciful love. Talk about ways the members of your family show mercy to one another. Talk, too, about why it is better to show mercy and forgiveness than it is to try to blame people. Discuss which virtues each member of your family possesses.

Venture (Grades 4–6): In this week's class, your youngster learned that Jesus forgives rather than condemns. Talk together about ways your

family can show mercy and forgiveness to one another. Talk about what it feels like to need forgiveness and to offer forgiveness to others. The class also examined Lent from A to Z. Choose a letter and have your youngster share the corresponding paragraph. Make sure everyone in your family recognizes that during Mass there are times when we admit our sinfulness and seek forgiveness. If there is time, play a round or two of the Blame Game from this week's lesson.

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Visions (Grades 7–9): Your young person discussed the destruction that blame can bring. They also read the play, "Can You Hear ME Now?" It features Jesus. Ask what your youngster learned from the cast of characters. Jesus refuses to condemn the woman from the Gospel story. Talk about how he forgives us today and always supports us. Discuss how God shows his mercy to your family. What kind of music did your youngster list among the three favorite songs? Be sure to discuss Katie Locus and what she and others did to help deaf people participate in Mass.

Awaken (Teens/Adults): Discover a new level of spiritual growth for parents with Awaken, the new adult level of the *Pflaum Gospel Weeklies*, developed to deepen your faith journey alongside your children. Scan the QR code to learn more.

Pray Together

Prayer gives us the kind of divine intervention that can achieve great things, including the power of forgiveness and mercy. During prayer this week, be sure to look inward and become aware of ways we can forgive ourselves and others as God has done for us. Is there a person who needs forgiveness? Pray for that person and follow the prompting of the Holy Spirit to dispense necessary mercy.

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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.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA): Classes are scheduled for Monday evenings beginning in the Fall. Contact Bob Lillibridge, Director of Formation, for more information (*adultformation@allsaintscr.com*).

Confirmation: Classes will be led by Father Jack Flaherty after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays in the Social Hall. (*fatherjack@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.

Parish Website: You may submit prayer intentions any time at: *allsaintscr.com/prayer*.