

**Mission Statement:** "Rejoicing with gratitude in God's blessings, we invite and welcome all to share in the fullness of the Catholic faith. We live our baptismal call through worship, teaching, and serving one another."

# All Saints Church

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

216 All Saints Drive, Stuart, IA 50250

January 29, 2017



## Mass Times

- Sunday 10am
- Tuesday 6pm
- Thursday 9am  
(at the Community Care Center)
- Friday 8:30am
- Saturday 4:30pm

## Confessions

- 3:30pm Saturdays or by appointment

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## Pastoral Council

It is a "statement of the obvious", but you may have noticed that this week's bulletin format is different. This is due to a decision made by our Parish Pastoral Council members at last week's meeting. The Council has recommended the use of this format - four full pages of available space - with the understanding that we will publish and continue to receive input from the various groups, organizations, and other local sources pertinent to our faith community. It is the aim of the Council to make people more aware of all of the oppor-

tunities for parishioners such as the Knights of Columbus, the Altar & Rosary Society, Bible study groups, religious education, and other special events in the life of the parish.

**Other Business** The Council reviewed a book that addresses the issue of children who are raised in the Church, but then stop attending. Plans are being made to present a series of 15-minute videos to anyone interested in the issue of how to bring our children back into the Church. The videos are from the book "Return" written by

Brandon Vogt. There is no cost to take part in the video series. There



are no workbooks to purchase, nor any need to attend each and every session. Further details to come.

*Members of the Council: Fr. Higgins, Chairman Dan Miner, Matt Dickson, Jill Gerling, Cathy Hicks, Scott & Cindy Lonsdale, Diane Messenger, Lisa Poffenberger, Karey Smith, Dennis VanPelt, and Ann Vigon.*

## From this week's readings...

**The Beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus' preaching. They take up the promises made to the chosen people since Abraham. The Beatitudes fulfill the promises by ordering them no longer merely to the possession of a territory, but to the Kingdom of heaven:** *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they*

*shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called*

*sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven. (CCC #1716)*

## Faith Formation

Our Faith Formation program is going very well thanks to our Catechists who are working very hard providing our students a sound foundation for their religious growth and the parents who support the program by making sure their children are here on Wednesday nights and so willing to volunteer when needed. Thank you to all of you.

Here are some upcoming events:

Feb. 1st- Father Higgins will be visiting and answering questions for the 3rd and 4th graders this evening.

Feb. 12- Faith Formation Mass. Schola will be performing.

March 1st- Ash Wednesday. There will not be classes, but students should attend mass to receive the ashes and to participate in the beginning of Lent.

March 15- No class. Spring break.

March 26- Saints and Service Retreat. There will be a retreat for Confirmation candidates and their parents on Sunday, March 26th at All Saints Church, starting with Mass at 10:00 and running until 3:00p.m. Lunch will be served. Please mark your calendars and

plan on attending. More information will follow. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Jill Gerling.

April 2nd- Faith Formation Mass. Schola will perform.

April 12th-Shadow Stations presentation. The 7th-8th grade students will perform the Shadow Stations of the Cross beginning at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the church hall.



## Parish Organizations

Jodi Bassett, President 515-523-1888



Many thanks to Linda Lee O'Neel for coordinating and running All Saints' turn at Bingo at the Care Center for the past few years. Linda retired following our turn in January. We need someone to fill this very important outreach program for these special members of our community. This would be

an awesome opportunity for someone retired or not working outside the home to have a chance to get out and give back! Please consider this opportunity to serve the Altar & Rosary Society and Community Care Center. Our next turn is in March. If interested, please contact A&RS President Jodi Bassett

at (515-523-1888) or call the church office before March 10. Thank you!

### Prayer Requests

*Please remember to pray for these people this week: Mark Poffenberger, Marvin Engelen, Ruby Waltz, Mary Doud, Mary Dickson*

## Parish Business & Finance

**Contribution statements** are now available in the gathering space. Please be sure to pick yours up. Also there to be picked up are contribution envelopes for 2017.

### January 21-22 Collections

- Regular Tithes: \$2,200.00
- Children's Collection: \$15.35
- Building Fund: \$250.00

### 2016 ADA Balance

- Original Appeal Amount: \$31,458.00
- Pledged Amount: \$22,855.00
- Balance Due: \$8,456.00

## Committees & Councils

Have you noticed the new furnishings in the gathering space? These items have been purchased through memorial funds to enhance the area and to encourage people to sit and visit. Thanks to the folks on the Gathering Space Redecoration committee Ann Vigon, Roni Wilson, and Tiffany Hammerly) we now have a great space to relax and share some fellowship time before and after Mass times.

Other sub-committee members of the Enrichment group include the

planning of Young Adult Events with John Hammerly and Lori Baudler and the Parish Hospitality and Programs group. This is a group of folks who are interested in the planning and carrying out of a variety of events for the entire parish as well as smaller events for select groups, either by age, gender, or interest. The members of this committee

are: Barb Boss, Janet Bassett, Jodi Bassett, Joyce VanPelt, Lisa Poffenberger, Nancy Johnson, and Wayne Nosbisch.



