



# ALL SAINTS

*A Stewardship Parish*

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*Our Parish Newsletter:*

*Spreading the news of Christ at work in our community.*

## A Look at Our Parish Nursery

*Providing a Safe, Fun and Loving Environment for Our Youngest Parishioners*

When it comes to spending time with our Lord, there is no better way than by attending Mass. It nourishes our souls, first through God's Word and then His very Body. It also provides us with a brief hiatus from the chaos of the world around us. Yet, for parents with small children, Mass far too often feels more like a battlefield than a retreat. Surrounded by endless distractions, we often feel exhausted rather than rejuvenated, frustrated instead of uplifted. This is why, says ministry coordinator Rachel Scott, our parish's Nursery is such a great gift to our faith community.

"We try to provide a safe, fun and loving environment for parish children to be in, so their parents can truly engage and participate in the Mass without the distraction of a little one — to create a space parents can feel comfortable leaving their children in so that they can be 100-percent present in the liturgy," Rachel says.

Located down the hallway past the Welcome Center, the Nursery is currently available each Sunday during the 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. Masses for newborns to children 3 years of age—at a minimal cost of \$5 per family. During this time, nursery employees and volunteers strive to provide parish children with unconditional love, reflecting the love of Christ and serving as the child's "first impression" of the church community.

"We say prayers with the children during that time, offer snacks, and — for our older preschool children — have Bible lessons," Rachel says. "I feel what we are doing is so important because this is basically the children's first impression of the Church. We want



*The Parish Nursery — a safe place where our children can play and learn about Jesus while their parents enjoy the sacrifice of the Mass free of distractions*

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## Questions & Answers About Our Annual Stewardship Renewal

*Commitment Weekend is **October 5-6.**  
Don't forget to bring your Commitment Card to Mass!*

### How do I use my Commitment Card?

**Time Section:** Except for the ill and homebound, everyone should be able to check “Come to Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.” Try to check at least a few other items.

**Talent Section:** You can either sign up for new ministries or re-commit to your current ministries. Be sure to write your first name next to the ministry! This is especially important if the card is being used by more than one person in your family.

**Treasure Section:** Clearly print how much money you plan to give each week or month to our parish. Try to take a step toward giving five percent of your gross income to All Saints.

### My age or physical limitations prevent me from being active in the parish. Should I still turn in a Commitment Card?

Yes! The first section of the card — Stewardship of Time — is the most important because it allows you to make commitments to *prayer*. Even if you can't join a ministry or make it to Mass on Sunday, you can still pray for our parish.

### One time I turned in a card, but no one ever called me when I signed up for a ministry.

If this happened in the past, please forgive us! And don't give up on filling out your Commitment Card! We have a very good plan to call every person interested in joining a new ministry. If for some reason the ministry leader does not call you within four weeks of turning in your card, let the parish office know (972-661-9282).

### How much should I give?

Your gift is entirely dependent on how much God has given you. At All Saints, we ask that you give five percent of your gross income to our parish, one percent to the diocese, and four percent to charity. Why a percentage of income? The tithe (10 percent) is a scriptural benchmark that the Church has honored for centuries (see Malachi



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#### 2020 STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARD

First & Last Name Envelope #

Phone (Home) (Mobile)

Email

Occupation Hobbies

Spouse: First & Last Name

Spouse: Phone (Home) (Mobile)

Spouse: Email

Spouse: Occupation Hobbies

Street Address

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Please bring this card to Mass on **October 05/06**, or mail using the envelope provided. Thanks and God bless you!

Please check if you would like to receive the *Texas Catholic*.



*A Letter from Our Pastoral Administrator*

## Getting Our Priorities in Order

Dear Saints,

I know that many people are not on a school year calendar. But for many of us, September brings a livelier rhythm to our schedules. Life just seems to get busier after Labor Day. Therefore, this month seems to be a good time to think about our priorities and to pray for God's guidance.

It has been said that the truly important is often pushed aside by the merely urgent. So, as you review your priorities, please make sure that you include what's really important!

First of all, be sure to include time for God, as well as for job, family and recreation. Of prime importance, make sure that Mass on Sundays is a top priority — that's the most important event of the week. In addition, reserve some time for personal Scripture study, as well as prayer with your family or a prayer group — then incorporate that into your daily and weekly routine.

