

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

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

216 All Saints Drive, Stuart, IA 50250

January 14, 2018



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 Parishioners

-By Brenda Wedemeyer, Bulletin Editor

The Ministerial Association of the Stuart area churches gathered this past week for their usual monthly meeting. It turned out to be what perhaps was one of the lengthiest meetings in recent memory. Discussions went from the usual “how was Christmas?” and “what’s the balance in the checkbook?” to “what can be done to bring people back into participating in the church and other church-related activities?”

This was a Stuart area meeting, but the discussion reaches across all communities, especially those of us in rural areas.

Churches are struggling. Attendance is down, therefore giving is down. This is being seen in all denominations, not just one in particular.

There just does not seem to be a reason for people to want to attend church nowadays.

Is this a generational

problem? Maybe.

Is this a problem that “social media” has brought on? Maybe.

People seem to be more in tune to their commitments to phone and internet service providers than anything else.

Where is the commitment to support their church?

Again, this is an across-the-board issue, not a Catholic or Baptist or Methodist or whichever denomination you can name problem.

Do we as a people really feel the need to be a part of the local church? Do we really feel the need for God at all?

What have we taught our young people when it comes to dependence on God? What do we personally feel as far as how much we depend on Him?

Do we understand what a church—a faith community, if you will—should be?

What it should do? What it should provide for its members? Or do we only regard church involvement in the same frame as being a member of a social club?

Do we understand that, yes, we need to support the church and its works with finances, but do we also understand that we need to put our feet into the process as well?

What would happen if Olympian athletes signed up to compete, but only bought the uniforms? They call themselves athletes, yet they do nothing to achieve a goal. How would these athletes fare?

If we claim to be Christians in name but don’t apply ourselves to its work, then how do we reach the goal—any goal? We are to feed the hungry, care for the widows and orphans, and spread the Good News.

Tough questions for us all.

Faith Formation

-Cathy Hicks, Director of Religious Education (DRE)

As I mentioned last week, many people take the New Year to make resolutions to better oneself in one way or another. Strengthening one's prayer life is an excellent way to not only grow spiritually, but to strengthen one's relationship with God. And what better way to pray than as a family. Two simple prayers that should always be prayed by a family are the before and after meal prayers, or "saying grace." Yet these are often forgotten. Parents need to set the example of praying before and after meals, yet I have actually had adults ask me, "What are these prayers?"

Many ask: *why is a meal prayer necessary?* We need to practice thanking God for the food and all the blessings He has bestowed on us. Such prayers follow the examples of Jesus and the apostle Paul, both of whom "said grace" before meals. (Acts 27:35) Matthew recorded two instances of Jesus feeding thousands of people with only a small amount of food, and in both instances, Jesus gave thanks to God before "breaking the bread." (14:19) Since we owe everything we have to God's grace, it is appropriate to thank Him always. Meals provide a good time to pause

and do just that. So let us keep this practice alive in our families, so our children will pass the practice on to their children. Praising and thanking God, even if it is in small ways, are pleasing to Him and allows us to pray together as a family. Let's start today!

Before Meal Prayer Bless us Oh, Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty, though Christ Our Lord. Amen

After Meal Prayer We give Thee thanks, Oh Mighty God, for all Thy benefits, who lives and reigns in the world forever and ever, Amen.

Thoughts From Jodi

- Jodi Bassett, Altar & Rosary Society President

Samuel heard the call. But Samuel was sleeping, and was confused as to who was calling him. Samuel thought he was being called by Eli, with whom he was staying in the temple. Three times Samuel was called, and three times Samuel misidentified his caller.

Have you ever been in a state of sleep and thought you heard your name called? It has happened to me, more than once. The voice I heard wasn't necessarily a familiar one, but yet was-

n't disturbingly strange. I have considered maybe the voice was that of an angel. Perhaps it was indeed God. I am sure my response was not quite as ambitious as Samuel's, but I do remember it got my attention rather convincingly.

