

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 of Lent

216 All Saints Drive, Stuart, IA 50250

March 26, 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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Dear Parishioners...

Tithing is the practice, established by God in the Old Testament, of returning 10% of your blessings to God. Tithing is absolutely still necessary in the Catholic Church today. When God introduced the concept of the tithe, this contribution was necessary to support the work of the Levites (priests) and the poor in the community. Today our Church still needs our support to pay the expenses and financial obligations it incurs as it operates in a commercial society.

Without a constant flow of income through tithes given freely in the Offering, a parish must appeal for funding for every activity or ministry it

wishes to undertake. Parishioners get tired of the constant talk about money and the demands on their time that this kind of approach takes. If only folks would bring their tithe to God’s altar first, and teach their young to do the same.

Our Lord exempted no one from giving. In the story of the “Widow’s Mite” it is important to note that He did not reach into the Offering box and give the widow back her two small coins. Even priests are not exempt from the tithe.

If you wait until you feel that you are financially comfortable enough to tithe, you will never take the step. If you are ever

going to tithe, you will have to step back from your endless list of wants and believe that our generous and abundant God will always provide you with all that you need and even with enough to give back a generous share.

“Tell the rich in the present age not to be proud and not to rely on so uncertain a thing as wealth but rather on God, who richly provides us with all things for our enjoyment. Tell them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous, ready to share, thus accumulating as treasure a good foundation for the future, so as to win the life that is true life.” - 1 Timothy 6:17-19

Ways to Support the All Saints Community

Did you know you can use PayPal to make your tithe? Using this option  you may earn you “cash back” if you use a card with that option.

Did you know you can use 

an automatic EFT through your bank? We have a form for that! Did you know you can name the Parish as a beneficiary in your will?

There are several options available that will make your gifts to the

church an easy task to manage. You can choose the amounts, the dates, and the frequency of your donations through the use of electronic fund transfers. See Rita in the Parish office for further details or call her at 515-523-1943.



Faith Formation

Cathy Hicks, Director of Religious Education (DRE)

It's hard to believe we've rung in spring and April is just a few days away. I hope your Lenten season has been rewarding with spiritual awakening. It's not too late to pick up a Rice Bowl to fill for children and families in less fortunate areas around the world. If you need a box, there are some in the gathering space on the counter.

The Confirmation students and their parents will be participating in a retreat after Mass today until 3:00 p.m. There is another retreat planned for the students and their Confirmation sponsors on July 22, 2017 here at All Saints. These retreats are very special because they provide a stronger bond with some of the most important people in these young people's lives.

The retreats will involve meditation, prayer, stressing the importance of Confirmation in one's life, and reaffirming the need for a strong foundation for these young people to continue to build their faith and Christianity upon. Jill Gerling, our Youth Minister, will be leading these retreats.

As Father Ray always says, "Are you saying your prayers and keeping your halo shined?" These words are so true during the Lenten season. We need to keep praying as a family and sharing acts of kindness and charity to others. (Like the Rice Bowl project.) Once again, I have provided a family prayer for the week, but any prayers to say together as a family are fine. The most impor-

tant thing is that you are praying together as a family. Don't just make this a Lenten obligation; make it a practice throughout the year. In doing so, you and your children will continue to grow in spirit and faith. May God bless each of you and keep you in the palm of His hand.

Family Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus Christ, open the ears and eyes of my heart, that I may hear and understand your Word and do Your will. I am a pilgrim on earth; hide not your commandments from me. Take away the covering from my eyes, that I may see wonderful things in your Word. Through Christ our Lord, Amen

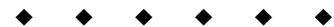
Altar & Rosary News

Jodi Bassett, President

Many thanks to everyone who helped at Bingo on Monday, March 20. It was my first time with Bingo at Community Care Center and I really appreciated the experienced help. The residents were assisted by Florence Cook, Joan Brooking, and Donna Olson, and Jan Gilman did a great job calling the numbers. In addition, some "regulars" at the Care Center

helped out as well. I apologize if I left someone out.

The position of All Saints Bingo coordinator is still available. This is a great service we, along with many other community organizations, provide for the residents. Please consider taking on this opportunity if you can be available for a mere three Mondays a year.



Altar and Rosary Ladies are being asked to step up in the next few weeks as we are providing baked goods for a bake sale this weekend, and will be offering refreshments at the Palm Sunday speaker event. Thank you to all who contribute to assist this worthy event.

Parish Business & Finance

Like so many other non-profit organizations in the United States, churches seem to be in a state of an ever-growing need for increased funding from its membership. Just like your own household expenses, the expense to maintain a building just keeps growing. The rising costs of utilities, insur-

ance premiums, building maintenance and repairs, to name a few, hit the parish just as hard as they do a homeowner. If you have a life insurance policy, have you considered the parish as one of your beneficiaries? Every little bit helps. Please consider increasing your giving today. ***Thank you!***

March 18th-19th Collections

Regular Tithes: \$2,921.00
Children's Collection: \$27.00
Building Fund: \$305.00

Catholic Charities: \$35.00

2017 ADA Balance

Appeal Amount: \$31,016.00

Places to be, things to do...