There are many forces pulling at us as we decide where to use our talents. For most of us, our jobs claim the lion's share of our efforts and sometimes threaten to engulf our whole lives. We also have responsibilities to our families and legitimate calls for service to the community — that obviously includes the Church. We have lots of areas for service right here in our own parish — religious education, music, serving as an usher, or any one of the



many ministries in which you may use your talents to grow closer to God.

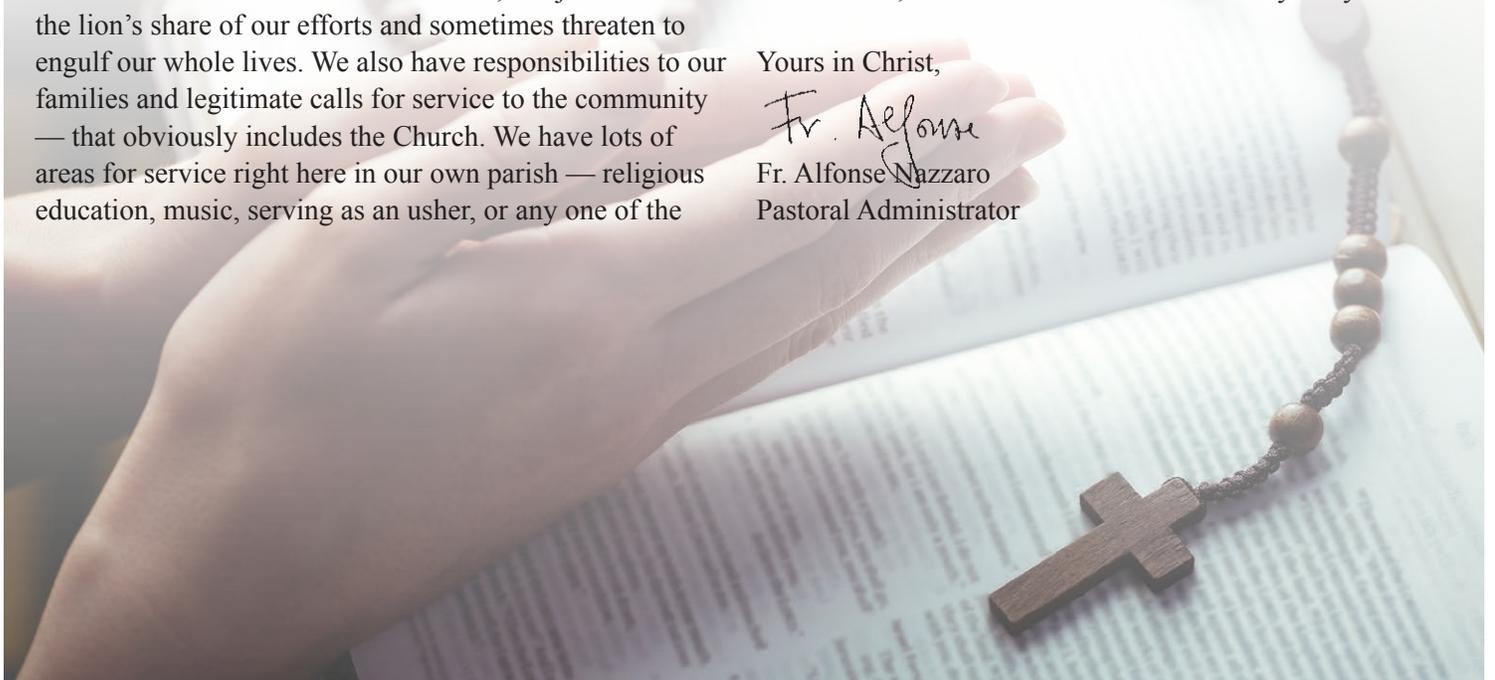
Finally, we have to set priorities for using our money. As Christians, we are responsible to God for the use of the financial resources He has entrusted to us — no matter if it's a lot or a little — and to make a return to God in thanksgiving. In this regard, Scripture gives us the tithe as a goal. Working toward a tithe may mean some changes in your priorities, but I can tell you from personal experience that those who have adopted this as their standard

of giving experience a joy rooted in the spiritual growth that occurs as we continually live out the "three Ts" of stewardship — time, talent and treasure.

