

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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

216 All Saints Drive, Stuart, IA 50250

November 12, 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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The trip to Israel was a blessing and, at all the Holy Sites, I prayed for you and our parishes. I went with Fr. Chris Fontanini (*pictured here*) at the Mount of Transfiguration.

We also visited the West Wall - the Wailing Wall - (*second photo*) where I placed in the Wall the petitions that many of you sent with me. I also added many more petitions on your behalf.

Twice a year - before Passover in the spring-time and before the Jewish New Year in the fall, these notes are meticulously removed by workers who care for the site. They use ritually prepared wooden sticks to sweep out the highest notes from between the stones in the Wall. The scraps of paper are then buried in line with Jewish tradition. According to the Rabbi who manages the site, the prayers are collected and bundled up into more than 100 bags. These bags are then buried in the sacred cemetery on the Mount of Olives, treated with the



same respect as damaged prayer books or Torah scrolls. Out of privacy, the notes are never read and the slips of paper have never been counted.

I am still overcoming the awe of being in the Holy Land and hope to be able to reflect and share some of my experiences and insights in future classes and homilies. It is good to be back with you and pray God will bless all people and bring them to Himself.



There were many, many other holy sites where I said a prayer for our parishes and for you and your family. (*Pictured at right is a millstone for grinding grain.*)



Faith Formation

-Cathy Hicks, Director of Religious Education (DRE)

During this Advent season, we will once again be having our Advent Giving Tree project. The purpose of this project is to give gifts to less fortunate children to help fill the void in a child's life who otherwise might not get anything for Christmas. We had a very successful outpouring of toys last year, filling six big leaf bags of toys. These gifts go to help families in Stuart and the surrounding area. This is a chance for the Faith Formation children to bring in slightly used toys, books, puzzles, or other mementoes



that they have out-grown or no longer use. They will bring such items to Wednesday Faith Formation class or Sunday Masses during Advent and put them under the "Giving Tree". When they bring a gift to put under the tree, they will take a minute or two to pray for the needy or to say a prayer of thanksgiving for all that they have been given.

Please do not buy new items for this project. Part of this experience for the students is giving something that had or has value to them to share with the less fortunate. Your

family's participation will be greatly appreciated, but if you choose not to participate, would your family say a prayer or two for the less fortunate? This is a project to not only help others, but to help keep the joy and spirit of giving during this time of year in our hearts and souls all year long.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call me at (515)-523-1943 or email me at cabinmn@gmail.com. I hope this holiday season will be filled with faith, love, and joy for you and your loved ones. May God always be at your side and hold you in the palm of His hand.

Thoughts from Jodi

- Jodi Bassett, President, Altar & Rosary Society

Wisdom is the practical and sensible use of the knowledge one has gained. We all know someone we consider to be very wise; someone we respect, admire, and maybe even hope to emulate in their wisdom. Wisdom isn't simply intelligence; those with wisdom aren't necessarily geniuses. They just understand facts and knowledge in ways others do not. Sometimes their understanding of certain topics can be a bit deep for some folks. Understanding such a basic part of life such as death can be tricky at best, and often nearly impossible. Explaining death and resurrection to a child or even adult non-believers can be a huge challenge. The comprehension of the transition from earthly life to eternal life requires an open heart and mind as well as lengthy introspection. **Wisdom.** We are in a season of change right now. Winter is approaching and our temperatures are bobbing up and down. We may not be able to guess whether we need a jacket or a heavy coat, but we know we need something. **Wisdom.** We just changed our clocks back and suddenly it is darker an hour earlier. We know when we go out for the day that it may be dark when we return home. We should be prepared with a light to find our way. **Wisdom.** Matthew's Gospel speaks of ten virgins, half of which were not prepared for a long wait by having flasks of oil. By the time they bought oil and returned to the bridegroom, the door was locked and they couldn't get inside. A biblical version of "You snooze, you lose." Be aware and be prepared. It takes time to develop wisdom, but if you are paying attention, you will find it nearby; often, it is already inside of you just waiting to be perfected. Well...whaddaya know?

Parish Finance Report

November 5th Collection

Sat/Sun: \$2,457.25

Kids: \$36.51

Building Fund: \$386.00

Holy Day (All Saints): \$115.00

This Week's Income: \$2,608.76

This Week's Expenses: \$4,068.97

2017 ADA Balance

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



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

The Readings for this week...

