

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

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

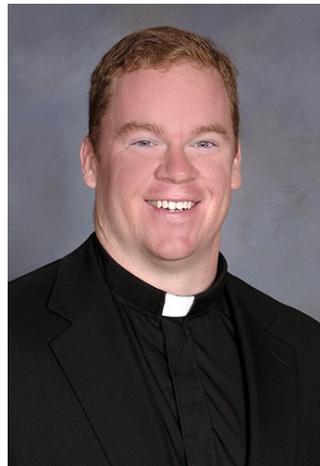
216 All Saints Drive, Stuart, IA 50250

January 7, 2018



Dear Parishioners

Submitted by Fr. Ross Parker, Guest Celebrant



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**
3:30pm Confessions
4pm Rosary
4:30pm Mass
**Always Check Weekly
Calendar for Any Changes*

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Dear Good People,

I wish all of you a very happy Epiphany.

Epiphany means manifestation, today we recall that Jesus is the Christ and we celebrate this manifestation of Christ who is truly God and truly man.

The Epiphany completes the Incarnation which we celebrated at Christmas. Christ comes in the flesh at Christmas and today we celebrate that it is truly God who comes among us. What an honor to celebrate this Feast with all of you!

Today, as we contem-

plate the Magi bringing gifts to the newborn king, we are reminded that God gives us great graces or gifts as well. Each one of us is given a special vocation by God. Our vocations are truly a gift.

As Catholics all of us should be open to whatever God wants to give us, and to receive that gift with joy.

If we are not already living our vocation, each one of us should be open to whatever God may be calling us to. And this call could include a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. This is just a normal thing that all Catholics should consider.

I realize that many young people may not read the

bulletin, so that is why I need your help. I would challenge you to encourage young people to be thinking about their vocation. Make it part of your discussions with your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or any young person you have regular contact with.

Studies have shown that it takes at least four points of contact to get young people to start internalizing that they may be called to a religious vocation. So thank you in advance for your help. Please continue to pray for an increase of vocations, and continue to encourage young people to think about where God is calling them.



Faith Formation

-Cathy Hicks, Director of Religious Education (DRE)

This time of year many people make New Year resolutions, but if you are like most people, these resolutions may last a few days; maybe a couple of weeks. One resolution that would be so beneficial as a spiritual and unifying element, is praying together as a family every day.

Family prayer enables parents to pass on their Christian faith to their children, promotes family unity, and supports expressions of faith outside the home. A family that prays together can be an unstoppable force for good.

In her article, "Are You Ready to Seek God in Prayer as a Family?", Leslie White offers six benefits of praying together as a family.

1. Praying together as a family releases your deepest hurt. When you pray out loud, it gives your family the opportunity to release this hurt by giving them a voice.
2. Praying together heals. Studies have shown that those who pray together are more emotion-

ally and physically healthier than people who don't pray.

3. It strengthens communication. Prayer opens up communication with God and the family.
4. Prayer offers protection. It is very important to ask God for His protection over your family every day.
5. It strengthens family ties. Prayer holds a family together and forms a strong relationship with God and one another. Through prayer, you are inviting God inside the situation where your family needs Him the most.
6. Prayer builds unity and intimacy. Remember, family members can never change each other, but God can change them if you invite Him to do so.

There are so many excuses made for not taking the time to pray as a family, yet that is just what they are — excuses. When you pray as a family,

your relationships will change for the better, and you will see God working in your lives in a whole new way. Set up a time and a place to pray together each day because there is indeed power in prayer.

Please keep in mind the following:

Faith Formation classes begin this coming Wednesday, January 10th.

Just as a reminder, if WCV does not have school or let's out early because of winter weather, we will not have Faith Formation classes. Always use your discretion whether or not to bring your child into class if you feel it would be dangerous to attempt the trip. We have students from the surrounding areas and road conditions can vary greatly. We want to keep everyone safe!

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

Thoughts From Jodi

- Jodi Bassett, Altar & Rosary Society President

We are a week into the New Year, and two weeks past Christmas. Most celebrations are over, we have returned to our jobs, and the kids are back at school. Liturgically, we have started ordinary time.

Today, however, we celebrate Epiphany. We think of an epiphany as a time when we suddenly realize or understand some basic principle. In the church, Epiphany is when the Magi brought their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the newborn King of the Jews. It is also an early introduction to King Herod. When

King Herod heard of the birth of the King, he endeavored to learn where Christ was born. He inquired of the chief priests and scribes as to location, and even asked the Magi themselves of the timing of the birth, and for them to report back to him after they found the Baby. Herod didn't have the best of intentions when he asked the Magi to return to him. His plan was to find and kill the Baby.

It says in the Gospel that the Magi received word in a dream to return to their country via a different route, and to not report to

Herod. We might say they had an epiphany! And because of this, the price our sins has been paid.

Several years ago my faith became reaffirmed by a series of events that, in hindsight, solidified my beliefs. I realized that God was in control of all events. Things happen as they do for a reason, reasons that aren't always obvious to us. Not that I didn't know this, but after events transpired, I had an "aha moment", an epiphany, so to speak, and it has changed the way I view life. What is your epiphany?

