

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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

216 All Saints Drive, Stuart, IA 50250

October 29, 2017



Dear Parishioners

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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In our culture today, we seem to be bombarded with a never-ending torrent of self-help remedies for everything from weight loss to crow's feet to our inept digestive systems and on and on. This doesn't even take into consideration the advertising "blasts" we get telling us what car to drive, which pills to ask our doctors to prescribe, or what celebrity has the latest, greatest opinion on how to live life to its fullest. Our culture, it seems, is not familiar in the least with what God tells us about how to live a blessed and contented life.

In one of our study groups at All Saints, we are reading the book "Living the Beatitudes - A Journey to Life in Christ" by Reverend Monsignor J. Brian Bransfield. In it, Fr. Bransfield gives us a powerful insight into the real "self-help" tactics to live out our lives in the best way we can. The following is an excerpt from his book. (published by Pauline Books & Media 2011)

"The Christian cannot conquer sin and its effects with his or her own efforts. God offers His own gift of self in His Son as the source of grace by which we can receive His mercy. This gift of God alone conquers human sin. The life of the Christian

is therefore a response to the call to holiness offered in the grace of God through the sacraments. This does not happen in some remote, automatic, or magical fashion. The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit (cf. *Isaiah 11:2*) build the seven virtues (cf. *1 Corinthians 13:13; Wisdom 8:7*) within the believer. The virtues then form the believer to live the Beatitudes (cf. *Matthew 5:3-12*) The **Catechism of the Catholic Church** teaches that the *Beatitudes respond to the natural desire for happiness. The relation of the seven gifts to the virtues and the Beatitudes is the way each Christian is transformed to live a holy life and respond to the natural desire for happiness.*

"Each gift of the Holy Spirit strengthens a particular virtue in the Christian. The virtue, in turn, develops and forms the action proper to a particular Beatitude. The gifts, virtues, and Beatitudes build on one another in a way similar to the upward surging momentum of a fountain."

Wouldn't it seem a much more reasonable thing for us to do: wouldn't we rather be carried upward in the waters of this fountain than be rushed along sideways in the torrential waters of modern culture?

Just to refresh our memories:

- **Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit:** wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, fortitude, piety and fear of the Lord
- **Seven Virtues:** faith, hope, charity, prudence, temperance, fortitude, justice.

The Beatitudes: *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the earth. Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for justice, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who suffer persecution for justice' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when men reproach you, and persecute you, and speaking falsely, say all manner of evil against you, for My sake.*

Everyone is welcome to attend any of the study groups offered. If you can't find one that fits your schedule but would like to attend, please contact the church office for other possibilities.

Faith Formation

-Cathy Hicks, Director of Religious Education (DRE)

It's hard to believe in a few short days it will be November. It's the time of year when the air gets crisper, the days get shorter, and we must face the fact winter is on the way. This time of year also begins the holiday season. We as Catholics begin November with All Saints Day on November 1st. This holy day was proclaimed by Pope Gregory IV, who command that All Saints Day be observed by all Catholics on the first of November. The night before, October 31, was designated as the Holy Eve because it began a time of remem-

brance of the deceased Saints and loved ones. Halloween is derived from the term "All Hallow's Eve" and "Hallowmas" meaning holy evening. Pagan religions believed this evening was evil; thus, why some people still think it is a time of evil when actually in Christian history it is a holy time of remembrance.

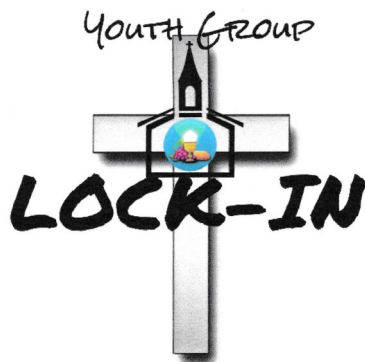
We will be observing All Saints Day this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. This is a regular Faith Formation evening. We will have class from 6:30-6:55, then go to Mass. It is a Holy Day of Obliga-

tion, so please join your children at Mass. Our children pick up on so much by the role modeling we do as adults and parents. So set a good example and join in celebrating the holy day commemorating the lives of the saints.

May God be ever at your side and hold you in the palm of His hand.

Youth Group Lock-In

- Jill Gerling, Youth Minister



When: Saturday, November 18, 2017

Where: All Saints Catholic Church - Stuart

Time: 4:30pm Mass until 9:00 Sunday morning

Events: Mass, Catholic Trivia Dinner Game, WHY THE MASS study, Games, Movie, FOOD, social and much much more. . .

For all Youth in Grades 7 - 12, friends are welcome but ALL must sign up.

