

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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216 ALL SAINTS DRIVE, STUART, IA 50250

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Rev. Raymond J. Higgins, Parish Priest

DEAR PARISHIONERS

If you missed Mass last weekend due to the weather conditions, you may not have heard the announcement that I have been given a new parish assignment beginning July 12th.

It is with a heavy heart that I will be making this move, as I have come to know and appreciate you through these past ten years.

We all know, as Catholics, priests are moved after a six-year term (or a second term, sometimes). Still, it is difficult, when the time comes, to actually know the move has been implemented and there is a definite date given by the Bishop.

I will be moving to St. Theresa's parish and school with my first Mass being said there on

July 14th. Taking my place here will be Fr. Anthony Matthew who is currently assigned to Audubon and Exira.

Change can be a difficult experience. Difficult because of leaving the people of I have come to know and appreciate.

My hope is there will be opportunities to see you, even in the busyness of a new assignment.

Other reasons for difficulty "always" include unresolved issues or situations folks may have concerning me or towards others.

My hope is, by God's grace, we may have peace with each other through forgiveness, healing, and reconciliation.

It may also seem difficult to think of a new pastor

and how he may affect the community. My answer is to welcome him, get to know him, help him, encourage him, pray for him, and to continue to practice and maintain Christian hospitality toward one another.

Again, I will surely miss you, but in the meantime, let us continue to love and serve the Lord in the way he lived and taught.

Here is a picture of Fr. Anthony Matthew-pray for him so that He may continue to serve God and you as a good and holy priest.



K of C Prayer Vigil for the Unborn



Thank you to the Knights

who participated in the 24-hour Prayer Vigil for the Unborn last weekend. Thank you, also, to Cathy, Norma, Amy, Debi, Nancy, Gina, Nita, and all those who braved the weather to join us in

prayer.

**"Pray without ceasing."
-St. Paul**



MASS TIMES

10AM SUNDAY
6PM TUESDAY/8:30AM FRIDAY
4:30PM SATURDAY

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21 Things We Do When We Make the Sign of the Cross

-Submitted by David Witkowski

This is part one of a four-part series.

The Sign of the Cross is a simple gesture, yet a profound expression of faith for both Catholic and Orthodox Christians. As Catholics, it's something we do when we enter a church, after we receive Communion, before meals, and every time we pray. But what exactly are we doing when we make the Sign of the Cross?

Here are 21 things:

1. Pray.

We begin and end our prayers with the Sign of the Cross, perhaps not realizing that the sign is itself a prayer. If prayer is, at its core, "an uprising of the mind to God," as St. John Damascene put it, then the Sign of the Cross assuredly qualifies. "No empty gesture, the sign of the cross is a potent prayer that engages the Holy Spirit as the divine advocate and agent of our successful Christian living," writes Bert Ghezzi.

2. Open ourselves to grace.

As a sacramental, the Sign of the Cross prepares us for receiving God's blessing and disposes us to cooperate with His grace, according to Ghezzi.

3. Sanctify the day.

As an act repeated throughout the key moments of each day, the Sign of the Cross sanctifies our day. "At every forward step and movement, at every going in and out, when we put on our clothes and shoes, when we bathe, when we sit at table, when we light the lamps, on couch, on seat, in all the ordinary actions of daily life, we trace upon the forehead the sign," wrote Tertullian.

4. Commit the whole self to Christ.

In moving our hands from our foreheads to our hearts and then both shoulders, we are asking God's blessing for our mind, our passions and desires, our very bodies. In other words, the Sign of the Cross com-

mits us, body and soul, mind and heart, to Christ. (I'm paraphrasing this Russian Orthodox writer.) "Let it take in your whole being—body, soul, mind, will, thoughts, feelings, your doing and not-doing—and by signing it with the cross, strengthen and consecrate the whole in the strength of Christ, in the name of the Triune God," said twentieth century theologian Romano Guardini.

5. Recall the Incarnation.

Our movement is downward, from our foreheads to our chest "because Christ descended from the heavens to the earth," Pope Innocent III wrote in his instructions on making the Sign of the Cross. Holding two fingers together—either the thumb with the ring finger or with index finger—also represents the two natures of Christ.