Parish Finance Report

December 31st Collection

Sat/Sun: \$1,731.00

Kids: 2.00

Building Fund: \$200.00

Special Collection: \$50.00

This Week's Income: \$1,733.00

This Week's Expenses: \$384.35

2017 ADA Balance

As of 12/31/2017: \$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.

Church Usage Fees:

\$300 to Registered, financially supporting members; \$500 to registered, non-supporting members; \$700 to non-parishioners.

Altar Servers: \$25.00

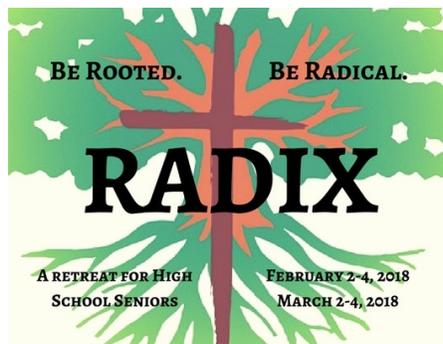
Plan Your Marriage

not just your wedding

The Readings for this week...

Monday 8th	Tuesday 9th	Wednesday 10th	Thursday 11th	Friday 12th	Saturday 13th	Sunday 14th
The Baptism of the Lord	First Week in Ordinary Time	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Optional Memorials of St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Blessed Virgin Mary	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or 55:1-11	1 Samuel 1:1-9	1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20	1 Samuel 4:1-11	1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a	1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a	1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 9, 10
Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 5 9-10	Psalm 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19	Psalm 40:2, 5, 7-a, 8b-9, 10	Psalm 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25	Psalm 89:16-17, 18-19	Psalm 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7	1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
Acts 10:34-38 or 1John 5:1-9	Mark 1:14-20	Mark 1:29-39	Mark 1:40-45	Mark 2:1-12	Mark 2:13-17	John 1:35-42

Places to be, things to do...



New Parish Directory Photography

Jill Gerling of Gerling Photography will be here to take photographs of all parishioners of All Saints and St. John's during the month of February for the 2018 Parish Directories. Everyone needs to sign up for a 15 minute slot to have their photograph taken. If you have recently had a family photograph taken and would like to submit that digital file photograph, those can be sent to stjohnallsaints@gmail.com and it will be added to the directory. There will also be a special offer to receive prints from this session but, other than that fee, this offer is FREE to all members of All Saints and St John parishes.

Please sign up in the Parish Gathering space or by calling the office to book a session time.



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 1-13**

Rosary: Frank Holle
Ushers: Marty & Julie Doud
Cross Bearer: Mary Doud
Altar Servers: Connie Drake
Lector: Roni Wilson
Commentator: Sharon Doud
Greeters/Gifts: Mark & Kari Tisl
EMHC: Sr. Andre, Mark & Kari Tisl

**Liturgical Ministers:
Sunday 1-14**

Ushers: Bob Olson, Pat Tiernan
Cross Bearer: Pete Kasap
Altar Servers: Eli Kasap, Sam Kasap, Taylor Ommen
Lector: Daisy Nevins
Commentator: Donna Olson
Greeters/Gifts: Bob & Donna Olson
EMHC: Cathy Hicks, Linda Lee O'Neel, Harriet Gulbranson

Parish, Dates, Times Available for Photographs for New Parish Directory

At All Saints:

February 4: 11:30-4:30
 Monday, February 5: 9:30-12:30/4:00-8:00
 Thursday, February 8: 10:00-12:00/4:00-8:00
 Saturday, February 10: 11:00-4:00
 Sunday, February 11: 11:30-4:30

At St. John's:

Saturday, February 24: 9:30-5:00
 Sunday, February 25: 9:30-4:00

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*To arrange for Sacraments, rent the parish hall, to join the Church, or if you have a question, please contact **RITA** in 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 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 & Deceased Members of the Parish BDS: Mary Bovee, Mark Whetstone, Connor James ANN: Lucas & Amanda Nims 2005 Father out of town	BINGO at the Community Care Center—Volunteers please arrive by 2:15pm Father out of town	NO MASS NO ADULT ED CLASS Father out of town	Faith Formation Resumes 6:30-7:30pm Father out of town	NO Care Center Mass BD: Anna Byrnes Father out of town	NO MASS Father out of town	3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass for Albert & Lucille Greubel Father out of town

Sunday 1/14	Monday 1/15	Tuesday 1/16	Wednesday 1/17	Thursday 1/18	Friday 1/19	Saturday 1/20
9am Choir 9am Adoration 10am Mass for the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish DONUT SUNDAY K of C Meeting 6pm	BD: Bob Olson	6pm Mass for Maynard Witkowski 6:30pm Adult Ed Class BDS: Cera Drake, Emma Kasap, Olivia Nims ANN: Gene & Mary Ellen Simons 1960	Faith Formation 6:30-7:30pm	Care Center Mass 9am for Ernest Suchon BD: Leo Pieper	8:30am Mass for John & Kathryn Wagner Glass	3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass for Bob Draman