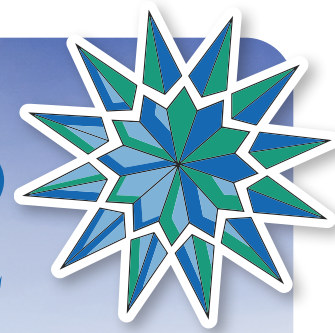
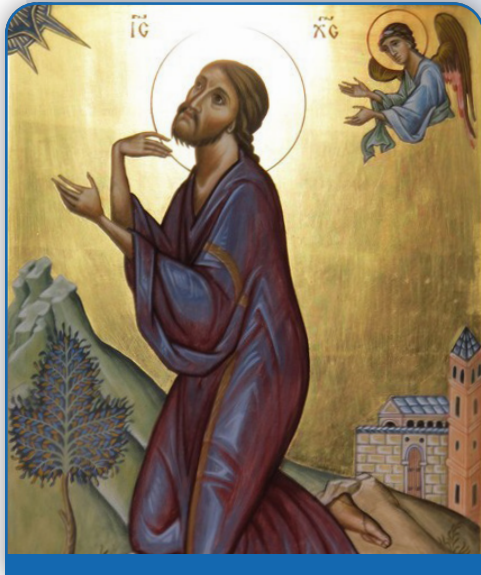


# ALL SAINTS

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL



*Love God • Serve Others • Form Disciples*



**February 21 & February 22, 2026;  
1st Sunday of Lent**

*It is written:  
The Lord, your God,  
shall you worship and  
him alone shall  
you serve.*

Matthew 4:10

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:00 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday 8:00 am  
Wednesday  No Daily Mass  
Thursday 8:30 am  
Friday 8:00 am

## *In the Stillness of Temptation*

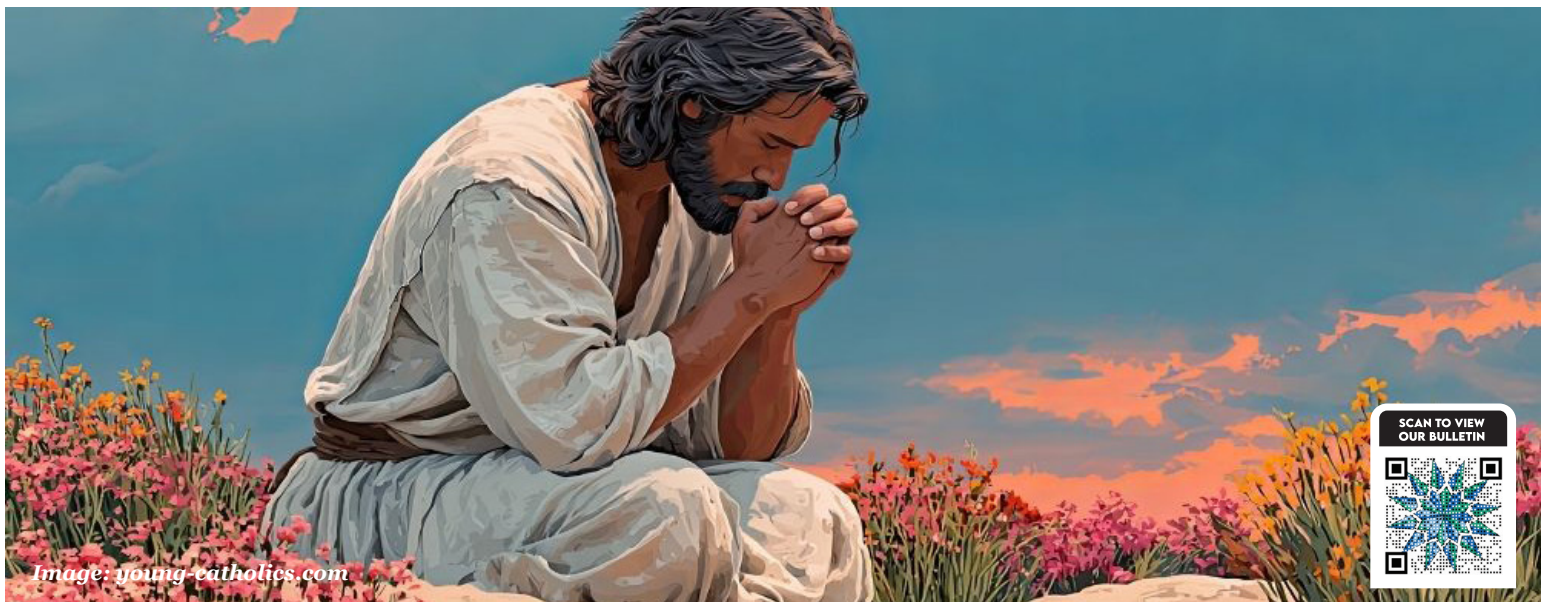
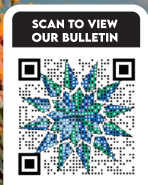


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## Please Pray for the Following People

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



Brian Jackson, and † Patricia Chadima.

