

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

Ascension of the Lord (7th Sunday of Easter)

216 All Saints Drive, Stuart, IA 50250

May 28, 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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Christ Ascends, Church Time Begins

In the readings for today, we begin with the opening verses of the “The Acts of the Apostles”. It is written by the Apostle Luke and is his second book. The first, of course, being the Gospel of Luke.

Luke begins by addressing this work to someone called “Theophilus”. We aren’t sure who this person is, but the name means “loved by God”. This could be a certain person or it may be referring to all people through all generations, but it may help us to put ourselves into the scene making it a more personal message or idea.

Either way, Luke sets the scene by reinforcing the

Resurrection, emphasizing the Risen Lord and the fulfillment of the promise of His Father to make a way for us to gain eternity with Him. He seems to make a line of demarcation between the time of Jesus on earth in human form and the beginning of the time of the Church where we see Him in other forms.

We are told the story of the Ascension of the Lord in verses 9-11: *“When He had said this, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as He was going, suddenly two men dressed in white gar-*

ments stood beside them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen Him going to heaven.’”

Can you imagine yourself in this situation? Standing there, one moment in conversation with our Lord, the next, He is being lifted into heaven in the clouds. And to top that off, two men pop into the group and ask “why are you so amazed?” Really?

Something for us all to think about this week.

Remembrances

-Jodi Bassett, A&R President



As the month of May quiets down somewhat, let us take some time to pause and remember those who have gone before us: family, friends and veterans. The Memorial Day holiday is a great time to relax and spend some leisure time, but it’s far from ‘just a three day weekend.’ Go to the

cemetery and pay your respects. Not around your family? Visit a local cemetery and say a few prayers for those interred there. Place a few posies on graves that appear to have been forgotten, or whose loved ones don’t live nearby. Search out old stones and try to read what is written on

them. You’d be surprised by what you read. You’ll be touched to see stones for multiple children in the same family. When you have spent some time meditating on the deceased, be sure to put away your phone and set some time aside to enjoy your living family and friends!

Meditations

There are as many and varied methods of meditation as there are spiritual masters. Christians owe it to themselves to develop the desire to meditate regularly, lest they come to resemble the three first kinds of soil in the parable of the sower. But a method is only a guide; the important thing is to advance, with the Holy Spirit, along the one way of prayer: Christ Jesus.

Meditation engages thought, imagination, emotion, and desire. . . . Christian prayer tries above all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ, as in *lectio divina* or the rosary. This form of prayerful reflection is of great value, but Christian prayer should go further: to the knowledge of the love of the Lord Jesus, to union with him.

—*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 2707-2708

What is lectio divina?

Spiritual reading of Sacred Scripture, especially the Gospels, is an important form of meditation. This spiritual reading is traditionally called *lectio divina* or divine reading. *Lectio divina* is prayer over the Scriptures.

- The first element of this type of prayer is reading (*lectio*): you take a short passage from the Bible, preferably a Gospel passage and read it carefully, perhaps three or more times. Let it really soak-in.
- The second element is meditation (*meditatio*). By using your imagination enter into the Biblical scene in order to "see" the setting, the people, and the unfolding action. It is through this meditation

—From the *usccb.org* website

that you encounter the text and discover its meaning for your life.

- The next element is prayer (*oratio*) or your personal response to the text: asking for graces, offering praise or thanksgiving, seeking healing or forgiveness. In this prayerful engagement with the text, you open yourself up to the possibility of contemplation.
- Contemplation (*contemplatio*) is a gaze turned toward Christ and the things of God. By God's action of grace, you may be raised above meditation to a state of seeing or experiencing the text as mystery and reality. In contemplation, you come into an experiential contact with the One behind and beyond the text.

Prayers in Time of War

For Troops

All-powerful and ever-living God, when Abraham left his native land and departed from his people you kept him safe through all his journeys. Protect these soldiers. Be their constant companion and their strength in battle, their refuge in every adversity. Guide them, O Lord, that they may return home in safety. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

For Families and Friends Left At Home

O God, Protector of all people and nations, protect my family and friends at home from the violence and evil of others. Keep them safe from the weapons of hate and destruction and guard them against the deeds of evil-doers. Grant them your protection and care in tranquility and peace. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Prayer for Refugees and Victims of War

Lord God, no one is a stranger to you and no one is ever far from your loving care. In your kindness, watch over refugees and victims of war, those separated from their loved ones, young people who are lost, and those who have left home or who have run away from home. Bring them back safely to the place where they long to be and help us always to show your kindness to strangers and to all in need. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Parish Business & Finance

May 21st Collection

Sat/Sun: \$2,380.80
Kids: \$38.67
Building Fund: \$100.00
Special Collections: \$20.00

2017 ADA Balance

As of 5/19: \$13,063.50

We have received word that we have been awarded a \$1,000 grant from the Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa. The money will be used to enhance our Wi-Fi capabilities.



