

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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

216 All Saints Drive, Stuart, IA 50250

August 27, 2017



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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Dear Parishioners

Each year, especially during July and August, I take my mother on vacation and in that same time I’m busy with ongoing education, such as the annual conference I attend at the Seminary in Mundelein, IL. I also offer a retreat to our International Sisters and privately professed women and laywomen. After Masses this weekend I will travel to the Benedictine Monastery in Schuyler, NE to offer this retreat.

Our Religious Education programs are beginning. For our young folks in first through twelfth grades: Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 Sept. 6th. For the 3 to 5 year olds: Liturgy of the Word at each of the Sunday 10am Masses beginning Sept. 17th. For the adults: I will be offering the adult education class following Tuesday eve-

ning Masses. Classes are scheduled for 6:30 pm and this school year I will be offering a review of last years classes on the Covenants, the area of Forgiveness, and speaking to the area of the virtues and vices. Of course, I want folks to know that I am there to answer questions about any subject, but if there are no questions, then I offer the above mentioned areas of study. So, please, join us for food, great interaction and an opportunity to deepen our understanding of the Bible, Catholic Teaching, and hopefully gain a deeper understanding of our faith to share with others. There will be a sign up sheet. The class does not have an obligatory attendance.

On a final note, pray for all our parishioners and their families so God can grace them to come together as His

people to worship Him. Our worship of God is not an individualized approach. We approach God as a family saying “**Our** Father”. We live in a culture where it prizes individuality to its detriment (loneliness or the feeling “no one” cares). We counter such notions by practicing our faith by re-connecting or re-binding ourselves to God and to one another. This is one of the meanings of the word religion: latin (*re*)-*legare*; to bind or connect; we add “re” so that each time we gather we may re-connect with God and one another. Pray that our Masses will be full and filled with enthusiasm for God and to remember our Father’s wish and command that His family gather to worship, sing, and pray together.

Have a blessed week.

Choir Potluck & Practice

To choir members and those interested in joining the choir this year, our first practice will be 9am Sunday, September 10th in the Music Room. We practice the hymns for the day, Mass Parts and the songs that we will be singing on the 1st Sunday of the

month as well as special occasions like Palm Sunday & Easter, etc. This would be a good time for people who are thinking about singing with us, to join. It’s a great opportunity to get acquainted and share in fellowship. If you have any questions, please call me,

Norma Tigges, Church Musician, 515-789-4634.

Church Musician Potluck Supper

Saturday, Sept. 2, 6pm at the home of Vernon & Norma Tigges. (*meat, drinks, service provided*)

Faith Formation

-Cathy Hicks, Director of Religious Education (DRE)

Just a couple of reminders to all Faith Formation students and their families:

If you have not registered your child for Faith Formation, please do so as soon as possible. I need to get class rosters made so the Catechists can prepare. Registration forms are on our website (stuartallsaints.org) or you can pick one up in the office. Cost is \$30 per student with a family cap of \$90. You can mail them in or drop them at

the office. I will also be registering students the night of the potluck. Thanks so much to those who have already registered.

This Wednesday, Aug. 30th, is the Faith Formation Fall Potluck from 6:30-8pm. Hot dogs and lemonade will be provided. Each family is asked to bring a favorite potluck side dish or dessert. It's an evening of fun, friends, and faith. Hope to see you there!

Faith Formation classes begin Wednesday, Sept 6th, from 6:30-7:30pm.

Thanks for all of your support of the Faith Formation program. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to give me a call at 515-523-1943 or email me at cabinmn@gmail.com. May God bless each of you and always walk by your side. Have a great week!

Thoughts From Jodi

- Jodi Bassett, Altar & Rosary Society President

Fair. Merriam-Webster lists eleven definitions of *fair*. Some of those definitions are clear, ample, pleasing, adequate, impartial and honest, promising. This week we have felt the sting of loss; losses that as humans we might view as unfair. What is *fair* about the death of a 2 year old in an accident? None of us knew this child, yet our hearts are broken for the loss of a promising life at such a young age. It's not *fair*. What is *fair* about the

sudden and unexpected death of a teacher, so close to retirement, the day before school starts? It brings an overwhelming loss to the family, the co-workers, the students, the community. So many lives influenced, so many hearts affected. It's not *fair*. The thing is, *fair* has nothing to do with it. God's plans are inscrutable and unsearchable, certainly unpredictable. We can ask "Why?" repeatedly, but in this life, we will never get a firm answer. Per-

haps in the next life we will, but I suspect at that point it won't matter any more. Which suggests that maybe in this life, the answers don't really matter either. I think this is also part of the plan; without the answers, we have no choice but to put our faith in God Himself, to pray for ourselves and others. Please keep these families, near and far, as well as the larger family of our community, in your prayers.

