

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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

216 All Saints Drive, Stuart, IA 50250

September 17, 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

Last Tuesday, at our first Adult Ed Class for the year, we began with the topic of “Forgiveness”. It is a topic that affects everyone, young and old. We have been hurt and have hurt others.

We heard in Sacred Scripture the need to forgive one another. Are there stipulations or do we forgive for the sake of forgiveness?

We must also realize we cannot do more than what God does.

There is a notion known as the “unforgivable sin”. But are we not taught that God forgives all our sins?

So what is unforgivable sin? It is where a person does not want to be forgiven. In other words, how can a person receive forgiveness if they don’t want it?

Secondly, there is a lesser sense to this “unforgivable state”: it is where a person feels they cannot be forgiven and either one does not seek it or rejects it because they feel undeserving. At the Mass, before receiving Jesus Christ in Holy Communion, we acknowledge our unworthiness, and say: “but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.” Forgiveness can be a “touchy topic” because of the many

wounds people have inflicted upon one another.

Please join our class to learn more. I will address the stipulations God places on a person to receive forgiveness, ways to make up for the wrong to counter simple dismissal of wrongdoing and assurance God will ultimately reconcile us to Himself and one another. Please join us Tuesday evenings beginning at 6:30 pm (right after the 6pm Mass). We have food, good topics, great people, good conversations and best of all we get to learn more about how to be loved by God and to love Him and all His people.

Diocesan Seminarians - Special Collection Today

The diocese of Des Moines currently has 18 seminarians. Please pray for these young men as they follow God into this special calling.

Lord Jesus Christ, son of the living God, give to the people of the diocese, hearts open to the

call of your Holy Spirit. Help us work together with Richard, our Bishop, to cultivate a culture of vocation. Inspire our young people to give generously of themselves and the courage to follow their vocation in life. In the spirit of faith, love, and sacrifice, help our parents rejoice when their children are called in service of your

Church. May the parishes of southwest Iowa support those called to priesthood, diaconate, lay ministry, and consecrated life. Sustain our faith which calls us to walk in the footsteps of Christ. Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, Patroness of our Des Moines Diocese, pray for us. Amen.

Faith Formation

-Cathy Hicks, Director of Religious Education (DRE)

We are off! The past two weeks have been very productive and meaningful for the students. We have approximately 66 students in the program, including the 3-6 year olds. This is about the number we had last year as well. Eight second graders will be making their first Reconciliation and Communion this

spring, and eight students will be confirmed in April. We also have many events and projects we will be undertaking as well. So this will be a very busy year, but with God at our side, we will find success around every corner.

I am so very proud of our catechists. They are dedicated and truly want to share the faith with our youth. They volunteer their time and do so with a smile and compassion. Please take time to say

thanks for a job well done! They certainly deserve it.

Upcoming events:
Wednesday, October 11th-Pet Blessing
Sunday, October 15th- Faith Formation Mass

May God always be at your side and keep you in the palm of His hand.

Pictured are a few of our students enjoying a light supper before class starts - Wayne Nosbisch is volunteering this service for those who are cramped for time between school and after-school activities.



Thoughts From Jodi

- Jodi Bassett, Altar & Rosary Society President

Forgiveness may be the hardest of all gifts to give. When we have been wronged, we want justice, retribution, punishment. But that is what we must do, each and every time.

How do we justify forgiveness of those who repeatedly offend us? It might be easy to forgive someone who recognizes their wrong and apologizes. But for someone who

is not repentant, or who even doesn't recognize their wrong doing, it can be much more challenging. Jesus extols us to forgive seventy-seven times.

Perhaps it is helpful to discern what forgiveness is. Forgiveness is not a matter of excusing the offense. Forgiveness is not even a matter of forgetting, although that is probably good as well. Forgiveness is a mat-

ter of letting the offense go and not continuing to hold it against the person. Forgiveness isn't something you do for another, it is something you do for yourself. Considered in that light, it is easier to forgive someone who repetitively offends us or will not repent. I don't think forgiveness is necessarily meant to be easy, just important.

Parish Finance Report

September 10th Collection

Sat/Sun: \$1,751.00

Kids: \$8.00

Building Fund: \$110.00

Special Collection: \$0.00

This Week's Income: \$1,759.00

This Week's Expenses: \$2,189.17

2017 ADA Balance

As of 9-1-17: \$8,363.50

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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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>
	<i>Optional Memorial of St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr</i>	Memorial of Sts. Andrew Kim TaeOGon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-Sang, and Companions, Martyrs	Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist		Memorial of St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Timothy 2:1-8	1 Timothy 3:1-13	1 Timothy 3:14-16	Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13	1 Timothy 6:2C-12	1 Timothy 6:13-16	Isaiah 55:6-9 Psalm 145:2- 3, 8-9, 17-18
Psalm 28:2, 7, 8-9	Psalm 101:1B -2AB, 2CD- 3AB, 5, 6	Psalm 111:1- 2, 3-4, 5-6	Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5	Psalm 49:6-7, 8-10, 19-20	Psalm 100:1B -2, 3, 4, 5	Philippians 1:20C-24, 27A Matthew 20:1- 16A
Luke 7:1-10	Luke 7:11-17	Luke 7:31-35	Matthew 9:9- 13	Luke 8:1-3	Luke 8:4-15	

Places to be, things to do...

