

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

1st Sunday of Lent

216 All Saints Drive, Stuart, IA 50250

March 5, 2017



Mass Times

- **Sunday 10am**
8am at Adair
- **Tuesday 6pm**
- **Wednesday 8:30am-Adair**
- **Thursday 9am**
(Community Care Center)
Thursday 6:30pm at Adair w/
Stations
- **Friday 6pm w/Stations**
- **Saturday 4:30pm**

Confessions

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

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2017 Annual Diocesan Appeal

My dear friends in Christ:

As Catholics, we can identify with the sacrificial dimension of Christ’s love for us. We enter with Him into prayer and fasting during Lent and we become more conscious than ever of God’s rich blessings in our lives. We are also very conscious of the needs of our sisters and brothers throughout the 23 counties of our Diocese, who hunger for a sign of Jesus Christ, our hope.

The 2017 Annual Diocesan Appeal enables each of us to share in Jesus’ sacrificial giving. Our theme remains “We Are One Body.” It is representative of our vibrant church and reminds us that we are centered in the Eucharist which unites

us. We are called to live with gratitude, generosity, and self-sacrifice.

I invite you to share in the important ministries of our Diocese which include priest medical and health-care, priest retirement, seminarian formation, Catholic education, youth and adult programming, pastoral ministry, Catholic Charities services, and administrative support. As you reflect on God’s gifts to you, it is my prayer that you will support our ministries by giving as generously as possible.

I recognize each gift constitutes a sacrifice, an offering made with gratitude. I ask you to prayerfully consider a sacrificial offering which may be made

through a pledge or one-time gift online or by submitting a pledge card or contacting our development office. All gifts, no matter the size, are greatly appreciated.

Our website provides a thorough overview of how your gift is used to serve our faith community.

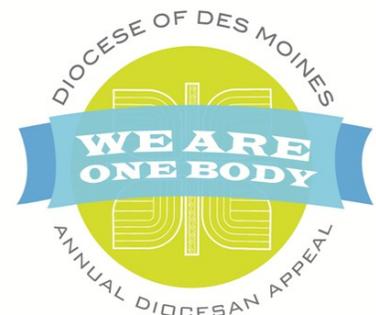
You and your family will be remembered in my prayers throughout the coming year, and I ask that you also pray for me as well as the success of this year’s Annual Diocesan Appeal.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
The Most Reverend
Richard E. Pates,
Bishop of Des Moines

Our Goal For 2017

Each year, every member of our diocesan faith community is asked to participate in making a gift to support the work and ministry of Bishop Pates through the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Just as we support our parish through annual tithing, our parish

supports the larger Church through an annual gift to the Diocese. We, as parishioners, are asked to help our parish by making a gift toward this cause. Our goal this year is \$31,016.



Faith Formation

From Cathy Hicks, Director of Religious Education

The Catholic Church has established five positive laws to identify the **minimum** spiritual commitment required of the faithful. These Precepts of the Church can be found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC). Three of these five concepts have a special meaning during this Lenten season." You shall observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church." (CCC 2043; 2177); "You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season." (CCC 1389; 2042); You shall confess your sins at least once a year." (CCC 1457; 2042)

This coming Wednesday, March 8th, All Saints will be having a Communal Penance beginning at 6:30 p.m. Father Higgins arranges such ser-

vices for a Wednesday evening so that Faith Formation students can receive this sacrament if they choose during the Easter season. Father has also enlisted the help of several priests to help hear confessions. Anyone is welcomed to go to reconciliation at this time. I will be monitoring the students and catechists so we can get to all those who want to go to confession. There should be time to accommodate those wanting to have their confessions heard. This evening is a regularly-scheduled class time, so students will be in class until it is their turn, then when they are finished with their confessions, they will go back to class. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (515) 523-1943 or email me at cabinmn@gmail.com.

There are boxes in the gathering space for those who might wish to contribute to the Rice Bowl project. You can turn them in to me or the office any time during Lent.

Below is the Family Lenten Prayer for the week. Remember, prayer is one of the three things we should meditate on during this season. God Bless.

Family Prayer for the Week:

Heavenly Father, during this Lenten season, give me a new and expanded vision for my life. Help me to live full of faith. Teach me to find hope in the face of adversity. Help me look deep within myself and let go of the old and embrace the new life that comes from You. This we ask in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Parish Enrichment Event

Saturday, February 25 was our first **"Fat Saturday"** celebration. It kicked off with distributing derby hats and beads, a blessing from Father, and a tasty traditional Mardi Gras meal of jambalaya and gumbo. Drinks included both alcoholic and non-alcoholic versions of "Hurricanes", as well as lemonade.

We had several younger members attend as well, and they enjoyed some "kid-friendly" hot dogs. Entertainment, in the form of trivia, was enjoyed by young and

old alike, and correct answerers were rewarded with a gold foil wrapped chocolate coin tossed in Mardi Gras style! The trivia was not only entertaining, but also educational, as the topics were Mardi Gras, Lent, Ash Wednesday, and All Saints Parish. There was also some New Orleans style music playing in the background to help set the mood.