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



Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is a time to repent and let go of the other “gods” we have put before God.

## Service to Others

*Metro Catholic Outreach*



### **Current Urgent Needs**

*Pantry Needs:* Peanut Butter and Pancake Mix

*Personal Care:* Laundry Pods and Toilet Paper

*Homeless Supplies:* Warm Winter Gloves and Underwear

### **New MCO T-Shirts Coming Soon**

Our volunteers, staff, donors, and supporters have been wearing the gray 2022 T-shirts, and we are sure by now you all are ready for a new and fresher look.

We are planning to trot out new T-shirts as a fundraiser this spring. Help us by voting for your updated color preferences! [VOTE HERE](#)

## “What I’ll Do For Others...” Mural



This Lenten season, we invite everyone to contribute to our “What I’ll Do for Others During Lent” mural.

### **It’s easy!**

In the Narthex, you’ll find a basket containing paper clouds, flowers, and ‘sod’. Take one and use the provided sharpies to write on it what you’ll do for others during the Lenten season. Place it into the basket marked, ‘completed’.



**Thank you!**

# Everyday Metanoia



Welcome to the 1st Sunday in Lent. The theme of today's readings is quite obvious - the sin that Adam introduced into the world through his disobedience and the redemption of that sin through the obedience of Jesus. St. Paul's letter to the Romans starts, "Brothers and sisters: Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death..." That sin and death is defined as original sin. The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines original sin: "God created man in his image and established in him his friendship. A spiritual creature, man can live this friendship only in free submission to God...Man, tempted by the devil, let his trust in his Creator die in his heart and abusing his freedom, disobeyed God's command. This is what man's first sin consisted of." (CCC #396, 397)

When commenting on the first part of Paul's letter, Scott W. Hahn and Curtis Mitch, respond, "Many Catholics find the doctrine of original sin a difficult pill to swallow. It seems to some like a childish belief that sits uncomfortably with our scientific view of the world. It strikes others as patently unjust on God's part, given our individualistic view of the world. As is oftentimes the case, clarifying the Catholic Church's teaching can go a long way toward dispelling misconceptions and easing contemporary discomfort. Take the alleged childishness of the doctrine. Many of us learned early in our catechesis that original sin is a stain that tarnishes the beauty of every newborn soul. ..And yet, as Catholic theology recognizes, original sin is not an actual stain that defaces the appearance of an immaterial soul. Rather, original sin is a [loss] of the grace of the divine [parent-child relationship] that God intended each of us to have as human beings. He made us to be his children and to live in communion with him. Original sin, then, is not the presence of something unseemly that attaches to our soul; rather, it is the absence of something wonderful that the Lord willed us to have - the grace that makes us his sons and daughters. Original sin is a gaping hole in the fabric of nature that we receive from Adam by virtue of our genealogical link with him. It is a void that can be filled only by the grace and life of God."

"Likewise, consider the suspicion that original sin casts God in an unflattering light, as though he were a [doer] of injustice, holding every member of the human race responsible for Adam's transgression. The first man committed sin and we all share the blame for it, along with the punishment that goes with it. That would indeed be unfair, but it is not what the Church teaches about original sin. Original sin is not a personal fault at all, much less someone else's fault that we are held accountable for. It can be difficult for a world that thinks in strictly individualistic terms to appreciate the bonds that link people together. But sin, as the Bible describes it, is a family affair and not just a personal affair. Adam, as the father of the human family, spiritually [deprived] himself and his [descendants] when he turned away from the Lord. [Responsibility] for his actions cannot be [transferred] to his descendants, but the effects of his [sin] can still be felt by them. No one blames the children of a father who gambles all of his money away. They had nothing to do with his recklessness. Nevertheless, they are [left] to live [in the situation brought about by it.] So it is with original sin."

Paul goes on to talk about the grace received through one, Jesus Christ, which brings us back into right relationship with God. We'll get to that joy as we get closer to Easter. For now, let's really think about our understanding of sin. Our current world creates a picture of passivity in regard to sin. Many believe that there are no moral standards; no absolutes of right and wrong. These views of relativism and subjectivism are offshoots of the same pride that Adam had. Both assert that rather than God being our source of objective truth, that we get to decide what is right and what is wrong. Relativism allows for morality to be defined after viewing it through the glasses of culture, society or historical context. Thus there is no constant or universal truth; it is decided by when and where. Subjectivism allows for morality to be defined through the glasses of our own personal feelings, opinions and experiences. Again, there is no universal truth, it is decided by who and why.

This Lent, I invite you to read or reread *The Screwtape Letters* by C. S. Lewis. It should make each of us squirm as *Screwtape* reveals the devious and manipulative ways that the devil uses in our lives to encourage apathy, pride and spiritual doubt. We often do not view these as sins, but C.S. Lewis exposes these for the distractions that they are in our spiritual life and how they undermine our trust and love in our heavenly Father. The reason that I like to read this book every couple of years, is that I humanly stop naming these tactics and fall into patterns that lead to sin and apathy. I liken it to taking my extra Lenten vitamins - it strengthens me for the spiritual journey here on earth. May God bless your prayer time this week! Come Holy Spirit!

