

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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

216 All Saints Drive, Stuart, IA 50250

January 28, 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
- **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

–From an article by Jimmy Akin, National Catholic Register

Pope Francis released a new document – his first apostolic exhortation - entitled *Evangelii Gaudium* late in the fall of 2013. **During this coming Lenten season, we will be exploring what this document means to us as Catholics.** So before we get started, here are nine things about the document we should know.

1) What does “*Evangelii Gaudium*” mean? It’s Latin for “The Joy of the Gospel.”
 2) What is an apostolic exhortation? It’s a papal document that, as the name suggests, exhorts people to implement a particular aspect of the Church’s life and teaching. Its purpose is not to teach new doctrine, but to suggest how Church teachings and practices can be profitably applied today.
 3) How much authority does an apostolic exhortation have? It is one of the more important papal documents—more important, for example, than a Wednesday audience or a homily. As it is of a pastoral nature rather than a doctrinal or legal nature, though, it is ranked lower than an encyclical or an apostolic constitution. As with everything official that the pope writes,

it is to be taken very seriously.

4) What leads a pope to write an apostolic exhortation? Frequently, apostolic exhortations are written after a meeting of the Synod of Bishops. The Synod of Bishops is a group that gathers selected bishops from across the world to discuss a particular subject.
 5) Why did Pope Francis write *Evangelii Gaudium*? It was written in response to the most recent meeting of the Synod of Bishops, which took place in October, 2012. It was devoted to the subject of the new evangelization, so that is the subject of *Evangelii Gaudium*.
 6) What is Pope Francis’ main message in *Evangelii Gaudium*? As suggested by the name, the principal theme involves the need for a joyful proclamation of the Gospel to the entire world.
 7) What particularly noteworthy things does the pope have to say in the document? The following seven points, gathered together in the five chapters of the Exhortation, constitute the fundamental pillars of Pope Francis’ vision of the new evangelization:

1. *the reform of the*

Church in a missionary key,
 2. *the temptations of pastoral agents,*
 3. *the Church understood as the totality of the People of God which evangelizes,*
 4. *the homily and its preparation,*
 5. *the social inclusion of the poor,*
 6. *peace and social dialogue,*
 7. *and the spiritual motivations for the Church’s missionary action.*
 8) Can you give a specific example of something notable he says? Pro-lifers will be heartened to read what he has to say concerning unborn children and abortion: *213. Among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us.*
 9) Is there an extra significance to the document? It will take time to fully process the significance of the document, but one this is immediately clear: This document is not something that Pope Francis delegated to others and allowed to be written on auto-pilot.

Faith Formation

-Cathy Hicks, Director of Religious Education (DRE)

The season of Lent is quickly approaching. Lent is 40 days before Easter of prayer, penance, sacrifice, and good works in the preparation of the celebration of Easter. The 40 days of Lent are based on two Biblical accounts: the 40 years the Israelites wandered in the wilderness and Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness where He was tempted by Satan. During this period of Lent, we, like Jesus and the Israelites, are tested. We participate in abstinence, times of fasting, confession, and acts of mercy to strengthen our faith and devotional practices. It is a time of turning our lives more completely over to Christ and His way of life. Our goal is to leave Lent a stronger and more vital person of faith than

when we entered it.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which derives its name from the practice of blessing ashes made from palm branches blessed on the previous year's Palm Sunday before placing them on the forehead with the words, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." Ashes have always been a symbol of repentance, and they remind us of our mortality: the day when we will stand before God and be judged. Having the ashes put on our foreheads reminds us of our need for deeper conversion of our lives during this season of renewal. Many people choose to wear their ashes for the remainder of the day or evening as

a reminder of their own mortality and as a witness before those around that they are a follower of Christ and are entering into a season of examination and abstinence. Hopefully, you and your family can share and discuss the above information together and participate in Lent as a family.

Next week I will share some information on the three traditional pillars of Lenten observance: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

In the mean time, may God be ever at your side and hold you in the palm of His hand.