- **Children's Liturgy of the Word** will begin Sunday September 17th. Children ages 3-6 (pre-school through Kindergarten)
- Book Club will meet at 10am Friday Sept. 22.
- The fall session of the All Saints **Women's Bible Study** will begin Tuesday, October 10th at 9:00

a.m. We will be studying *Living the Beatitudes: A Journey to Life in Christ*. This study will guide us on our journey to Christian virtues we find presented in the Beatitudes: poverty of spirit, gentleness, solidarity with those who suffer loss, justice, mercy, purity of heart, peace, and the ability to suffer persecution for what is right. This is a journey which

holds the promise of an encounter with the Lord and with ourselves. The classes will be held from 9:00-10:15 on Tuesday mornings from October 10th-Nov. 14th at the Church. Anyone is welcomed to attend. If you are interested in taking the class or have any questions, please contact Cathy Hicks at 515-523-1943 or at cabinmn@gmail.com.

Prayers & Thanks

Prayer Requests:

Tina Hilts and family,
Deanna Heins, Rob
Tiernan, Wilma Gomez,
Rick Gomez, Donna Wil-
liams, Phil Gour

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.

If you would like a visit from Father:

Father Ray is available to visit the sick and the homebound generally during the week. If you would like a visit from Father, please call the Church office to set up a time: 515-523-1943.

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 9-23

Rosary: Frank Holle

Ushers: Dennis & Donna Donnelly

Cross Bearer: Wayne Gilman

Altar Servers: Connie Drake

Lector: Jodi Bassett

Commentator: Sharon Doud

Greeters/Gifts:

Dennis & Donna Donnelly

EMHC: Maria Ladwig, Sr. Nesta, Jodi Bassett

Liturgical Ministers: Sunday 9-24

Ushers:

Wayne Nosbisch & Patrick Tiernan

Cross Bearer: Matt Gerling

Altar Servers: Nate Gerling, Gabe Gerling, Taylor Ommen

Lector: Daisy Nevins

Commentator: Wayne Nosbisch

Greeters/Gifts:

Jill Gerling Family

EMHC: Jill Gerling, Linda Lee O'Neel, Dave Tisl

Liturgical Ministers

We are looking to add another Sacristan to the Saturday 4:30pm Mass time. If you can be of assistance, please contact the Church office or Jodi Bassett.

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

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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.

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 9-17	Monday 9-18	Tuesday 9-19	Wednesday 9-20	Thursday 9-21	Friday 9-22	Saturday 9-23
9am Choir Practice & Adoration 10am Mass for the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish	BDs: Patricia Craig, Donald Fillman, Kari Schneider, Aiden Byrnes	6pm Mass for Albert & Lucille Greubel 6:30pm Adult RE BD: Jim Doud ANN: Marty & Julie Doud 1992	BDs: Pat Marnin, Ismael Leyva, Nicholas Smith ANN: Dave & Sharon Doud 1986 6:30-7:30pm Faith Formation	9am Mass (Care Center) for Ron Hansen BD: Aaron Byrnes ANN: Tyler & Jessica Johnson 2013	8:30am Mass for Donato Cianciaruso 10am: Book Club BD: Nick Boyle	3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass for Bob Griffin BD: Marvin Bassett

Sunday 9-24	Monday 9-25	Tuesday 9-26	Wednesday 9-27	Thursday 9-28	Friday 9-29	Saturday 9-30
9am Choir Practice & Adoration 10am Mass for Joseph & Mary Doud BD: Violet Aubert	BDs: Lee Johnson, Caleb Smith ANN: Steve & Gina James 1971	6pm Mass for Bernard Hilgers 6:30pm Adult RE BDs: Liam Crawford, Gabe Gerling ANN: Nate & Karey Smith 1998	BD: Cora Boyle 6:30-7:30pm Faith Formation	9am Mass (Care Center) for Albert & Lucille Greubel	8:30am Mass for the Deceased Members of the Tigges/Gladfelder Families	3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass for Louis & Isabel Waltz BDs: Pat Hohn, Jen Dickson