Praying with you always,  
Tracy Huk, Parish Life Coordinator

# All Saints' First Trip to Haiti



## All Saints' First Trip To Haiti

*By Larry and Ann Hunter*

“According to an old passport, five parishioners from All Saints and Theresa Patterson, from the Parish Twinning office in Tennessee, landed in Port au Prince Haiti on April 24 2002. The five parishioners from All Saints were John and Laura Locher, Kathleen Todd, Ann and Larry Hunter.... John and Kathleen have since passed.

Times were different in Haiti then: We were free to walk around and mingle with the Haitians in Port au Prince. Especially the children. They followed us, expecting to receive quarters being handed to them. I did that until our guide told me not to...The environment was friendly, even though the place we stayed in Port au Prince had an armed guard at the gate. The Palace in Port au Prince was beautiful, majestic, and well maintained. Since then, I have seen pictures of the palace, and it is in shambles. I guess the hurricanes had something to do with it.

The next morning we rented a four-wheel drive Mitsubishi and headed into the mountains where the 24 chapels of Notre Dame de Lourdes are located. We stayed at the rectory of Father Antonio in Mare Minerve. Everyone was joyful and full of life. The Haitians were very hospitable and anxious to visit with us through our interpreter.

My mindset was being from the USA and we have everything and they were from Haiti and had nothing. So logically, we should be in the role of teachers, so they can learn to be like us. It took me three days to figure out that they could teach us in many ways about the art of living.

The Sunday mass was memorable: first of all, as we stood outside the church an hour before mass, we watched them all on the paths coming down the mountains from all sides, dressed in their best. Family after family. The church was a roof with some handmade benches. The altar was beautiful. The music was joyful and many had instruments made from whatever was available. At the Offertory, the children would come forward, kneel at the altar and deposit their gift. Father had placed us Americans on the altar during mass and encouraged us to be willing to share something with the congregation even though it was in English... The mass was long and Holy. The community was strong and displayed a strong faith in God.

After mass, no one went home, the families all mingled for the rest of the afternoon. Children played games... and we conversed with the Haitians through an interpreter. I had never witnessed such sincerity from total strangers before. We were all blessed by our fellow Catholics from Haiti...And I believe we learned much more than we taught.

Needless to say, since then, our All Saints teams have done much more in the way of providing resources and in teaching than we ever could. It did, however, “open the door.”

History highlights from the past 25 years:

- The beginning of our Sister Parish adventure has its roots in a letter Father Antonio Fele sent to Theresa Patterson on January 21st, 2000 expressing his request for twinning through the Parish Twinning Program. The Holy Spirit was at work guiding the Social Justice committee which had been spending time researching what it meant to be a Sister Parish and being in contact with the Parish Twinning Program.
- In a letter dated January 26th 2000 and sent to Kathleen Todd, Theresa Patterson announced that All Saint had been twinned with the parish of Notre Dame de Lourdes in Belle Fontaine Haiti. The Holy Spirit can connect the dots quickly.

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# All Saints' First Trip to Haiti (cont.)



- We have had 5 priests; Fr. Antonio Fele, Fr. Jean Bellison Jecrois, Fr. Marc Claudy Magloire, Fr. Jean Eddy Louis and Fr. Viller Constanvil as our pastors.
- Between April 24th 2002 and January 23rd 2019 there were 17 visits and 150 individuals who visited Notre Dame de Lourdes on mission trips.
- In 2004 St. Mary's in Vinton joined with All Saints in the Twinning and then in 2013 St. John the Baptist in Mt. Vernon also joined us.
- We installed an FM radio station in 2007 to help spread the Gospel throughout the mountains.
- We have helped four times after hurricanes and rains destroyed the gardens by sending a total of \$34,000 towards seeds to replant gardens.
- We sponsored 2 medical students through college and their internships to become licensed doctors in Haiti.
- We have been consistent with our fundraising over the years by conducting 22 Lenten Alms, 19 Fall Fundraisers and 11 Run for Pie 5Ks.
- We have sent 14 Sea Crates which contained a total of 1013 boxes of various school supplies and 1329 boxes of TAH or approximately 287,000 meals.
- We have sent \$450,000 towards education support.

We call on you again this Lenten Season to continue your **Legacy of Love** for our sister parish through your prayers, actions and donations. Donate online at [allsaintscr.churchcenter.com/giving](https://allsaintscr.churchcenter.com/giving) (choose Haiti from the drop down menu). You may also place your contribution in a collection basket or bring to Holy Thursday mass on April 2. Make checks to All Saints, with HAITI in the notes line.