Free Chest Freezer

If anyone is need of a chest-type freezer, Terri Arthur (All Saints Parishioner) has one to give away. The freezer is two years old and measures 20-1/2" x 66-1/2" inside. If you are interested or know of someone in need, please call Terri at 402-612-3273.

From the Bishop



The Bishops of the United States have approved a one-time special collection focused on the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Completing the Trinity Dome of the Basilica will finalize the original plans for

the Shrine which began with the laying of the foundation for it in 1920. The collection in the Diocese of Des Moines is scheduled for the weekend of June 3-4.

The National Shrine is often called "America's Catholic Church" because it welcomes more than one million people from around the country and the world each year. It is the largest Catholic Church in North America and one of the ten largest churches in the world.

It is hoped that the dome will be dedicated on December 8 of this year, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Bishop's Memorial Day Mass

Bishop Richard Pates will celebrate the annual Memorial Day Mass on Monday, May 29 at Glendale Cemetery in Des Moines at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome. In case of rain, Mass will be celebrated at 10:15 a.m. at St. Theresa Church, 1230 Merle Hay Road in Des Moines.



Places to be, things to do...

- Tuesday May 30th, the **TMIY Men's Leadership Program** Each meeting begins with breakfast at 5:45am, presentation at 6am, and small group discussion from 6:30-7am. The topic of this week's lesson is: "Five Myths About Fallen Away Catholics"

- **Corpus Christi Procession**

The parish of St. Augustine is having its second annual Corpus Christi procession on Sunday, June 4th, at 3pm. St. Augustin's is located at 545 42nd Street in Des Moines. Dinner will follow the procession.



Bingo at the Community Care Center is scheduled for 2:30pm on Monday June 12th.

Volunteer helpers are needed and appreciated for this enjoyable community outreach event. If you can help, please meet at the care center at 2:15pm.

Prayers & Thanks

Please pray for:

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

Prayer for Those who Await a Soldier's Return

God of all goodness,

Look with love on those who wait for the safe return of their loved ones who serve in the armed forces of their country.

In faith and hope, we turn to you for comfort.

Grant that we may trust in your mercy and send an angel to sustain us as we await their safe return.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Congratulations Brendan & Caleb



Brendan & Caleb Arthur, sons of Terri Lynn Arthur, made their First Communion on May 21st.

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

For scheduling questions, please contact Joyce Van Pelt through the Church office or via email at: joyceavp@yahoo.com.

If you are interested in becoming a Liturgical Minister, please contact the Church office to schedule an instruction time. **Ministers include:** *Sacristan, Ushers, Cross Bearers, Greeters/Gifts, Lectors, Commentators, Altar Servers, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC).*

Liturgical Ministers:

Saturday 6-3

Rosary: Frank Holle

Ushers: Mark & Kari Tisl

Cross Bearer: Mark Tisl

Altar Servers: Zoey Dickson,
Connie Drake

Lector: Roni Wilson

Commentator: Carol Smith

Greeters/Gifts: Dave & Barb Boss

EMHC: Jodi Bassett,
Mark & Kari Tisl

Liturgical Ministers:

Sunday 6-4

Ushers: Pat Beaman & Tom Doud

Cross Bearer: Matt Gerling

Altar Servers: Larissa Crawford,
Gabe & Nate Gerling

Lector: Daisy Nevins

Commentator: Amy Doud

Greeters/Gifts: Neal & Symantha
Crawford

EMHC: Jo Beaman, Joyce Van Pelt,
Jill Gerling

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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 5-28	Monday 5-29	Tuesday 5-30	Wednesday 5-31	Thursday 6-1	Friday 6-2	Saturday 6-3
9am Adoration 10am Mass for Clair Dickey Bd: Jackson Doud Ann: Jeremy & Julie Trichel 2005	MEMORIAL DAY 8:30am at the Calvary Cemetery (at the church in case of bad weather) Ann: Vince & Christy O'Brien 1993	5:45am: TMIY Men's Group 6pm Mass for Bob Griffin Ann: Don & Mary Fillman 1987 Bds: Sawyer Ocheltree, Jeanine Holland	Ann: Jim & Tammy Doud 2003 Bd: Brendan Arthur	9am (Care Center) Mass for Louis Waltz Bds: Magen Schaffer, Mason Clauson	8:30am Mass 1st Friday for Zachary Terry & Family	8:30am Mass 1st Saturday for Marilyn Simons Hoy 3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass for Albert & Lucille Greubel Ann: Howard & Diane Messinger 1967

Sunday 6-4	Monday 6-5	Tuesday 6-6	Wednesday 6-7	Thursday 6-8	Friday 6-9	Saturday 6-10
9am Adoration 10am Mass for the living and deceased members of the parish Bds: Reyes Leyva, Allison Doud	Bd: Jan Gillman Fr. Out of Town	5:45am: TMIY Men's Group NO 6pm Mass Ann: Tom & Kerri McFarland Fr. Out of Town	Fr. Out of Town	9am (Care Center) Prayer Service w/ Communion Fr. Out of Town	8:30am Mass for John Simons	3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass for the Men of All Saints