

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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

216 All Saints Drive, Stuart, IA 50250

November 19, 2017



Dear Parishioners

I was asked at the Adult Faith Class about the trip to Israel and spoke on several areas of the trip. I believe I spent half the class doing so, even though I plan to have a “slide” (Power Point) presentation later. I am continuing to reflect about the trip to Israel and the areas we traveled and how I have been affected, as well as thought how I might appreciate those parts that seem to have no affect on me. The pilgrimage to Israel can be likened to our journey through life. It seems that there is lots of anticipation to where we want to go and who we want to be in life. Often, the dreams and the journey toward those desires are more “life-giving” than actually achieving the goal or getting to the place where we once dreamed of going.

On the pilgrimage to the Holy Land, I anticipated all that I had hoped to see, feel, learn, and talk to God about. Yet, when I actually got to Israel, I was tired due to the long travel, with its weariness and inconveniences, but still I was hopeful and filled with anticipation of what would be in store for us. As the pilgrimage group traveled by bus and foot to each of the sites, it seemed I thought to myself that I would be appreciating this experience more. Perhaps, I was more overwhelmed with actually being in the Holy Land than I realized. On the other hand, I felt somewhat disappointed. While it was true I was over-

whelmed - I thought I would be “blown away” with awe. Perhaps I was and only now begin to appreciate where I was and what I saw. Why was I disappointed at the time? I had this idea of an ancient scene straight out of the Bible. I thought I would still see the places spoken of in the Scriptures untouched by time. However, I should have taken into consideration population growth and so goes the need for land. Israel is number one in the world for innovation and startup companies. So, in newer developed parts of Israel there are beautiful skylines with modern buildings one would find in any popular city. Many of the Scriptural sites had their own beauty and story, but often they were enclosed with buildings to protect the site and adorned with artwork to remind pilgrims of the place they are visiting, such as the Birth of Jesus, the place where he preached the Sermon on the Mount, the Agony in the Garden, the prison (a cistern) at Caiphas’ house, the site where Jesus was crucified, where he was laid to be anointed, and the place of burial. By the way, my hope is to put together a presentation in the near future to share with all of you. What I take away from this experience is that the trip is like a mini experience of what life is like. I had many thoughts of what I would see and experience in Israel, so, too, with life. But the realities of Israel, as well as life itself,

seem to be different than what I hoped and expected. Yet nothing is lost from it all if we take the time to look back over it all. Perhaps, I will begin to truly appreciate the experience of Israel when I am relaxed and not hurried or tired. I believe the Church with all the Saints are advising us to the same, not only on a daily basis with an examination of our day, but to reflect back on our whole life. As we reflect, we can see where God has led us and holds out to us lessons about life and about Him and each other. It is a process of appreciation. Appreciating all things good or bad. Why? We learn from them and we grow because God has taught us how to do what is right and good in the good times and in the bad. We can begin to appreciate that many lessons learned came through the people we love and don’t love so much; many of life’s lessons are learned simply by looking back over life in the context of prayer - asking God what I have learned and how may I draw closer to you. May our pilgrimage through this life be one of reflection and thanksgiving to God who provides and allows all things. We can’t truly appreciate it unless we look back over it and ponder where we have been.

Fr. Ray

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

Faith Formation

-Cathy Hicks, Director of Religious Education (DRE)

It's hard to believe winter is at our doorstep. That means the snow will be flying, the roads become slick, and people like me fall down a lot. As a reminder, in case of inclement weather and West Central Valley does not have school or if school lets out early, we will not have Faith Formation that evening. But in case of late starts, we will have classes. As always, though, if your observations of the weather and common sense tells you it's not safe to travel from where you live, please do not attempt the trip. You and your children's safety is very important to all of us.

Here are some upcoming dates to keep in mind:

- Nov. 22- No class (day before

Thanksgiving)

- Dec. 3-First Sunday of Advent and the Faith Formation Advent Giving Tree project kicks off
- Dec. 8- Holy Day of Obligation (The Immaculate Conception) Mass will be at 7:00p.m. here at All Saints.
- Dec. 10- Faith Formation Mass
- Dec. 20- Christmas Celebration (replaces Christmas program. More information to follow)
- Dec. 27- No class/ Christmas break

- Jan. 3- No class/ Christmas break
- Jan. 10-Faith Formation classes begin again

As we reflect on Thanksgiving and this holiday season, we want to thank God for all He has given us, especially His Holy Son who died for us. Keep in your prayers those who are less fortunate and extend your hand to help others in need. May God always be at your side, and may He keep you in the palm of His hand. Have a blessed and joyous Thanksgiving.

