

**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

Easter Sunday

216 All Saints Drive, Stuart, IA 50250

April 16, 2017



## Our Easter Light

Each year at the Easter Vigil we begin our worship around 8 pm in the evening when it is dark. Once everyone has taken their place, we turn the lights out and it’s completely dark. The priest lights a small fire in the back of the Church and blesses the fire and takes a flame from the fire and lights the Paschal/Easter Candle, then he extinguishes the fire. Now the only light in the room is the small light coming from the Easter Candle—then, the priest sings out: “Christ our Light!” and the congregation responds in song: “Thanks be to God!” Then, the priest moves forward (singing two more times “Christ our Light”) through the people in “darkness”; and from the Easter Candle (representing Christ) people draw light from Him. Those closest will draw that light first, and then pass it on to those next to them and, in turn, they pass the light on to others until each person has lit their candle. The total darkness is not overcome, but the light that comes from each of the individuals breaks the darkness. “Light and Darkness” are terms not only to distinguish day and night perhaps, but are also used as spiritual terms in the Holy Scriptures to remind us of realities like “clarity/truth” and “confusion/lack of clarity/truth”. The lit candle represents our experience of Christ even though sin and evil plague the world with darkness. Like the beginning of the Easter Night, with a single light (Christ), all eyes turn toward that light. We, too, must turn to Christ and pass our experi-

ence onto others, lighting their faith and love. It is our Christian duty to pass on the reason for our faith to others—this is represented in the candle lighting at the beginning of the Easter Vigil/night. This light represents our experience of Christ and how He has touched our lives. Others, whether they know it or not, want that touch of God in their lives. Christ has called each one of us to dispel the darkness in our world. This light we hold proclaims that “I believe”, which comes deep from within us. By our experience, we preach to others our reason for hope. Perhaps, by way of an old story, I might be able to share the significance of this “candle lighting” in the dark. This story takes place during the days when there was no electricity and the streets were very dark. There was a little boy who was being called by his mother for him to come to eat. He did not answer. So she went up to his room to see why he did not answer. She found him with his face pressed against the glass of the window. Since the streets were very dark it was the task of someone to go around to light the oil/gas lamps along the street. So, the young boy was pressing his face against the window watching the man going around lighting the street lamps. When his mother entered the room she asked why he was not answering her. He said to her, “Do you see this man? He is making holes in the dark.” The lighted lamps were like “punching holes in the dark”. While in this world, we can easily get discouraged and confused be-

cause we cannot spiritually see any hope because of this spiritual darkness which touches our lives. This “veil of darkness” often keeps us from seeing God. Yet, you and I through faith, are like the man who lights the street lamps “punching holes” in the “veil of darkness” so that behind this darkness we can see “God’s light”. Each of us experiences suffering, but we are to “punch holes” in the darkness with our own experiences of Christ so that we may cause others to want to experience God as well. Our Christianity and the notion to evangelize is to show people how much we love which inspires those in darkness to turn their eyes toward your example. Again, we must experience God so we may pass on the light to one another so that they too will have an experience of God in their lives. When this happens there is a joy in the midst of darkness that we share together. God has taught and empowered us to overcome darkness together united to Him. This love is a true love and not a superficial one. Faith and love that is superficial does not cause others to light their faith or kindle true love. In this reality, life is full of sufferings and lack of understanding which we can call darkness, but each of us, because of our experience of God, can help dispel that darkness by doing what is right and good for one another—which we also call “Love”.

***May you have a Blessed Easter!***

Fr. Ray

## Mass Times

- **Sunday 10am**  
8am at Adair
- **Tuesday 6pm**
- **Wednesday 8:30am-Adair**
- **Thursday 9am** (at the Stuart Community Care Center)  
6:30pm-Adair
- **Friday 8:30am**
- **Saturday 4:30pm**
- **Confessions: Saturdays**  
3:30-4:15pm or by appointment

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## Faith Formation

*Cathy Hicks, Director of Religious Education (DRE)*

### ***Christ has Risen! Alleluia!***

What a joyous season we have experienced these last forty days. I hope you had very meaningful and enlightening days filled with prayer, penance, meditation and genuinely feel you have grown in your faith and trust in the Lord.

Please bring in your Rice Bowls so we can send the money on to the needy. Bring it to me or to Brenda or Rita in the office. We want to have the Rice Bowls turned in by April 19th. Students can bring them to Faith Formation on that Wednesday.

The second graders had fun making their chalices last week. They all did a great job, and the stu-

dents were very pleased with the outcome. The four second graders will make their First Communion on May 7th at the 10:00 Mass. Margie Livermore, Debi Kasap, and the students have put in a lot of hard work learning about this Sacrament, and preparing for this very important day.

A big THANK YOU to the 7th-8th graders and Maria, Bill, and Jill for bringing the Stations of the Cross to life with the shadow presentation. It was very well-received. And what a learning experience for those involved! Photos can be viewed on our website and Face Book at *All Saints Catholic Church Youth Group*.

Please check out the jewelry and

other religious items on display in the Gathering Space. These items make excellent gifts.

**A reminder:** The last Faith Formation class is April 26th, and the Ice Cream Social is May 3rd. The May Crowning procession will start at the Saints Center at 6:30 and proceed to All Saints Church. The Social will follow in the hall. Have a great week, and may God keep you in the palm of His hand.

