

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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

216 All Saints Drive, Stuart, IA 50250

January 21, 2018



Dear Parishioners

We are beginning Adult Education Classes for the Spring Semester and the focus will be on virtuous living. We will be doing a bit of philosophy in our class. Sometimes, we can complicate philosophy because of how it is written or taught, but much of philosophy has to do with simple principles about life. Philosophy comes from two Greek words: "philosophy, knowledge" (12c., Modern French philosophie) and directly from Latin "philosophia" and from Greek "philosophia" "love of knowledge, pursuit of wisdom; systematic investigation," from philo- "loving" (see philo-) + sophia "knowledge, wisdom," from sophis "wise, learned;" of unknown origin. Meaning "system a person forms for conduct of life" (Online Etymology Dictionary) One of the first pursuits in a devout life is the pursuit of Wisdom. We all have inherited bits of wisdom along the way in life; from our parents and grandparents, friends and neighbors, teachers and colleagues; with some of it learned through the willingness to pursue it and much of it learned by trial and error. Whatever the case, we have learned some things in life and we continue to strive to learn more. Our first class started last Tuesday and we began with an unscientific five question test which revealed whether they have an Asian or western mindset based on the

answers they have given. This simple little test came from a comprehensive study done in 2015 in South Korea. Basically, it was discovered that a compelling number of Asian respondents gave the same answers, while the majority of Western respondents gave the complete opposite answers. So, we took the test to begin the class and it was interesting how we would look at situations and how we matched items and tallying our results gave us an idea of how we may think and look at situations. The results were interesting. Here is the very general understanding between Eastern (Asian) thinking and Western (European and American) way of thinking. The Eastern tends to take the overall harmony into account. The Western, on the other hand, tends to break down the object discussed into its various parts and looking for similarities and then draw conclusions. Another example, Western painting features realistic perspective and tends to be a copy of something they see. So, depending on the angle or viewpoint of the painter, the size of similar objects will change. Asians tend to paint things not from this type of perspective. A lot of paintings show all people with the same height. Asians tend not to imitate on canvas what they actually see in nature, but create something from within that might have mountains,

streams, and trees and they may not be proportionally correct. When it comes to determining what a person may be feeling: looking at a picture from an Asian view, the person tends to consider relationship among people and observe the people around the person you maybe looking at and determine a person’s feeling based on those around them. Where as, Westerners solely focus on the individual and do not dismiss the others and what they feel around them. Eastern thinking tends to be practical, harmonious, and togetherness and conformity. One criticism of this is that a dictator will demand conformity at the cost of individuality. On the other hand, western thinking is supposed to be practical as well, but seems to have been relegated to an academic level which seems to be complicated and out of reach. Also, western thinking emphasizes individuality and one criticism about western culture is that we tend to stress individuality to the point where our culture has a tendency to create narcissists rather than well-rounded people who care about others.

Since we are just getting started please consider joining us Tuesday evenings after the 6:00 pm Mass. We have plenty of cooked food so you can have supper while you learn.

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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Faith Formation

-Cathy Hicks, Director of Religious Education (DRE)

There are many people who help make our Faith Formation Program meaningful and successful. One of those people is Father Higgins. Father makes it a priority to be at Faith Formation Wednesday nights, unless he has prior commitments. He is very involved with the program and enjoys visiting with the students whenever he can. Earlier this year, we had the Pet Blessing which Father presided over. He visited with the Confirmation class answering questions and explaining the importance of Confirmation, and in November he provided two opportunities for students to go to confession during Advent. He visited with the 3rd/4th graders who had questions they wanted to have him answer for them in December and provided prayer and a special blessing at our Christmas program. This month

Father Ray will be visiting the 5th/6th grade class and talking with the students about the Sacraments, as well hearing confessions by request of the 2nd graders. In February he will visit with the 7-11th graders about his trip to the Holy Land, then in March he will lead all the students in the Stations of the Cross. And as always, he will lead the procession for the May Crowning. The students and catechists appreciate all Father does for them and the program. Thank you, Father Ray.

Here are some upcoming events you might want to put on your calendar.

February 11- Faith Formation Mass. Any families who would like to help out with the liturgical positions, please let me know. We welcome your involvement.

February 14- Ash Wednesday. We will

have Faith Formation class from 6:30-6:55, then go to Mass at 7:00 p.m.

March 14- No classes (spring break)

March 25- Palm Sunday

April 1- Easter Sunday

April 8- Confirmation/ reception to follow

April 29- First Communion/ reception to follow

May 2- May Crowning/ ice cream social (also, the last class night)

May God always be at your side and hold you in the palm of His hand. Have a great week.

Thoughts From Jodi

- Jodi Bassett, Altar & Rosary Society President

We are now three weeks into the new year. Are you still keeping your resolutions? It can be quite challenging to make changes in our lives be they big or small. I could say I haven't broken any resolutions; however, IF I had made any, I'm sure I would have broken one or more by now. It's easy to keep right on chugging along if you have no intention of making any improvements.

All three readings this week revolve around the idea of changing our ways. The citizens of Nineveh were advised they would be destroyed by God as a result of their brutal

ways. Saint Paul writes to the Corinthians that time is short and life as we know it will soon be gone. In Mark's Gospel Jesus exhorts the Galileans to repent and believe; he called Simon, Andrew, James and John to leave their nets and boats to follow him.

