

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

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

216 All Saints Drive, Stuart, IA 50250

February 26, 2017



Mass Times

- **Sunday 10am**
8am at Adair
- **Tuesday 6pm**
- **ASH WEDNESDAY**
5:30pm ADAIR 7pm STUART
- **Thursday 9am**
(Community Care Center)
Thursday 6:30pm at Adair
- **Friday 6pm w/Stations**
- **Saturday 4:30pm**

Confessions

- **3:30pm Saturdays**
or by appointment

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"A Lenten Reflection For Iowans"

With the season of Lent approaching, parishes and schools across Iowa are invited to journey towards a greater understanding of our state's ecological and environmental issues, with the help of a new reflection book titled *Caring for our Common Home: A Lenten Reflection for Iowans*. Inspired by Pope Francis's ecological encyclical *Laudato Si'*, this new work takes a uniquely Iowa perspective in exploring the science of the world around us, while contemplating God in the web of creation. *Caring for our Common Home: A Lenten Reflection for Iowans* delves into the science, reflects on the encyclical letter *Laudato Si'* (Praise Be to You), and explores small and large ways to grow in faith and act for the goodness of our common home. Each day

of the Lenten journey sheds light on a different ecological concept, ranging from water and wetlands to agriculture, soil, biodiversity, and climate change. Bishop Richard E. Pates of the Diocese of Des Moines, writes, "This resource, *Caring for our Common Home: A Lenten Reflection for Iowans*, is a way to re-imagine our place in the created order and put us in touch with Iowa's bounty and the world's needs. By reflecting on the connections between land and water, cities and farms, wildlife and humankind, the resource draws upon both lessons from science and teachings from our faith, especially from Pope Francis's ecological encyclical, *Laudato Si'*." *Caring for our Common Home: A Lenten Reflection for Iowans* was produced col-

laboratively by Jacqueline Comito and Ann Staudt, with assistance from Jamie Benning, Tom Chapman with the Iowa Catholic Conference, and Susie Tierney with the Center for Social Ministry. Dr. Comito is an anthropologist and director of the Iowa Learning Farms and Water Rocks! programs at Iowa State University. Staudt, an environmental engineer, and Benning, an agronomist, both collaborate with Comito at Iowa State University. The reflection can be utilized as an individual Lenten journey or as part of a small group study during the season of Lent. To obtain your copy of *Caring for our Common Home: A Lenten Reflection for Iowans* for Lent 2017, go to <https://iowacatholicconference.org/>

New Calendar Insert

Included in today's bulletin is a calendar for the month of March. One side is set for Adair St. John and the flip side is set for Stuart All Saints. Mass times and the intentions are shown for both parishes on each side. The difference is the notations made to recog-

nize birthdays and anniversaries.
Please note that the time listed for Friday Mass at Stuart is incorrect and should read: Mass 6pm and Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm.
If you do not see a birthday or anniversary listed that

should be, or if the information is incorrect, please contact the church office to make the correction. Thank you! If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, contact Rita Rilea in the church office at 523-1943 or email her: allsaintsoffice@gmail.com

Faith Formation

From Cathy Hicks, Director of Religious Education

Since we will no longer be using the Sunday bulletin covers, I will be using them as a resource tool for Faith Formation. There are many informative and interesting articles on the covers, so each week all catechists will receive a cover and determine if there is something they can use for their classes. The 7th-12th graders will also receive a copy each week. These covers make good "kick-off" activities, "Did you know?" tidbits, or discussion starters for the older students. The covers are still available for parish members as well and are across from the DRE's office in the wooden file holders. You are more than welcome to take one for the various upcoming Sundays.

Just a reminder Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. The Faith Formation stu-

dents will not have class, but I **strongly** urge parents to attend Mass with your children and kick off the Lenten season as a family of faith. By attending this service, you are setting a positive example for your children of the importance of Lent and why it is important to receive the ashes. As a family, try to have goals or activities you can do with your children during this time that reflects prayer, almsgiving, and fasting (besides food, maybe reduced computer time, or cutting back on playing games on the computer, etc). Take time once or twice a week to pray together as a family or even sitting down for a family meal once a week. Volunteer to help the less fortunate or visit those who are sick or shut ins. Do acts of kindness. Lent is a time of reflection and sacri-

fice and a time to strengthen and grow in our faith. Do so as a family, not only during the Lenten season, but throughout the whole year. Remember Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence from meat, and those between the ages of 18-59 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Family Prayer for the Week

Gracious God, we are entering into a period of inner reflection and examination. This special time beckons us to see our lives through Christ's eyes and the truth and reality of Your love incarnate. Give us the grace to enter into these 40 days with the anticipation of our meeting, and let Your loving kindness flow over us and seep into our hearts. Amen

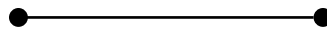
Parish Organizations

Jodi Bassett, President



Another calling of the Altar and Rosary Society is care of the Altar Linens. Connie Drake has been laundering the finger towels and purificators as well as ironing the purificators, both of which are an essential part of the Mass. Connie does a great job, and says she needs to launder about every 3-4 weeks so we always have clean

linens for Mass. Next time you see Connie, thank her for her efforts.



Another area in need of laundry and continued care are the altar server robes as well as Father's vestments. The server robes are easily laundered at home, however the vestments need to be dry

cleaned with care taken as to the timing of the cleaning so as not to interrupt the need to use them at Mass. If anyone is interested in helping with these duties, please contact the church office. *Thank you!*



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.

February 18-19 Collections

- Regular Tithes: \$2,370.00
- Children's Collection: \$29.21
- Building Fund: \$40.00

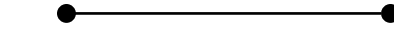
2016 ADA Balance

- Original Appeal Amount: \$31,458.00
- Pledged Amount: \$22,855.00
- Balance Due: \$7,446.00

Places to be, things to do...

