



All Saints Cathedral Parish

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Catholic in Faith, a People Empowered

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Summerfest 2025 Highlights

*Thank you to everyone who pitched in to help make our
Summerfest a great success!*





**All Saints Cathedral Parish
Future Direction Committee
Cathy Andersen, Director**

School is Back in Session

Many people recognize Labor Day Weekend as the unofficial end of Summer. By the time you receive the next parish newsletter, Summer will have ended and we will, indeed, be in Autumn with cooler temps, colorful foliage and pumpkin spice lattes. We can look at Autumn in many different ways -- as an ending to the Summer recollecting what we did and/or what we had hoped to do, or with school back in session, we can look at Autumn as a new season, a new beginning, an opportunity to be a student again. I choose the latter.

If you are a school-aged student, you can eagerly anticipate seeing your friends from prior school years and making new friends this year. You should be excited about learning or trying new things. You most likely have gotten some new clothes since you've outgrown last year's. You will also get to pick a new lunchbox and backpack – I always enjoyed this!

If you recently graduated, you will embark on that job search or start a new job. How exciting! New people, new responsibilities and yes, even perhaps, newer technology.

If you are older and perhaps graduated quite awhile ago, you can certainly treat this time of year as students do. Afterall, once we graduate, we are enrolled in the School of Life for the remainder of our life, aren't we? Whether we are still working or are retired, we can reconnect with long-time friends. We should look for new things to learn perhaps by picking up a new hobby or new skill. We must keep our bodies and minds active by going places, trying new restaurants and perhaps by reading or making puzzles.

We all have numerous responsibilities and things to do, but we also need to slow down from our busyness to enjoy life, to actually live it – not just to exist from one day to the next, doing this and that, with most of it really having little to no significance in the long run. If we don't slow down, the important things of life will pass us by. We should be full of gratitude for how God has blessed us so abundantly thus far and how He will continue to do so for the rest of our lives. Eventually, we realize that our possessions are really not what life is all about – we start down-sizing and giving things away. We relish quality time with our family and friends. We enjoy quietness and time without technology. We learn to respect and sit in nature with its plants and animals and all that God has created. If we haven't already, we may even begin immersing ourselves in the Word of God, or praying the Rosary, or going to daily Mass.

I hope this Autumn you will be a student again. Eager to learn new things. Enjoy challenges. Reconnect with long-time friends and make new friends. Take time for yourself. Slow down. Have an attitude of gratitude. Study the Word of God.

Let us pray: Almighty and Eternal God, we thank you for this new school year, for the Summer we enjoyed and the Autumn season which will begin shortly. Make us eager to be students again -- to learn new things, to reconnect with people and nature, to take time for ourselves, and to slow down so life does not pass us by. Grant us an attitude of gratitude for all things come from You in the past, in the present and in the future. Create a hunger in us for You, for Your Word, for the Sacraments. We ask all of these things in Your Son's most precious name. Amen.

Happy 20th Anniversary to our Education and Ministry Building!



Prime Bishop Robert Nemkovich, Deacon (now Father)
David Rowinski, Father Mark Niznik, +Bishop Jan Dawidziuk
September 11, 2005

On September 11, 2005 our Education and Ministry Building was dedicated following a Holy Mass of Thanksgiving. This joyous day followed several years of design and planning (with many hiccups) and two years of construction. We thank the many members of All Saints Cathedral Parish who served on the project, and the very generous souls who donated towards its significant cost.

We are especially grateful to Prime Bishop Robert, who was our Pastor when the project began, +Bishop Jan who saw it through, +Elmer Skore our Parish Chairman and +Jerry Maycan our construction expert who oversaw everything.

Enjoy these photos from the groundbreaking and construction. We are preparing a slideshow with more photos for you to enjoy, and it will be ready soon!



**ALL SAINTS CATHEDRAL PARISH
SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING
“Sunday School”
2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR**

All Saints Cathedral Parish
Sunday School

“Growing in Faith, Living in Christ”

 **Classes held every Sunday**

 **October through May**

 **10:15 AM--11:00 AM** (after the 9:00 AM Mass)

 **All Saints Cathedral Parish**

Children enjoy fun, engaging, and faith-filled lessons using materials from the National Catholic Church and other trusted Christian resources.

