

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 18, 2018

216 ALL SAINTS DRIVE, STUART, IA 50250

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Rev. Raymond J. Higgins, Parish Priest



Parish Prayer Ministry

The
Season
of
Lent



MASS TIMES

10AM SUNDAY; 6PM
TUESDAY; 6PM FRIDAY;
4:30PM SATURDAY

The All Saints Prayer Ministry requests your help during this year's Lenten season. What we propose is as simple as

this: during the 2018 Lenten season we will make it possible for you to request prayers for any person or cause that you wish. Over time one of the favorites has been to pray for those who have preceded us in death and may now be suffering the pain of purgatory. Other more immediate intentions might include prayers for health, a successful outcome from surgery, safe travel, peace of mind for a troubled heart or resolution of any and all of the many daily acts of

aggression throughout the world. Please join us in the revival of this common Catholic tradition.

Fr. Ray will have more details about this mission to share at each Mass during the Lenten season. Join us as we use the enormous power of prayer to do good for those around us by praying for them or requesting prayers for another, now and in the future.

- Thank You

Special Events During Lent

Father has added a 6:30pm Mass on Thursdays at Adair during Lent which will be followed by the Stations of the Cross.

Friday morning Mass at Stuart is moved to 6pm, also followed by the Stations of the Cross.

The St. John's Men's Club Fish Fry Fridays are scheduled for February 23rd, March 9th, and March 23rd at St. John's in Adair. Free will offering.

The All Saints Knights of Columbus will be hosting a

spaghetti supper on Saturday, Feb. 24th from 5:30-7pm and a spaghetti luncheon on Sunday, Feb. 25th, 11am-1pm. Free will donation with all proceeds going to the LC Clinic.

Please help the Knights again this year with the 40 Cans for Lent project. We will be accepting donations for the Stuart Food Pantry now through Saturday March 31st. Any non-perishable food items are welcome. Look for the donation table in the gath-

ering space.

The Adair Ministerial Association Ecumenical Lenten service will be at St. John at 7pm on Wednesday March 7th. Free will offering.

Father will hear confessions prior to and immediately following most Masses. He is also available prior to Mass on Sunday mornings at St. John and at 3:30pm Saturdays at All Saints as usual. Appointments may also be made with him by contacting the church office.

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A CHURCH ON THE MOVE

There are two events coming up on our calendar in the near future. One is an all-day event here at All Saints featuring author Joe Paprocki. The second is the **Iowa Catholic Men's Conference** which will be on Saturday March 10 from 8am-3:30pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church in West Des Moines.

Today, more than ever, parishes must rethink how to "do" Church. On March 8 at All Saints Parish in Stuart, Joe Paprocki will identify strategies for renewing our parish communities and becoming a Church on the move. The day runs from is 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Lunch is \$5.

In his book "A Church on the Move: 52 Ways to Get Mission and Mercy in Motion" (Loyola Press), Joe Paprocki, offers a number of strategies for transforming the way the average parish thinks, functions, worships, forms people in faith, and engages the world so that we can truly become a church on the move where people encounter the transforming grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Paprocki holds a doctorate degree in ministry. To register, contact Sherri Simmer at 515-237-5058. If your parish isn't already offering an opportunity to join a small group this Lent, consider spending your Lent growing in faith with fellow young adults through our diocesan Lenten small groups. More information check our website here.

<http://www.dmdiocese.org/young-adult.cfm>

IOWA CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE
FAITH FOR THE JOURNEY
 A one-day conference featuring world-class speakers, fellowship, The Holy Eucharist, Reconciliation, Adoration & More

Building Missionary Disciples

Saturday, March 10, 2018
 8am - 3:30pm
 St Francis of Assisi Church, West Des Moines

The Brief

Registration	7 - 9:30am
Mass	8am
Conference	9:30am - 3:30pm
*Fee includes lunch	Adults\$30
	Students\$15
	Seminarians\$10