*(L-R) Larry and Ann Hunter traveled to Haiti on All Saints' first mission trip. They are pictured here with John (deceased) and Laura Locher, our sister parish pastor Fr. Antonio, Kathleen Todd (deceased) and a Haitian parishioner.*

# Journey in Faith UPDATE



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Thank you for being part of our Journey in Faith. Over the past year, thousands of you have prayerfully shared your thoughts, hopes, and dreams for the future of our Church in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. This process has truly been guided by the Holy Spirit and enriched by your deep love for your parishes and for the mission of the Church.

After months of listening, gathering feedback, and discernment, I am pleased to share that the Journey in Faith Core Team has now developed the first version of a final pastorate plan. It reflects significant changes shaped directly by your feedback and that of your pastors. In fact, not a single pastorate from the earlier models (A, B, or C) made it into this new version—an encouraging sign of how seriously your voices have been heard. In some cases entirely new models were given and in others the parishes were grouped like a previous model, but there were changes in Mass locations or the number of Masses. I am grateful for the careful and thoughtful work the Core Team has done in creating a recommendation that best represents the feedback we received.

The Archdiocesan Planning Commission reviewed this first version of the final pastorate plan this January, and the priests will review it in early February. Based on their feedback, we will continue to refine the plan prayerfully and collaboratively in the months that follow. This next phase represents the right work at the right time in the right way, working together to ensure vibrant, sustainable communities of faith across our Archdiocese.

As we prepare for the next steps, I also want to highlight the ongoing Journey in Faith Prep Series, which is being sent weekly to priests and parish staff. These important resources are helping the parishes prepare for tasks and processes prior to the announcements this spring.

I know that change can bring both hope and heartache. New beginnings stir excitement for what God is making possible, yet they also can awaken a sense of loss for what is familiar. Both experiences are natural and part of our shared journey. The Holy Spirit is guiding us toward renewal. Together, we are discerning how to bring the light of Christ more fully into our parishes and communities.

To stay informed and connected, please visit [dbqjourneyinfaith.org](http://dbqjourneyinfaith.org), where you will find helpful updates, accurate information, and resources for ongoing engagement.

Thank you again for your faith, your trust, and your willingness to embrace this journey. I am filled with great hope for the Church in northeast Iowa and for what God is doing among us.

Walking with you on this Journey in Faith,

Archbishop Thomas Zinkula

## Journey in Faith: Guided by the Holy Spirit



As we continue our Lenten journey, we are reminded that renewal begins with prayer, listening, and trust in God's plan. Archbishop Zinkula and the Journey in Faith Core Team have now completed the first version of the final pastorate plan—a plan deeply shaped by the feedback and prayerful input of parishioners across the Archdiocese of Dubuque.

The new plan reflects the Spirit's movement through your voices and discernment. Many of the initial models have changed because of your feedback. We are now in the discernment process, when Archbishop Zinkula is prayerfully discerning which parishes can work together to become more vibrant and sustainable communities.

Please continue to pray for wisdom and unity in this time of discernment, and visit [dbqjourneyinfaith.org](http://dbqjourneyinfaith.org) for updates and resources.

# Iowa Catholic Youth Conference Weekend

## Registration is Now Open!



Registration is now open for two amazing events for the pre-teens and teens of Eastern Iowa.

- EPIC for High School teens - Saturday, March 21, 2026, 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM. Cost is \$25.
- ICYC for Middle School youth - Sunday, March 22, 2025, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Cost is \$50. (Prices increase on March 1.)



Both events are held at St. Ludmila Church, Cedar Rapids and feature Scally Brothers! If you are not able to form a parish group to attend, families can register on their own for the events. For more information, go to [www.dbqarch.org/icyc](http://www.dbqarch.org/icyc).

## Immigration Legal Updates



With the high frequency of immigration policy changes, it can be difficult to stay informed on the complexities and impacts of the United States' immigration system. We encourage you to visit [CatholicCharitiesDubuq](http://CatholicCharitiesDubuq) to review the January 2026 updates.

**Our Immigration Legal Services program offers legal advice and representation in the following areas of FAMILY-BASED immigration law:** Adjustment of Status (Green Card) | Asylum | Citizenship | Consular Processing | Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) | Employment Authorization | Family Reunification | Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) | Removal defense (limited) | Special Immigrant Juvenile | Temporary Protected Status | U 'crime victim' visa and T 'trafficking' visa | Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) self-petitions

For more information, please call 319.364.7121 or visit [CatholicCharit](http://CatholicCharit).

## Come Adore With Us!



The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration invite single Catholic women, ages 18-40, who are curious about religious life, to their Monastic Experience February 27-March 1, at their monastery in Clyde, Missouri.

It's a chance to experience the daily rhythm of monastic life where participants can join the Sisters in praying the Divine Office, daily Mass and Eucharistic Adoration, as well as experiencing Lectio Divina (praying with Scripture) and gaining wisdom from the Benedictine tradition.

