

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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

216 All Saints Drive, Stuart, IA 50250

July 16, 2017



Dear Parishioners

Mass Times*

- **Sunday** 8am at Adair
9am Adoration
10am Mass
- **Tuesday** 6pm Mass
- **Wednesday** Adair 8:30am
- **Thursday** 9am Mass
at the Community Care Center
-Adair 6:30pm
- **Friday** 8:30am
- **Saturday**
8:30am 1st Saturdays
3:30pm Confessions
4pm Rosary
4:30pm Mass
**Always Check Weekly
Calendar for Any Changes*

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It is important that I bring to your attention and I ask that you also bring the matter to your family members and fellow parishioners, that we are in desperate need for each parish family to help with the expenses of our faith community. We have not been receiving the level of tithing that can sustain the expenses of our parish community. So often, folks tend to think with all the expenses they have in their household along with the extras they want to have that somehow someone else will be responsible for the expenses of their faith community. Another mindset that tends to be present is that of a consumer, that I will just pay for the service that I use at church. When I go, then if I have something, I will put something in the collection or, if I need to rent the hall, then as a parishioner, I expect to have a big discount. Yet, the very point in order for us to have such a place to worship and receive the sacraments and place to celebrate various occasions is that it takes the financial help of all its members to keep the doors open not only in the present, but we fulfill our obligations for future generations as others

have done for us. A tithe is a command of God that we give back to God as a sign of gratitude for all God has provided us. It is important that we do not approach the Church, its members, Father, with a mindset of “What can you do for me?” The attitude of a beloved daughter/son of the Father should be, “What can I do to help the family?” So often we allow pettiness to interfere with the tithe that God commands of us. We end up basically not fulfilling God’s command and teaching concerning the tithe, but we use the tithe as a way to vote whether they like what is happening in our community or not. Sometimes people approach the Church and say, “You know I tithe here, but if you do not do such and such, then I won’t give anymore or I will go elsewhere.” Here is the problem: it is one thing if one member out of the whole community does that, but it is quite another when every member thinks this way. I believe God is saying that is how evil causes division in the family because of “can you make me happy and feel good and cater to my wishes? If not, then I will go elsewhere.” How about “What is God asking of us so that we can be united as a

family?” This means we need to instruct and correct misunderstandings and we also need to remind one another that “I am doing my part for the community how about you?” As you consistently see in the yearly reporting, less than one-third of the parish gives something during the year and even far less than that do so on a regular basis. I bring this matter to your attention for your reflection because, many times, we rarely think about our responsibility to the community when you, the community, took care of our needs. Now we are the ones to be more responsible and - whether we like something or not - the tithe is never to be used to vote whether you like someone or not or some kind of direction or not. When there is a project over and above the ongoing expenses of the church, then you can decide whether you support that or not, but not the tithe. It is an expression of our gratitude to God and we offer back from all that we have received as a sign of our giving God thanks - “with no strings attached”.

- Fr. Ray

Concerns

Have a son considering the priesthood?

-USCCB.org

We want him to be successful.

If you measure success by money, children, or other common goals to a secular life, then in your eyes, your son will not be successful.

If you measure success through your son's eyes, his desire to answer the call and meet the challenges of leading a life in Christ and serving people to find the same, then you will be on the same page as he is and see the possibilities.

The priesthood is an uncommon life and a few rare men are blessed with the calling and the skills to serve the Lord in this capacity.

A priest holds an indispensable role. In the sacraments, Christ acts through His priests and provides the graces needed to reach heaven: it is the priest who gives absolution for sin; it is the priest who consecrates the Holy Eucharist; it is the priest who anoints the sick and dying.

In short, it is the priest, standing *in persona Christi*, who prepares the soul for death and eternal life.

The successes of a good priest echo through all of eternity, long after this earth has passed.



Will he be happy without a family?

When God calls someone to a specific vocation such as the priesthood, it is up to that person to accept the call or not. God does not force, He only calls.

But, as many priests will tell you, if the Lord wants a man to be a priest, it will be the happiest and most fulfilling life he could possibly lead.

After all, God is the source of all joy and lasting fulfillment.

Thoughts from Jodi

-Jodi Bassett, President, Altar & Rosary Society

In talking with a patient this week, we discussed house cleaning, and how certain chores require daily attention, and others can be tended to less often.

This is true with many aspects of our lives: home life, families, our jobs, our social lives, and our spiritual lives. We may need to vacuum daily, but dust monthly; answer the

phone daily, but file weekly; text a friend several times a week, but get together every couple months. You get the idea.

But others may be a lot more concerned about our dust or filing than we are.

Keep in mind that just because someone isn't tending to their tasks

as frequently as you are, doesn't mean they aren't going to get to things on their own schedule. And that's okay.

If it really bothers, you may be able write them a message in their dust, but be sure to include the chapter and verse with your message!"

