

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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

216 All Saints Drive, Stuart, IA 50250

October 15, 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*

Inside this issue:

Faith Formation	2
Thoughts from Jodi	2
Parish Business	2
Readings for the Week	3
Places to be...	3
Prayers & Thanks	3
Parish Info Page	4

Dear Parishioners

I was given a plaque by a gentleman who had been away from the Church for a very long time. He felt he couldn't attend Mass or participate in the Church because he had not practiced his faith or attended Mass for many years.

In conversation, the reason he left the Church was due to all the sins he has committed and some major ones he felt he could never be forgiven.

I was brought to him by a friend of his and we talked and his friend asked if I would bring up the subject of confession. To make a long story short, I did bring it up and for the next hour this "fallen away" Catholic confessed his sins and asked questions and sought advice. At the end of his confession he felt so relieved and had such a renewed sense of faith and life that his friend, who had brought me to him, noticed it right away.

Before I left, the man who confessed took off the shelf a wooden plaque that sat central in his rec room. It was positioned in an area where one could easily be drawn to see it. I noticed it right away when I came into his house. Well, the recently reconciled man took that plaque and he said, "Before you go, I want you to have this." The plaque read: "Every Saint Has A Past – Every Sinner Has A Future." The plaque sits on my desk and I see that saying each time I sit at my desk.

The man who gave that plaque, which was a center piece in his rec room, now has no need to be reminded that we are all sinners, for we call to mind our sins each time we gather for Mass and seek the Sacrament of Confession or celebrate any Sacrament for that matter. Each Sacrament offers Christ and His grace to avoid sin and evil and to do good for others in love.

In the simple gift of that plaque: "Every Saint Has A Past – Every Sinner Has A Future" I am reminded: we all have our problems, shortcomings, and sins, but we are all called to be saints—**so don't let the past keep you from your future.** The remedy has always been, acknowledge your wrongdoing (sins), seek forgiveness, as well as offer forgiveness, and then sainthood comes easily.

I invite you (everyone) to come to our Adult Ed class where we are studying, reflecting, discussing, this huge topic on the need and practice of forgiveness.

Have a great week.

-Fr. Ray

Faith Formation

-Cathy Hicks, Director of Religious Education (DRE)

This past week I was reading an article from the *Catechist Magazine* which offered ideas for evangelizing different age groups to develop a stronger relationship with Jesus. I would like to pass some of these ideas on to you and your family in hopes that by practicing some of these, you and your family in grow in the spirit of God. This week's ideas focus more on younger children. You may already do many of these, but I do hope you find them useful.

- Provide a small amount of money for your child to give to the basket when it comes around as a practice that helps your child open their heart to those in need.

- Encourage children to visit Jesus in adoration, even if it is for a few minutes.
- Use a good Catholic children's picture Bible to encourage children to ask questions.
- Point out Jesus and let your children know Jesus is present in the gathered faith community.
- Encourage the children and youth to offer each day to Jesus.
- Encourage children and youth to bring a friend with them when they do works of mercy or justice.
- Take away the fear of confession by sharing with children

that they are having a conversation with Jesus.

- Help those around you meet Jesus in prayer. Set an even better example by praying as a family.
- Help your children and youth find Jesus in the Eucharist.
- Allow time for silent meditation.

I will share some more thoughts next week geared more for teens. As always, may God be ever at your side and hold you in the palm of His hand.

Thoughts From Jodi

- Jodi Bassett, Altar & Rosary Society President

This week's readings are all about bounty. This is the time of year when the farmers are itching to get in their fields. Locally, we have recently received a lot of rain, which is good in the autumn, but is keeping the combines quiet for awhile.

Most of our gardens are pretty much done producing for the season, and food canning is wrapping up. It is easy right now to enjoy the bounty of the harvests.

Soon the holidays will be upon us, with plentiful food, drink, family...and

stress. Those who are well off stress themselves by over-cooking and over-shopping. Those who struggle stress over having enough.

It is good to always remember that holidays can be a source of sadness for some people. They may be lacking in resources or relationships, or they may have many health issues. Of course, the issues tend to exist year-round, but are accentuated toward the holidays. There are a number of ways to ease the burden of others during the holidays. Contribute to local food

pantries and other charities, or add a few bucks to your utility payment to make up for others who may come up short. Make yourself aware of who may be alone during the holidays and invite them to share in your event, or offer to drive them to their family if transportation is an issue. A small amount or gesture that is lovingly offered can mean much.

Until next week, bountiful blessings!

Parish Finance Report

October 8th Collection

Sat/Sun: \$2,131.00

Kids: \$26.63

Building Fund: \$300.00

Hurricane Relief: \$100.00

This Week's Income: \$2,157.63

This Week's Expenses: \$0.00

2017 ADA Balance

As of 10-6-17: \$7,851.00

From the Bishop

After the devastations of Hurricanes Harvey & Irma, we were prone to believe that the worst was over. Not so. Hurricane Maria came with its unbelievable fury and nearly totally destroyed Puerto Rico. With all this tragedy, I realize that compassion and collection fatigue set in. But this is the time we need to reach deeper than ever and perhaps our authentic compassion is tested. Since the need is so extensive, I ask that a special collection for the victims of Hurricane Maria be taken up. The need of those affected pales in comparison to our resources which admittedly have been stretched. **We will ask for your donations over the weekend of October 28th-29th. Thank you.**



There will be meetings following Mass on Saturday October 21st and Sunday October 22 for the Altar & Rosary Society.

All women of the parish are automatically members of the organization. Please plan on attending one of these meetings.

The Readings for this week...