I have no doubt science has an explanation for these events; perhaps it is a dream, or a certain way the brain works depending upon the stage of sleep. Well, maybe. Dreams are mentioned several times in the Bible, so

would certainly be a possibility. Whatever the modern explanation, I prefer to think of these occurrences as a call to attention. A notice to slow down, quiet ourselves, be alert. An invitation to listen to, and to talk to God. Answering the call as it comes can be difficult; it's a big step to open ourselves up to God's plans for us. Keep in mind, God has less subtle means of getting through to us. A little nudge in the night might be an easier option.

Parish Finance Report

January 7th, 2018 Collections

Sat/Sun: \$3,011.00

Kids: \$10.38

Building Fund: \$609.00

Special Collection: \$0.00

This Week's Income: \$3,021.38

This Week's Expenses: \$4,509.69

2017 ADA Balance

As of 1/5/2018: \$5,376.00

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...

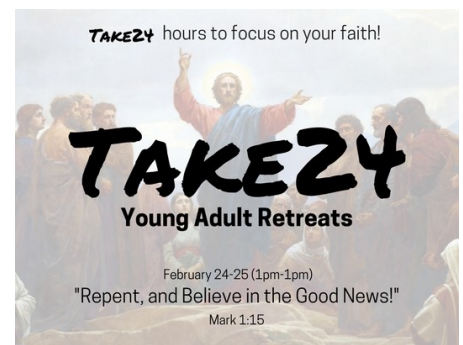
Monday 15th	Tuesday 16th	Wednesday 17th	Thursday 18th	Friday 19th	Saturday 20th	Sunday 21st
Monday of the 2nd Week in Ordinary Time	Tuesday of the 2nd Week in Ordinary Time	Memorial of St. Anthony, Abbot	Thursday of the 2nd Week in Ordinary Time	Friday of the 2nd Week in Ordinary Time	Optional Memorials of St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr; Blessed Virgin Mary	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Samuel 15:16-23	1 Samuel 16:1-13	1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51	1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7	1 Samuel 24:3-21	2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27	Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalms 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23	Psalms 89:20, 21-22, 27-28	Psalms 144:1b, 2, 9-10	Psalms 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13	Psalms 57:2, 3-4, 6, 11	Psalms 80:2-3, 5-7	Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Mark 2:18-22	Mark 2:23-28	Mark 3:1-6	Mark 3:7-12	Mark 3:13-19	Mark 3:20-21	1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20

Places to be, things to do...

Thank you for helping Linda Lee O'Neel with Bingo at the Stuart Community Care Center last week!

Center last week!

Donna Olson
Jan Gilman
Shirley Murphy
Janet Bassett
Joy Smull
Anita Hilgers
Florence Cook
Harriet Gulbranson



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 1-20**

Rosary: Frank Holle
Ushers: Wayne & Jan Gilman
Cross Bearer: Wayne Gilman
Altar Servers: Connie Drake
Lector: Jodi Bassett
Commentator: Carol Smith
Greeters/Gifts: Wayne & Jan Gilman
EMHC: Sr. Chinweze, Donna Donnelly, Jodi Bassett

**Liturgical Ministers:
Sunday 1-21**

Ushers: John Gulbranson, Patrick Gulbranson
Cross Bearer: Matt Gerling
Altar Servers: Larissa Crawford, Jack Doyle, Jenna Doyle
Lector: Wayne Nosbisch
Commentator: Amy Doud
Greeters/Gifts: Jill Gerling Family
EMHC: Joyce Van Pelt, Amy Doud, Jill Gerling

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

At All Saints:

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

At St. John's:

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

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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 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 1/14	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

Sunday 1/21	Monday 1/22	Tuesday 1/23	Wednesday 1/24	Thursday 1/25	Friday 1/26	Saturday 1/27
9am Choir 9am Adoration 10am Mass for the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish BDs: Carol Knowlton, Tammy Doud, Camryn Tigges	BD: Bob Olson	6pm Mass for Donato Cianciruso 6:30pm Adult Ed Class	Faith Formation 6:30-7:30pm BD: Sr. Chinweze	Care Center Mass 9am for James Witkowski BDs: Roger Callahan, Pat Beaman, Mike Dickson	8:30am Mass for Zachary Terry & Family BDs: Sharon Doud, Chloe Schaffer	3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass for Ila Mae & Tony Pivonka