

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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

216 All Saints Drive, Stuart, IA 50250

October 22, 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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IT'S TIME FOR CATHOLICS TO EMBRACE HALLOWEEN

QUESTION: *What is the relation of Halloween to All Saints/All Souls? Which came first?*

Fr. Steve Grunow (*Father Steve Grunow is the CEO of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries.*): All Saints Day appears to have a more ancient genealogy than All Souls Day.

The practice of a festival day to honor the whole communion of Saints, rather than that just a single saint, seems to happen for the first time in the Catholic Church with the consecration of the Pantheon as a public place for the Church's worship. This happened in the year 609 (or 610) on May 13th. The Pantheon had been originally dedicated for the use of Roman religion as a place where all the gods would be honored. Boniface displaced the images of the gods from their shrines and gave the building over to the Saints of the Church, particularly the Martyrs. This was a kind of "in your face" to pagan culture. Boniface was saying that the old gods had been defeated and were defeat-

ed by the faith of the Church's Martyrs.

Also, May 13th was a day associated in Roman religion with what was called the festival of the Lemurs or ancestral spirits. It is likely that Boniface's choice of this day to claim the Pantheon for Christian worship was intentional and it was a way of saying that the Martyrs are the great ancestors of all the baptized and it is their memory and witness that is rightly honored on the day that Romans recalled their ancestors.

How we get from May 13th to November 1st is interesting. The festival of All Saints seems to emerge from the dedication of another Roman church that was consecrated by Pope Gregory III. The church is named St. Peter and All the Saints. It was a subsequent pope, Gregory IV, who extended the annual festival that commemorates this church dedication to the whole Church as All Saints Day. The extension of festivals specific to the Church of Rome is part and parcel of how the Catholic Faith becomes the underlying

cultural matrix from which a new kind of European civilization would emerge.

All Souls Day (celebrated November 2nd) seems to emerge with the growth and spread of monastic communities and the practice of commemorating deceased members of monasteries. This practice gained broad cultural traction and in time was extended to the whole Church.

Halloween is the precursor to All Saints Day and as such is kind of like what December 24th is to Christmas Day. Remember, the calendar of the Church is filled with festival days, all of which were once associated with great, public celebrations. A holy day of obligation has not always meant spending 45 minutes in church for Mass and then going back to work. Holy Days were times for a party and if you look at the Church's calendar - past and present - with this ethos in mind, you will discover that the reasons for a party happened with great frequency.

Faith Formation

-Cathy Hicks, Director of Religious Education (DRE)

Last week I provided suggestions from *Catechist Magazine* geared to ways younger children can share Jesus with others. This week's suggestions focus more on ways teens can spread the word of Jesus. A challenge to all families is to try to do at least two of these suggestions a week. In doing so, you will and your family will not only grow in love in faith with one another, but also with those you meet.

- Encourage teens to see Christ in those less popular or who have greater needs within their own friends, groups, or family.
- Encourage young people to

invite others to Mass and youth friendly events.

- Do something nice for someone when they don't expect it.
- Set a good example of being Christ to others.
- Share your story of faith.
- Meditate on Scripture.
- For a week greet everyone with a smile and replace "Have a nice day" with "Have a blessed day."

- Empower families to become homes of prayer.

- Let the Holy Spirit lead you in developing new relationships.

- Create an atmosphere of stewardship (time, talent and treasures) in your family.

May God bless you and keep you in the palm of His hand.

Thoughts From Jodi

- Jodi Bassett, Altar & Rosary Society President

Having one's authority challenged can be frustrating, or more likely, annoying. I see this in my line of work: "Does that really work?" It is my personality to reply with sarcasm, not the most professional response. I suppose I am taken aback that someone might think that I would be the kind to offer a worthless service. But I also see this at home, where I might be questioned about a recipe, a schedule or something else about which I am confident of my knowledge. Why would someone—even family—question me? Do they not re-

spect my education, or skills, or intentions? Perhaps they don't understand, and don't know a better way to ask. Less likely is that they are trying to trip me up.

