

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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

216 All Saints Drive, Stuart, IA 50250

February 5, 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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Salt & Light

In the Old Testament reading from Isaiah this week, we are offered instruction with regard to taking care of those who are in need and our own families as well. If we do these things, “Then your light shall break forth like the dawn...”

The Gospel reading from St. Matthew, the fifth chapter, then carries on the theme of light and also adds the analogy of “salt” - “You are the salt of the earth.” What does it mean to be the “salt of the earth”?

Well, what does salt do for us? It flavors our food, preserves our food, and clears ice from our frozen paths, just to name a few things.

So, if we are the salt of the earth, how are we adding the flavor, preserving the nourishment, and clearing the paths for one another? And, are we being seen as a light for the world?

All of these things can only be accomplished when we do as we are asked by God - take care of those who are less fortunate, take care of our families, and do all of these things for His glory. He will give us the strength that we need to carry out His commands and He promises to answer when we call on His name. Through this, we become the light that shines for others which helps them to see their path in life as well.

The “flavor” of our deeds goes to help others “taste” God’s love.

I’d like to mention that quite a few people have been shining their lights around the parish recently! Thanks to Terri Arthur for putting the covers on our missals and to the anonymous donor for providing them. Also, thanks also to all of you who have been working so hard to decorate, deep-clean, and rearrange things for us. The gifts of your talents are greatly appreciated!

-Fr. Ray

Volunteers Make All The Difference!

Thank you for your hard work last weekend:

Dave Boss, Dan Miner, Ryan & Sarah Truitt, Linda Lee O’Neel, Amy Doud, Jodi Bassett, Donna Olson, Donna Donnelly, Barb Marnin, Wayne Nobsisch, Scott

Lonsdale, Maria Ladwig, Kathy Grundmeier, Janet Bassett, Harriet Gulbranson, Jan Gilman, Barb Boss, Margaret Tiernan, Norine Marlowe, and Marvin Bassett. We couldn’t have done it without you!



Faith Formation

From Cathy Hicks, Director of Religious Education

Prayer is such an essential part of our spiritual life. Our daily lives offer infinite opportunities to pray. Our prayers may be a "classic" prayer, a spontaneous prayer, a prayer request, a prayer of support. The important thing is...PRAY! And pray together as a family. I ran across an article entitled, *Ways to Foster Prayer in Your Home* by Tom McGrath. Here are some of the ways to strengthen you and your family's prayer life.

Teach your children one of the classic prayers on a regular basis.

Pray spontaneously with your child at bedtime.

Say an "Our Father" or the "Act of Contrition" whenever

you start a long car trip.
Keep a prayer jar for special prayer intentions or requests.

Start your day with a time of quiet prayer or meditation for both you and your children.

Pray for church leaders and your parish priest.

Find out when a family member's test or meeting is and pray for them.

Pray for people who are homeless or down on their luck.

Pray for a teacher you are grateful you had in school.

Pray for a teacher you are grateful your child has now.

Pray at bedtime for someone who did an act of kindness to you today.

Offer a prayer when you are facing an unpleasant task.

Bless your child's forehead when he or she is facing a difficult challenge or simply going out the door.

Say a prayer when you feel tempted to do something you know is not right or in the best interest of your soul.

Say a prayer of guidance when you are at wit's end and you don't know what to do next..."God help!"

Parish Organizations

Jodi Bassett, President



A shout of gratitude to the many women (and a few men) of the parish who stepped in to help clean our kitchen and pantry last Sunday. Much progress was made, but a few things remain to be tidied. Our pantry looks like a whole new room; in fact, the kitchen itself is greatly improved.

The mission of the Altar and Rosary Society is to serve our Parish in the areas of the congregation and the

church itself. This includes altar linens and supplies, as well as kitchen details. Thanks to Connie Drake for taking care of the linens!

One of the most important ways we serve is the provision and serving of funeral luncheons. There will be more on this in weeks to come, but at this time I wish to extend a big THANK YOU to Jan and Wayne Gilman, who work with our office staff and the fu-

neral homes to plan the luncheons. They plan for an estimated attendance, notify and mobilize the band groups, set up the hall, are present throughout the prep, serving and clean-up, and much more, to generally make the luncheons run smoothly. When you see them, be sure to thank them for their time and efforts."

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 28-29 Collections

- Regular Tithes: \$1,770.00
- Children's Collection: \$37.51
- Building Fund: \$40.00

2016 ADA Balance

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

Knights of Columbus John Hammerly, Grand Knight



Thank You!