There is no cost to attend, and more details are available at [www.benedictinesisters.org](http://www.benedictinesisters.org) - Vocations - Events, including additional dates for 2026. To register, please contact Sister Nancy Rose at (660) 944-2221 ext. 142 or [vocation@benedictinesisters.org](mailto:vocation@benedictinesisters.org) or complete the form at <https://bit.ly/4skj3Xa>

# Fish Fry Dates!



**EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT**  
**5:00-7:30PM**  
CALL AHEAD | DINE IN | DRIVE THROUGH

## 2026 FISH FRY DATES

FEBRUARY 20	MARCH 20
FEBRUARY 27	MARCH 27
MARCH 6	APRIL 3
MARCH 13	

[www.stpatrickscr.org/fish-fry](http://www.stpatrickscr.org/fish-fry)



## Italy Pilgrimage Invitation to Iowa Knights of Columbus



**Invitation to Spouses and Widows of Former Knights:** Note that there is still room to come along November 2-12, 2026, to some of the most sacred and beautiful sites in all of Europe! We'll visit great places like Venice, Padua, Florence, Assisi, Rome and so much more! Our time in Rome will include a Papal Audience with Pope Leo XIV! We'll have Mass daily in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. This pilgrimage is for Knights of Columbus from around the State of Iowa, spouses and widows of former members, and is being organized by Fr. Dan Guenther, the State of Iowa Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus. Cost for the trip is \$4,599 with departure from either Des Moines or Omaha, while seats are available. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, 276 Country Club Drive, Lake Park, Iowa 51347 or call 712-899-6870 or email [frdanguenther@gmail.com](mailto:frdanguenther@gmail.com).

## The Forge Conference 2026



The FORGE Conference 2026 is an event for any man looking to succeed against the threats of the modern world. This landmark event will empower current and future fathers to flourish in their day-to-day lives. Come to Des Moines for world-class speakers, deep formation, sacramental grace, and brotherhood with 1000+ other men! Happening at the Iowa Events Center, Des Moines. Open to males age 16 and older. Registration is required. [Sign up HERE!](#)

# Catholic Charities Annual Fundraising Appeal



THANK YOU to all parishes who helped kick off our 2026 annual fundraising campaign! We appreciate your time and efforts in helping spread Archbishop Zinkula's message of the sanctity of family, community, and the dignity of the human person. Thanks in large part to your efforts, our fundraising is off to a strong start. Please consider sharing our bulletin announcements and Facebook posts with your parishioners, and visit our [Annual Appeal website](#) for more information. Please contact Jeff Schneider ([jeff.schneider@dbqarch](mailto:jeff.schneider@dbqarch)) or Megan Stammeyer ([m.stammeyer@dbqarch.org](mailto:m.stammeyer@dbqarch.org)) with any questions you may have. Thank you for providing help and creating hope for our most vulnerable neighbors in Northeast Iowa!

## Lenten Almsgiving



Lent is a wonderful season to assess your giving. You can contribute electronically at <https://allsaintscr.churchcenter.com/giving> or by scanning this qr code. If you have any questions or experience any challenges, please reach out to Jeremy at extension 108 or by emailing [bookkeeper@allsaintscr.com](mailto:bookkeeper@allsaintscr.com). Your generosity is very much appreciated.



## Congratulations, Confirmands!



As we continue our Journey in Faith more parishes are coming together to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. On Sunday, February 15, All Saints hosted the liturgy for All Saints, St. Matthew and St. Pius X. May God bless all of our students!



# Congratulations!

## Mass Intentions

Tues. Feb. 24	8:00 am
† Carol Lemerond	
Thurs. Feb. 26	8:30 am
† John & Ida Behounek	
Fri. Feb. 27	8:00 am
† Ray Stovie	
Sat. Feb. 28	4:00 pm
† Frank McDonald	
Sun. Feb. 29	9:00 am
For the People	

## Scripture Readings

Week of February 22, 2026

### Sunday:

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11 (22)

### Monday:

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46 (224)

### Tuesday:

Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15 (225)

### Wednesday:

Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32 (226)

### Thursday:

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12 (227)

### Friday:

Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26 (228)

### Saturday:

Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48 (229)

### Sunday:

Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9 (25)

## Metro Catholic Outreach

### Calling All Volunteers



Can you give a couple of hours once or twice per month to help those with food insecurity right here in our city?

Our volunteer shifts only last about two hours, morning or afternoon, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays.

Our pantry volunteers organize incoming donations, check expiration dates, stock shelves, bag up snacks, toiletries, produce, and pack the food boxes.

Our distribution volunteers add the fresh items to the food boxes on the dock, greet our clients as they arrive to pick up their groceries, and help load the cars.

Our volunteers in the office answer the door and phones, schedule clients for their food pick-ups, assemble and distribute the homeless bags, organize clothing donations and other supplies.

We are in need of more volunteers, in the pantry, the distribution dock, and in the office. We promise you will never be bored!

Contact us if you would like a tour and maybe try out a shift to see if it is a cause you would enjoy. You won't regret giving your time to help families in need! 319-739-5490.

## All Saints Nights at Green Square Meals



All Saints helps serve dinner at Green Square Meals twice each month on the 2nd Tuesday and 3rd Monday. All volunteers in sixth grade and older are welcome. Use the sign-up link below or contact Bea Rethwisch (319-651-4831 or [pbr8675@msn.com](mailto:pbr8675@msn.com)).

