

All Saints Catholic Church

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December 26, 2021~ The Nativity of the Lord



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The All Saints congregation welcomes today's visitors and invites them to return often to worship here. Please respect our custom of standing in place throughout the singing of the recessional hymn.

WELCOME TO ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

All Saints vision and mission is to ensure the parish nurtures, challenges, supports, and shares our baptismal mission to bring about the kingdom of God. The life of our faith community, rooted in Jesus Christ and celebration of the Eucharist, is exemplified in the areas of gathering for prayer and worship of God; sharing the good news of Jesus in word and deed; facilitating the life-long faith formation of our brothers and sisters; building up our communal life and collaborative ministry; endeavoring as good stewards to cherish and share our gifts, talents and treasure; and living the faith daily by reaching out in service and advocating for those in need, within our parish faith community and beyond.

If you are interested in joining All Saints, please pick up a registration form in the Gathering Space, download on-line at www.dmallssaints.org or stop in during Parish Office hours to register.

Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,

Friday 8:00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 pm

or by appointment

(No Reconciliation on Saturdays scheduled for a Wedding or a Funeral)

BAPTISM

To register for the pre-baptismal class or schedule a baptismal date call the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE

Contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date. One individual must be a registered member for the previous three months.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCIA helps people learn more about the Catholic Church. Any parishioner may attend, but pre-registration is required. Contact Fr. Harris in the Parish Office.

HOSPITAL OR HOME VISIT

Eucharistic Ministers and Fr. Harris are available to bring the Eucharist to the sick and homebound, or if you would like a visit from Fr. Harris, please contact the Parish Office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This sacrament is for people suffering from mental, spiritual or physical hardships. Contact Fr. Harris in the Parish Office.

ROOM COORDINATOR

Contact the Parish Office for availability of any room for any meeting or event, or for rental information.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Submit articles to the Parish Office by noon on Friday of the previous week.

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ZAGAR ENDOWMENT SCHOLOSHIP FUND

CAROL P. AND NICK R. ZAGAR ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE (5) STUDENTS WHO
QUALIFIED FOR THE CAROL P. AND NICK R. ZAGAR
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD FOR THE 2021 FALL SEMESTER!!**

Upon successful completion of the **2021 Fall** semester, these **(5)** current recipients must provide us with proof of a certified transcript showing that an unweighted GPA of 2.5 was maintained in that semester, and proof of enrollment in **2022 Spring** semester courses at a regionally accredited college, before the second half of the scholarship distribution is paid for that semester. (The stated pay-out amounts may vary in any given year due to funds available.) All scholarship checks will be mailed directly to the college's Financial Aid or Scholarship Office. **Required documentation must be postmarked or delivered to All Saints Catholic Church, 650 NE 52nd Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50313 no later than January 28, 2022 at 3:00 PM (for the 2022 Spring semester). NEW APPLICATIONS ARE ONLY ACCEPTED IN JUNE FOR THE FALL SEMESTER.**

2021 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

All Saints 2021 Annual Diocese Appeal goal is **\$92,642.00**, which is based on a three-year average of our assessable income. To date we have received **\$92,532.00 or 99.9%** of our goal.

A big "Thank You" to everyone who gave a gift this past weekend to the 2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal. Our parish goal is 100% participation. Each and every person's gift is important.

Remember, when we reach our parish goal, any additional gifts stay right here for our own use. For those who have not made their pledge or one-time gift, please join us in supporting the vital programs and services throughout the Diocese that no single individual or parish can offer.

Pledge cards and envelopes are located at each church entrance. Gifts can also be made online at: dmdiocese.org/giving.

Thank you for your generosity and your support of the 2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal.



*"And the word became flesh and made his dwelling among us."
John 1:1 - 8*

I am not a motivated husband when it comes to Christmas decorations. I will occasionally help Julie haul the seasonal décor out from the basement and set up the Christmas trees. Yes, that was not a typo, it is trees. I don't do much beyond that. Although the décor is festive, it just is not my thing. As for outdoor decorations, this is where I draw the line. As a young man, I would dutifully hang outdoor lights on the home while precariously perched on a ladder in subzero temperatures, but not anymore. I guess you could call me a Grinch when it comes to outdoor decorations, because they are not worth the effort. Except for one thing. In my front yard, I have one decoration. I may have been drawn to it simply because of the ease of set up and take down, but I think there is more to it than that. It is a simple cut out of three letters: **J-O-Y**.

Pope Francis tells us: "Christmas is Joy". We all look forward to the joy of Christmas. A few well-deserved days off work; time to get together with family and friends; a time to eat, drink and be merry, and of course gifts. Everyone loves to both give and get gifts. All of these things make me happy, but this happiness is short lived; it is not the true joy of Christmas.

The true joy of Christmas is the gift of Jesus, the Incarnate One; the gift of Emmanuel or "God-with-us". God sent His only son to us for one reason and one reason only: To offer us the opportunity for salvation.