The people of Nineveh believed Jonah's proclamation, made "a 180," and God reversed his decision to destroy the area. We don't read here how the Corinthians respond, but Saint Paul asks them to act completely opposite of their then actions. Jesus asks the fishermen to leave their families and livelihoods

behind to follow him, and become fishers of men. Those are big requests.

While resolutions can vary from minor behavioral changes to significant personal sacrifices, most probably choose something somewhat easier, so as to have a better chance at success. We usually don't have to leave our families behind, or totally change our entire lives. But this is what is asked of those in the readings this week. God doesn't ask as much of us, but He does ask us to believe in Him and to put his Word first.

Until next week, many blessings.

Parish Finance Report

January 14th Collection

Sat/Sun: \$1,406.00

Kids: \$8.83

Building Fund: \$65.00

Special Collection: \$0.00

This Week's Income: \$1,414.83

This Week's Expenses: \$2,995.34

2017 ADA Balance

As of 1/5/22018: \$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 22nd	Tuesday 23rd	Wednesday 24th	Thursday 25th	Friday 26th	Saturday 27th	Sunday 28th
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	<i>Optional Memorials of St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr</i>	Memorial of St. Francis De Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church	Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle	Memorial of Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops	<i>Optional Memorials of St. Angela Merici, Virgin; Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10 Psalm 89: 20, 21-22, 25-26 Mark 3:22-30	2 Samuel 6:12b -15, 17-19 Psalm 24:7, 8, 9 Mark 3:31-35	2 Samuel 7:4-17 Psalm 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30 Mark 4:1-20	Acts 22:3-16 Psalm 117:1bc, 2 Mark 16:15-18	2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5 Psalm 96: 1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 Mark 4:26-34	2 Samuel 12:1-7a. 10-17 Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Mark 4:35-41	Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Mark 1:21-28

Places to be, things to do...

- **The St. John Catholic Men's Club in Adair** will hold a breakfast Sunday, January 28 from 7:30 to 10:30 at St. John's Catholic Hall. A free will donation will be taken and the public is invited to attend.
- **Free Throw Competition** at WCV HS (see below) Jan. 28th.
- **Blessing of Throats** Father will carry out one of the traditions of the Church in the Blessing of Throats at both weekend Masses Feb. 3rd & 4th
- **Fat Saturday** Continuing on with a new tradition begun last year, our events committee is sponsoring another "Fat Saturday" event on Feb. 10th following Mass. More details to follow.
- **Ash Wednesday** Masses will take place on Feb. 14th in Adair at 5:30pm and Stuart at 7pm.
- **Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner/Lunch** February 24th & 25th. More details to follow.

New Parish Directory

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

Free Throw Competition Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

WHEN: Sunday January 28th
WHERE: West Central Valley High School Gym
TIME: Warm-ups & Registration begin at 12:30pm; Competition begins at 1pm
Open to all boys and girls age 9-14 as of January 1, 2018
NO ENTRY FEE – Must bring completed entry form with at least one parent's signature. Entry forms will be available at the school on the day of competition as well.

Winners advance to the District Level Competition in Stuart on February 11th

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 1-27**

Rosary: Frank Holle
Ushers: Eric & Margaret Tiernan
Cross Bearer: Eric Tiernan
Altar Servers: Connie Drake
Lector: Anita Hilgers
Commentator: Sharon Doud
Greeters/Gifts:
 Marvin & Janet Bassett
EMHC: Sr. Nesta, Jodi Bassett,
 Mark Tisl

**Liturgical Ministers:
Sunday 1-28**

Ushers: Bob Olson, Pat Beaman
Cross Bearer: Jason Tigges
Altar Servers: Olivia Nixt, Cam Tigges,
 Lauren O'Brien
Lector: Donna Olson
Commentator: Gary Riordan
Greeters/Gifts:
 Nick & Tanya Boyle
EMHC: Cathy Hicks Jo Beaman,
 Harriet Gulbranson

Possible Land Sale

The Parish Finance Council is considering a preliminary offer proposed by the Stuart Enterprise for Economic Development (SEED) to purchase 16+/- acres of land from All Saints Catholic Church.

Please contact Father Higgins or any member of the Council for further information or to offer your opinion.

Contact Us

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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 1/21	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		6pm Mass for Donato Cianciaruso 6:30pm Adult Ed Class	Faith Formation 6:30-7:30pm	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

Sunday 1/28	Monday 1/29	Tuesday 1/30	Wednesday 1/31	Thursday 2/1	Friday 2/2	Saturday 2/3
9am Choir 9am Adoration 10am Mass for Bob Griffin BDS: Greg Warthan, Luis Huerta	ANN: Rick & Carol Knowlton 1972	6pm Mass for Albert & Lucille Greubel 6:30pm Adult Ed Class BDS: Helen Clancy, Amanda Durbin	Faith Formation 6:30-7:30pm BD: Shirley Murphy	Care Center Mass 9am for James Witkowski	8:30am Mass for Karen Donnelly Krogh	Blessing of Throats 3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass for Bernard Hilgers