Sign up at: <https://signup.com/go/vJYiFPm>

## Parish Office Hours



- Monday - Friday - 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Saturday & 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

## What's Happening at All Saints Elementary

February 27-No school or preschool ELC/Bruins Care is open.

March 10 & 12-Conferences

March 13-20-Spring Break-No school or preschool. ELC/Bruins Care is open.

## Reminder for 2026-2027 XCS Families:

### Action Items for In-Parish Tuition Eligibility Next Year

**Covenant Meetings Are Happening Now – Don't Miss Your Meeting at Your Home Parish!**

Families (Parents and Students) Must Attend a Covenant Meeting in their Home Parish and Sign the Covenant

Families have recently received information by email and mail regarding the Covenant for Parishes & Families, and several parish meetings have already taken place. As Xavier Catholic Schools are an extension of our supporting parishes, all families with students enrolled in XCS for the upcoming school year (JK-12) must attend a Covenant meeting at their home parish and submit a signed Covenant by the required deadline (Feb. 27) in order to be eligible for in-parish tuition for the 2026-2027 school year.

For more information about this new and important effort and to see parish meeting dates/times, head to [CRXCS.org/Covenant](http://CRXCS.org/Covenant).

For questions, please email Dr. Phil Drey, XCS Catholicity Director at [phil.drey@crxcs.org](mailto:phil.drey@crxcs.org) or Mary Harken, XCS Parish Outreach Coordinator, at [mary.harken@crxcs.org](mailto:mary.harken@crxcs.org).

## STEM Fun at Regis

The Royal Robots FTC team at Regis invites XCS students to an afternoon of STEM fun on Monday, March 2, 4-6 pm at Regis, 735 Prairie Drive NE. Learn about FTC, participate in DIY Stem Stations, learn programming, coding and much more! This event is free and open to students of all ages. If you have any questions please contact Regis FTC Coach Heather Feller at [heather.feller@crxcs.org](mailto:heather.feller@crxcs.org).



## Ministry Schedule

February 21, 4:00 PM Saturday

### Sacristan

Mary Pat Wilkinson

### Extraordinary Ministers

Connie Deutmeyer

Ellen Mouw

Joan Murrin

Daniel Prentice

Alison Prentice

Stephen Schmitz

Becky Weininger

### Altar Servers

Zachary Prentice

Megan Talyat

Lindsey Talyat

### Lectors

Theresa Harker

Lisa Stephenson

### Hospitality Ministers

Elie AbouRaad

Daniel Greene

Dick Kettelkamp

Barb Lindstrom

Brian Talyat

Lauri Talyat

February 22, 9:00 AM Sunday

### Sacristan

Cate Biro

### Extraordinary Ministers

Joseph Cataldo

Brian Conway

Chris Conway

Terry Goerd

Mary Jo Goerd

John Michael

Bea Rethwisch

### Altar Servers

Kendra Beeler

Lewis Benfield

Cayden Suby

### Lectors

David Shema

Loesje Shema

### Hospitality Ministers

Maureen Dale Ernst

John Ernst

Tony Satariano

Diane Weimer

Maureen Wolf

Dave Wolf

## Ministry Schedule

February 28, 4:00 PM Saturday

### Sacristan

Peg Schmitz

### Extraordinary Ministers

Jean Bell

Connie Deutmeyer

Joan Fishburn

Daniel Prentice

Alison Prentice

Stephen Schmitz

Marvin Stallman

### Altar Servers

Emma Colby

Veronica Cruse

Sylvia Robbins

### Lectors

Lisa Stephenson

Kathy Ulrich

### Hospitality Ministers

Chris Colby

Jen Colby

Ryan Donnelly

Joe Jeffries

Ann Jeffries

Mike Votroubek

March 1, 9:00 AM Sunday

### Sacristan

John Michael

### Extraordinary Ministers

Stephanie Guzman

Mary Beth Helgens

Bob Helgens

Bill Knapp

Dianne Knapp

Sara Lang

Dennis Mullarkey

### Altar Servers

Henry Johnson

Ben Richards

Evelyn Richards

### Lectors

Mick Erdman

Gregory O'Connell

### Hospitality Ministers

Jason Ainsworth

Kim Ainsworth

Nicole Johnson

Stephanie Klappholz

Pete Rethwisch

Bea Rethwisch

# Family Ministry

February 22, 2026 • 1st Sunday of Lent • Matthew 4:1-11

## Get Away, Satan!

*Jesus goes into the desert to pray and to fast. At the end of forty days he is tempted three times, first with food, then with power, and finally with riches. Jesus answers the tempter by quoting Scripture. The tempter responds with his own quotes from Scripture. Finally, Jesus tells the devil to go.*

Temptation is a part of life. Everyone must deal with it, even Jesus. One of our jobs as parents is to help our children develop a right conscience so they can face temptation. I remember when my young children were watching the movie Pinocchio and I was wishing my children had their own Blue Fairy.