Priorities are certainly a part of life. As you review your own priorities, especially now that many regular routines are starting up again, ask yourself how you will use the time, talent and treasure entrusted to you by God.

Yours in Christ,

*Fr. Alfonse*  
Fr. Alfonse Nazzaro  
Pastoral Administrator





## Feeling Blessed and Fortunate

A new school year is in full swing and it is absolutely amazing to see the smiling faces of our students every day. I have the fortune of speaking with students in the morning and with their parents throughout the day, and one of my first questions to them, “How is your school year going so far?” Some students answer with a simple, “Good,” or “Do you know what will be served for lunch today?”

But two students in particular answered that question in a way that reminded me why I get so much fulfillment from working with our school.

The first student was walking into the building with a big smile. As she walked up, I said, “Good morning,” to which she responded, “Great morning!” I chuckled to myself and asked what made it a great morning. She stopped

in her tracks and said, “It is my first year at All Saints and it has already been the best thing I could hope for. Everyone is so nice, I already have great friends, and the teachers are amazing.” As she moved into the school building, I couldn’t help but feel great about our school. In just a few days, our school made a huge impact in the life of a student who will undoubtedly have a great year.

The second student I spoke with was during a passing period. As we walked the hall together, I asked him about this school year compared to last. During our conversation he said, “The school looks different. It looks nicer.” I wanted to dig a little deeper to find out exactly what he meant so I asked, “What is so different?” “Well,” he started, “the Innovation Lab for one is super cool. And Mr. Rayfield is great. The new library is so peaceful and the doors are amazing.”

“The Innovation lab and the library are nice, but what about your classroom?” I asked.

“The classrooms are great too! All the classrooms have the touchscreen panels that I can get up and touch. And the

The All Saints Catholic School Dads’ Club will host the Sixth Annual Eagles Swings Charity Golf Tournament on October 18 at the Courses at Watters Creek. The tournament is an opportunity for community members to come together and enjoy a round of golf and beautiful weather while supporting a great cause.



The All Saints Catholic School 2019-20 school year has begun. On Tuesday, August 13, ASCS welcomed 292 students into the building to begin this year’s educational journey. All Saints students will enjoy the benefits of the new Kent And Jodi Foster Innovation Lab and Curriculum for all students from PreK3 to 8th grade as well as a new library space that provides a comfortable place for students to explore the world through literature.



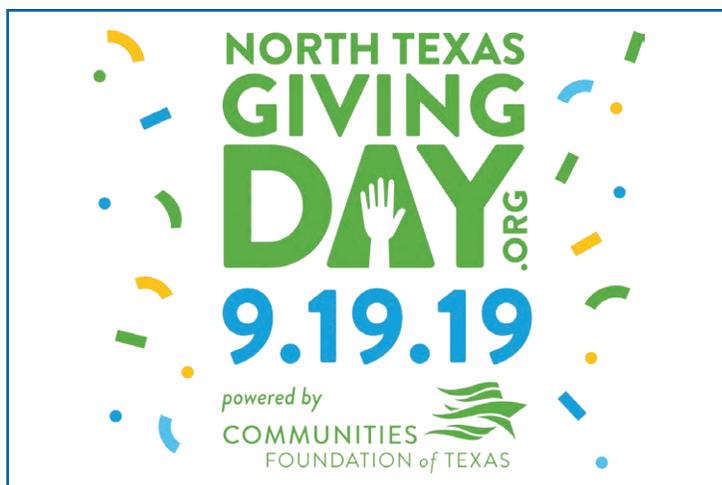
## at All Saints Catholic School

*By Gabriel Moreno, Director of Advancement and Mission, All Saints Catholic School*

new desks are set up in groups so we can work together and help each other. I can't believe I get to come to All Saints. I am so lucky."

With that I had to make my way back to my office, but I started thinking about how we ended the conversation. "I am so lucky." Yes, we are very lucky. We are lucky that we have people in our parish who care about our school, the youth of the parish, and the future of our Catholic Church.