Anyone who is interested in working with any of these groups is asked to contact the church office or anyone on the committee.

This is a wonderful way to become involved in our parish and to build friendships that can last a lifetime!

## In the works...

### It's "Cookies & Crumbs" time!

Refreshments are planned following both weekend Masses. Please join us for some goodies and fellowship.

**Liturgical scheduling** It's time to let us know your availability to serve as a Liturgical Minister during the months of March & April.

This will be a two-month schedule as it will include the Lenten and Easter seasons. Please check your calendars and contact Brenda in the church office with your dates so she can prepare the schedule.

**Adult Religious Education** Due to the weather forecast for last Tuesday evening, it was decided to

not resume the Adult Ed class this week. We hope to resume next Tuesday, Jan. 31, following evening Mass. The class will continue its study of the Covenants of the Old Testament.

The class is free and open to any adult wishing to learn more about our faith.

## Area Events & Announcements

### Post Abortive Support Group begins in February

Women suffering emotionally or spiritually after an abortion often feel alone. Inner Visions Health Care is beginning another 8 week support group in February. It is normal to grieve after any preg-

nancy loss. You matter to us and we believe you deserve healing and support.

To inquire confidentially - call 515-779-9347 and talk to Jenny.



**InnerVisions HealthCare**  
An unPlanned Pregnancy and STD Medical Clinic

### Community Day of Prayer

Beverly Johnson of the Fairview Congregational Christian Church is looking for volunteers to help plan this year's Community Day of Prayer to be held on March 3. Contact her at 515-556-4949 if interested.

Bulletins, prayer requests, and other announcements are sent via email through **Constant Contact**. If you are not receiving these emails, please be sure the Church Office has your address. Also be sure to check your "spam" folder as it may be going there. Bulletins are also posted to our website each Friday afternoon.

**stuartallsaints.org**

**Planning ahead...**

**Retirement Celebration** for Dennis Donnelly  
Feb. 12, 12-3pm

**"Fat" Saturday** is February 25th - Mardi Gras style celebration - details to follow

**Ash Wednesday** is March 1st - Mass will be at 5:30pm in Adair and 7pm at Stuart

**During Lent:** Friday Masses will move to 6:30pm with *Stations of the Cross* following Mass.

**Liturgical Ministers Schedule: Saturday 2-4**

**Rosary:** Mary Doud  
**Ushers:** Dave & Barb Boss  
**Cross Bearer:** Dave Boss  
**Altar Server:** Connie Drake  
**Lector:** Carol Smith  
**Commentator:** Roni Wilson  
**Greeters & Gifts:** Marvin & Janet Bassett  
**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:** Sister, Maria Ladwig, Jodi Bassett

**Liturgical Ministers Schedule: Sunday 2-5**

**Ushers:** John & Patrick Gulbranson  
**Cross Bearer:** Wayne Nosbisch  
**Altar Servers:** Jack Doyle, Jenna Doyle, Lauren O'Brien, CeCe Stanley  
**Lector:** Amy Doud  
**Commentator:** Gary Riordan  
**Greeters & Gifts:** Vince & Christy O'Brien  
**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:** Harriet Gulbranson, Linda Lee O'Neel, Cathy Hicks

**Contact Us**

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**Prayer Request Phone Line:** Viola Heins 515-789-4103

**Knights of Columbus:** John Hammerly **Altar & Rosary Society:** Jodi Bassett

# Two-Week Calendar of Activities

Sunday 1-29	Monday 1-30	Tuesday 1-31	Wednesday 2-1	Thursday 2-2	Friday 2-3	Saturday 2-4
9am Choir Practice  10am Mass for the People of the Parish  <b>Anniversary:</b> Rick & Carol Knowlton 1972	Offices Closed  <b>Birthdays:</b> Helen Clancy & Amanda Durbin	6am TMIY Men's Group <b>Birthdays:</b> Sarah Truitt & Dayana Huerta 6pm Mass for Albert & Lucille Greubel 6:30pm Adult Ed	6:30-7:30pm Faith Formation  <b>Birthdays:</b> Bill Sherman	9am Mass at the Care Center for David Waltz  <b>Birthdays:</b> Dave Vigon	8:30am Mass for Helen Ann Rose  <b>Anniversary:</b> John & Harriet Gulbranson 1973	3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass for Albert & Lucille Greubel

Sunday 2-5	Monday 2-6	Tuesday 2-7	Wednesday 2-8	Thursday 2-9	Friday 2-10	Saturday 2-11
9am Choir Practice  10am Mass for the People of the Parish  <b>Birthdays:</b> Christina Boss	Offices Closed  <b>Birthdays:</b> Margie Livermore	6am TMIY Men's Group  6pm Mass for Bernard Hilgers 6:30pm Adult Ed Class <b>Birthdays:</b> Bruce Partlow	6:30-7:30pm Faith Formation	9am Mass at the Care Center for Bob Griffin  <b>Birthdays:</b> Dave Boss & Bailey Burris	8:30am Mass for Karen Donnelly Krogh  <b>Birthdays:</b> Pamela "Alli" Boyle	3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass for William & Marian Schultz  <b>Birthdays:</b> Bailey Dickson & Lori Baudler