Our mission is to help build a strong moral foundation as they grow to live their lives in Christ.

• **Bible Stories** • **Crafts** • **Faith Lessons** • **Activities**

 **Sacramental Preparation Available**

 **First Holy Communion**  **Confirmation**

 **Year-Round Faith & Fun!**

Our Sunday School also participates in special events and outreach projects throughout the year.

 **Contact:** Margaret Rowinski, SOCL Superintendent
Phone: 630-885-0167

 **Won't you come join us for an hour of fun, learning about Christ, and making new friends?**

We'd love to welcome you into our Sunday School family!

Registration Form

CHILD'S NAME:

DATE OF BIRTH:

GRADE IN SCHOOL:

FATHER'S NAME:

MOTHER'S NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY: _____

ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER:

E-MAIL:

Bring this registration form to the Parish Office, or send the information directly to Superintendent Margaret Rowinski at mrowinski53@aol.com

Bishop Jerry Memorial Scholarship Fund



Please remember we continue to collect donations for the bishop Jerry Memorial Scholarship Fund. Our first award was given in July 2025.

Facilities Available

Did you know that our facilities – such as the Fellowship Hall, classrooms and even the picnic grove – are available to reserve for your event?

The Parish Committee has established guidelines for members and non-members for use of our facilities. The important thing is to book as far in advance as possible.

If you are interested in hosting an event at All Saints, contact Father David, Chairman Gary or Deacon Doug.

Hooked on Crochet!

Ella Smolka, parishioner and senior at Regina Dominican High School completed crocheting her 5th prayer shawl for the All Saints prayer shawl ministry. Ella taught herself crochet during Covid and continues as today as a hobby.



Cemetery News

October is Cemetery Cleanup Month. Please remove all planters as soon as possible. Anything remaining by



October 1st will be discarded.

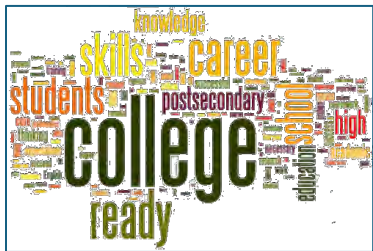
Fall/Winter décor can be placed starting November 1st, and anything placed *before* that will be discarded.

Contact Jill in the Cemetery Office if you have any questions.

Cemetery Trustees Cleanup Day

The Trustees are looking for volunteers to help to clean up and prepare specific areas of the Cemetery. Join us on Monday, October 12th at 10 am.

College Outreach Ministry



The Future Direction Committee is establishing an outreach to our college students. If you are a student currently enrolled at a

local school or away on campus and are a member of All Saints Cathedral, or know of a student that qualifies and would appreciate a note from our church along with a little gift a few times a year, please send an email address AND a street address to Darlene Niebuhr at darjoy0409@aol.com by October 15.

We are looking to keep in touch with our young adults in order to strengthen our membership going forward. Contact Darlene for more information.

Secretary Position



After several years of volunteer service, Judie Szydowski is “retiring” from creating the Mass Booklet and Bulletin at the

end of the year.

We are seeking candidates to take on this important work. This will now be a paid position with an hourly rate commensurate with the level of experience. We are seeking candidates first from within our Congregation.

The right candidate will have good computer skills using MS Word and some other programs who can dedicate 4-6 hours per week. This work can be done from home. Training and all resources will be provided.

Please contact Father David (773-875-1438) or Judie (630-222-0334) if you are interested in applying for this position.

Remembering Our Heritage in Song

At All Saints, we love to sing praise to the Lord every Sunday. On September 14th our hearts were especially touched by the singing of “Hallowed Be Forever” in both English and Polish.

We plan to incorporate more Polish verses into our 9 am Sunday Mass, at least once per month. And by Christmas we will be singing lots of your favorite Polish hymns to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We hope you enjoy and sing along!



Contribution Statements Available

As we approach the end of 2025, you may be reviewing your charitable giving. If you need to see your 2025 (to date) Contribution Statement, please contact Judie in the office.

Veteran's Memorial Campaign

The official launch of our Veteran's Memorial Campaign has been delayed. Watch for more news on this soon!