Register by January 15 to receive 33% off

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PRAYER & THANKSGIVING

- ◆ Please pray for Barb Marnin; those who are suffering with the flu; and those experiencing weather-related issues
- ◆ *To request prayer, please call the Church office at 515-523-1943, Viola Heins at 515-789-2029, or email: stjohnallsaints@gmail.com*

Liturgical Ministers—Saturday February 24

Rosary Leader: Frank Holle
Ushers: Dave Boss & Dennis Donnelly
Cross Bearer: Dennis Donnelly
Altar Servers: Connie Drake
Lector: Donna Donnelly
Commentator: Roni Wilson
Greeters & Gifts: Dennis & Donna Donnelly
EMHC: Donna Donnelly, Sr. Andre, Kari Tisl

Liturgical Ministers—Sunday February 25

Ushers: Pat Beaman & Bob Olson
Cross Bearer: Tom Doud
Altar Servers: Eli & Sam Kasap
Lector: Amy Doud
Commentator: Donna Olson
Greeters & Gifts: Tom & Amy Doud
EMHC: Amy Doud, Jo Beaman, Cathy Hicks

Please contact Joyce Van Pelt regarding scheduling questions:
joyceavp@yahoo.com

CALENDAR & DAILY READINGS

Sunday 2-18

9am Choir/
Adoration

10am Mass for
the Living &
Deceased
Members of the
Parish

*BDs: Vernon
Tigges, Cora
Martin*

**Genesis 9:8-15;
1 Peter 3:18-22;
Mark 1:12-15**

*The kingdom of
God is at hand.*

Repent and believe in the Gospel. These sound like simple words from our short Gospel today. But it is fitting that Jesus begins His earthy ministry with this powerful message after the Spirit descended upon Him at His baptism. He asks us to believe in the Gospel and embrace its message of humble service and discipleship.

Monday 2-19

*ANN: Dennis &
Donna Donnelly
1972*

*BDs: James
Maertens, Max
Kasap*

**Leviticus 19:1-2,
11-18; Matthew
25:31-46**

*Let us seek first
to be holy in all
things.*

We have the Scriptures to guide us through life. They are the paths we should follow. Jesus was very clear about what lies ahead eternally for those who follow His words, and for those who refuse to follow His words. Let us look for opportunities to reach out to one another in love.

Tuesday 2-20

6pm Mass for
Rosalie McGinnis

6:30pm Adult RE
Class

**Isaiah 55:10-11;
Matthew 6:7-15**

*God wants
what's best for
us.*

God is a generous and loving Father who wants only what is best for His children. God showers down rain to make the seed grow, and gives us His Word to bring us grace. But God also expects us to be generous and loving toward all His children—to forgive them from our hearts. We are called to be like God.

Wednesday 2-21

*BDs: Karey Smith,
Bob Klassen,
Allison Smith*

**Jonah 3:1-10;
Luke 11:29-32**

*Let us heed Je-
sus' message of
salvation today.*

The people of Ninevah were evil, yet Jonah had just started through their city preaching repentance when they began to fast and turn from their evil ways. The crowds in Jesus' time had the Lord Himself preaching to them and still did not believe. Jesus is our sign; let us waste no time in repenting and believing.

Thursday 2-22

**The Chair of
St. Peter the
Apostle—Feast**

9am Mass for
Donato
Cianciaruso
(Stuart Community
Care Center)

*BDs: Regina James,
Dallas Morgan*

**1 Peter 5:1-4;
Matthew 16:13-
19**

*The Church
stands strong on
the apostolic
foundation of
Peter and his
confession of
faith.*

Jesus chooses Peter to be the rock on which He builds His Church, and promises that the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Peter recognizes his mission as one of service and love, not domination and power. We are called to imitate this mission.

Friday 2-23

6pm Mass for
the deceased
members of the
Tigges/
Gladfelder
Families
w/ **Stations of
the Cross**

**Ezekiel 18:21-28;
Matthew 5:20-
26**

*The Christian life
becomes virtu-
ous as we turn
away from sin.*

Today we learn from both of our readings that following the commandments—our moral framework for the Christian life—is necessary for those who desire to live in Christ. This way of life is lived through our direct relationship with our brothers and sisters, and learning to reconcile and forgive one another.