Memorial of St. John Bosco January 31st

On Jan. 31, the Roman Catholic Church honors St. John Bosco (or "Don Bosco"), a 19th century Italian priest who reached out to young people to remedy their lack of education, opportunities, and faith. John Bosco was born in August of 1815 into a family of peasant farmers in Castelnuovo d'Asti – a place which would one day be renamed in the saint's honor as "Castelnuovo Don Bosco." At age nine, he had a prophetic dream in which a number of unruly young boys were uttering words of blasphemy. Jesus Christ and the Virgin Mary appeared to John in the dream, saying he would bring such youths to God through the virtues of humility and charity. Later on, this dream would help John to discern

his calling as a priest. John's older brother Anthony opposed his plan to be a priest, and antagonized him so much that he left home to become a farm worker at age 12. After moving back home three years later, John worked in various trades and finished school in order to attend seminary. In 1841, John Bosco was ordained a priest. From that time, John was known as "Don" Bosco, a traditional Italian title of honor for priests. In the city of Turin, he began ministering to boys and young men who lived on the streets, many of whom were without work or education. John's boyhood dream came to pass: he became a spiritual guide and provider along with his fellow Salesian priests and brothers,

giving boys religious instruction, lodging, education, and work opportunities. He also helped Saint Mary Dominic Mazzarello form a similar group for girls. St. John Bosco died in the early hours of Jan. 31, 1888, after conveying a message: "Tell the boys that I shall be waiting for them all in Paradise." He was canonized on Easter Sunday of 1934, and is a patron saint of young people, apprentices, and Catholic publishers and editors.

For more on St. John Bosco, go to: <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/st-john-bosco-133>

Parish Finance Report

January 21st Collection

Sat/Sun: \$2,342.00

Kids: \$11.00

Building Fund: \$35.00

Special Collection: \$0.00

This Week's Income: \$2,353.00

This Week's Expenses: \$1,152.77

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 29th	Tuesday 30th	Wednesday 31st	Thursday 1st	Friday 2nd	Saturday 3rd	Sunday 4th
Ordinary Weekday	Ordinary Weekday	Memorial of St. John Bosco, Priest	Ordinary Weekday	Feast of the Presentation of the Lord	Opt. Mem's of Sts. Blaise, Ansgar, Bishops; Blessed Virgin Mary	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13	2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b,24-25a, 30-19:3	2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17	1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12	Malachai 3:1-4	1 Kings 3:4-13	Job 7:1-4, 6-7
Psalms 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7	Psalms 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6	Psalms 32:1-2,5,6,7	1 Chronicles 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd	Psalms 24:7,8,9,10	Psalms 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14	Psalms 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Mark 1:21-28	Mark 5:21-43	Mark 6:1-6	Mark 6:7-13	Luke 2:22-40	Mark 6:30-34	1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
						Mark 1:29-39

Places to be, things to do...

- **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 Satur-

day" 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 Spa-**

ghetti Dinner/Lunch February 24th & 25th. More details to follow.

Paul William Nolan

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen

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 2-3**

Rosary: Frank Holle
Ushers: Dennis Donnelly & Mark Tisl
Cross Bearer: Dennis Donnelly
Altar Server: Connie Drake
Lector: Roni Wilson
Commentator: Anita Hilgers
Greeters/Gifts:
Terri Arthur & Family & Ted Lenhart
EMHC: Donna Donnelly, Dan Hilgers, Kari Tisl

**Liturgical Ministers:
Sunday 2-4**

Ushers: Jim Doud & Wayne Nosbisch
Cross Bearer: Pete Kasap
Altar Servers: Riley Doud, Gabe & Nate Gerling
Lector: Gary Riordan
Commentator: Wayne Nosbisch
Greeters/Gifts:
Jim & Tammy Doud & Family
EMHC: Jill Gerling, Linda Lee O'Neel, Amy Doud

January Diaper Drive

We are in need of the following brands & sizes: Huggies & Pampers—Sizes Newborn, 1,2,3,4 & 5 Diapers can be dropped off at our Clinic during our business hours or contact us to arrange pick-up.

Drop Off Times: Tues 1-6 & Thurs 1-6 Contact Hannah Shady with any questions: Hannah@lowaLcClinic.org / 641-782-2150



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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 1/28	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 BD: Dave Vigon	Blessing of Throats 3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass for Bernard Hilgers ANN: John & Harriet Gulbranson 1973
Sunday 2/4	Monday 2/5	Tuesday 2/6	Wednesday 2/7	Thursday 2/8	Friday 2/9	Saturday 2/10
9am Choir 9am Adoration 10am Mass for the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish Blessing of Throats	BD: Christina Boss	6pm Mass for Ernest Suchon 6:30pm Adult Ed Class BD: Margie Livermore	Faith Formation 6:30-7:30pm BDs: Bruce Partlow, Maria DuBois	Care Center Mass 9am for Joseph & Mary Doud	8:30am Mass for Sr. Phyllis Kernz BDs: Dave Boss, Bailey Burris	3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass for Ashton Maier BDs: Ana Lorena Dahl, Alli Boyle