

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

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

216 All Saints Drive, Stuart, IA 50250

December 31, 2017



Dear Parishioners

As we come to the end of another year, or at any other point in life, we often pose the question: in order for me to make changes in my life, or improve my relationships within my family, at work, in my daily routine, or change habits that I don't like, should I make resolutions? With the New Year upon us, should we make resolutions? If so, how?

Let me propose one biblical text from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians which reads: (2 Th 1:11-12) ***"God chose you, and we keep praying that God will make you worthy of being his people. We pray for God's power to help you do all the good things that you hope to do and that your faith makes you want to do. Then, because God and our Lord Jesus Christ are so kind, you will bring honor to the name of our Lord Jesus, and he will bring***

honor to you." [The Holy Bible: The Contemporary English Version. (1995). (2 Th 1:11-12). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.]

We ought to pray for each other that God will help us do what we are resolved to do. We make such resolutions because of our faith and trust in God, wants us to always be resolved to do what is truly good and holy. When we make a resolution, we ought to make a resolution that will benefit not only ourselves, but the ones we love, too.

God loves us and wants us to understand why we ought to be motivated with resolutions and keeping them so that we might appreciate the worthy call of being His Holy people. In other words, God wants us to "walk" or to live out our lives in such a manner that shows the worth of being considered His Son or Daughter. This is not

simply a matter of your own worth. In God's eyes you are valuable to Him and that value needs to be seen in each other. I think what Paul is trying to say is that because we are his people, then we ought to desire, resolve, and live out a life that improves not only us, but our relationships with God and each other. If we are interiorly resolved to do this, then exteriorly God will give us what we need to accomplish it. Should we make resolutions? Yes! Might I suggest that we pray with these verses throughout the year so that our resolutions might be realized. Think and pray about what God wants you to resolve in your life, and He will help you accomplish it. Don't give up because God does not give up on you.

Happy New Year!

-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
- **Friday** 8:30am
- **Saturday**
3:30pm Confessions
4pm Rosary
4:30pm Mass
**Always Check Weekly Calendar for Any Changes*

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Memorial Christmas Plants

Each year we appreciate the beautiful flowers purchased for the sanctuary in memory of loved ones. Thank you to all who have participated in this tradition. The following is a list of those who are being remembered through these Poinsettias.

For Albert & Lucille Greubel from Jan & Wayne Gilman
 For Curtis & Juanita Gilman from Wayne & Jan Gilman
 For the Hannapel & Van Pelt Families from Dennis & Joyce Van Pelt
 For Tom Billheimer from Linda Billheimer
 For Art & Jenny and John Zimmer from Linda Billheimer
 For Herb Gibson from Symantha Crawford
 For the Pivonka and Fillman Families from Don & Mary Fillman & Family
 For Karen Dupuy from Nate & Karey Smith & Family
 For the Bowen and Marnin Families from Pat & Barb Marnin
 For Rosella & George Kasap and Harold & Frances Berry from the Kasap Family
 For William Hicks from Cathy Hicks
 For Elias "Ike" & Marjorie Gomez and Janet Taylor from the Gomez Children
 For George Clark from Margaret Storms
 For Bill Tiernan from Eric & Margaret Tiernan
 For George & Mary Reid from Florence Cook
 For Robert & Addy Olson and Lawrence Lacher from Bob & Donna Olson
 For the Ball/Disney/Tobin/Sherman Families from Jane & Joe Sherman
 For the Poffenberger & Schultz Families from Mark & Lisa Poffenberger
 For the Quick/Tasler/Sanny/Rilea Families from Rick & Rita Rilea
 For the Dolan & Johnson Families from Carolyn Dolan
 For Gaylon & Mildren Vitzthum from Joy Smull
 For the Deschler & Wedemeyer Families from Brenda Wedemeyer
 For John, David & Michael Higgins and Family from Father Ray Higgins

Thank you!

Parish Finance Report

December 24th-25th Collection

Sat/Sun: \$6,390.00

Kids: \$32.00

Building Fund: \$30.00

Special Collection: \$20.00

This Week's Income: \$6,422.00

This Week's Expenses: \$2,321.71

2017 ADA Balance

As of 12-5-17: \$7,226.00

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.

