

**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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

216 All Saints Drive, Stuart, IA 50250

September 24, 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

-Fr. Ray Higgins

I just like talking about God! More importantly, I like talking with God. God is hoping we allow Him into our lives fully. Too often we settle for less in our relationship with God - maybe we feel a sense of unworthiness, or we could be too angry with God, or maybe the relationship never developed, or a person may simply be indifferent to God. It is our mission as God’s people to encourage others to pray and talk with God even if they tell you they don’t want you to talk about it. *Why shouldn’t I mind my own business?* Because too often we pass up the opportunity to inspire someone that just needed to hear a “good word” even though they say they don’t want it. It is amazing at times to realize “those who protest the most, need it the most”.

Since we are loved by God, we are “moved” out of love to share it with others. Love always does the “good” and “right thing” regardless of how others respond or how you feel about it.

C.S. Lewis once said, **“Everyone thinks forgiveness is a lovely idea—until he has something to forgive.”** In our Adult Ed class this past week, we continued to delve into the topic of forgiveness. Love compels us to forgive. Yet,

it is easy to come up with situations where it is difficult not only to love that person, but to even forgive them. Sometimes, we can speak with enthusiasm the reasons to forgive: “God reminds us that we are to always forgive,” or, “I always found it easy to forgive or ask forgiveness,” (Did someone say: “reality check?”), still others may quote a host of “self-help gurus” who suggest ways to seek peace and forgiveness. If you ask me, I know that I am to forgive and seek forgiveness, but in some cases it is no easy task.

God makes it clear that if we do not forgive others, then we cannot expect forgiveness from Him. That seems hard to swallow. Why? I can think of many situations where people do not want to be forgiven or continue to do great harm. Yet we are given the divine command and taught by our Savior to pray: “Our Father,...forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us...” Not only is forgiveness part of divine law, but we have too few energies to waste on “not forgiving”. Lack of forgiveness controls our ability to be free in our relationships with God and one another. Ultimately, we find no peace.

We can also find it difficult

to ask forgiveness. Why? Several reasons: Although we may have objectively done a wrong, we still might say to the offended: “I don’t feel I did anything wrong.”; We might not seek forgiveness for simple reasons like shame or a sense of unworthiness; or we are in no mood to forgive because we are too hurt, too angry, or for a host of other personal reasons. Last week’s Gospel referred to a Genesis account of a “taunt” from Lamech (who was a really a bad guy). He wrote a song he sang to his wives: if someone should harm Cain, then seven times retaliation shall come to that person, but if someone should harm me (even an infant), then seventy-seven times revenge shall come upon them [paraphrase]. Last week, Jesus turned that around and said not to take revenge always, but to forgive always.

Join us for class on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm right after the 6 pm Mass.

When you have a moment, check out the video of Fr. Vincent Serpa from a radio interview. Fr. Serpa explains that “feelings” do not determine whether or not we are forgiven, the Holy Spirit forgives us. It’s a “done deal”. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?>

# Faith Formation

-Cathy Hicks, Director of Religious Education (DRE)

Thanks again to all the catechists for the work they do with our youth. This year I have asked the catechists to focus a bit more on the Rosary. It never ceases to amaze me the number of adult Catholics that do not know how to say the Rosary and its mysteries. Saying the Rosary is one of the most beautiful prayers we as Catholics can say. Through the Rosary and the four sets of Mysteries, we learn and are inspired by the relationship between Mary and her Son, Jesus Christ. I encourage all families to take time and pray the Rosary together. Even if it is only once a week, you will grow closer to Christ as well to your family. Conclude the Rosary with the prayer, "Hail Holy Queen." When praying this prayer, ask Mary for help, and she will ease your anxiety and bring peace to your

heart. Let it become a tradition in your home to pray the Rosary.

There are two questions that are often asked about Mary from other denominations. The first is the classic, "Why do you Catholics pray to Mary instead of to Christ?" By praying to Mary, Catholics are asking her to intercede on their behalf to Christ in Heaven. As St. Louis de Montfort teaches in *True Devotion to Mary*, "Mary is 'the safest, easiest, shortest, and most perfect way of approaching Jesus.'" Don't we often pray to the Saints to intercede for help, guidance, or for a sick friend? Mary is there to hear our prayers and ask her Son to listen.

The other question often asked by many is why Mary is often portrayed as

being sorrowful and wearing blue. In the ancient world, the color blue was associated with royalty. Mary was often displayed in blue which was a sign of her royal dignity as queen. Mary is often depicted as sorrowful because the Church recognizes the special suffering that Our Lady endured because she was the mother of Christ. (Questions taken from *Our Sunday Visitor*)

I have some pamphlets available for anyone who might want a copy of how to say the Rosary and the mysteries. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact me. As always, may God be ever at your side and hold you in the palm of His hand. Have a great week.