“When did you get so holy?” WHAT??? Me...holy!?!?! An innocent question from one of my adult children. What has happened to me since I started attending All Saints back in April 2024? And what has happened to the church since I was away for about 50 years? There have been a few changes! Some reflections follow on the past year or so since I last wrote down my thoughts on this journey back to the church of my childhood.

I think the biggest personal change has been attending church weekly. I didn't at first and then was chastised by a dear friend, that I must come every Sunday, or go to hell! I stopped weekly church attendance at any church back in the mid-1990s for a variety of reasons. Not only has regular attendance helped me personally, it has also anchored me with a deep sense of spirituality. Extra benefit: Fellowship Hour has introduced me to so many people and opportunities. I have volunteered wherever I could including the annual Summerfest; fellowship hour, dinners; synod meeting; served at Confirmation; assisted with the newsletter; helped with the membership database. I have become a member of the Future Direction Committee, too. And now I am a greeter! Obviously, I have jumped in with both feet! Volunteering has been a way of life for me ever since I had children starting with PTA in 1982, continuing with scouting and band boosters. My dad set the family an example as he was chairman of Good Shepherd for years, until his death in 1963. I have been looking for something to do since I retired three(!) years ago and have found my niche here at All Saints. Praise the Lord!

What have I learned about the church? There is a strong group of parishioners, loyal attendees and the core of All Saints. Like any parish, these people can be counted to do just about anything needed around the church and the cemetery. What would we do without them? Overworked and underpaid! God bless you! And, like any church nowadays, All Saints struggles with membership and with keeping the youth involved. Sunday School has very low enrollment. Preaching to the choir?? St. Cecelia's is small in number but mighty in spirit. Cantors and lectors are new to me too, a great way to include lay people in the mass.

It's taken some getting used to the mass being offered in English. I still sing some of the songs in Polish because I somehow still remember the words from 65+ years ago. I pre-read the mass booklet on Saturdays just to see what we are singing, and if I recognize anything! Do you? I am part of a small group that has been asked to bring a little of our heritage back to our mass (more elsewhere in the newsletter). I hope you enjoy it as much as I will.

Am I holy? Am I religious? No, not yet. But I am anchored spiritually. I am growing. I am grateful. And I am home.



Another Gramza has arrived! Francesca Jovanna, great granddaughter of Joanne Gramza, was born on June 30th.

*Do you have some good news to share with your Parish Family?
Send your Good News items to info@ascpncc.org.*

PARISHIONERS: Mark Kowalsky, Sherry Lapinski, Sylvia Smolka, Teri Heath, Bob Maycan, Diane Hughes, Sonny Collinet, Phyllis Collinet, Donald Pagels, Mary Andersen, Adeline Kozak, Lorraine Truskolaski, Joan Pagels

FAMILY & FRIENDS: Don Andrew, Susan Meyer, Barbara Boyle, Karen Skorczewski, Luz Raygosa, Eluid Raygosa, Suzanne Eberle, Margaret "Gosia" Szajowska, Richard Kitching, Ed Davis, Derek Jones, Nubia Duarte, Alivia Lindbeck, Abbey McCall, Kathy Joseph, Richard Ciesla, Greg Kurzynski, Sherrie Sekyra, Tony Kilroy, Tina Tziolas, Rosetta Bizzotto, Barbara Consentino, June Felski, Jill Ziegler, Rita Bader, Eugenia Czaban

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: Stephanie Rowinski

PRAY FOR ALL OUR TROOPS DEFENDING FREEDOM but especially for: Martin Venegas (USAF), Michael Warren Sobczyk (USAF), Hannah Sobczyk (USAF), Noe Corral-Galvan (USAF), Anna Wietrecki (USA)

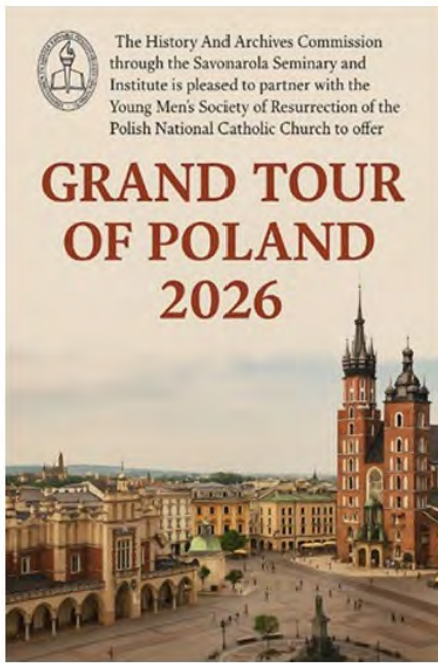
Remember to let us know when you or a loved one can be removed from the Prayer List. Thanks!