Marriage



Preparation

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 1st</u>	<u>Tuesday 2nd</u>	<u>Wednesday 3rd</u>	<u>Thursday 4th</u>	<u>Friday 5th</u>	<u>Saturday 6th</u>	<u>Sunday 7th</u>
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God <i>(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)</i>	Memorial of Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church	Christmas Weekday	Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious	Memorial of St. John Neumann, Bishop	Christmas Weekday <i>Opt: Memorial of St. Andre Bessette, Religious</i>	Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
Numbers 6:22-27	1 John 2:22-28	1 John 2:29-3:6	1 John 3:7-10	1 John 3:11-21	1 John 5:5-13	Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8						
Galatians 4:4-7	Psalms 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4	Psalms 98:1, 3CD-4, 5-6	Psalms 98:1, 7-8, 9	Psalms 100:1B-2, 3, 4, 5	Psalms 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20	Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Ephesians 3:2-3A, 5-6
Luke 2:16-21	John 1:19-28	John 1:29-34	John 1:43-51	John 1:43-51	Mark 1:7-11	Matthew 2:1-12

Places to be, things to do...

- Coming up January 8th - **Care Center Bingo**. Please see Linda Lee O'Neel to volunteer.
- Liturgical Ministers** For scheduling questions, please contact Joyce Van Pelt through the Church office or via email at: joyceavp@yahoo.com. If you are interested in becoming a Liturgical Minister, please contact the

Church office to schedule an instruction time. **The new Liturgical Schedule for January is available in the gathering space now.**

- Bowling - Pizza - Pop!** The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring an **Altar Server Appreciation Bowling Party** next Sunday, 12/31, from 11:30am-12:45pm. Please sign up in the gathering space.

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.

Catholic Devotional and Bible Studies

Catholic Scripture Study
www.catholicscripturestudyinc.org
Magnificat www.magnificat.net
U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops www.usccb.org
The Word Among Us www.wau.org

Reliable Catholic News Sources

Catholic Culture
www.catholicculture.org
Catholic News Agency
www.catholicnewsagency.com
EWTN News www.ewtnnews.com
Ignatius Insight
www.ignatiusinsight.com
National Catholic Register
www.ncregister.com
Our Sunday Visitor www.osv.com
Zenit www.zenit.org

Information on the Vatican, Church Statements, Teachings, & Documents

Catholic Answers
www.catholic.com The Holy See
Inside the Vatican
www.insidethevatican.com
Pope2You www.pope2you.net
US Conference of Catholic Bishops www.usccb.org

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 1/6**

Rosary: Frank Holle
Ushers: Dennis Donnelly, Eric Tiernan
Cross Bearer: Dennis Donnelly
Altar Server: Connie Drake
Lector: Anita Hilgers
Commentator: Roni Wilson
Greeters/Gifts:
 Eric & Margaret Tiernan
EMHC: Jodi Bassett, Donna Donnelly,
 Sr. Nesta

**Liturgical Ministers:
Sunday 1/7**

Ushers: Wayne Nosbisch & Pat Beaman
Cross Bearer: Tom Doud
Altar Servers: Alli, Evie, & Cora Boyle
Lector: Amy Doud
Commentator: Gary Riordan
Greeters/Gifts:
 Neal & Symantha Crawford
EMHC: Joyce Van Pelt, Jo Beaman,
 Brenda Wedemeyer

Special Mass

There will be a special Mass time of 9am on Monday, January 1st, at All Saints to observe the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God.

Today we celebrate and honor the Holy Mother of God, Mary, whose yes to the Lord's plan allows her to bear Jesus, the salvation of the world. We join the shepherds in their amazement at the goodness of God's plan for his people.

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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 12-31	Monday 1-1 2018	Tuesday 1-2	Wednesday 1-3	Thursday 1-4	Friday 1-5	Saturday 1-6
9am Choir/ Adoration 10am Mass for Bernard & Millie Hilgers	9am Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Mass BD: Dillon Durbin <i>Father Out of Town</i>	NO MASS NO Adult RE Class BDs: Alan Bovee, Luke Dahl <i>Father Out of Town</i>	NO Faith Formation BD: Presley Pivonka <i>Father Out of Town</i>	NO Mass (Care Center) BD: Lee Leyva <i>Father Out of Town</i>	NO Mass BDs: Eric Tiernan <i>Father Out of Town</i>	<i>Fr. Ross Parker, Guest President</i> 3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass for Everett & Margaret Sherman BD: Reyes Leyva <i>Father Out of Town</i>

Sunday 1-7	Monday 1-8	Tuesday 1-9	Wednesday 1-10	Thursday 1-11	Friday 1-12	Saturday 1-13
9am Choir/ Adoration 10am Mass for the Living & De- ceased Members of the Parish BDs: Mary Bovee, Mark Whetstone, James Connor ANN: Lucas & Amanda Nims 2005	Bingo at the Community Care Center 2:30 (Volunteers needed & appreciated) <i>Father Out of Town</i>	NO MASS NO Adult RE Class <i>Father Out of Town</i>	6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation <i>Father Out of Town</i>	NO Mass (Care Center) BD: Anna Byrnes <i>Father Out of Town</i>	NO Mass <i>Father Out of Town</i>	3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass for Albert & Lucille Greubel