

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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

216 All Saints Drive, Stuart, IA 50250

February 4, 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

Hurry! Don't miss out on the new parish directory. Jill Gerling, one of our parishioners and Youth leader and Religious Education teacher, is offering free photo sessions for our new parish directory. Pictures are beginning now and there are time slots still available. If you would like to purchase your pictures from the photo session there is a package deal for a very reasonable price of \$25. The package includes: 1-8x10, 2-5x7, and 8 wallet sized prints. I encourage everyone to participate so that we may have a more complete directory. You may also submit pictures through the email or even regular mail. Thank you for helping with this important project.

We are fast approaching the season of Lent beginning in two weeks with Ash Wednesday on February 14, which is Valentine's Day as well. Masses scheduled for Ash Wednesday will begin at 5:30pm at St. John in Adair and 7:00pm at All Saints in Stuart. We will also begin our Lenten devotions with regular Wednesday morning Mass at 8:30am Mass at St. John and also, beginning February 15, a Thursday Evening Mass at 6:30pm followed by the Stations of the Cross through the season of Lent. At All Saints in Stuart, Daily Mass times are Tuesday evening at 6:00 pm followed by Adult Education studying "Virtuous Living", Thursday morning at the Care Center at

9:00 am, and Mass time change on Friday to 6:00pm followed with the Stations of the Cross. I will also be available for extra Confession times to be announced. This weekend I will offer the traditional blessing of the throats through the intercession of St. Blaise and the Church. Please make an effort to plan for this Lent not only for fasting and giving something up for Lent, but to make use of the extra opportunities for Mass, Stations of the Cross, personal adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Adult Ed, and Confessions.

- Fr. Ray

Faith Formation

-Cathy Hicks, Director of Religious Education (DRE)

The three traditional pillars of Lenten observance are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. **Prayer** is our conversation with God, and it is through prayer that we develop a closer, more intimate relationship with Him. Families need to pray together, as well as individual prayer. The Catechism states, "The Christian family is the first place of education in prayer...the family is the 'domestic church' where God's children learn to pray 'as the Church.' For younger children in particular, daily family prayer is the first witness of the living memory as awakened by the Holy Spirit." (Catechism, No. 285) Lent could be a great time for families to begin or renew praying together. Here are some ways families can pray together during Lent, as well as throughout the year. Pray together at bedtime; pray the rosary daily; read a chapter of the Bible together daily; attend daily Mass; say the before and after meal prayers; say a prayer in the morning asking God to help the family during the day. The more time in prayer, especially family prayer, during Lent will draw us closer to God. **Fasting** is one of the most ancient actions linked to Lent. Throughout Church history fasting has been considered sacred. The goal of fasting is linked with prayer, and hunger pangs remind us of our hunger for

God. Praying and fasting together bring us to a deeper conversion. The two days Catholics are required to fast are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. These two days are also days of abstinence from eating meat. During Lent, all Fridays are days of abstinence, so no meat can be eaten. Some tips for fasting can include not thinking about food: when you are hungry, pray! When fasting we can use one's hunger pangs to focus more clearly on Christ. (So every time your stomach rumbles, think about how hungry Jesus must have been during His forty days in the desert.) Abstinence goes hand in hand with fasting. Abstinence means that we giving up a particular kind of food or drink or a form of amusement. This is a form of sacrifice, no matter how small or major. Many people give up a favorite food or refrain from drinking pop. Yet, it can also be giving up something like turning off technology for an hour to pray as a family. Maybe instead of singing along with our favorite tunes while traveling, pop in a CD of the Rosary and pray along. Fasting and abstinence help give us a sense of discipline and control over our passions and desires. Try to choose a form of fasting and abstinence that is doable, yet sacrificial. The whole point of fasting and abstinence is to leave

a place of emptiness or silence for God to enter. **Almsgiving** is really another name for charitable giving. Giving to charity shows love for our neighbor just as Jesus told us to do. It is also an expression of our gratitude for all that God has given us. There are many ways we can be charitable, especially through Lent. Giving to the Rice Bowl drive, tithing, giving to a favorite charity like the American Red Cross or a similar charity are a few examples of almsgiving. But it can also include doing charitable acts like shoveling snow for a older neighbor, hosting a bake sale with the proceeds going to a chosen group, giving to the food pantry, or helping with an event at school or church for a worthy cause. The hope with almsgiving is that we will learn to be generous and become more trusting and dependent on God to meet our needs than just providing for ourselves. The major thing all three of the pillars have in common is that we should be doing them already, not just during Lent. We only increase these virtues during Lent, and hopefully it carries over for the rest of the year. May God be forever at your side and may He hold you in the palm of His hand.

Thoughts From Jodi

-Jodi Bassett, Altar & Rosary Society President

Even though time flies, I have always felt that January seemed like the longest of the months. Many of you feel the same way. Certainly the cold weather and the short amount of daylight contribute to that impression. We start to long for spring and warm days and green grass.