There is a very solemn scene in the movie where the Blue Fairy asks Jiminy Cricket to kneel as she dubs him the "Lord high-keeper of right and wrong, counselor in moments of temptation." Wouldn't it be great if all our children were given tiny umbrella-wielding consciences to keep them on the straight and narrow?

As Christians, we have very definite ideas of what is right and wrong. We are called to value others as much as we value ourselves and to value ourselves as much as God values us.

We can try to help our children internalize this message by taking the time to listen and ask questions as they unpack their good deeds and bad. Why did they do what they did? How did they feel? Did the action help or hurt others or themselves? How was the action wrong or right? We will do well if we teach our children to ask themselves these questions before they act.

We play the role of Jiminy Cricket for the first few years of our children's lives. We are the outside voice that points out right from wrong, until, we hope, like Pinocchio, they learn from their mistakes and successes and begin to listen to the quiet voice inside.

Then, like that little wooden boy, they, too, are on their way to becoming all their Creator hopes they will be.

## FAMILY RESPONSE

Have family members talk about what they think they will be like in ten years. What do they think God would want them to be like in ten years?

## PERSONAL RESPONSE

Write down your response to the Family Response. What do you think your life will be like in ten years? How do you feel about your response? 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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# Thoughts for Lent, 2026



I invite us to listen to Bishop Barron's Sunday Sermon from March 2025. [CLICK HERE TO WATCH](#). It has three really great questions for us to ask ourselves during Lent. All three focus on that which leads us away from God. Let's take a look at them:

- 1. To what degree has comfort become too important to me?**
- 2. To what degree has power and the desire to dominate become too important to me?**
- 3. To what degree am I trying to manipulate God for my purposes rather than surrendering to his purposes?**

Comfort is wanting everything to go our own way or to only interact with the things and people that interest us or make us feel good. But is living this way really good for us? As we age, we take a look at the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual parts of our life. No matter if it is good or challenging, we can look back at the journey that brought us to this point. Many of us have made choices that don't affect us until years down the road. As the saying goes - at some point we have to "pay the piper." Sometimes what we have allowed to happen doesn't just affect us, it also affects our friends and family. Lent is a good time to reflect upon the journey that has brought us to this point and to ask God to help us make some changes. Lord, drawing closer to you means that we have to make ourselves uncomfortable by realizing how many times we have chosen love of self and love of our own will rather than doing what you want for us.

The second thing, Bishop Barron talks about is the power to dominate. We like to feel like we are in charge of our lives. That sense of power gives us comfort. As we reflect upon that, though, we need to ask how many times do we do this and not think about how it will affect others or how it makes us less like Christ. Being Christ-like means that we give ourselves openly and freely to the benefit of the other and not ourselves. Too often we assert ourselves thinking or saying, "It's my way or else!" That need for power and the desire to dominate others often leads us to judge others for their decisions without realizing or acknowledging that we have done the same thing thousands of times.

The last topic that Bishop Barron brings to our attention is how manipulative we can be in our relationship with God. We want what we want and so we threaten, plead, bargain... whatever it takes to get our own way. Jesus is the one who showed us what true obedience looks like. It is powerful love given freely to others with no strings attached.

This Lent let's pause before we say or do something and look at it like Christ would. Let's stop only doing that which is comfortable, that which makes us feel powerful, and most especially, the process(es) we use which try to manipulate God. Let's give our whole selves to God and to his will. God loves us more than anyone ever could. He knows our weaknesses, our foibles and our character flaws and yet, He loves us anyway. In our desire to be comfortable, to feel powerful and to manipulate, we often love and treat others to the same degree that we feel loved and treated. That is not God's way. Yes, it is uncomfortable to love others more than we feel loved - it makes us feel vulnerable. And that vulnerability takes power away from us and potentially allows others to manipulate us. But Christ died on the cross for us. There is no way we can match that level of love, but we can try.

This Lent, let's try to connect and listen to God through more prayer time. That which we feel is important may not even matter down the road. God knows the journey that will grow us to be saints and that is what we should be listening for and saying a hearty 'yes' to. One suggestion for Lent is to include the Holy Spirit prayer on the back of the missal: "Come Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love." Reading the lives of various saints is another great Lenten activity. We often think that the saints are so far out of reach; that their lives were filled with a holiness that we cannot even come close to. The truth is that many of the saints encountered a lot of the same life challenges that we do today. It's their willingness to seek reconciliation with God and to always keep trying to discern and say yes to his will that sets them apart. This prayer speaks to that: "Lord let me do something for today that matters; that makes a difference to changes people's lives and brings glory to you." Make this LENT a true: JOURNEY OF FAITH!

