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Our Mission Statement: The All Saints Catholic Community is a fully integrated, multicultural community with English as its unifying language. It is an open, warm, welcoming, inclusive community that prays together and celebrates its unity in diversity.

September 23, 2012, Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; Psalm 54:3-6, 8; James 3:16—4:3; Mark 9:30-37

A person of faith is a listening person

Last Sunday's reading from the letter of James (**James 2:14-18**) reminds us of the great debate in the 16th century between reformers and the Catholic church. Following Paul and his writings, the reformers pleaded that salvation comes from faith; from faith alone. On the other side, quoting James, the Catholic Church argued salvation comes from works: Do good works and you are saved. Historically, the debate ended shortly after Vatican II, 50 years ago. Then members of a joint Lutheran/Catholic dialogue concluded that both elements are necessary for salvation: faith and works.

Isaiah (**Isaiah 50:5-9a**) comes up with the Bible's best definition of a true disciple: "God opens my ear that I may hear. Each morning," the prophet tells us, "God wakes me to hear." A person of faith is a listening person. If one isn't conscious of the voices of those in need, one doesn't even know that a need exists, much less how to face it.

Jesus (**Mark 8:27-35**) says: "Those who wish to come after me must deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow me." Jesus demands from his followers to be totally open to whatever God asks of them, no matter the consequences. This is the kind of daily openness Isaiah refers to in our first reading.

Those who have that kind of faith never have to choose between faith and actions. Their faith is rooted in a constant giving of themselves to God and others. We need only look at Isaiah and Jesus in today's readings to see this kind of faith in action. <http://www.dignityusa.org/>

Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr Wolfgang Schonecke, M.Afr.

Lector: Matthias Waliszewski • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Celso and Levina Menjares •
Altar Servers: N.N, N.N. • Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Konrad Giersdorf • Hospitality: Rückeis family
The designated collection today is for Caritas.

OUR COMMUNITY: The All Saints Catholic Community is based on the principle that we, the Community, willingly take on all the responsibilities of running our own Community and supporting our Celebrants. The All Saints Coordinators, whose contact telephone numbers are shown overleaf, guide groups of volunteers in meeting our needs and those of our Celebrants. Please volunteer to help that group to which you feel you can most contribute. Contact the All Saints Coordinator responsible for the group.

Annual Fall BBQ after Mass today



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on September 16th: 74

Collection: Friends €233.67, Media: €2.03

If you are **visiting All Saints for the first time**, please introduce yourself at the end of Mass so we can welcome you. Please join us for coffee and cake after Mass in the Community Hall! Welcome to All Saints!

Mark your Calendars

- **Altar Server Sunday on September 30th.** We would like to recognize you for your service to our community. A special event is planned after Mass. An email has gone out to all the Altar Servers. Please make sure to RSVP!
- The 39th **Berlin Marathon** will take place on September 30th in the morning. Please consider that your journey to All Saints may take longer on this morning than usual.
- There will be another **lector meeting** in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel following Mass on **Sunday, September 30th** for those who could not attend the September 16th meeting. Please use this opportunity for brushing up your skills.

Other Notes

- Our Music Director, Johannes Wrembeck will play a short piece following Mass every Sunday. Enjoy the beautiful tunes which accompany the Eucharist.

Please continue to donate to All Saints by using the **white envelopes** stamped **ALL SAINTS FUND** and/or transferring your donation to the Pax-Bank account printed below. We are completely **dependent** upon your donations. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Please take this copy of the bulletin and use it to spread the word about All Saints.

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 Altar Servers: N.N, N.N. • Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Konrad Giersdorf • Hospitality: Rose Oruga
 The designated collection on September 30th is for All Saints.

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Access to All Saints:

Subway: U 3, Oskar-Helene-Heim (10-min. walk) or S 1, Zehlendorf, then bus.

Bus: Bus 285: stop Am Waldfriedhof (last stop, 2-min. walk); Bus M11: stop Oskar-Helene-Heim (10-min. walk) or Bus 115: stop Hüttenweg (5-min. walk),

Car: A115 Avus highway, Hüttenweg exit or Clayallee (<http://berlinonline.de/citymap>)

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