

**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

Divine Mercy Sunday

216 All Saints Drive, Stuart, IA 50250

April 23, 2017



## Mass Times

- **Sunday 10am**  
8am at Adair
- **Tuesday 6pm**
- **Wednesday 8:30am-Adair**
- **Thursday 9am**  
at the Community Care Center  
6:30pm-Adair
- **Friday 8:30am**
- **Saturday**  
**3:30pm Confessions**  
**4:30pm Mass**

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## Divine Mercy

From the diary of a young Polish nun, a special devotion began spreading throughout the world in the 1930s. The message is nothing new, but is a reminder of what the Church has always taught through scripture and tradition: that God is merciful and forgiving and that we, too, must show mercy and forgiveness. But in the Divine Mercy devotion, the message takes on a powerful new focus, calling people to a deeper understanding that God's love is unlimited and available to everyone — especially the greatest sinners. The message and devotion to Jesus as **The Divine Mercy** is based on the writings of **Saint Faustina Kowalska**, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations

she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread. The message of mercy is that God loves us — all of us — no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. It is a message we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC.

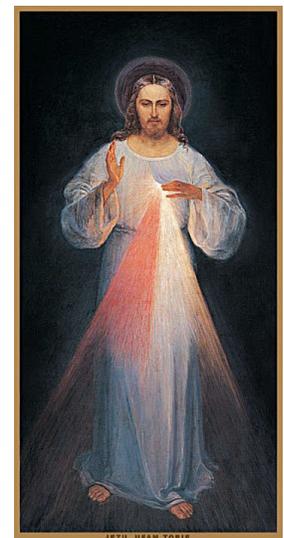
**A** — Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

**B** — Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to oth-

ers just as He does to us.

**C** — Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

Source: [EWTN.com/devotionals](http://EWTN.com/devotionals)



## Dear Parishioners

It has been a busy Lenten season, but with the help of so many people in the parish, it was capped off with a beautiful and blessed Holy Week and Easter Sunday! We are able to once again shout "Alleluia!" and we can focus all the more on the Resurrection of our

Lord - and get back into the "business" of the hands-on work of and on the Church. We have completed the replacement of the sanctuary lighting system and are now working on the exterior parking lot and building light fixtures. With the new LED lights we will be able to

have the parking, walkway, and building lights activated throughout the night rather than on a timer system. This will increase our safety and security while at the same time, reducing our utility expense. Thank you to all of the crews and their helpers!

## Faith Formation

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

What a glorious Easter Sunday we had for such a glorious event - the Resurrection! I hope everyone had a meaningful Lenten season.

Looking at the calendar, I can't believe how quickly this Faith Formation year has gone. This coming Wednesday is the last formal class time. The following Wednesday (May 3rd) is a celebration to the Virgin Mary and our last class for the year. The May Crowning will take place that evening, beginning with the procession at 6:30 at the Saint Center and proceeding to All Saints Church, ending in the church with the Crowning of Mary. The ice cream social will follow in the church hall. Everyone from the parish and the community is welcomed to join in these activities. It

will be a fun time for all.

Here are some other dates to remember:

- Sunday, May 7th- First Communion
- Sunday, May 14th- Senior Recognition Mass and Mother's Day.

Thank you to all you donated to the Rice Bowl project. Your support is greatly appreciated. If you have not turned in your Rice Bowl, you may still do so by dropping it off in the office or to me.

This weekend is the last weekend of the Youth Group jewelry fundraiser. There are many special events in the next few weeks

(Mother's Day, 1st Communion, graduations, etc.) and these items make great gifts. Remember the group's share of the profits go towards expenses for those students wishing to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference this fall. Thank you to the many of you who have bought items, supporting our youth. It is greatly appreciated.

Here's wishing each of you a great week, come rain or come shine. Be kind to one another and always share a smile with those you meet.

***May the glorious passion of our Lord Jesus Christ bring us to the joys of paradise. Amen***

## Parish Events Committee

The All Saints Events Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the Palm Sunday *Pivoting towards Holy Week* event. We are happy to report that we had a wonderful turn out of parishioners. We hope the evening was one of spiritual nourishment and a blessing for all who attended. The event included beautiful and inspiring music provided by our own Jackson Doud, Caroline Doud and Norma Tigges; a warm thank



you to them for sharing their time and talent with us. The trio of wonderful speakers gave us much food for thought and, of course, we enjoyed spending time fellowshiping with each other while sa-

vorings some very good treats. We also wish to extend a warm thank you to the Altar and Rosary Society for providing cookies and pastries for the intermission.

The program was indeed a good beginning for the Events Committee. We are planning another event for the summer months and a third event to take place during Advent. As we come together in prayer as God's people, may we strive to grow in love and service to each other.