Thoughts from Jodi

- Jodi Bassett, President, Altar & Rosary Society

Many years ago, in reference to a hardened bachelor, I heard someone say, "He just needs a good woman to settle him down." Probably a hardened bachelor doesn't want to be settled down. But it makes one consider what qualities make a "good woman." Is she loving and faithful? That's necessary. Is she good with children? That's pretty important. Is she a good cook? Sure doesn't hurt. Does she keep a tidy home? We'd all like that. Can she sew, knit or crochet? Those are handy skills. Does she work a full time job then

come home and meet the needs of her family? Does she tend to those less fortunate, within her means? Does she make others feel valued and important? Does she go above and beyond what is asked of her? That probably sounds like a lot of wives and mothers you know. Of course, not all women have all those skills, and they are still good women. And just because a woman has a lot of the above traits doesn't necessarily make for a good wife or mother. But I think most women are hard workers with good hearts. As we

enter the season of Advent, we will hear about a young woman, of whom much was asked; a woman who willingly obliged the unbelievable command delivered by an angel. It wasn't delivered by certified letter or phone call, by text or email, but by an angel. That's a pretty special message. At a young age, this woman understood the importance of her situation, and subsequently experienced great joy and even greater heartbreak, but was rewarded by eternal honor in heaven and on earth. I'd say that was a good woman!

Parish Finance Report

November 12th Collection

Sat/Sun: \$2,332.00

Kids: \$33.00

Building Fund: \$150.00

Special: \$0.00

This Week's Income: \$2,365.00

This Week's Expenses: \$1,403.17

2017 ADA Balance

As of 10-6-17: \$7,288.50

Make plans now to attend **Advent at The Well** for a few hours of faith, friendship, and fun. On Tuesday, December 12 women will gather at The Tea Room in downtown Des Moines for The Well's second annual Advent event. Heidi Lepper Barrett will deliver the keynote titled **What Our Guardian**

Angels Can Teach Us About Being 'Doers of the Word.' Doors open at 6:30 PM.

Social from 6:30-7:15. Program begins at 7:15 and ends with prayer by 8:30PM. An assortment of cookies and hot beverages will be served. Seating is limited. \$10/person. Learn more and register today at www.thewelldesmoines.com.



The Readings for this week...

<u>Monday 20th</u>	<u>Tuesday 21st</u>	<u>Wednesday 22nd</u>	<u>Thursday 23rd</u>	<u>Friday 24th</u>	<u>Saturday 25th</u>	<u>Sunday 26th</u>
	Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Memorial of St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr	<i>Opt. Memorials of St. Clement I & Pope & Martyr, St. Columban, Abbot</i>	Memorial of St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs	<i>Opt. Mems. Of St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr; Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63	2 Maccabees 6:18-31	2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31	1 Maccabees 2:15-29	1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59	1 Maccabees 6:1-13	Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
Psalm 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158	Psalm 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7	Psalm 17:1bcd, 5-6a, 8b, 15	Psalm 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15	1 Chronicles 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd	Psalm 9:2-3, 4, 6, 16, 19	Psalm 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Luke 18:35-43	Luke 19:1-10	Luke 19:11-28	Luke 19:41-44	Luke 19:45-48	Luke 20:27-40	Matthew 25:31-46

Places to be, things to do...

- **Stuart Community Blood Drive** will take place Tuesday, November 28, 2:30-5:30pm at the United Methodist Church, 219 NW 2nd Street, Stuart. To make an appointment, contact LifeServe Blood Center at 800-287-4903 or visit www.lifeservebloodcenter.org.
- **Knights of Columbus Soups**
The Knights are offering two opportunities for us to share a bowl of soup and some fellowship time. A Soup Supper is scheduled for Saturday Dec. 9th from 5-7pm and a Soup Luncheon is scheduled for Sunday Dec. 10th from 11am-1pm. A free will offering will be accepted and all proceeds will go to the food bank.
- We are beginning work on a **new church directory**. Contact person is Jill Gerling. Jill will have an informational sheet and sign-up sheet available in the gathering space in the near future.

Prayers & Thanks

Prayer Requests:

Pat Marnin, Bernard Mertes, Dave McKee, Gene Fitzgerald.

- **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 11-25**

Rosary: Frank Holle
Ushers: Eric & Margaret Tiernan
Cross Bearer: Matt Dickson
Altar Servers: Zoey & Bailey Dickson
Lector: Jodi Bassett
Commentator: Carol Smith
Greeters/Gifts: Mark & Kari Tisl
EMHC: Maria Ladwig, Mark & Kari Tisl

**Liturgical Ministers:
Sunday 11-26**

Ushers: Patrick Tiernan & Wayne Nosbisch
Cross Bearer: Vince O'Brien
Altar Servers: Eli Kasap, Sam Kasap, Lauren O'Brien
Lector: Gary Riordan
Commentator: Wayne Nosbisch
Greeters/Gifts: Vince & Christy O'Brien
EMHC: Cathy Hicks, Jill Gerling, Brenda Wedemeyer

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**

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 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, Alexandra 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 members 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

Sunday 11-26	Monday 11-27	Tuesday 11-28	Wednesday 11-29	Thursday 11-30	Friday 12-1	Saturday 12-2
9am Choir/ Adoration 10am Mass for Clair & Pat Dickey ANN: Marvin & Janet Bassett 1960 BD: Joyce Tibben		6pm MASS for Maynard Witkowski Adult RE Class 6:30pm BDs: Anna Maria Leyva, Michael James, Matthew Huerta	6:30-7:30pm Faith Formation BDs: Mary Fillman, John Lonsdale, Eli Smith	9am Mass (Care Center) for Bob Griffin BDs: Nancy Moore, Olivia Klassen	8:30am Mass for James Witkowski	8:30am 1st Saturday Mass for Pat Donnelly 3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass for Martin G. Lydon BDs: Frank Hadley, Becky Tigges