- **Pastoral Council** will meet at 7pm Monday March 27.
- **March 25-26** The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Day of Prayer for the Unborn. Join them for the Rosary before each Mass.
- **Spaghetti luncheon & bake sale** after Mass March 26th; free will donation
- Proteus, an Iowa-based non-profit organization serving migrant and seasonal farmer workers, is running an event called the **long-sleeve shirt drive**. We are looking for lightly-worn, light colored, long-sleeve shirts. The purpose for collecting these shirts is to be able to donate to farm workers across the U.S., so that they can protect themselves from pesticide exposure and heat-related illnesses, which take place in the field. This event will take place during **National Farm Worker Awareness Week**. Donations will be accepted through April 2. Thank you for your donations!
- **Appreciation Party** for Altar Servers April 2nd 11:30am Stuart Bowl - sign up please!
- **Lenten Project** The Knights are collecting non-perishable goods for the food pantry.
- **Guest Speakers Here April 9th "Pivoting Toward Holy Week"** You are invited to participate in a "unique and dynamic" Palm Sunday event featuring Bo Bonner and Dr. Budd Marr, Catholic Radio Hosts of "The Uncommon Good" and Katie Patrizio, DRE for St. Cecilia's in Ames. Special music will be provided by Jackson and Caroline Doud and Norma Tigges.
- **Liturgical Minister Scheduling** Beginning with the May schedule, Joyce Van Pelt will be assuming the responsibilities of scheduling

Stewards of Children Program in Stuart

Child sexual abuse is likely the most prevalent health problem children face, with the most serious array of consequences. In fact, 1 in 10 children will experience sexual abuse before their 18th birthday. *Stewards of Children*, a nationally recognized facilitator-led training program, is intended to increase knowledge,

improve attitudes and change child-protective behaviors among adults who care for children. The program offers new skills to help prevent, recognize and react responsibly to sexual abuse. *Stewards of Children* is for adults who advocate for the welfare of children including healthcare workers, school employees, volunteers, and

parents. This training program is being offered free of charge through a Communities 4 Children CPPC mini-grant on Tuesday April 4th, 6:30-8:30pm, at the Family Resource Center, 608 Division St., Stuart. To register, contact: Family Resource Center 712-792-6440, ext. 200. No registration fee. (**PSA, public service announcement**)

Prayers & Thanks

Please keep these folks in your prayers:

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

Easter Memorial Flowers

Special envelopes are available in the gathering space to use for purchasing memorial Easter Lilies. The lilies are \$15 each. Please be sure to completely fill in the information on the envelope in order to ensure that the plants are recognized correctly.

Thanks

You may have been noticing that some furnishings have been "popping up" in the gathering space and now in one of the offices. Thanks to Ann Vigon and her crew for overseeing these projects and to all of our "little helpers" for patching & painting and a few other things!

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 4-1**

Rosary: Frank Holle
Ushers: Wayne & Jan Gilman
Cross Bearer: Wayne Gilman
Altar Server: Connie Drake
Lector: Mark Tisl
Commentator: Carol Smith
Greeters & Gifts: Wayne & Jan Gilman
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Mark Tisl, Kari Tisl, Sister

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

Ushers: Bob Olson & Wayne Nosbisch
Cross Bearer: Wayne Nosbisch
Altar Servers: Jack Doyle, Jenna Doyle, Olivia Nixt
Lector: Daisy Nevins
Commentator: Wayne Nosbisch
Greeters & Gifts: Pat & Jo Beaman
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Jo Beaman, Cathy Hicks, Amy Doud

Planning ahead...

Tuesday March 28th: 2:30-6:30pm, United Methodist Church, Stuart Blood Drive
Altar Server Appreciation: 11:30am Sunday April 2nd - sign up in the gathering space.

Palm Sunday: 6-9pm Guest speakers, music

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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Knights of Columbus: Dan Hilgers **Altar & Rosary Society:** Jodi Bassett

To arrange for Sacraments, rent the parish hall, to join the Church, or if you have a question, please contact the Church Office.

Two-Week Calendar of Activities

<p>Sunday 3-26 9am Choir Reh. 10am Mass for Dec. mbrs. of the Tigges/Gladfelder Families 11am-1pm K of C Spaghetti Lunch BDs: Joyce Van Pelt, Rick Knowlton, Margaret Storms</p>	<p>Monday 3-27 <i>Offices Closed Mondays & Fridays</i> 7pm: Pastoral Council Meeting BDs: Carol Smith, Holly Partlow, Gage Trichel</p>	<p>Tuesday 3-28 6am TMIY 9am Women's Study Group 6pm Mass for Maynard Witkowski 6:30pm Adult Ed BDs: Kelly Marnin, Emily Smith ANN: Frank & Marilyn Wagers 1959</p>	<p>Wednesday 3-29 6:30pm Faith Formation BDs: Mikayla Newton, Caleb Arthur</p>	<p>Thursday 3-30 9am Mass at the Care Center for Darlene O'Brien BD: Betsy Byrnes</p>	<p>Friday 3-31 6:00pm Mass for John Simons w/ Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm</p>	<p>Saturday 4-1 3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass for Virginia Wagner BD: Thelma O'Brien</p>
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<p>Sunday 4-2 9am Choir Reh. 10am Mass for the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish 11:30am Altar Server Appreciation Party BDs: Janet James, Frank Wagers, Christina O'Brien</p>	<p>Monday 4-3 <i>Offices Closed Mondays & Fridays</i> BD: Deacon Fred Cornwell</p>	<p>Tuesday 4-4 6am TMIY 9am Women's Study Group 6pm Mass for John & Kathryn (Wagner) Glass 6:30pm Adult Ed BDs: Mary Ellen Gilman, Jenna Clary</p>	<p>Wednesday 4-5 6:30pm Faith Formation BD: Pete Kasap</p>	<p>Thursday 4-6 9am Mass at the Care Center for John Simons</p>	<p>Friday 4-7 7pm CHRISM MASS at St. Ambrose BDs: Viola Heins, Pat Cooper</p>	<p>Saturday 4-8 3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass for Albert & Lucille Greubel BD: William Baird</p>
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Extra Confession Times Available During Lent Following Most Mass Times Or By Appointment