Representing the Stuart Knights of Columbus Council 1961, Treas-

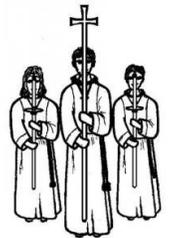
urer Mark Tisl presented Hannah Study, Executive Director of the LC Clinic, with \$600 that was raised from the soup supper and luncheon held January 21st and 22nd.

The next meeting of the Knights will be at 6pm on Sunday, February 12th. The meeting begins with supper. All men of the parish, 18 years old or older, are invited to join the group which is active in the support of Pro-Life projects, the support of people living with challenges, our children, and many other worthwhile causes.

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.



In the works...

"Fat-Saturday" Plans

Plans are underway for a Mardi Gras celebration following Mass on Saturday February 25th. "Fat" Saturday (or "Faturday") is our enrichment committee's version of Fat Tuesday, the traditional day of celebration before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. The committee

would like to get an estimate of those who are planning to attend. Please sign up in the gathering space.

Adult Religious Education

With the approaching Lenten season, Father is thinking of offering, as part of our education, a tradi-

tional Seder Meal. If anyone is interested in helping put this meal together, please contact the church office.

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



Prayers & Thanks

Please keep these folks in your prayers:

Ruby Waltz, Mary Dickson, Marvin Engelen, Mark Poffenberger, Mando Moreno, Irma Hoadley, and those who haven't asked for prayer, but who are still experiencing pain, illness, or loss.

Thank You

A sincere thank you to all the men and women of All Saints Church who contributed food and those that prepared a delicious luncheon for our friends, family and relatives after the Celebration of

Life of Betty Beaman.

In appreciation, Gary Beaman, Mary & Steve Williams, Becky Groh, Mike & Linda Beaman and Families.

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
and let perpetual light
shine upon her.
May she rest in peace. Amen.*

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

**Liturgical Ministers Schedule:
Saturday 2-11**

Rosary: Frank Holle
Ushers: Matt & Jen Dickson
Cross Bearer: Denny Donnelly
Altar Server: Zoe Dickson
Lector: Roni Wilson
Commentator: Carol Smith
Greeters & Gifts: Mark & Kari Tisl
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Mark & Kari Tisl, Donna Donnelly

**Liturgical Ministers Schedule:
Sunday 2-12**

Ushers: Bob Olson & Wayne Nosbisch
Cross Bearer: Matt Gerling
Altar Servers: Gabe Gerling, Nate Gerling, Sam Kasap, Olivia Nixt
Lector: Harriet Gulbranson
Commentator: Donna Olson
Greeters & Gifts: Gerling Family
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Amy Doud, Jill Gerling, Cathy Hicks

Planning ahead...

Sunday Feb. 12: Faith Formation Mass; Donut Sunday; Knights of Columbus regular meeting at 6pm

Also on the 12th: Retirement Celebration for Dennis Donnelly 12-3pm **Everyone is invited**

"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

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Knights of Columbus: John Hammerly **Altar & Rosary Society:** Jodi Bassett
To arrange for a Baptism, other Sacraments, to join the Church, or if you have a question, please contact the Church Office.

Two-Week Calendar of Activities

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 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish Birthday: Christina Boss	Offices Closed Birthday: Margie Livermore	6am TMIY Men's Group 6pm Mass for Bernard Hilgers 6:30pm Adult Ed Class Birthday: Bruce Partlow	6:30-7:30pm Faith Formation	9am Mass at the Care Center for Bob Griffin Birthdays: Dave Boss & Bailey Burris	8:30am Mass for Karen Donnelly Krogh Birthday: Pamela "Alli" Boyle	3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass for William & Marian Schultz Birthdays: Bailey Dickson & Lori Baudler

Sunday 2-12	Monday 2-13	Tuesday 2-14	Wednesday 2-15	Thursday 2-16	Friday 2-17	Saturday 2-18
9am Choir Practice 10am Mass for Living & Deceased Members of the Parish Birthdays: Bernard Mertes, Sophia Pieper	Anniversary: Leo & Jeri Pieper 1977 Monday 2-13 Offices Closed Anniversary: Jeff & Gina Ocheltree 1993 Birthday: Jason Tigges	6am TMIY 6pm Mass for Pat Cornwell 6:30pm Adult Ed Birthdays: Dennis Donnelly, Julie Doud Anniversary: Janet & Jerry Dickson 1976	6:30-7:30pm Faith Formation Birthday: Aiden Lewis	9am Mass at the Care Center for Albert & Lucille Greubel Birthdays: Ryan Hamilton, Tom McFarland Anniversary: Paul & Sharon Pieper 1963	8:30am Mass for John Simons	3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass for Ila Mae & Tony Pivonka Birthdays: Cora Martin, Vernon Tigges