The truth is, everything this student mentioned only happened because of support from parents and parishioners like you. Your generosity during North Texas Giving Day, the annual golf tournaments, and the school auction help us provide a warm, loving, and state of the art learning environment for our students. And just like our student, I feel so lucky to be a part of this community as well. So lucky to know you and your family. And so lucky that you embrace our entire community and support the parish in various ways.



*North Texas Giving Day is September 19! Get up and Give to your favorite non-profit organizations including All Saints Catholic School. Your continued support has allowed All Saints to invest in new desks for students and upgrade necessary technologies in the classroom. Help us reach our goal of raising \$80,000 through North Texas Giving Day. Not near a computer on September 19? Scheduled giving begins September 9.*

## What is Safe Environment?

**D**id you know that all volunteers who work with minors or vulnerable adults at All Saints are required to go through a clearance process called Safe Environment? Such volunteers include liturgical ministers, religious education teachers, and more. As part of the process, volunteers are required to:

- Complete a screening form (which includes providing three personal references and a submitting to a criminal background check)
- Have an in-person interview
- Attend training on how to identify and prevent abuse (which must be renewed yearly)

Staff and clergy are required go through the same process with some additional steps. Our policies are in line with those of other organizations that serve youth and follow the guidelines set forth by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the policies of the Diocese of Dallas.

If you are interested in volunteering with youth at our parish, or if you have any questions or concerns about the Safe Environment program, contact Elizabeth Horsley at [ehorsley@allsaintsdallas.org](mailto:ehorsley@allsaintsdallas.org) or 972-778-0311.



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## Hearts and Hands Bazaar

MAKING A POWERFUL AND POSITIVE DIFFERENCE FOR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

Loving hearts and hands reach out to people and causes in need, and our All Saints Women's Organization (ASWO) Hearts and Hands Bazaar makes it possible to extend that help in our parish and our community.

Linda Gorman and Rolayne Van Buskirk are working together on the bazaar that will open for its 37<sup>th</sup> year on Oct. 25 and 26 in Fellowship Hall. The event takes place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both days, and admission is free.

"We ask people to use their hearts and hands to volunteer," Linda says. "You've got to put your heart and your hands in to a project, whatever it is."

Over the years, the efforts from those hearts and hands have made an impact here at All Saints by providing comfortable spaces and equipment that enable us to offer hospitality to all. The proceeds have also gone to projects that enhance our worship, and to organizations serving our youth and seniors.

"A lot goes to the parish and at times to other organizations," Linda says. "We donate to Genesis, Habitat for Humanity and we always end up giving money to All Saints Catholic School for scholarships, as well as to Vacation Bible School. Any needs that pop up that we are made aware of, we help."

The bazaar proceeds enabled the ASWO to update a meeting room with new chairs, paint, and other necessities. The rectory received upgrades with new office furniture, chairs for the bedrooms, and a repainting. Other purchases included new albs for our altar servers, and donations to the junior high and high school youth ministries, as well as the Golden Saints group. The ASWO also recently made a large donation toward replacing the aging parish organ.

"All of our profits will be donated," Linda says. "We don't keep any of the proceeds."

Many of the ASWO members contribute their talents toward the bazaar. Each of the ASWO Circles will be

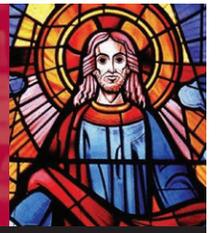
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*ASWO members make homemade, from-scratch baked goods for sale at the Hearts and Hands Bazaar. Who can resist?*



*Circles in the ASWO decorate small artificial trees with donated ornaments for the Hearts and Hands Bazaar. The trees are sold in a silent auction.*



## But I'm Already Involved! *Why Our Stewardship Renewal is Important*

"I've been involved in our parish for years, and I give a consistent gift to the offertory — so why do I need to fill out a Commitment Card every year?"

This is one of the most frequently asked questions during our annual Stewardship Renewal. It can be answered by considering the following illustration.

Imagine a man and woman who have been married for 15 years, and love each other very much. The husband is dedicated and faithful to his wife, and he looks forward to many more years together. The wife feels the same way — there is no question about the strength of their commitment. They're in it for the "long haul." But on their anniversary, do they still give each other a card?