Many people came together to plan and execute Fat Saturday. Many thanks to Loretta Sloss, Dave and Barb Boss, Lisa

Poffenberger, Janet Bassett, and Jodi Bassett. In addition, we had great assistance from Fr. Ray, and the office staff of Brenda Wedemeyer, Rita Rilea and Cathy Hicks. Thank you!

We received many compliments and great comments from attendees, who all seemed to have a good time. Thanks to all who attended; we look forward to seeing you and many others at **Fat Saturday** next year!

Parish Business & Finance

2016 Annual Diocesan Appeal
Once again this year we needed to transfer funds from savings in order to fulfill our 2016 ADA shortfall of \$7,446.00. We have now been given our goal for 2017 of \$31,016.00. Please help us fulfill the 2017 goal so that we will not

have to continue drawing down our savings account balance.

February 25-26 Collections

- Regular Tithes: \$1,774.00
- Children's Collection: \$10.78

- Building Fund: \$739.24
- Ash Wednesday: \$625.25

2017 ADA Balance

- Appeal Amount: \$31,016.00



Places to be, things to do...

Join us for this month's Ladies' MOSIAC Luncheon March 9, 2017

Guest speaker will be Kellie Markey, founder of Dorothy's House, a safe house for young women who are victims of human sex trafficking here in Iowa. Human trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery and is currently becoming the largest criminal industry in the world generating 32 billion dollars each year.

Ms. Markey will focus on human trafficking issues in the local community and what we can do to recognize and assist in eradicating this "true crime against humanity."

RSVP NOW! Thursday, March 9, 2017 from noon to 1:00 p.m. at St. Mary of Nazareth, Des Moines (Lunch on us. Doors open at 11:30) Register at: IowaCatholicRadio.com or call 515-223-1150

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.*



"Fat" Saturday Photos Courtesy of Barb Boss



Prayers & Thanks

Please keep these folks in your prayers:

Gene Fitzgerald, Helen Clancy, Mary Dickson, Mary Doud, Callan Moon and those who haven't asked for prayer, but who are still experiencing pain, illness, or loss.

Thank you!

To all who planned, prepped, and presented our first-ever "Fat Saturday" Mardi Gras event. The event was deemed a success and plans for next year's celebration are on the docket.



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

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 3-11**

Rosary: Mary Doud
Ushers: Eric & Margaret Tiernan
Cross Bearer: Eric Tiernan
Altar Server: Jodi Bassett
Lector: Mark Tisl
Commentator: Roni Wilson
Greeters & Gifts: Todd & Maria Ladwig
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Mark & Kari Tisl, Maria Ladwig

**Liturgical Ministers Schedule:
Sunday 3-12**

Ushers: John Gulbranson & Patrick Gulbranson
Cross Bearer: Patrick Gulbranson
Altar Servers: Alli, Cora, & Evie Boyle
Lector: Wayne Nosbisch
Commentator: Gary Riordan
Greeters & Gifts: Nick & Tanya Boyle
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Jill Gerling, Harriet Gulbranson, Cathy Hicks

Planning ahead...

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.

Holy Week: Palm Sunday April 9th; Holy Thursday April 13th; Good Friday April 14th; Easter Vigil April 15th

Easter Sunday: April 16th

Contact Us

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Custodial Services: Barb Boss bbosslady@msn.com

Prayer Request Phone Line: Viola Heins 515-789-2029

Knights of Columbus: Dan Hilgers **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 3-5 | Monday 3-6 | Tuesday 3-7 | Wednesday 3-8 | Thursday 3-9 | Friday 3-10 | Saturday 3-11 |
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| 9am Choir Reh. 10am Mass for Living & Deceased Members of the Parish BD: Nick Doud | Offices Closed Mondays & Fridays BD: Scott Fillman Ann: Craig & Brenda Wedemeyer 1982 | 6am TMIY 9am Women's Study Group 6pm Mass for William & Marian Schultz 6:30pm Adult Ed | 6:30pm Faith Formation BD: Mary Stoberl, Kerri McFarland, Robert Bird, Stephanie Kuttler | 9am Mass at the Care Center for Clair & Pat Dickey BD: Francis McGinnis, Jeri Pieper | BD: Harriet Gulbranson 6:00pm Mass for John Roth w/ Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm | 3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass for Albert & Lucille Greubel BD: Diane Messinger |
| Extra Confession Times Available During Lent Following Most Mass Times Or By Appointment | | | | | | |

| Sunday 3-12 | Monday 3-13 | Tuesday 3-14 | Wednesday 3-15 | Thursday 3-16 | Friday 3-17 | Saturday 3-18 |
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| 9am Choir Reh. 10am Mass for Living & Deceased Members of the Parish BD: Rosie Tisl, Charlene Gibson 6pm Knights Mtg. | Offices Closed Mondays & Fridays | 6am TMIY 9am Women's Study Group 6pm Mass for the Men of All Saints Schultz 6:30pm Adult Ed BD: Dale Hargens | 6:30pm Faith Formation BD: Brooke Smith | 9am Mass at the Care Center for Bob Griffin BD: Jeremy Trichel | 6:00pm Mass for Karen Donnelly Krogh w/Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm Ann: Jason & Jennifer Tigges 2013 | 3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass for John Simons BD: Alyssa Kuehl |