Saturday 2-24

3:30pm
Confessions

4:30pm Mass for
Bob Griffin

*BDs: Suzi Aubert,
Jesse Kutler,
Lauren Tigges*

**Deuteronomy
26:16-19;
Matthew 5:43-
48**

*The command-
ments guide us
on the path of
discipleship.*

Today's readings remind us that, as people of God, we must keep the commandments of the Lord with our whole heart and our whole soul and walk in the ways of God, no matter how difficult it may be. As members of the body of Christ, we are called to share God's love with everyone, even those who make it challenging to love them.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

▪ CATHY HICKS, DRE

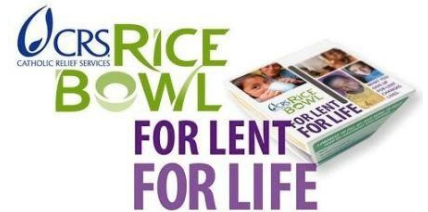
The All Saints Youth Group (grades 7-12) are having a fundraiser after Masses this weekend and next weekend. The profits from the sale help defer the cost for students wanting to attend workshops, retreats, and rallies many often attend during the course of the year. Even if the cost can be lowered a bit, the student does not have to pay the full amount out of one's own pocket. Such events are so valuable because they help students grow in spirit, faith, and love. So many have returned from such events with much brighter and

more focused insights about themselves and their faith.

Stop by the table and look over the items for sale. There are rosaries for all ages, medals, bracelets, necklaces, and especially gifts for Confirmation and First Communion. We get 50% of everything we sell, so the more we sell, the more we make. And it is for such a worthy cause: the spiritual growth of our young people. So look over our wares and find something for that special someone, event, or yourself!

Donations are welcomed. And as always, thank you for your support of this project and of our Faith Formation students.

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



Thoughts from Jodi

-Jodi Bassett, Altar & Rosary Society President

It seems like it was just Christmas (it was!) and now we are into Lent. Ash Wednesday is marked by receiving grace represented by a cross of ashes on the forehead. One of the parishes I attended when I was in college asked their congregation to bring their palm fronds from the previous Palm Sunday to the church to become the ashes for Ash Wednesday.

We know ash is a result of something exposed to fire. It is common in the spring to burn off old grass and weeds to clear the way for new growth. It is a way of purging. Ashes begin the process of purging our souls to prepare for the new life of Easter.

However, water is the recurrent theme of this week's readings. After the flood, God speaks to Noah of the bow he places in the clouds. When we see a rainbow, it is the result of sunlight refracting through water droplets. It is the sign of clearing after a rain. Spiritually the rainbow is the bridge between God and creation. A rainbow is one of my favorite things, and I think of it as a gift from God. But I tend to think of the gift as a thing of beauty, which it is, but I don't usually think of it as a link to God. That is truly the gold at the end of the rainbow. It is time to expand my way of thinking!

The flood that Noah and his family survived purged them,

as baptism with water purges us. We purged on Ash Wednesday, and we purge each week at Mass when we enter and leave the Church with Holy Water. And we will purge again at Easter. Use your Lent experience to strengthen your bow.

COMMUNITY DAY OF PRAYER

The Stuart-Mount Vernon Methodist Church is hosting this year's Community Day of Prayer on March 2 from 2-3pm. Contact Donna Olson at 523-1120 for further information.

Parish Business & Finance Report

February 11th Collection

Sat/Sun: \$2,216.00

Kids: \$33.00

Building Fund: \$195.00

Ash Wednesday: \$413.05

This Week's Income:

\$2,662.05

This Week's Expenses:

\$6,119.48

2017 ADA Balance

As of 1/5/22018:

\$5,076.00

Trustees:

Janis Gilman, Robert Bird

Council Members:

Wayne Nosbisch, Brenna

Bird, Dave & Barb Boss,

Eric Tiernan, Tom Doud

Rita Rilea, Bookkeeping

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."