## 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.

### **Holy Week & Easter Collections**

Holy Thursday: \$153.00  
 Good Friday: \$358.00 (Holy Land)  
 Sat/Sun: \$2,145.00 Kids: \$53.20  
 Building Fund: \$25.00  
 Easter Special: \$1,752.00  
 Rice Bowl: \$199.33

### **2017 ADA Balance**

As of 4/13: \$19,486.00

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

- **Catholic Cemetery Association**  
The Annual Board meeting of the Catholic Cemetery Association is scheduled for Saturday, April 29th, following Mass. Tom Doud will lead the meeting. Contact Tom for further information or meeting time change due to weather-related farming operations.
- **The Event Committee** will be meeting following Mass on Sunday April 30th. The meeting is expected to last about an hour.
- **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.
- **Mother's Day & Senior Class Recognition Mass** will be on May 14th.
- **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.

# BOOK CLUB

## Easter Plants in Memory of...

Kenneth & Rosemary Poffenberger and William & Marian Schultz from Mark & Lisa Poffenberger; Francis & Virginia Wagner from Mary & Jim Lonsdale; Tasler, Quick & Sanny Families from Rick & Rita Rilea; Donnelly & Gilley Families from Dennis & Donna Donnelly; Leyva Family and Mateo Leyva from Familia Leyva; Mr. & Mrs. Arthur O'Neel from Linda Lee O'Neel; Higgins & Underwood Families

from Fr. Ray Higgins; Jess Sandoval and Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Hilgers from Dan & Nita Hilgers; Curtis & Juanita Gilman and Albert & Lucille Greubel from Wayne & Jan Gilman; Hannappel & Van Pelt Family from Dennis & Joyce Van Pelt; Elias "Ike" & Marjorie Gomez and Janet Taylor from the Gomez children & their families; William Hicks from Cathy Hicks; Juana Fernandez from

Luis Huerta; Ball, Disney & Tobin Sherman Families from Jane & Joe Sherman; Georgie Clark from Margaret Storms; McGinnis Families from Francis & Ardis McGinnis; Bill Tiernan from Eric & Margaret Tiernan; Gaylon & Mildred Vitzthum from Joy Smull; Robert & Addy Olson and Lawrence Lacher from Robert & Donna Olson.



## Prayers & Thanks

### Please keep these folks in your prayers:

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

### Prayer 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)

**Liturgical Ministers:**

**Saturday 4-29**

- Rosary:** Frank Holle
- Ushers:** Dave & Barb Boss
- Cross Bearer:** Matt Dickson
- Altar Server:** Zoe Dickson
- Lector:** Carol Smith
- Commentator:** Roni Wilson
- Greeters/Gifts:** Sisters
- Eucharistic Ministers:** Sisters

**Liturgical Ministers:**

**Sunday 4-30**

All positions to be filled by the Knights of Columbus



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**Catholic Tuition Organization**

It's tax season and it seems that everyone LIKES saving on their taxes. Donating to the Catholic Tuition Organization saves the donor significantly on their taxes AND provides much needed tuition assistance to families who want to send their children to our Catholic schools!



For more information, go online to [www.CTOIowa.org](http://www.CTOIowa.org) or call Jeanne Wells at 515

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

Sunday 4-30	Monday 5-1	Tuesday 5-2	Wednesday 5-3	Thursday 5-4	Friday 5-5	Saturday 5-6
<p><b>9am</b> Choir Reh.</p> <p><b>10am Mass</b> for the Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Parish</p> <p><i>Event Cmte. Mtg. After Mass</i></p>	<p><i>Offices Closed Mondays &amp; Fridays</i></p> <p><b>Reg. Office Hours:</b> 9am-3pm T-W-Th</p>	<p><b>6am</b> TMIY</p> <p><b>6pm Mass</b> for Albert &amp; Lucille Greubel</p> <p><b>6:30pm</b> Adult Ed</p>	<p><b>6:30pm</b> May Crowning Procession</p> <p><b>BDs:</b> Josi Ocheltree, Alexa Losee, Mitch Doud</p>	<p><b>9am</b> (Care Center) <b>Mass</b> for Francis &amp; Virginia Wagner</p> <p><b>BD:</b> Emily O'Brien</p>	<p><b>8:30am Mass</b> for John Simons</p> <p><b>BDs:</b> Dustin Kirkpatrick, Owen Weber</p>	<p><b>3:30pm Confessions</b></p> <p><b>4:30pm Mass</b> for Virginia Wagner</p> <p><b>BDs:</b> Cathy Hicks, Megan O'Brien</p>