

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

Palm Sunday

216 All Saints Drive, Stuart, IA 50250

April 9, 2017



Mass Times

HOLY WEEK

- **Sunday 10am**
8am at Adair
- **Tuesday 6pm**
- **Wednesday 8:30am-Adair**
- **Thursday 7pm**
HOLY THURSDAY
5:30pm-Adair
- **Friday 7pm**
GOOD FRIDAY
5:30pm-Adair
- **Saturday 8pm**
EASTER VIGIL

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Entering into Holy Week

Palm Sunday is often characterized by the use of palm branches which are blessed and processed down the aisles of the church. The palms are waved as reminders of an important event in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ - when He entered Jerusalem as King, riding on a donkey (sign of humility), less than a week before He was crucified. Thus, Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, an especially solemn and important week in the Christian calendar that focuses on the last days of Jesus' life and anticipates Easter, the most important holiday in Christianity. Jesus is our true hope and True King. Our True King provides for His people and guides and pro-

ducts them, and above all loves what is His own. We acknowledge our King through our "Hosannas", as the people did 2,000 years ago to welcome their king. You and I share a lot in common with the very people of 2,000 years ago, who not only welcomed God into their lives, but also abandoned and betrayed Him later. It is a pattern seen throughout history and we certainly need to be aware of the pattern in our own lives. Jesus loves us so much that His love is demonstrated in His willingness to suffer and die for us as a way of showing at "what lengths" He is willing to go (and did go) to reconcile us back to Himself. God wants us to be one with Him. In the beginning, on the 7th

day of Creation, God rested and wants all of Creation to rest in Him. God wants all of Creation to be totally united to Him in love.

I invite you to our Palm Sunday event tonight with three speakers who will help to inspire us to make this journey of Holy Week a more meaningful one. Please join us from 6 pm to 9 pm for an evening promising that something will touch you as you and I begin this Sacred Week.

Let us ask God to be a True King to us by giving us what we truly need, and that we may know His mercy and love for us, and that we may be united to our King forever.

- Fr. Ray

Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the **Pontifical Good Friday Collection**, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious

education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection

provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. **Thank you!**

Faith Formation

Cathy Hicks, Director of Religious Education (DRE)

I hope everyone's Lenten season is going well. This time has gone so quickly, and I hope it has been a very special and beneficial time for each of you. Keep filling your Rice Bowls. You may turn them in at any time.

The 7-12th graders will be presenting the Shadow Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, April 12, at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcomed to come view this very moving event, and it is a great way to enter into the Holy Week.

The weekends of April 8-9th, 15-16th, and 22nd-23rd, the High School students will be having a fundraiser * to help pay for anyone who wants to go to the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) on November 16-18th in Indianapolis, Indiana. This event is held every two years, and those who

have attended in the past return with a true experience of prayer, community, and empowerment. This event is open to any high school student, and since the rally occurs every two years, a student has a chance to go two times. Approximately 25,000 youth from across the United States will be attending. The rally is jammed with big sessions with Catholic Youth speakers along with smaller workshops with quality speakers on topics of the world, community, teen issues, and the Catholic faith. There are also other opportunities for students to participate in during the three days such as reconciliation, daily liturgy, concerts, a dance, and much more. NCYC gives those who attend a unique opportunity to experience a deepening of faith that cannot be explained or experience except through attending NCYC.

** The fundraiser includes many religious items, and they are very reasonably priced. These items make excellent Easter, Mother's Day, and 1st Communion gifts.*

May God bless you and keep you in the palm of His hand.

Weekly Family Lenten Prayer

Almighty God, Lord Jesus Christ, who for our sake stretched out Your pure hands on the cross and redeemed us with Your precious Blood, grant me to feel and understand that I have true repentance and great perseverance all the days of my life. Your reign is a reign for all ages.

Amen

Altar & Rosary News

Jodi Bassett, President



Due to the rousing success of our most recent bake sale, we are considering having a quarterly bake sale for fund-raising purposes. Be thinking of new and different recipes that might appeal to others.

Breads and pies go over very well - anyone can make cook-

ies, but not everyone can make bread or pies!

Please check your records to be sure you have paid your dues for 2017. If you are unsure, you may check with Rita in the church office. Dues remain at \$10, but this year you have the option of paying extra

for members who might be unable to pay their dues. Any extra amount is appreciated.

Don't forget we will have speakers who will be enlightening our Parish this Sunday, April 9. It is sure to be a spiritual evening as we kick off Holy Week.

Parish Business & Finance

Did you know you can use PayPal to make your tithe? Using this option 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 to take care of your tithe? 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.

April 1st & 2nd Collections

Regular Tithes: \$2,646.00
Children's Collection: \$16.00
Building Fund: \$577.00
Catholic Relief Services: \$85.00

2017 ADA Balance

Appeal Amount: \$31,016.00
Balance as of 4/5: \$21,906.00

Places to be, things to do...

- **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.
 - **Shadow Stations Presentation**
- The 7th/8th grade class will be presenting the “Shadow Stations of the Cross” at 7pm on Wednesday April 12th in the Church. The public is invited to attend. Faith Formation classes WILL meet as usual from 6:30-7:30pm.
- **May Crowning Procession** will take place Wednesday May 3rd with the ice cream social following the procession.
 - **1st Communion** will be on Sunday May 7th.
 - **Senior Class Recognition**
- Mass** will be on May 14th.
- **Liturgical Minister Schedule** Be sure to let Joyce Van Pelt know your available dates for the upcoming Liturgical Schedule.
 - **Book Club** Our new book club, lead by Lacey Partlow, will be starting May 21st. Books will be available for you to pick up at the church the week of April 24th. Please be sure to sign up in the gathering space if you are interested in taking part in the new group.