<u>Monday 23rd</u>	<u>Tuesday 24th</u>	<u>Wednesday 25th</u>	<u>Thursday 26th</u>	<u>Friday 27th</u>	<u>Saturday 28th</u>	<u>Sunday 29th</u>
<i>Opt. Memorials of St. John of Capistrano, Priest</i>	<i>Optional Memorial of St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop</i>				Feast of Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Romans 4:20-25	Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21	Romans 6:12-18	Romans 6:19-23	Romans 7:18-25a	Ephesians 2:19-22	Exodus 22:20-26
Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75	Psalms 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17	Psalms 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8	Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6	Psalms 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94	Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5	Psalms 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
Luke 12:13-21	Luke 12:35-38	Luke 12:39-48	Luke 12:49-53	Luke 12:54-59	Luke 6:12-16	Matthew 22:34-40

Places to be, things to do...

- **Book Club** meets this Friday at 10 am.
- **Knights of Columbus Annual Chicken Dinner**
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017
10:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Featuring Staley's Chicken

With Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Vegetables & Salad
Dinner Roll & Drinks

Homemade Desserts
(Carryout IS available)
ADULTS \$10.00
CHILDREN AGES 6-12 \$4.00
CHILDREN AGES 5 & UNDER FREE



- **Desserts & Helping Hands Needed** Homemade desserts are needed for the annual chicken dinner on Sunday, October 29th. Signup sheets are in the Gathering Space if you are able to help provide desserts. There is also a signup sheet to help cut and dish up desserts from 8:00 am to 10:00 am that morning as well.

Prayers & Thanks

Prayer Requests:

Toni Casber, former parishioner who has been diagnosed with a recurring brain cancer. Tom Clancy who has suffered a stroke post-op. Helen Clancy who has undergone surgery this week.

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.

Home Visits

If you would like a home visit from Father Ray, please feel free to contact the Church Office at 515-523-1943 or by emailing Brenda at stjohnallsaints@gmail.com to set up an appointment.

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 10-21**

Rosary: Frank Holle
Ushers: Wayne & Jan Gilman
Cross Bearer: Wayne Gilman
Altar Servers: Jodi Bassett
Lector: Carol Smith
Commentator: Donna Donnelly
Greeters/Gifts: Wayne & Jan Gilman
EMHC: Donna Donnelly, Sr. Andre, Maria Ladwig

**Liturgical Ministers:
Sunday 10-22**

Ushers: Wayne Nosbisch & Tom Doud
Cross Bearer: Vince O'Brien
Altar Servers: Lauren O'Brien, Taylor Ommen, Olivia Nixt
Lector: Gary Riordan
Commentator: Wayne Nosbisch
Greeters/Gifts: Vince & Christy O'Brien
EMHC: Amy Doud, Cathy Hicks, Dan Miner

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



Contact Us

Rev. Raymond J. Higgins, Pastor

Church Office: 515-523-1943

Parish Administrative Assistant & Bulletin Editor:

Brenda Wedemeyer stjohnallsaints@gmail.com

Parish Bookkeeper & Mass Intentions: Rita Rilea allsaintsoffice@gmail.com

Director of Religious Education: Cathy Hicks cabinmn@gmail.com

Youth Minister: Jill Gerling jillgerling@gmail.com

Music & Wedding Coordinator: Norma Tigges tiggesnorma@yahoo.com

Custodial Services: Barb Boss bbosslady@msn.com

Prayer Request Phone Line: Viola Heins 515-789-2029

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 10-15	Monday 10-16	Tuesday 10-17	Wednesday 10-18	Thursday 10-19	Friday 10-20	Saturday 10-21
<p>9am Choir/ Adoration</p> <p>10am Mass Lvg & Dec'd Mbrs of the Parish</p> <p>BD: Amanda Nims</p>	<p>BD: Matthew Newton</p>	<p>9am Women's Study Group</p> <p>6pm Mass for Bob Griffin</p> <p>6:30pm Adult RE Class</p> <p>BDS: Ryan Truitt, Maria Doud</p>	<p>6:30-7:30pm Faith Formation</p> <p>ANN: Dennis & Joyce Van Pelt 1969</p>	<p>9am Mass (Care Center) for Virginia Wagner</p> <p>ANN: Rick & Rita Rilea 1968</p> <p>BD: Kristopher Shoop</p>	<p>8:30am Mass for Joann Allman</p> <p>10am Book Club</p> <p>BD: Carson Tigges</p> <p>ANN: Judd & Magen Schaffer 2001</p>	<p>3:30pm Confessions</p> <p>4:30pm Mass for Albert & Lucille Greubel</p>
Sunday 10-22	Monday 10-23	Tuesday 10-24	Wednesday 10-25	Thursday 10-26	Friday 10-27	Saturday 10-28
<p>9am Choir/ Adoration</p> <p>10am Mass for Donato Cianciaruso</p> <p>BD: Paul Pieper, Neal Crawford</p>	<p>BD: Gene Simons, Michele Brant</p>	<p>9am Women's Study Group</p> <p>6pm Mass for Albert & Lucille Greubel</p> <p>6:30pm Adult RE Class</p> <p>BD: Linda Lee O'Neel</p>	<p>6:30-7:30pm Faith Formation</p> <p>BD: John O'Brien, George Kasap</p>	<p>9am Mass (Care Center) for Kathleen Doud Lewin</p> <p>ANN: Tom & Helen Clancy 1957</p>	<p>8:30am Mass for the deceased members of the Tigges/Gladfelder Families</p>	<p>3:30pm Confessions</p> <p>4:30pm Mass for George Clark</p>