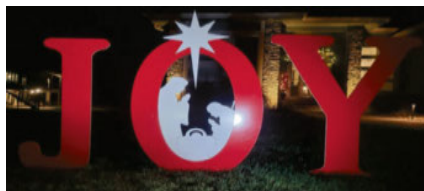
The true joy of Christmas is our encounter with Jesus Christ. The joy that we experience in the love of Christ is not fleeting like parties and gifts, it is eternal. I turn to the words of Pope Benedict XVI:

"Dear brothers and sisters listening to me here in Rome and throughout the world, I joyfully proclaim the message of Christmas: God became man; he came to dwell among us. God is not distant: he is "Emmanuel", God-with-us. He is no stranger: he has a face, the face of Jesus. This message is ever new, ever surprising, for it surpasses even our most daring hope."

— *Urbi Et Orbi Message of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI*, Christmas 2010
Jesus came into the world more than 2000 years ago and He is still very much with us. Let us praise God for all the gifts He has given us and embrace and radiate the joy of this Christmas season.

My family and I are privileged to be part of the All Saints family and wish you all a blessed Christmas season!

Deacon Mark and Julie



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Watch the weekly bulletin for meeting dates and times.

Enjoy the
Childhood Joys
Of Winter

SUNDAY'S READINGS -
EXCERPTS TO PLACE IN YOUR
COMMUNICATIONS

First Reading:

All the ends of the earth will behold
the salvation of our God. (Is 52:10)

Psalm:

All the ends of the earth have seen
the saving power of God. (Ps 98)

Second Reading:

In times past, God spoke in partial
and various ways to our ancestors
through the prophets; in these last
days, he has spoken to us through
the Son. (Heb 1:1-2)

Gospel:

And the Word became flesh and
made his dwelling among us, and
we saw his glory, the glory as of the
Father's only Son, full of grace and
truth. (Jn 1:14)

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VOCATIONS

LOOKING FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you'd like more information or
resources about religious
vocations, please contact:
Ross Parker, Director of Vocations
(515) 237-5050.

CHRISTMAS



How Green Are Your Branches?

I would like to wish each and every one of our All Saints parishioners and our visitors a very Merry Christmas! We have been so very blessed this past year even if we cannot, yet, recognize every blessing for what it is. This Advent season has certainly been a busy one, but as we enter the celebration of Christmas I cannot help but think about the steadfast love, hope, and joy that Jesus brings to us every time we receive him at Mass.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. (John 15:5)

In the song "O' Christmas Tree" the lyricist, Ernst Anschütz, wrote:
O Christmas tree, O' Christmas tree, how lovely are your branches! Not only in summer's heat, but also winter's snow and sleet. O' Christmas tree, O' Christmas tree how lovely are your branches!

As we all know... evergreen trees, those most commonly used as Christmas trees, got their name because they keep their foliage all year round. Something you might not know is that one of the reasons their leaves stay green even in harsh conditions is because they do not require a great deal of nutrients. Evergreens do not use as much energy as other deciduous trees because they do not grow all of their leaves at one time. Their leaves also help insulate the tree from frost and the dead leaves, once fallen, act as a natural mulch to protect the tree's roots.

But the song goes on in the third verse:

O' Christmas tree, O' Christmas tree, we learn from all your beauty. Your bright green leaves with festive cheer, Give hope and strength throughout the year. O' Christmas tree, O' Christmas tree we learn from all your beauty.

What does all of this have to do with us? Well if we head back into the Gospel of John we will find that Jesus reveals himself as the true vine. He says:

Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. (John 15:1-5)

Christ is eternal. Christ is our hope and our strength. And it is only through him that we are nourished and bear fruit. He is the mighty evergreen... and we are his branches. When we obey the Father, follow the Son, and listen to the Holy Spirit by living our lives according to His will and not our own we bear much fruit. We bring joy, hope, and strength to others when we let Christ's light shine within us. But how do we keep our "leaves green"? For starters by returning to the source (Jesus) of our nourishment each week.

How green are your branches? Are you in need of nourishing?
Come!! All are welcome here!!!

Merry Christmas & God's Blessings to you and your families!
Jamie Clyde, Religious Ed. Director



DIOCESE OF DES MOINES EMPLOYMENT

Internal Control Specialist – The Diocese of Des Moines has an immediate opening in our Finance Department working with parishes and schools. More information can be found on the Employment page of our website under Diocesan openings. www.dmdiocese.org

REGATHERING GUIDELINES

All Saints Parishioners:

Per the Diocese and All Saints Regathering Guidelines – Weekday Masses are at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday; Saturday Mass is at 4:00 PM; and Sunday Mass is at 9:00 AM. These Mass times and the guidelines below are subject to change and will be in effect until further notice. Following are the guidelines:

1. Effective 7-25-21, the Sunday and holy day Mass obligation will be restored in the Des Moines Diocese. While the general dispensation from the obligation will be lifted, there will always be cases where individuals are excused or dispensed for serious reasons (see the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* n. 2181). These reasons would include, but are not limited to, personal illness, known or suspected exposure to COVID-19, or if you are a caretaker of a member of the vulnerable population and your participation in Mass would expose him or her to a significant risk of contracting COVID-19.
2. Livestreaming will still be made available for now
3. Social distancing is encouraged throughout the Mass.
4. Parishioners are encouraged to enter and exit the parish in a staggered fashion, to avoid a bottleneck or congregating before or after Mass.
5. During the reception of Holy Communion, a single communion line should be formed adhering to social distancing, and the Host will only be received on the hand and not on the tongue. The consecrated Host must NOT be taken back to the pew to be consumed. Distribution from the chalice of wine to the assembly is absolutely forbidden.
6. Masks are no longer required at liturgies and parish events. Parishioners who are not yet fully vaccinated are strongly encouraged to continue to wear a mask at Mass and other parish activities.
7. Offertory collections during Mass are resumed. Also, the use of the lockbox outside the gathering space door will be made available for parishioners' offerings as well.
8. No bulletins will be handed out after Mass. Bulletins are available on the tables by each church entrance and on the All Saints website. No one should accept materials from others at any time.
9. Hand sanitizers will be provided at each entrance. Parishioners are expected to use it before entering Mass.
10. Holy water fonts are now refilled.
11. Some hymnals are now available for use and return in pews.
12. Shaking hands, exchanging hugs, or in any way making physical contact with each other outside the family/ household unit is discouraged.
13. The church, gathering space, and restrooms will be cleaned and disinfected routinely using directives provided by the Diocese via CDC guidelines.

(7/25/21)



MASK GUIDELINE

Due to the current increase in COVID-19 cases and the new CDC guidance and advice of local medical consultants, effective August 14, 2021 the Diocese is now recommending, not requiring, wearing of masks for parishioners over the age of five during all indoor liturgies and other indoor parish events. Additionally, masks will be required for all clergy and Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion during the distribution of communion.

DECEMBER

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

DECEMBER 12, 2021



Tithes/ACH/Online-giving:

- Budget amount.....\$450,000.00
- Needed each week.....\$8,654.00
- Received week 24.....\$9,607.23
- Amount over (below).....\$,953.23
- Collection to date.....\$205,355.30
- To date over (below).....(\$2,340.70)
- Plate Received.....\$614.40

Please tithe regularly, as our shortfall each week has to be taken out of our savings (which is decreasing), and we are now having to borrow from a line of credit with the bank, in order to pay our monthly operating expense bills. Thank you.

THIS WEEK'S UPCOMING EVENTS AT ALL SAINTS	
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26 9:00 am Mass	Church
MONDAY, DECEMBER 27 7:00 pm Third Option	St. Catherine
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28 7:40 am Daily Rosary 8:00 am Daily Mass	Church Church
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29 7:40 am Daily Rosary 8:00 am Daily Mass	Church Church
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30 OFFICE CLOSSES AT 12:30 7:40 am Daily Rosary 8:00 am Daily Mass	Church Church
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31 OFFICE CLOSED 5:45pm New Years Eve Mass	Church
SATURDAY, JANUARY 1 9:00 am New Years Day Mass 4:00 pm Mass	Church Church
SUNDAY, JANUARY 2 9:00 am Mass	Church

MASS ATTENDANCE

	<u>Virtual</u>	<u>In Person</u>
Weekday, December 7, December 8, December 9, December 10 ~ 8:00 am	54	178
Saturday, December 11 ~ 9:00 am	62	220
Sunday, December 12 ~ 9:00 am	0	200
Total	116	598
November	371	1889
October	361	1661

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Friday, December 31 ~ 5:45 pm New Years Eve

Communion: J. Nelson
TBD
Lector: **TBD**
Altar Servers: M. Clyde
E. Clyde

Saturday, January 1 ~ 9:00 am New Years Day

Communion: D. Westover
R. Kluesner
Lector: L. Berenguel
Altar Servers: **TBD**
TBD

Saturday, January 1 ~ 4:00 pm

Communion: B. Clark
S. Hartley
Lector: M.J. Allgood
Altar Servers: E. Clyde
I. Crabbs

Sunday, January 2 ~ 9:00 am

Communion: Deacon Mark Burdt
D. Gilbride
Lector: D. Verhasselt
Altar Servers: E. Kisgen
S. Kisgen



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. December 27	NO MASS
Tues December 28 8:00 am	Randy Steinbach
Wed. December 29 8:00 am	Becky Maher
Thur. December 30 8:00 am	Virginia Judge
Fri. December 31 5:45 pm	Chuck Van Houten
Sat. January 1 9:00 am 4:00 pm	All Saints Parishioners
Sun. January 2 9:00 am	Jim Free

PLEASE PRAY

- † Beverly Myers
- † Alice & Merle Huebner
- † Larry Clark

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