Contact Jill Gerling to sign up

jillgerling@gmail.com OR text 515.491.0865

Parish Finance Report

October 22nd Collection

Sat/Sun: \$2,460.00

Kids: \$31.00

Building Fund: \$160.00

Mission Sunday: \$87.00

This Week's Income: \$2,491.00

This Week's Expenses: \$2,744.74

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.**



Annual Staley's Fried Chicken Dinner

Sunday October 29th

Serving from 10:30am-1pm

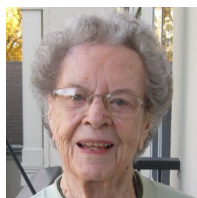


The Readings for this week...

| <u>Monday 30th</u> | <u>Tuesday 31st</u> | <u>Wednesday 1st</u> | <u>Thursday 2nd</u> | <u>Friday 3rd</u> | <u>Saturday 4th</u> | <u>Sunday 5th</u> |
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| | | SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS | Commemora- tion of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) | <i>Opt: Memorial of St. Martin de Porres, Religious</i> | Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop | 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| Romans 8:12-17 | Romans 8:18-25 | Revelations 7:2-4, 9-14 | Wisdom 3:1-9 6:19-23 | Romans 9:1-5 | Romans 11:1- 2a, 11-12, 25-29 | Malachi 1:14b -2:2b, 8-10 |
| Psalm 68:2, 4, 6-7a, 20-21 | Psalm 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 | Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3- 4ab, 5-6 | Psalm 27:1,4,7, 8a,9a, 13-14 | Psalm 147:12- 13, 14-15, 19- 20 | Psalm 94:12- 13a, 14-15, 17-18 | Psalm 13:1, 2, 3 |
| Luke 13:10-17 | Luke 13:18-21 | 1 John 2:1-3 | Romans 5:5- 11 or 6:3-9 | Luke 14:1-6 | Luke 14:1, 7-11 | 1 Thessaloni- ans 2:7b-9, 13 |
| | | Matthew 5:1- 12a | John 6:37-40 | | | Matthew 23:1-12 |

Places to be, things to do...

- Next Knights monthly meeting will be held on Sunday, Nov. 12 starting with a light meal at 6pm. Always hoping to meet more of our member fellow Knights. Dan Hilgers Grand Knight
- Long time St. Augustin, Des Moines parishioner, Mary K. Melroy, is turning 100. Mary was born at home on November 2, 1917 to John and Claire Nevins of Stuart, IA, the oldest of eight children (six boys and two girls). She was baptized at All Saints



Church, Stuart, attended school in Stuart through 12th grade and then on scholarship attended Ottumwa Heights Junior College, Ottumwa, IA. Her first marriage ended abruptly with her husband's death in a railroad accident and on December 24, 1946 Mary married Charles D. "Chuck" Melroy, of Winterset, a World War II Army Air Force veteran. Mary had three

daughters and one son. Chuck was Business Manager for an architectural firm and a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus, and Mary had several out of home jobs including working for Stuart State Bank, Polk County Auditor and Assessor and later in life as a Secretary for a Representative in the Iowa House. Mary has been a member of St. Augustin, Des Moines since 1951 and still lives in the vicinity of the church. HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY, MARY!

Prayers & Thanks

Prayer Requests:

Donna Olson, Kathy Bickle, Margaret Storms, Rita Rilea. And please keep Fr. Ray and the group his is traveling with this week in your prayers, for their safety and health as they

visit the Holy Land.

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 11-4**

Rosary: Frank Holle
Ushers: Eric & Margaret Tiernan
Cross Bearer: Eric Tiernan
Altar Servers: Zoey & Bailey Dickson
Lector: Jodi Bassett
Commentator: Donna Donnelly
Greeters/Gifts: Marvin & Janet Bassett
EMHC: Jodi Bassett, Sr. Andre, Sr. Chinweze

**Liturgical Ministers:
Sunday 11-5**

Ushers: Pat Beaman & Tom Doud
Cross Bearer: Dennis Van Pelt
Altar Servers: Olivia Nixt, Larissa Crawford, Taylor Ommen
Lector: Daisy Nevins
Commentator: Gary Riordan
Greeters/Gifts: Dennis & Joyce Van Pelt
EMHC: Joyce Van Pelt, Jo Beaman, Brenda Wedemeyer

Ministers are needed for all positions for All Saints' Day 11-1

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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 10-29 | Monday 10-30 | Tuesday 10-31 | Wednesday 11-1 | Thursday 11-2 | Friday 11-3 | Saturday 11-4 |
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| 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 Dylan Watson BD: Eli Smith (Fr. Wayne Gubbels filling in) Father Out of Town |

| Sunday 11-5 | Monday 11-6 | Tuesday 11-7 | Wednesday 11-8 | Thursday 11-9 | Friday 11-10 | Saturday 11-11 |
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| 9am Choir/ Adoration 10am Mass for the living and deceased members of the parish ANN: Pat & Barb Marnin 1960 (Fr. Wayne Gubbels filling in) Father Out of Town | Father Out of Town BD: Florence Cook Father Out of Town | 9am Women's Study Group NO MASS NO ADULT CLASS BD: Dennis Van Pelt ANN: Tom & Amy Doud 1992 Father Out of Town | 6:30-7:00pm Faith Formation BD: Janice Stein | 9am Mass (Care Center) for Bob Griffin BD: Tom Clancy | 8:30am Mass for Maynard Witkowski | 3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass for Albert & Lucille Greubel/ ALL SOULS BD: Kari Tisl |