# Thoughts From Jodi

- Jodi Bassett, Altar & Rosary Society President

I frequently reference this line from a song when I feel myself caught in an uncomfortable situation: "Clowns to the left of me, jokers to the right, here I am...Stuck in the Middle with You." I have used it so much that those who know me well automatically ask "What's wrong now?" Perhaps St. Paul could have resonated with this song when trying to decide between life and death, although probably in a more optimistic light. For St. Paul, life

equaled eternity with Christ, and death was the means to that life. However, by continuing to live on earth, Paul could bless others by ministering to his community. That's quite a dilemma. Another song that is a favorite of mine is "Only the Good Die Young." It references, among other things, many long time Catholic traditions, and even suggests that certain—uhh, sins—could extend one's life. Because after all, only the GOOD die young. So this begs

the question, are we living a good life? Are we not good? Are we not good enough to die already? Or is it just that we have more to do here on earth? Since we are here to serve others, we might just have more work to do. It may be more fun to "laugh with the sinners than to cry with the saints", but the saints will find eternity with Christ sooner, which should be our ultimate goal. Until next week, seek your blessings!

## Parish Finance Report

### September 17th Collection

Sat/Sun: \$2,359.00

Kids: \$12.34

Building Fund: \$25.00

Special Collection: \$0.00

**This Week's Income: \$2,371.34**

**This Week's Expenses: \$50.46**

### 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 Sts. Cosmos and Damian, Martyrs</i>	<b>Memorial of St. Vincent De Paul, Priest</b>	<i>Optional Memorials of St. Wences- laus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Com- panions, Mar- tyrs</i>	<b>Feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel, &amp; Raphael, Archangels</b>	<b>Memorial of St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church</b>	<b>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
Ezra 1:1-6	Ezra 6:7-8, 12B, 14-20	Ezra 9:5-9		Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rev- elation 12:7- 12AB	Zechariah 2:5- 9, 14-15A	Ezekiel 18:25- 28
Psalm 126:1B -2AB, 2CD-3, 4-5, 6	Psalm 122:1- 2, 3-4AB, 4CD- 5	Tobit 13:2, 3- 4A, 4BEFGHN, 7-8	<i>Haggai 1:1-8</i>	Psalm 138:1- 2AB, 2CDE-3, 4-5	Jeremiah 31:10, 11- 12A, 13	Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 6A
Luke 8:16-18		Luke 9:1-6	Psalm 149:1B -2, 3-4, 5-6A, 9B		Luke 9:43B- 45	Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1- 5 Matthew

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

- 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*. 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](mailto:cabinmn@gmail.com).
- Faith Formation Wednesday Meals** Many of our 7th-12th graders come directly from practices on Wednesday nights and don't have an opportunity to eat anything before class. Wayne Nosbisch is preparing a light supper for these students and will be doing so each Wednesday evening from 5:50-6:20. So stop by the church hall and grab a bite to eat. And give a big thank you to Wayne.

## Prayers & Thanks

### Prayer Requests:

Tina Hilts and family,  
Deanna Heins, Rob  
Tiernan, Wilma Gomez,  
Rick Gomez, Donna  
Williams, Phil Gour,  
Underwood Family

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](mailto:stjohnallsaints@gmail.com)

### 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](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 9-30

**Rosary:** Frank Holle

**Ushers:** Matt & Jen Dickson

**Cross Bearer:** Matt Dickson

**Altar Servers:** Zoey & Bailey Dickson

**Lector:** Roni Wilson

**Commentator:** Carol Smith

**Greeters/Gifts:**

Matt & Jen Dickson

**EMHC:** Maria Ladwig, Sr. Andre,

Donna Donnelly

### Liturgical Ministers: Sunday 10-1

**Ushers:**

Jim Doud & Dennis Van Pelt

**Cross Bearer:** Pete Kasap

**Altar Servers:** Riley Doud, Olivia Nixt,

Larissa Crawford

**Lector:** Gary Riordan

**Commentator:** Amy Doud

**Greeters/Gifts:**

Jim Doud Family

**EMHC:** Amy Doud, Joyce Van Pelt,

Dan Miner

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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.*

## ATTENTION USHERS

Our annual October count will run from Oct. 7-8 through Oct. 28-29 this year.

Please be sure to count each week without fail.

Thank you,

Bishop Pates



## Calendar of Activities

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

*To view the entire calendar for both parishes, please go to [stuartallsaints.org](http://stuartallsaints.org) or [adairstjohn.org](http://adairstjohn.org)*

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

Sunday 10-1	Monday 10-2	Tuesday 10-3	Wednesday 10-4	Thursday 10-5	Friday 10-6	Saturday 10-7
<b>K of C TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE &amp; 6pm Mtg.</b> <b>9am</b> Choir/Adoration <b>10am Mass</b> for the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish <b>ANN:</b> Bruce & Ramona Partlow 1988	<b>BDs:</b> Grace Donnelly, Gayle Doud <b>Father out of Town</b>	<b>6pm NO Mass</b> <b>6:30pm NO Adult RE Class</b> <b>BDs:</b> Gabrielle Doud, Michael Tiernan, Olivia Nixt <b>Father out of Town</b>	<b>6:30-7:30pm Faith Formation</b> <b>ANN:</b> Joe & Jane Sherman 1958 <b>BDs:</b> Josh Martin, Sophia James, Easton Lorenzen <b>Father out of Town</b>	<b>9am NO Mass</b> (Care Center) V <b>BD:</b> Erica Sciarotta <b>Father out of Town</b>	<b>8:30am Mass</b> for Donato Cianciaruso <b>BD:</b> Tyler Johnston	<b>8:30am 1st Sat. Mass</b> for Martin G. Lydon <b>3:30pm</b> Confessions <b>4:30pm Mass</b> for Albert & Lucille Greubel <b>BDs:</b> Rita Rilea, Andrew Hansen