Job's life must have seemed like an eternal January. He saw no light at the end of his tunnel, no hope at day's end.

Some phases of life can be like that. We can be plagued by financial troubles, marital problems,

health issues, as well as many other difficult circumstances. Frequently, we can suffer from multiple problems at the same time, as often one issue can lead to one or more other problems.

We can find comfort in knowing that almost all problems are temporary; some may last longer than others, and even if some do last a lifetime, other problems come and go. It isn't a non-stop onslaught of life's trials raining on our parade.

Even though Job seems rather whiny, never does

he blame God for his maladies. Instead, he pours his heart out to God, describing in vivid detail his relentless agony. Why would he do this, when God is the source of his suffering? Job is petitioning to the one who can relieve his anguish.

We can do this too. We call it prayer. I'm not sure if God is necessarily behind our personal struggles, but I am sure He has our backs. We just need to make Him aware of our needs. Have a talk with God soon.

Parish Finance Report

January 28th Collection

Sat/Sun: \$2,124.00

Kids: \$15.00

Building Fund: \$0.00

Special Collection: \$0.00

This Week's Income: \$2,139.00

This Week's Expenses: \$1,426.69

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 5th	Tuesday 6th	Wednesday 7th	Thursday 8th	Friday 9th	Saturday 10th	Sunday 11th
Memorial of St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr	Memorial of St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs	Ordinary Weekday	<i>Opt. Mem's of St. Jerome Emilani & St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin</i>	Ordinary Weekday	Memorial of St. Scholastica Virgin	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13	1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30	1 Kings 10:1-10	1 Kings 11:4-13	1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19	1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34	Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
Psalms 132:6-7, 8-10	Psalms 84: 3, 4, 5, 10, 11	Psalms 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40	Psalms 106:3-4, 35-36, 40	Psalms 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15	Psalms 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22	Psalms 32:1-2, 5, 11
Mark 6:53-56	Mark 7:1-13	Mark 7:14-23	Mark 7:24-30	Mark 7:31-37	Mark 8:1-10	1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
						Mark 1:49-45

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 Saturday" event on Feb. 10th following Mass. Please sign up in the gathering space so that plans can be made for food and beverages.
- **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.
- **Photography sessions** start Sunday February 4th. Please be sure to sign up if you haven't already. Thank you!

Thank You

To the ladies of the Rosary & Altar Society, I wish to say Thank You! It was so wonderful to have Ms Schneider, Wedemeyer, Gulbranson, Jirak, McAndrews and Olson provide such a welcome luncheon after Paul Nolan's funeral and interment. Since I no longer reside in the area, and Paul and I have no more family there, either, it made everything so convenient and coordinated. Your thoughtfulness and services are very appreciated.

Julie Dill, sister

Candles

Many of our parishioners and visitors appreciate the chance to light a candle for a loved one on the votive stands located around the sanctuary. Please note the change in the amount of the suggested donation per candle: it is now \$2 due to the rising cost of the candles themselves. If you are unable to make a donation, please don't let that stop you from lighting a candle - *your prayers are important!*

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 2-10**

Rosary: Frank Holle
Ushers: Marty & Julie Doud
Cross Bearer: Wayne Gilman
Altar Server: Connie Drake
Lector: Anita Hilgers
Commentator: Roni Wilson
Greeters/Gifts:
Marty & Julie Doud
EMHC: Jodi Bassett, Dan Hilgers,
Sr. Chinweze

**Liturgical Ministers:
Sunday 2-11**

Ushers: Bob Olson & Patrick Tiernan
Cross Bearer: Vince O'Brien
Altar Servers: Lauren O'Brien, Olivia Nixt, Taylor Ommen
Lector: Daisy Nevins
Commentator: Donna Olson
Greeters/Gifts:
Vince & Christy O'Brien
EMHC: Cathy Hicks,
Linda Lee O'Neel, Jo Beaman

Finance Council Members



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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 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 "FAT SATURDAY" BDs: Ana Lorena Dahl, Alli Boyle

Sunday 2/11	Monday 2/12	Tuesday 2/13	Ash Wednesday 2/14	Thursday 2/15	Friday 2/16	Saturday 2/17
9am Choir 9am Adoration 10am Mass for the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish BD: Bailey Dickson	BD: Sophia Pieper ANN: Leo & Jeri Pieper 1977	6pm Mass for Bob Griffin 6:30pm Adult Ed Class BD: Jason Tigges ANN: Jeff & Gina Ocheltree 1993	7pm MASS for Maynard Witkowski BDs: Dennis Donnelly, Julie Doud ANN: Jerry & Janet Dickson 1976	Care Center Mass 9am for Martin G. Lydon BD: Aiden Lewis	8:30am Mass for Maynard Witkowski BD: Tom McFarland ANN: Paul & Sharon Pieper 1963	3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass for Maxine Carey