The annual **Community Day of Prayer** will be observed locally, March 3, 2017 at 2pm at the Fairview Congregational Christian Church, 7 miles south of Stuart on Stuart Road. Pam Kerr from Oak Grove Church in Winterset will be the keynote speaker. Her presentation will focus on the importance of prayer in our daily lives. Individuals from area churches will present the program. All men, women, and children from the community are invited to come and celebrate with us. The Love Offering will be designated for the

Low Balance Accounts at the West Central Valley, Nodaway Valley, and Earlham Elementary schools. For further information, please contact Beverly Johnson at 515-556-4949.



Anyone wishing to become a Liturgical Minister in any capacity is asked to contact the Church Office to arrange a time for training.



These are the positions that need to be filled for each weekend Mass:

Altar Server (2 or more)

Usher (2)

Greeter (2 - can be entire family)

Gift Bearer (2)

Cross Bearer (1)

Extraordinary Minister of the

Eucharist (3)

Lector (1)

Commentator (1)

Cantor (1) - *if you are interested in becoming a cantor, please see Norma Tigges, parish music coordinator.*

In the works...new book club opportunity!

Plans are underway to start a book club on Friday mornings at 10 beginning in April. Parishioner Lacey Partlow has agreed to lead the group. Lacey currently works at the Stuart Public Library and is also a certified teacher. But you might recognize her best as the prize-winning violinist of Iowa State Fair fame, as well as sharing

her musical talents with us at Mass or on Christmas Eve.

Lacey will need to know how many are interested and what type of book the group would be interested in. Please contact the Church Office (515)523-1943 to let us know, or sign up in the gathering space.

BOOK CLUB

Prayers & Thanks

Please keep these folks in your prayers:

Mary Dickson, Mary Doud, Marvin Engelen, Irma Hoadley, Callan Moon and those who haven't asked for prayer, but who are still experiencing pain, illness, or loss.

UPDATE: Callan is home and doing much better now. The family is thankful for your prayers!

Ruby Waltz

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

March Calendar Correction:

Friday Mass time during Lent is 6pm, NOT 6:30pm. Stations of the Cross will follow the Mass.



Items to be included in the bulletin must be submitted to the office by 5pm Wednesday.

Call 515-523-1943 or email:

stjohnallsaints@gmail.com

to submit your items.

*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.*

Website: stuartallsaints.org

**Liturgical Ministers Schedule:
Saturday 3-4**

Rosary: Frank Holle
Ushers: Dave & Barb Boss
Cross Bearer: Dennis Donnelly
Altar Server: Zoey Dickson
Lector: Roni Wilson
Commentator: Carol Smith
Greeters & Gifts: Dennis & Donna Donnelly
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Donna Donnelly, Sisters

**Liturgical Ministers Schedule:
Sunday 3-5**

Ushers: Wayne Nosbisch, Bob Olson
Cross Bearer: Wayne Nosbisch
Altar Servers: Eli Kasap, Sam Kasap, Olivia Nixt
Lector: Daisy Nevins
Commentator: Donna Olson
Greeters & Gifts: John & Harriet Gulbranson
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Amy Doud, Harriet Gulbranson, Cathy Hicks

Planning ahead...

LC Clinic Open House is Sunday Feb. 26th from 11:30-12:30. The Knights of Columbus will be presenting the clinic with items they have collected.

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

Women's Bible Study Group resumes at 9am on Tuesday March 7th. We will continue our study on the 12 Extraordinary Women of the Bible.

Contact Us

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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

<p>Sunday 2-26 9am Choir Reh. 10am Mass for William & Marian Schultz Birthdays: Gene Fitzgerald, John Hammerly Anniversary: Roger & Joyce Tibben 1977</p>	<p>Monday 2-27 Offices Closed Mondays & Fridays</p>	<p>Tuesday 2-28 6am TMIY 6pm Mass for Sr. Phyllis Kerns 6:30pm Adult Ed</p>	<p>Wednesday 3-1 5:30pm Ash Wednesday at Adair for Joseph Arnts; 7pm Ash Wednesday at Stuart for James Witkowski Birthdays: Gary Riordan, Zachary Beaman</p>	<p>Thursday 3-2 9am Mass at the Care Center for Bob Griffin Birthdays: Chris Kuttler, Julie Trichel, Lilah Aubert Anniversary: Pete & Debi Kasap 1991</p>	<p>Friday 3-3 Birthdays: Marilyn Wagers, Jill Gerling 6:00pm Mass for Pat Cornwell w/Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm</p>	<p>Saturday 3-4 3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass for Virginia Wagner Birthdays: Brenna Bird</p>
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<p>Sunday 3-5 9am Choir Reh. 10am Mass for Living & Deceased Members of the Parish BD: Nick Doud</p>	<p>Monday 3-6 Offices Closed Mondays & Fridays BD: Scott Fillman Ann: Craig & Brenda Wedemeyer 1982</p>	<p>Tuesday 3-7 6am TMIY 6pm Mass for William & Marian Schultz 6:30pm Adult Ed</p>	<p>Wednesday 3-8 6:30pm Faith Formation BD: Mary Stoberl, Kerri McFarland, Robert Bird, Stephanie Kuttler</p>	<p>Thursday 3-9 9am Mass at the Care Center for Clair & Pat Dickey BD: Francis McGinnis, Jeri Pieper</p>	<p>Friday 3-10 BD: Harriet Gulbranson 6:00pm Mass for John Roth w/Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm</p>	<p>Saturday 3-11 3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass for Albert & Lucille Greubel BD: Diane Messinger</p>
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Extra Confession Times Available During Lent Following Most Mass Times Or By Appointment