### **Family Lenten Prayer (Psalm 117)**

Christ the Lord has risen, Alleluia!  
Praise the Lord, all you nations!  
Give Glory, all you people!  
The Lord's love for us is strong;  
the Lord is faithful forever. Amen

## Organizations

- Thanks go out to everyone who had a part in preparing for and carrying out the special speakers event last Sunday evening. Many people were involved in providing refreshments, advertising, logistics, prep & cleaning of the facilities, and fundraising. Comments have been favorable!
- The Knights of Columbus would also like to thank everyone who donated non-perishable food items to their food pantry drive during Lent.
- Thanks to Bob & Steph Carr for installing a new faucet in the sacristy - no more drips and the faucet reaches both sides of the sink now!
- And thanks, especially, to those folks behind the scenes who take the time to come in to the building to make sure everything is in working order and ready for Masses and all other events. There is an enormous amount of activity that goes on in keeping our building in tip-top condition that we don't often see.

## 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 8th & 9th Collections**

Regular Tithes: \$2,226.00  
Children's Collection: \$24.05  
Building Fund: \$95.00  
Catholic Relief Services: \$5.00

### **2017 ADA Balance**

Appeal Amount: \$31,016.00  
Balance as of 4/7: \$20,656.00

## Places to be, things to do...

- **George William Marnach**, 86, of Stuart, Iowa passed away Saturday, April 8, 2017 at the Stuart Community Care Center. Visitation will be held from 9:30 to 10:00 A.M. Saturday, April 22, 2017 at the All Saints Catholic Church in Stuart. Mass will be held following the visitation at 10:00 A.M. at the church. Burial will be 2:30 P.M. Saturday, April 22, 2017 in Fort Dodge Memorial Gardens. Memorial donations can be made to the All Saints Catholic Church.
  - **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.
  - Knights of Columbus will meet May 7th at 6pm. This meeting is moved forward one week due to Mother's Day on the 14th.
  - **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 at 10am on Friday May 19th. 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.



## Around the Diocese

### Divorced Survival Guide Begins

Divorced? The Catholic's DIVORCE SURVIVAL group begins May 15. This 12-week session runs Mondays at St. Augustin Church in Des Moines. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. Contact Deacon Tony Valdez for details, 515-979-2301 or t.valdez@me.com for details.

### Job openings

The diocese has job openings: an administrative assistant for the Voca-

tions office and executive director for the St. Thomas More Center. Get details here: [dmdiocese.org/](http://dmdiocese.org/) employment.

**Abundant Living Social** Come join Bishop Pates for a wine and cheese social hosted by Abundant Living, a social group with the mission of celebrating the gift of the Church's teaching on natural family planning. The event will be at St. Augustin Parish on May 4, from 6-8 p.m. Childcare is free

and available upon request, RSVP to Adam Storey at [astorey@dmdiocese.org](mailto:astorey@dmdiocese.org) or 515-237-5056.

**Ask a Priest** Our diocesan newspaper, The Catholic Mirror, has brought back the Q&A that so many readers missed. Send your questions for the "Ask a Priest" column to [mirror@dmdiocese.org](mailto:mirror@dmdiocese.org) or mail to "Ask a Priest," Diocese of Des Moines, 601 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50309.

## Prayers & Thanks

### Please keep these folks in your prayers:

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

### George William Marnach



*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

### 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](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)

**NCYC FUND RAISER:** Our Faith Formation folks are offering a beautiful variety of jewelry for sale in the gathering space in hopes of raising supplemental funds for the upcoming National Catholic Youth Conference. Be sure to stop & shop and help someone attend the event!

**Easter Giving Tree:** There is a small tree on the library table in the gathering space with individual tags. Each tag includes an item listed as something that is currently needed in the parish. If you are interested in making a donation of one of these items, please pull the tag and let the office know your intentions. Thank you!

### Liturgical Ministers:

**Saturday April 22**

**Rosary Leader:** Frank Holle

**Ushers:** Marty & Julie Doud

**Cross Bearer:** Marty Doud

**Altar Server:** Jodi Bassett

**Lector:** Roni Wilson

**Commentator:** Mark Tisl

**Greeters/Gifts:** Eric & Margaret Tiernan

**Communion:** Mark & Kari Tisl, Maria Ladwig

### Liturgical Ministers:

**SUNDAY April 23**

**Ushers:** Wayne Nosbisch & Jim Doud

**Cross Bearer:** Matt Gerling

**Altar Servers:** Nate Gerling, Gabe Gerling, Cam Tigges

**Lector:** Wayne Nosbisch

**Commentator:** Gary Riordan

**Greeters/Gifts:** Jim & Tammy Doud

**Communion:** Cathy Hicks, Jill Gerling, Amy Doud

### 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

*To view the entire calendar for both parishes, please go to [stuartallsaints.org](http://stuartallsaints.org) or [adairstjohn.org](http://adairstjohn.org)*

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

Sunday 4-23	Monday 4-24	Tuesday 4-25	Wednesday 4-26	Thursday 4-27	Friday 4-28	Saturday 4-29
<b>9am</b> Choir Reh.  <b>10am Mass</b> for Virginia Wagner  <b>BDs:</b> Rick Rilea, Gary Lincoln, Caroline Doud, Matt Gerling	<i>Offices Closed Mondays &amp; Fridays</i>  <b>Reg. Office Hours:</b> 9am-3pm T-W-Th  <b>BDs:</b> Catherine Callahan, Nate Gerling, Dylan Tigges	<b>6am</b> TMIY <b>6pm Mass</b> for Marian Schultz <b>6:30pm</b> Adult Ed  <b>BD:</b> Harlow Witte	<b>6:30pm</b> Faith Formation Final Class Night	<b>9am</b> (Care Center) <b>Mass</b> for David Waltz  <b>BDs:</b> Kenneth Craig, Martin Doud	<b>8:30am Mass</b> for the deceased members of the Tigges/Gladfelder Families  <b>BDs:</b> Mary Doud, Mark Poffenberger, Lori Kuttler	<b>3:30pm Confessions</b>  <b>4:30pm Mass</b> for Albert & Lucille Greubel