The **OCTOBER** issue of the All Saints Newsletter will be published on October 12th. The deadline for submission is **Wednesday, October 8th**.

Submit your pictures and stories to our new email:
ascpncc@gmail.com

Pilgrimage to Poland



Have you ever dreamed of walking the streets of Kraków, praying before the Black Madonna in Częstochowa, or tracing the footsteps of Prime Bishop Hodur or Saint John Paul II? Father Jim Ploskonka is in the early stages of planning a Polish National Catholic Church Pilgrimage to Poland.

A sample itinerary and pricing is included in God's Field and a separate flyer in the vestibule. But right now it is important to let Father Jim know if you are interested. No commitment is needed yet – they are simply gauging interest to determine feasibility. If you are interested, please email him soon at jploskonka62@gmail.com to let him know.

Helping Hands Computer Classes



Want to improve your computer skills or learn new programs? Judie Szydlowski is offering free computer assistance as part of our Helping Hands Ministry. She is available each Saturday morning in October from 9 am to Noon. Give Judie a call at 630-222-0334 to let her know what you want to work on and when you wish to attend.



The **Clean Kids Backpack Program** is a new ministry of our Future Directions Committee. It provides toiletry items anonymously through local school districts to homeless children attending school. Items needed include soap, shampoo and conditioner, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, sanitary pads and tampons, combs, hairbrushes, and band aids. This is now an ongoing collection effort so you can give at any time. Please bring items as often as possible to church and place them in the collection bins provided. For those who prefer making a financial donation, a Contribution Fund has been established. Write "Clean Kids" on your donation envelope, or use Online Giving.

Collection of NEW items for **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes** has resumed.

Suggested items for September Games

Cards, checkers, puzzles, chess, dominos, jump ropes, small Etch-a-Sketch, Nerf balls, slinky, jacks, yo-yo, small Frisbee, small kite, costume dresses, costume jewelry, small plastic toys, marbles, plastic tools, cars, trains, hacky sack, tennis balls, foam balls



You can also give a monetary donation through Online Giving or by writing "Operation Christmas Child" on an offering envelope and place it in the collection basket.

Reminder
Absolutely NO liquid or paste items can be accepted
Operation Christmas Child is a ministry of Samaritan's Purse International Relief.
(www.samaritanspurse.org)



The Women's Society will be organizing more food drives to benefit the New Hope Community Food Pantry in the near future. You can always donate directly online at newhopefoodpantry.com.



We have now collected and forwarded **\$4,877** in donations to MorningStar Mission Ministries since 2020! Thank you for your continued generosity.



Remember that WINGS does more than help clothe the needy. See their website for ways to give:
www.wingsprogram.com



September 28 – Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting

October 5 – New Sunday School year begins!

October 5 & 12 – *Beautiful Eucharist Book* Discussion

October 26 – PTO Boo Bingo

November 9 – Brookfield Zoo Tree Decorating

December 6 – Women's Society Advent Tea

December 7 – Election of 2026 Parish Committee, Birthday Party for Jesus

September 28–30, 2026 – PNCC General Synod (Manchester, New Hampshire)

MEETINGS, ETC.

(unless otherwise announced)

Cemetery Trustees

November 11

Future Direction Group

October 6

Parish Committee

October 21

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

October 12

Women's Society

October 19

Saint Cecelia Choir Rehearsal

To be announced

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

(see Weekly Bulletin for schedule changes)

Sunday Masses

9 am English / 11:30 am Polish

School of Christian Living Classes

10:15 am October – May

Bible Study with Father David

Wednesdays at 7 pm via Zoom

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EMERGENCIES, SICKNESS or DEATHS

*Please report to **Father David** immediately.*

CEMETERY

Visiting Hours: 8 am – 5 pm

Office Hours: By appointment only

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