Parish Finance Report

August 20th Collection

Sat/Sun: \$2,781.00

Kids: \$9.32

Building Fund: \$25.00

Special Collection: \$0.00

This Week's Income: \$2,790.32

This Week's Expenses: \$2,231.26

2017 ADA Balance

As of 8-4: \$10,576.00

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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The Readings for this week...

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Memorial of St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13	1 Thessalonians 3:7-13	1 Thessalonians 4:1-8	<i>Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Thessalonians 1:1-15, 8b-10	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	Psalm 139:7-8,9-10, 11-12ab	Psalm 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14, 17	Psalm 97:1a & 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12	1 Thessalonians 4:9-11	Jeremiah 20:7-9
Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b	Psalm 139:1-3, 4-6	Matthew 23:27-32	Matthew 24:42-51	Matthew 25:1-13	Psalm 98:1, 7-8, 9	Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
Matthew 23:13-22	Mark 6:17-29				Matthew 25:14-30	Romans 12:1-2
						Matthew 16:21-27

Places to be, things to do...

- **Aug. 30th** - Pot Luck from 6:30 -7:30 pm for Faith Formation families.
- **Sept. 6th** - Faith Formation classes begin. 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- This year, the Church will celebrate **Catechetical Sunday** on September 17, 2017. The 2017 theme will be "**Living as Missionary Disciples.**"
- **Sept. 10th** The 7th Annual Rural Life Mass will begin at 2:30pm at the farm of Art and Marcia Pontier near Osceola. Following the Mass, celebrated by Bishop Richard Pates, families can enjoy "walking tacos", home-baked treats and displays of livestock, equipment and more. Jim Ennis, executive director of Catholic Rural Life, will offer a presentation after Mass. The Pontier farm is located at 1643 Highway 34 near Osceola. Contact Deacon Luke Tieskoetter at 515-249-1327 for further information.

Prayers & Thanks

Prayer Requests:

Dwayne Callahan, Tina Hilts and family, Herb Gibson Deanna Heins, Norine Marlowe, Rob Tiernan, Cathy Callahan

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 at: stjohnallsaints@gmail.com for the electronic prayer chain.

Thank You!

We would like to extend a special "Thank You" to the Knights of Columbus Council 1961 of All Saints Parish in Stuart for recently purchasing an upright freezer for our church kitchen. It is so appreciated!

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 9-2

Rosary: Frank Holle

Ushers: Wayne & Jan Gilman

Cross Bearer: Wayne Gilman

Altar Servers: Jodi Bassett & Connie Drake

Lector: Donna Donnelly

Commentator: Sharon Doud

Greeters/Gifts:

Wayne & Jan Gilman

EMHC: Sr. Nesta, Donna Donnelly, Maria Ladwig

Liturgical Ministers: Sunday 9-3

Ushers: John & Patrick Gulbranson

Cross Bearer: Patrick Gulbranson

Altar Servers: Olivia Nixt, Taylor Ommen, Riley Doud

Lector: Harriet Gulbranson

Commentator: Gary Riordan

Greeters/Gifts:

John & Harriet Gulbranson

EMHC: Harriet Gulbranson, Linda Lee O'Neel, Dave Tisl

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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.

Calendar of Activities

Regular Office Hours:
9am-3pm T-W-Th

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

Sunday 8-27	Monday 8-28	Tuesday 8-29	Wednesday 8-30	Thursday 8-31	Friday 9-1	Saturday 9-2
9am Adoration 10am Mass for Bernard Hilgers		5:45am TMIY <i>Conclusion: "One Step Forward"</i> 6pm Prayer Service/Mass	BDs: Marvin Welch Faith Formation Potluck 6:30-8pm	9am Prayer Service/Mass (Care Center)	8:30am Prayer Service/Mass	8:30am 1st Saturday Mass for Clair & Pat Dickey 3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass 6pm Choir Potluck at Tigges'
	Father Out of Town	Father Out of Town	Father Out of Town	Father Out of Town	Father Out of Town	

Sunday 9-3	Monday 9-4	Tuesday 9-5	Wednesday 9-6	Thursday 9-7	Friday 9-8	Saturday 9-9
9am Adoration 10am Mass for the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish	LABOR DAY BD: Ryan Doud	6pm Mass for Ernest Suchon BD: Matt Dickson	BD: Lacey Partlow ANN: Bill & Cheryl Clauson 2004 Faith Formation Begins 6:30-7:30pm	9am Mass (Care Center) for Virginia Wagner	8:30am Mass for Joann Allman BD: Anita Hilgers, Mia Ocheltree	3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass for Albert & Lucille Greubel BD: Eric Gerling, Jessica Johnston ANN: Francis & Ardis McGinnis 1972