

**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

2nd Sunday of Lent

216 All Saints Drive, Stuart, IA 50250

March 12, 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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## Feast of St. Joseph is Next Week

Next weekend, March 18-19, we will observe the Feast of St. Joseph. We would like to have an altar set up in the parish for this observance. If you can help with putting this together, please let Father or the church office know. Items that still needed for the altar include flowers, baked goods, carpenter's tools, fruits (real or plastic), all of which will be for display purposes only. We would also like to have biscotti (Italian cookies) to distribute after each Mass for parishioners to enjoy in observance of the Solemnity of St. Joseph.

This is what the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has to

say about Saint Joseph:

**March 19: Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

*Silence is golden... St. Joseph, the model of humility, and one of the world's greatest saints, is often mentioned as being silent. This silence speaks volumes. In it, the Church realizes his faithfulness, his love and his acceptance of the Holy Will of God. St. Joseph was not a man of many words: he was a man of action. We have only one direct statement about his personality: in Matthew's Gospel, he is described as "a righteous man" (Matthew 1:19). His actions alone reveal everything else we know about him. He brings Mary and the Child she bears into his home when, in the sight of the world, he would be justified in divor-*

*ing her. He leads the expectant Mary into Bethlehem, and flees with her and her Child into Egypt. When it is safe, he returns with the two into Galilee. He does all of this, because God asks it of him. He never hesitates. Each time we read that the angel spoke to Joseph, the following sentence begins with the action St. Joseph took. "Joseph awoke," "Joseph rose," "He went." Each time he received a summons, his reaction was to follow the call immediately. Never once did he hesitate. (More info is available at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org))*



**Reminder:**  
Please remember to complete your pledge cards to support our 2017 ADA goal of \$31,016.  
**Thank you!**



## St. Patrick's Day Dispensation

Bishop Richard Pates has given a dispensation from Lenten abstinence from meat and fasting on Friday March 17th for the Diocese of Des Moines. This is a tribute to St. Patrick, patron of Ireland. "May the day be blessed for all," he said, adding,

"Some have indicated that a superb fish fry at one of our parishes would also be a marvelous way to commemorate this feast."



*Patrick was a humble, pious, gentle man, whose love and total devotion to and trust in God should be a shining example to each of us. So complete was his trust in God, and of the importance of his mission, he feared nothing - not even death*

# Faith Formation

*From Cathy Hicks, Director of Religious Education*

Spring is just around the corner, and it is always a busy time of the year. Things are very busy in Faith Formation as well. The 2nd graders are preparing for their 1st Communion which will be held on Sunday, May 7th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. The 7-11 graders are preparing for Confirmation. A student must be at least a sophomore to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, so we will be confirming a group of nine in the spring of 2018. It is such a joy to walk around the classrooms and witness the learning taking place, strengthening our young people's faith formation.

Another date coming up in March is the Confirmation Retreat on March 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00p.m. here at All Saints. Remember we do not have class this

Wednesday (March 15th) because of spring break.

I am hoping during this Lenten season you and your family are doing activities to enrich your spiritual life. Here are some simple yet meaningful suggestions: a) Take turns as a family reading Scripture or reading Lenten meditations; b) Say the Rosary as a family; c) Spend quality family time together (maybe a sit down dinner once or twice a week); d) Keep a spiritual journal, recounting daily acts of kindness (helping someone with their homework, asking someone who is a loner to join your friends at recess, offer a ride home to a friend, etc.) Also, jot down how many times you prayed during the day or talked to Jesus, and count the small or large sacrifices you encountered during the

day. A time like Lent or anytime of the year that you and your family can spend together, the more you will all grow in faith, love, and charity. The bonds that you make now with your children will last a lifetime. Make them strong! As the old adage says, and is so true: The family that prays together, stays together. God Bless.

## Lenten Family Prayer for the Week

Lord, We praise You and thank You for Your great power and tender love. Everything we have is Your gift. In the name of Jesus, we commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us by sharing our time, talent, and treasure as an outward sign of the treasures we hold in Jesus. Amen

# Liturgical Ministers & Scheduling

We are looking for someone who would like to volunteer to be responsible for the monthly scheduling of liturgical ministers. This person will need to communicate with parishioners regarding their availability to serve in a number of capacities at both weekend and special Masses. If you are interested, please contact the Church Office or speak with Brenda Wedemeyer.

*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 an entire family

or small group

**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.*

# 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.

## March 4th-5th Collections

- Regular Tithes: \$3,556.00
- Children's Collection: \$34.46

- Building Fund: \$685.00

## 2017 ADA Balance

- Appeal Amount: \$31,016.00



# Places to be, things to do...

**Feast of St. Joseph** We are asking for your assistance to set up the St. Joseph altar for the weekend of March 18-19. Several items have already been offered, but we could still use the following to complete the display (these items will be returned): fruits (plastic or real); fava beans; fancy breads; carpenter’s tools; flowers.

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**Decorating Committee** will meet at 6:30pm on Wednesday March 22. Anyone wishing to take part in the church decoration projects is welcome to attend. Please contact Ann Vigon or the Church Office in you are interested.



Our Knights recently donated several boxes of diapers to the Stuart LC Clinic, a donation that is greatly appreciated!

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**Finance Council** will meet at 7pm Monday March 20.