But entrapment is exactly what is happening in this week's Gospel. Jesus recognized the inherent evil in the Pharisee's question and called them on it. He didn't respond with sarcasm, but with the expectation of proof. "Why are you testing me...? Show me the coin..." Jesus bridged the challenge of the Pharisees by telling them to pay proper cre-

dence to both Caesar and to God. We don't get a picture of the disciples' response, but we can imagine they were stunned, as they didn't get to catch Jesus in hypocrisy. ("Uhhh...that didn't go as planned.")

Probably most challenges that come to us aren't as intended to our undoing, but they might feel like it. We just have to be on our toes to try to determine the intent of the question, and respond appropriately.

Until next week, sincere blessings!

Parish Finance Report

October 15th Collection

Sat/Sun: \$2,355.00

Kids: \$12.23

Building Fund: \$10.00

Special Collection: \$0.00

This Week's Income: \$2,367.23

This Week's Expenses: \$4,496.76

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...



- Knights of Columbus Annual Chicken Dinner **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29**

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 sign-up 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. Donna Olson, Kathy Bickle, Margaret Storms.

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

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



St. Gregory Retreat Center is a residential drug and alcohol treatment facility. We are a Christian based organization with the following positions open in our women's facility located in Adair.

Activities Tech: This is an evening and every other weekend position working directly with our guests. Minimal requirement is having a high school diploma or equivalent.

Activities Counselor: Must have CADC or ability to obtain within a reasonable amount of time.

Cook/Chef: Experience in a residential setting desired, but will train right candidate.

Part-Time Retail: This is for our Thrift Store located on Adair's main street. This position would be ideal for someone with a flair for fashion and has had retail experience in the past. Ideal employment for retired or semi-retired ladies!

If you are interested in any of these openings, you are encouraged to apply at our Adair facility. Please go to the lower east entrance at 608 North Avenue or for more information call Chantal at 712-624-7013. If no answer, please leave message.

**Liturgical Ministers:
Saturday 10-28**

Rosary: Frank Holle

Ushers: Marty & Julie Doud

Cross Bearer: Mary Doud

Altar Servers: Connie Drake

Lector: Roni Wilson

Commentator: Sharon Doud

Greeters/Gifts:

Marty & Julie Doud

EMHC: Jodi Bassett, Sr. Nesta, Maria Ladwig

**Liturgical Ministers:
Sunday 10-29**

5th SUNDAY

Ushers: Knights

Cross Bearer: Knights

Altar Servers: Knights

Lector: Knights

Commentator: Knights

Greeters/Gifts:

Knights

EMHC: Knights

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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 10-22	Monday 10-23	Tuesday 10-24	Wednesday 10-25	Thursday 10-26	Friday 10-27	Saturday 10-28
9am Choir/ Adoration 10am Mass for Donato Cianciaruso BD: Paul Pieper, Neal Crawford	 BD: Gene Simons, Michele Brant	9am Women's Study Group 6pm Mass for Albert & Lucille Greubel 6:30pm Adult RE Class BD: Linda Lee O'Neel	6:30-7:30pm Faith Formation BD: John O'Brien, George Kasap	9am Mass (Care Center) for Kathleen Doud Lewin ANN: Tom & Helen Clancy 1957	8:30am Mass for the deceased members of the Tigges/Gladfelder Families	3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass for George Clark

Sunday 10-29	Monday 10-30	Tuesday 10-31	Wednesday 11-1	Thursday 11-2	Friday 11-3	Saturday 11-4
9am Choir/ Adoration 10am Mass for the living and deceased members of the parish BDs: Becky O'Brien, Patrick Tiernan, Macinzie McFarland. Father Out of Town	 Father Out of Town	9am Women's Study Group Father Out of Town	ALL SAINTS' DAY Mass at 7pm 6:30-7:00pm Faith Formation BD: Ida Griffin Father Out of Town	No Mass BD: Payton Drake Father Out of Town	NO Mass BD: Donna Olson, Egan Durbin Father Out of Town	3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass for BD: Eli Smith Father Out of Town