Parish Finance Report

July 9th Collection

Sat/Sun: \$1,292.00

Kids: \$5.54

Building Fund: \$10.50

Special Collections: \$0.00

This Week's Income: \$1,297.54

This Week's Expenses: \$2,81.05

2017 ADA Balance

As of 6/30: \$11,088.50

Wedding Policy

Things to remember while planning your wedding: notify Father at least six months prior to your desired date; meet with our Wedding Coordinator, Norma Tigges, to begin planning.

Church Usage Fees:

\$300 to Registered, financially supporting members; \$500 to registered, non-supporting members; \$700 to non-parishioners.

Altar Servers: \$25.00



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Around the Diocese

- Survey Open for Youth & Young Adults** The bishops of the world are planning to meet in October 2018 for the 15th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. In preparation for this major synod on youth, Pope Francis wants to gather input from youth and young adults whether they are practicing the faith or not. The diocese has made available a survey questionnaire to gather information on the current state of the young in our diocese that will be included as part of the pre-synod discernment document. All are invited and encouraged to participate by going here: http://www.dmdiocese.org/survey_youth-and-young-adult-vocational-discernment.cfm.
- 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 or mail to "Ask a Priest," Diocese of Des Moines, 601 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50309.
- Mass times** Don't take a vacation from God this summer. Check out MassTimes.org and find a Catholic church wherever you happen to be traveling.
- Job Opportunity** St. Catherine of Siena Parish at Drake University is looking for a part-time coordinator of Campus Ministry. For details, contact the parish.
- Bishop's Golf Classic** The 2017 Bishop's Catholic Charities Golf Classic is Monday, Aug. 28 at Echo Valley Country Club in Norwalk. Get your colleagues, parish members, families and friends to form a team or sign up on your own. Together, we can support the work of Catholic Charities. For more information, contact Fred Hollister at 515-237-5064 or fhollister@catholiccharitiesdm.org.

Places to be, things to do...

- August 6th:** Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord
 - August 14-15:** Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (*holy day of obligation*)
 - Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, and the highlights of Spain.**
- November 3-13 hosted by veteran pilgrimage leader Father John Vakulskas Jr. For a brochure and more information contact Fr. John at PO Box 347, Okiboji, IA 51355, 712-490-8047, or johnvakulskas@gmail.com

Altar & Rosary Society

The next meeting of the **A&RS** will be following **BOTH weekend Masses** **July 22-23.**



Prayers & Thanks

Thank You!

Father Mario and the Diocese of Jackson would like to extend a thank you to our parishioners for being so kind and generous during his visit last weekend.

The total collected was \$1,403.00.

Prayer Requests:

Dwayne Callahan, Tina Hilts and family, Dan Sherman, Herb Gibson (father of Symantha Crawford), Deanna Heins (daughter of Paul & Viola), Joan Brookings

If you would like to request prayer for someone in need, you may call Viola Heins (515-789-2029) for the telephone prayer chain or email the office (stjohnallsaints@gmail.com) for an electronic prayer chain communication.

Holy Father's July Prayer Intention

Lapsed Christians

That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

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: Saturday 7-22

Rosary: Frank Holle

Ushers: Marty & Julie Doud

Cross Bearer: Marty Doud

Altar Servers: Connie Drake

Lector: Mark Tisl

Commentator: Carol Smith

Greeters/Gifts: M/M Mark Tisl

EMHC: Donna Donnelly,
Mark Tisl, Kari Tisl

Liturgical Ministers: Sunday 7-23

Ushers: Dennis VanPelt
& Neal Crawford

Cross Bearer: Dennis VanPelt

Altar Servers: Larissa Crawford, Olivia Nixt, Taylor Ommen

Lector: Daisy Nevins

Commentator: Gary Riordan

Greeters/Gifts: M/M Dennis VanPelt

EMHC: Dan Miner, Joyce Van Pelt,
Dave Tisl

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).*

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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 or adairstjohn.org

Sunday 7-16	Monday 7-17	Tuesday 7-18	Wednesday 7-19	Thursday 7-20	Friday 7-21	Saturday 7-22
9am Adoration 10am Mass for the living & deceased members of the parish BD: Carly Schaffer	 BD: Amy Doud	5:45am TMIY Lesson #9 <i>"Move the Dialogue Forward"</i> No Mass BD: Denny Hohn	BDs: Joanne Tiernan, Norma Tigges, Ann Vigon, Clare Kasap	Prayer Service (Care Center) BD: Jerry Kuttler ANN: Wayne & Jan Gilman 1974	No Mass Book Club: 10am  BD: Jesse Gonzalez	3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass for Albert & Lucille Greubel BD: Jesse Gonzalez
Father will be on vacation this week						

Sunday 7-23	Monday 7-24	Tuesday 7-25	Wednesday 7-26	Thursday 7-27	Friday 7-28	Saturday 7-29
9am Adoration 10am Mass for Virginia Wagner		5:45am TMIY Lesson #10 <i>"Invite and Connect"</i> 6pm Mass for Pat Cornwell ANN: Gary & Anne Riordan 1981		9am Mass (Care Center) for Bob Griffin BD: Aiden Clauson	8:30am Mass for the deceased members of the Tigges/Gladfelder families BD: Janet Dickson	3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass for Dick Simons BD: Dick Doherty