<u>Monday 13th</u>	<u>Tuesday 14th</u>	<u>Wednesday 15th</u>	<u>Thursday 16th</u>	<u>Friday 17th</u>	<u>Saturday 18th</u>	<u>Sunday 19th</u>
Memorial of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin		<i>Opt. Memorial of St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>Opt. Memorial of St. Margaret of Scotland</i>	Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious	<i>Opt. Mem. Of the Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin; Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wisdom 1:1-7	Wisdom 2:23-3:9	Wisdom 6:1-11	Wisdom 7:22b-8:1	Wisdom 13:1-9		Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Psalm 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10	Psalm 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19	Psalm 82:3-4, 6-7	Psalm 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175	Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5ab	Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9	Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
Luke 17:1-6	Luke 17:7-10	Luke 17:11-19	Luke 17:20-25	Luke 17:26-37	Psalm 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43	1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
					Luke 18:1-8	Matthew 25:14-30

Places to be, things to do...

- **Preparing for Church Violence** Stuart PD will be presenting information to the community regarding this timely subject. Wednesday November 11th, 7:30pm, in the fellowship hall at the Congo Church in Stuart.
- We will be spending November **remembering our loved ones who have passed away.**

If you would like to display a photo, please bring it to Mass with you and we will place it on the table.

Veterans Day On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day in the eleventh month of the year 1918, an armistice was signed, ending the "war to end all wars." November 11 was set aside as Armistice Day in the United States to remember the sacri-

fices that men and women made during the war in order to ensure a lasting peace. In 1938 Congress voted Armistice Day as a legal holiday, but World War II began the following year. Armistice Day was still observed after the end of the Second World War. In 1953 townspeople in Emporia, Kansas called the holiday Veterans Day in gratitude to the veterans in their town. Soon after, Congress passed a bill renaming the national holiday to Veterans Day.

Prayers & Thanks

Prayer Requests:

Pat Marnin, Bernard Mertes, Dave McKee.

- **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.

- 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.

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 11-18**

Rosary: Frank Holle
Ushers: Marty & Julie Doud
Cross Bearer: Marty Doud
Altar Servers: Connie Drake
Lector: Roni Wilson
Commentator: Sharon Doud
Greeters/Gifts:
 Marty & Julie Doud
EMHC: Jodi Bassett, Sr. Andre,
 Donna Donnelly

**Liturgical Ministers:
Sunday 11-19**

Ushers: John & Patrick Gulbranson
Cross Bearer: Patrick Gulbranson
Altar Servers: Evie, Cora, & Alli Boyle
Lector: Wayne Nosbisch
Commentator: Harriet Gulbranson
Greeters/Gifts:
 Neal & Symantha Crawford
EMHC: Harriet Gulbranson, Amy Doud,
 Joyce Van Pelt

Special Mass Times

Stuart:

Thanksgiving **9am Thursday November 23rd**
 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary **7pm Friday December 8th**

Adair:

Thanksgiving **7pm Wednesday November 22nd**
 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary **7pm Thursday December 7th**

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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 11-12	Monday 11-13	Tuesday 11-14	Wednesday 11-15	Thursday 11-16	Friday 11-17	Saturday 11-18
9am Choir/ Adoration 10am Mass for the living and deceased members of the parish Knights of Columbus 6pm		9am Women's Study Group 6pm MASS for Albert & Lucille Greubel Adult RE Class 6:30pm BD: Lisa Poffenberger	6:30-7:00pm Faith Formation BDs: Norbert Tigges, Kathy Fitzgerald, Eric Weber, Judd Schaffer	9am Mass (Care Center) for Donato Cianciaruso ANN: Jerry & Lori Kuttler 1985	8:30am Mass for Joann Allman FATHER'S BIRTHDAY	3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass for James Witkowski

Sunday 11-19	Monday 11-20	Tuesday 11-21	Wednesday 11-22	Thursday 11-23	Friday 11-24	Saturday 11-25
9am Choir/ Adoration 10am Mass for the living and deceased members of the parish		6pm MASS for Donato Cianciaruso Adult RE Class 6:30pm BDs: Margaret Tiernan, James Pivonka	NO Faith Formation 7pm Thanksgiving Mass at Adair BDs: Brenda Wedemeyer, Alexandrea Kasap	THANKSGIVING 9am Mass for the living and deceased members of the parish BDs: Vince O'Brien, Lucas Nims, Olivia Tigges	8:30am Mass for the deceased mem- bers of the Tigges/ Gladfelder Families ANN: Eric & Margaret Tiernan 1979 BD: Felicia Lorenzen	3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass for Albert & Lucille Greubel BDs: Larissa Crawford, Davis Doud