**The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women** invites all women of the diocese to its annual convention Saturday, April 1, at Sacred Heart Parish in West Des Moines. Come hear Franciscan Sister Lucy Slinger, a well-respected ecological advocate, professor and author, talk about “Beatitudes: What we are called to do today as Jesus did.” Cost is \$25 before March 15 or \$30 after and at the door. Space is limited. Questions? Contact Marilyn Alferts at 712-485-2043, [malfers1@wiaw.netm](mailto:malfers1@wiaw.netm) or Lin Brinker at 712-744-3206, [ladyb@fmctc.com](mailto:ladyb@fmctc.com).

## Supportive Care Iowa

The Iowa Bishops’ “**Supportive Care Iowa**” project is available to help people seeking guidance on making decisions about end-of-life health care that is aligned with Catholic values. Often we cannot foresee situations that will arise in regard to our health. Therefore it may be important, in advance, to choose a person who knows us

and can speak on our behalf if we are not capable of doing so.

There are now trained volunteers, called “Catholic Advanced Care Planning Consultants,” that can help individuals with the completion of documents that designate another person with power of attorney for health care in the event

of incapacity. It is our parish’s goal to help Catholics have guidance in completing advance directive forms in alignment with Catholic moral principals. This service is available without charge.

Please contact the parish office if you are interested in this service. (515-523-1943)

## Prayers & Thanks

**Please keep these folks in your prayers:**

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

### Thank you!

The family of Ruby Waltz would like to thank All Saints Church for providing a thoughtful and caring memorial for Ruby. Special thanks to Father Higgins, Janet, Jodi, and Amy Bassett, and Barb Boss for their guidance and support. The ladies of the Altar & Rosary Soci-

ety provided a wonderful lunch which was greatly appreciated.

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And thanks, also, to Christie O’Brien for providing the helium for our Mardi Gras balloons last weekend and for volunteering to take care of the dry cleaning responsibilities for Father’s vestments.

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](mailto: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](http://stuartallsaints.org)

**Liturgical Ministers Schedule:**

**Saturday 3-18**

**Rosary:** Frank Holle  
**Ushers:** Dave & Sharon Doud  
**Cross Bearer:** Dave Doud  
**Altar Server:** Zoe Dickson  
**Lector:** Carol Smith  
**Commentator:** Roni Wilson  
**Greeters & Gifts:** Dave & Sharon Doud  
**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:** Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

**Liturgical Ministers Schedule:**

**Sunday 3-19**

**Ushers:** Tom Doud & Jim Doud  
**Cross Bearer:** Matt Gerling  
**Altar Servers:** Nate Gerling, Gabe Gerling, Taylor Ommen  
**Lector:** Donna Olson  
**Commentator:** Amy Doud  
**Greeters & Gifts:** Pat & Jo Beaman  
**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:** Jo Beaman, Jill Gerling, Amy Doud

**Planning ahead...**

**Women's Bible Study Group** meets at 9am Tuesdays. We are continuing our study on the 12 Extraordinary Women of the Bible.

**Friday Fish Fry:** At St. John's in Adair March 24th 5-7pm

**Holy Week:** Palm Sunday April 8th-9th; Holy Thursday 7pm April 13th; Good Friday 7pm April 14th; Easter Vigil 8pm April 15th

**Easter Sunday:** April 16th

**Contact Us**

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**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 3-12	Monday 3-13	Tuesday 3-14	Wednesday 3-15	Thursday 3-16	Friday 3-17	Saturday 3-18
<b>9am</b> Choir Reh. <b>10am Mass</b> for Living & Deceased Members of the Parish <b>BD:</b> Rosie Tisl, Charlene Gibson <b>6pm Knights Mtg.</b>	<i>Offices Closed Mondays &amp; Fridays</i>	<b>6am</b> TMIY <b>9am</b> Women's Study Group <b>6pm Mass</b> for the Men of All Saints Schultz  <b>6:30pm</b> Adult Ed <b>BD:</b> Dale Hargens	<b>6:30pm</b> NO FAITH FORMATION - SPRING BREAK  <b>BD:</b> Brooke Smith	<b>9am Mass</b> at the Care Center for Bob Griffin  <b>BD:</b> Jeremy Trichel	<b>6:00pm Mass</b> for Karen Donnelly Krogh <b>w/Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm</b>  <b>Ann:</b> Jason & Jennifer Tigges 2013	<b>3:30pm</b> Confessions <b>4:30pm Mass</b> for John Simons <b>BD:</b> Alyssa Kuehl

Sunday 3-19	Monday 3-20	Tuesday 3-21	Wednesday 3-22	Thursday 3-23	Friday 3-24	Saturday 3-25
<b>9am</b> Choir Reh. <b>10am Mass</b> for Living & Deceased Members of the Parish <b>BDs:</b> Phyllis Tigges, Molly Schechinger	<i>Offices Closed Mondays &amp; Fridays</i>  <b>7pm:</b> Finance Council Meeting  <b>BD:</b> Connie Drake	<b>6am</b> TMIY <b>9am</b> Women's Study Group <b>6pm Mass</b> for the Albert & Lucille Greubel <b>6:30pm</b> Adult Ed  <b>BD:</b> Mei Riordan	<b>6:30pm</b> Faith Formation  <b>BD:</b> Bill Tracy	<b>9am Mass</b> at the Care Center for William & Marian Schultz	<b>6:00pm Mass</b> for Donato Cianciaruso <b>w/Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm</b>  <b>BDs:</b> Kelly Warthan, Matt Smith	<b>3:30pm</b> Confessions <b>4:30pm Mass</b> for David Waltz  <b>BD:</b> Mitchell Dickson

Extra Confession Times Available During Lent Following Most Mass Times Or By Appointment