Holy Week Liturgical Ministers

Saturday April 8th: **Narrator:** Roni Wilson
Voice: Carol Smith **Lector:** Mark Tisl **Commentator:** Roni Wilson **Eucharistic Ministers:** Mark Tisl, Kari Tisl, Linda Lee O’Neel
Cross Bearer: Wayne Gilman **Servers:** Connie Drake, Zoe Dickson **Ushers:** Wayne & Jan Gilman **Greeters/Gifts:** Wayne & Jan Gilman

Sunday April 9th: **Narrator:** Donna Olson
Voice: NEED **Lector:** Wayne Nosbisch
Commentator: Gary Riordan **Eucharistic**

Ministers: Joyce Van Pelt, Linda Lee O’Neel, **NEED THIRD Cross Bearer:** Max Kasap **Servers:** Eli Kasap, Sam Kasap, Olivia Nixt **Ushers:** Bob Olson, Wayne Nosbisch **Greeters/Gifts:** **NEEDED**

Holy Thursday: **Commentator:** Donna Olson **Lector:** Donna Donnelly **Eucharistic Ministers:** Cathy Hicks, Joyce Van Pelt, Linda Lee O’Neel **Cross Bearer:** Matt Gerling **Servers:** Nate Gerling, Gabe Gerling, Sam Kasap **Ushers:** Dennis Donnelly,

Wayne Nosbisch **Greeters/Gifts:** **NEEDED**
Foot Washing: 10-12 people needed

Good Friday: **Narrator:** Jodi Bassett **Voice:** Brenda Wedemeyer **Lector:** Donna Olson
Eucharistic Ministers: Harriet Gulbranson, Amy Doud, Donna Donnelly **Cross Bearer:** Jim Doud **Servers:** Eli Kasap, Sam Kasap, Taylor Ommen, Riley Doud **Ushers:** Tom Doud, Jim Doud **Greeters/Gifts:** Jim Doud Family

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.

Candles

Many of our parishioners and visitors appreciate the chance to light a candle for a loved one on the votive stands located around the sanctuary. Please note the change in the amount of the suggested donation per candle: it is now \$2 due to the rising cost of the candles themselves. If you are unable to make a donation, please don’t let that stop you from lighting a candle - *your prayers are important!*

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

Planning ahead...

Shadow Stations of the Cross: Wednesday April 12th 7pm The public is invited to attend.

Holy Week:

- Holy Thursday 7pm April 13th
- Good Friday 7pm April 14th;
- Easter Vigil 8pm April 15th

Easter Sunday: April 16th

Liturgical Ministers:

EASTER VIGIL

Reader 1: Jodi Bassett **Reader 2:** Brenda Wedemeyer **Reader 3:** Roni Wilson **Eucharistic Ministers:** Cathy Hicks, Brenda Wedemeyer, Donna Donnelly **Cross Bearer:** Eric Tiernan **Servers:** Connie Drake, Zoe Dickson **Ushers:** Eric & Margaret Tiernan **Greeters/Gifts:** Matt & Jen Dickson

Liturgical Ministers:

EASTER SUNDAY

Ushers: Bob Olson & John Gulbranson **Cross Bearer:** Patrick Gulbranson **Servers:** Eli Kasap, Sam Kasap, Riley Doud **Lector:** Donna Olson **Commentator:** Amy Doud **Greeters/Gifts:** Gulbranson Family **Eucharistic Ministers:** Harriet Gulbranson, Jim Gulbranson, Jo Beauman

Contact Us

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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

To view the entire calendar for both parishes, please go to stuartallsaints.org or adairstjohn.org

Sunday 4-9	Monday 4-10	Tuesday 4-11	Wednesday 4-12	Thursday 4-13	Friday 4-14	Saturday 4-15
9am Choir Reh. 10am Mass for the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish	<i>Offices Closed Mondays & Fridays</i> Reg. Office Hours: 9am-3pm T-W-Th	6am TMIY 9am Women's Study Group 6pm Mass for Bob Griffin 6:30pm Adult Ed	6:30pm Faith Formation 7pm Shadow Stations of the Cross presentation BDs: Sam Kasap, Kinnick Witte	7pm (5:30 at Adair) HOLY THURSDAY Mass for the living & deceased members of the parish	7pm (5:30 at Adair) GOOD FRIDAY Mass for the living & deceased members of the parish BD: Elizabyth Ladwig	8pm EASTER VIGIL Mass for the living & deceased members of the parish BD: Loretta Sloss

Sunday 4-16	Monday 4-17	Tuesday 4-18	Wednesday 4-19	Thursday 4-20	Friday 4-21	Saturday 4-22
9am Choir Reh. 10am Mass for the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish	<i>Offices Closed Mondays & Fridays</i> Reg. Office Hours: 9am-3pm T-W-Th BD: Sarah McAndrews	6am TMIY 9am Women's Study Group 6pm Mass for Albert & Lucille Greubel 6:30pm Adult Ed BD: Kathy Grundmeier	6:30pm Faith Formation Ann: Norbert & Phyllis Tigges 1949 BD: Julie Doyle, Andrea Hamilton	9am (Care Center) Mass for Bob Griffin BD: Whitney Kuttler	8:30am Mass for Joe Lemar	3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass for Dec. members of the Tigges/Boch Families