Of course they do! Their love is so strong that they enjoy expressing it to each other in a special way on their anniversary — not out of obligation, but because it's something they want to do for one another. Exchanging cards reminds them of their original covenant and their future together.

Just as an anniversary card expresses the married couple's love for one another, your stewardship Commitment Card is an annual expression of your dedication to God and our parish, even though you are already committed. It is a concrete expression of what is already in your heart. It is telling God that you are in it for the "long haul."

Sometimes, though, as in a marriage, God may be calling you forward. The marriage anniversary may see one spouse promise to be more patient or less critical. And during our Stewardship Renewal, God may be calling you — as involved as you already are — to new heights of service or generosity.

And, just like a good wedding anniversary, Stewardship Renewal is an opportunity to look back at how God has touched your life through the year. When you count your blessings, the desire to commit — or *re*-commit — should emerge without a second thought. So, celebrate a happy Stewardship Anniversary!

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asked to decorate a three-to-four-foot Christmas tree for a silent auction. Each member will be invited to contribute homemade, made-from-scratch baked goods for the bake sale that is a very profitable part of the bazaar.

Vendor fees also make a large part of the bazaar's proceeds, with as many as 60 to 80 taking part. The vendors will be selling many handcrafted items, such as jewelry, candles, woodworks and clothes.

The bazaar will have a café selling homemade lunches and feature a coffee bar for the hot beverage and goodies to get you through the day. There will also be three door prize drawings each day.

There is a lot of work and organizing behind the scenes for the bazaar, but the overwhelming take-away from the ASWO is not the work, but the fellowship that develops through it all.

"A lot comes into the social end of it," Linda says. "You do get well acquainted. And then you realize how much money you've raised and who it will help. It gives you a warm feeling when you think about it."

"There is a camaraderie that we build," Rolayne says. "The very first time I worked the bazaar, I became friends with the others. I was working a shift at the coffee bar. It builds a relationship and people get excited about working it next year."

There is a need for volunteers to help in various shifts during the bazaar. Visit the parish website at [www.allsaintsdallas.org](http://www.allsaintsdallas.org) to sign up. Your helping hands and loving heart will certainly make a difference!



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## MEET OUR NURSERY STAFF



**Rachel Scott,**  
*Nursery Coordinator*



**Jessie Dalal,**  
*Nursery Staff*



**Charlotte Begnaud,**  
*Nursery Staff*



**Rita Liane Sheldon,**  
*Nursery Staff*



**Elizabeth Sheldon,**  
*Nursery Staff*

## Parish Nursery *continued from front cover*

them from as early of an age as possible to become part of the church community and to know the people who make up our faith family. I think it's really important for this to be a place where the children are excited to come each Sunday."

Rachel has found that facilitating the Nursery has provided her with a unique opportunity to serve and grow in the faith. Having grown up in the parish herself, it's been special for Rachel to serve as an adult and to watch things

"come full circle" with her own two children. She feels blessed to serve the parents and children in this way, as her own faith grows in the process.

"I just love being around the kids and it's given me a really unique way to get to know people of the parish, specifically the moms," Rachel says. "I feel like it has helped me grow more in my faith and has been a special way for me to get more involved in the church as an adult. It's really just brought me a lot of joy."

This ministry hopes to soon expand Nursery services to also include the 5 p.m. Mass, allowing even more families to take advantage of this great opportunity — this will require additional staff members. If you are interested in joining the Nursery's team, please contact Rachel Scott at [rscott@allsaintsdallas.org](mailto:rscott@allsaintsdallas.org) or 214-641-2603. All potential candidates must be 18 or older, have completed Safe Environment training, and undergo a complete background check before being interviewed personally by Rachel. And if you have little ones and have yet to utilize the parish Nursery, please stop by and visit our facilities. The ministry is here to serve, says Rachel, and welcomes any concerns or suggestions you might have.

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**Weekend Liturgy:** *Saturday, 5:00 p.m. | Sunday, 7:15 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. | Teen Mass, 5:00 p.m.*

**Weekday Liturgy:** *Monday - Friday, 6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. | Saturday, 9:00 a.m.*