Blessings, friends: Bob

# Communal Reconciliation for Lent



- St. Paul, Newhall - Wednesday, March 4 @ 6:15 PM
- St. Pius X, Cedar Rapids - Saturday, March 7 @ 10:30 AM
- St. Joseph, Marion - Saturday, March 14 @ 10:30 AM
- St. Mary, Urbana - Sunday, March 15 @ 3:00 PM
- St. Matthew, Cedar Rapids - Tuesday, March 17 @ 6:00 PM



## Lenten Prayer Opportunities



Lent is a time to give special focus to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Please join us whenever possible for prayer:

- Mondays from 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM in the Chapel for Adoration (Monday, February 23 - Monday, March 30)
- Tuesdays from 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM - Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary (followed by Soup Suppers in the Social Hall)
- Wednesdays from 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM in the Chapel for Adoration
- 2nd Wednesday Rosary prayer - March 11 at 6:00 PM in the Social Hall
- 1st Thursday Holy Hour - March 5 from 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM in the Chapel
- Holy Thursday, April 2 after the 5:30 PM Mass we will pray the Liturgy of the Hours and Adoration in the Social Hall



*The Sanctuary and the Chapel are open during office hours for personal prayer.*

## Catholic Men's Conference



Save the date for the 2026 Archdiocese of Dubuque Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, March 28th. The 30th annual conference will focus on how we can be inspired by the saints to be rooted in prayer and will feature Gabriel Castillo as the keynote speaker and Keith Nester as a breakout session speaker. It will take place at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Cedar Rapids.

Learn more at [archmensconference.org](http://archmensconference.org)



# 40 Days for Life Spring Kickoff Rally



## SPRING KICKOFF RALLY 2:00PM FEBRUARY 22

Iowa District East  
The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod  
1100 Blairs Ferry Road  
Marion, IA 52302

Hear from one of our own dedicated sidewalk prayer warriors about ways to pray and witness while outside the clinic. Come and get practical tools from fellow pray-ers and our leaders.

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- 26,144 lives saved
- 275 abortion workers quit
- 184 abortion centers closed
- 71 nations have hosted campaigns
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- 20,000 churches
- 14,392 local campaigns held

Questions? Contact  
Pat: 319-721-9730  
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Come pray with us by going to  
the website below!

[www.40daysforlife.com/cedarrapids](http://www.40daysforlife.com/cedarrapids)

# The Gospel at Home

## This Week's Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus goes into the desert to fast and pray. When Jesus is tired and hungry, Satan tempts Jesus to use his power to make bread of stones, to jump from great heights, and to become a temporal ruler. Jesus boldly tells the Devil to go away pointing out that Sacred Scripture says to worship God and to serve only God. His lesson tells us all that we can use our Lenten experience to straighten our priorities.

## Exploring the Gospel Message

**Seeds (Preschool):** This week is about making good choices with the best example coming from Jesus who turned Satan away in the desert. Help your child to know what the good choices are. They should always follow Jesus' example. Pray together that God helps your family with making good choices.

**Promise (Grades K-1):** The class learned that good choices come up in every situation. The children practiced making choices, then played The Choices Game. Consider playing the game and be sure to take a look at the Choices sign they colored in class. Discuss some of the difficult decisions you have had to make as an example for your child.

**Good News (Grades 2-3):** The lesson this week is about how Lent is a good time to choose God. Ask your child what decision Elise made in this week's story to help her brother, Nathan. Review the Lenten choices you can make that are offered in the apples on pages 3 and 4. Select at least one activity that your family will complete this week and make a commitment to review the activities that will be offered each week throughout Lent. Ask what we do during Lent to choose God.

**Venture (Grades 4-6):** Have your young person show you the calendar from class that tells which days during Lent on which they will say a prayer and which days they will do a loving, giving action. Talk about why they chose the prayers and actions. Discuss times when each of you chose to follow God rather than give into temptation. Ask your young person what a conscience is and how Adam and Eve dealt with temptation. Ask, too, who Blessed Sára Salkaházi is.

**Visions (Grades 7-9):** The point of this week's lesson is that Lent is a time to make choices. In the week's story, talk with your youngster about the choices Kyle makes and how he connects with Will despite some of those choices. Ask your son or daughter to explain who Yahweh is. Talk about the Faith Quiz from class and what your youngster learned from it.

**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

Set aside some time for the whole family to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation during Lent. There may be a penance service at your parish church, or you can go together at one of the times when private confession is being offered. Even though your younger children have not yet received the sacrament, it would be good for them to see their parents and older siblings participating. When you get home together, thank God for the gift of forgiveness.



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## Sacrament Information

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturdays at 3:15 p.m.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Baptism preparation class is required for parents. Contact Deacon Ed Martin ([DeaconEd@allsaintscr.com](mailto: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](mailto:DeaconMike@allsaintscr.com)) to begin the process.

**Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA):** To schedule classes, contact Bob Lillibridge, Director of Formation, for more information ([adultformation@allsaintscr.com](mailto:adultformation@allsaintscr.com)).

**Confirmation:** Classes have begun. For more information, contact Alisa Pfab ([alisapfab@hotmail.com](mailto:alisapfab@hotmail.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](mailto: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](mailto:bulletin@allsaintscr.com).

## Opportunities for Prayer

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Wednesdays, 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM in the Chapel.

**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](http://allsaintscr.com/prayer).