PRAYER & THANKSGIVING

- ◆ Please pray for the Knowlton family; for farmers who are waiting to get into their fields; and those fighting illness
- ◆ *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 April 28th

Rosary: Frank Holle

Ushers: Mark & Kari Tisl

Cross Bearer: Matt Dickson

Altar Servers: Zoey & Bailey Dickson

Lector: Jodi Bassett

Commentator: Sharon Doud

Greeters/Gifts: Mark & Kari Tisl

EMHC: Mark & Kari Tisl, Sr. Andre

Sunday April 29th

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Cross Bearer: Knights of Columbus

Altar Servers: Knights of Columbus

Lector: Knights of Columbus

Commentator: Knights of Columbus

Greeters/Gifts: Knights of Columbus

EMHC: Knights of Columbus

Please contact Joyce Van Pelt regarding scheduling questions:

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CALENDAR

<u>Sunday 4-22</u>	<u>Monday 4-23</u>	<u>Tuesday 4-24</u>	<u>Wednesday 4-25</u>	<u>Thursday 4-26</u>	<u>Friday 4-27</u>	<u>Saturday 4-28</u>
9am Choir/ Adoration 10am Mass for Donato Cianciaruso	BDs: Rick Rilea, Gary Lincoln, Caroline Doud, Matt Gerling	6pm Mass for Maxine Carey 6:30pm Adult RE BDs: Cathy Callahan, Nate Gerling, Dylan Tigges	6:30pm Faith Formation BD: Harlowe Witte	9am Mass for Phillip Kernz <i>(Care Center)</i>	8:30am Mass for All Souls in Purgatory BDs: Kenneth Craig, Marty Doud	3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass for Irene Kernz BDs: Mary Doud, Mark Poffenberger, Lori Kuttler

THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL READ & SHARE SPACE

To help facilitate our reading of *“The Joy of the Gospel”* and to encourage us to share with one another, this space is meant for us to use as a study aid. Each paragraph throughout the book is numbered consecutively, to make it easier to reference any spot in the book that we may want to discuss further or ask questions about. Feel free to offer any thoughts or questions that you may want published in the bulletin—others may have the same thoughts or questions.

Chapter Three: *The Proclamation of the Gospel*

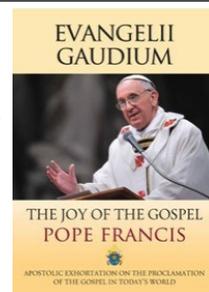
There are several subheadings under each of the sections.

Section I. The Entire People of God Proclaims the Gospel _____

Section II. The Homily _____

Section III. Preparing to Preach _____

Section IV. Evangelization and the Deeper Understanding of the *Kerygma* _____



FAITH FORMATION

- CATHY HICKS, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Next Sunday, April 29th, seven second graders will make their First Communion. This is a very special day for them because they will receive the Body and Blood of Jesus for the first time. These students are Mitch Doud, Luis Huerta, Olivia Lewis, Logan Moore, Grayson Nims, Colton Nixt, and Zoe Nixt.

The word, "Eucharist" means "Thanksgiving." Christ instituted the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper, the night before He died. The Eucharist is a sacrament of unity which unites us more closely with God and with one another. Holy Communion makes sanctifying grace grow in our soul. This grace helps us love God and helps us to love our neighbors for the love of God.

The Eucharist also strengthens us through

actual or sacramental grace. This grace gives light to our mind and strength to our will to do good and to avoid evil. Through Holy Communion we receive the grace to overcome temptation and avoid sinning against God and our neighbor. Only by the help of this grace can we truly live in a life of love and fulfill God's greatest commandment: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart... and your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37). And the Lord's own commandment: "I give you a new commandment: Love one another" (John 13:34).

The Eucharist is a sacrament of unity because it unites us more closely with God and with one another. So, let's pray for these young people as they continue their journey of faith by receiving the sacred

Host and the precious Blood from the cup: The Body and Blood of Jesus Christ who died on the cross for our sins and comes to us again in Holy Communion

So please keep Mitch, Luis, Olivia, Logan, Grayson, Colton, and Zoe in your prayers.

"May you always know the peace of Jesus, the light of His love, and the joy of this life within you."

Amen.

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



Thoughts from Jodi...

-Jodi Bassett, President, Altar & Rosary Society

Despite having no children of my own, I have a rather large number of children in my life. Their relationship to me runs the gamut from the line of 'steps-' to nephews and nieces and lots of other people's kids who aren't related by blood or law but still call me Aunt Jodi. I will often say that I have a lot of kids in my life, or more likely, they have me! One even asked if he could be an honorary nephew. Many of "my kids" are grown now, and some even have children of their own. Their children are now part of my tribe.

How did I get all these kids? Family is obvious, but some of them are kids of friends, and others are kids I worked with through Odyssey of the Mind. Many of them will always be my kids. I have no legal or moral obligation to some of them, but I would do almost anything within my means for any of them. I think, and I certainly hope, they know this.

What does any of this have to do with today's bulletin? In John's Gospel, Jesus says, "I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and they know

me...and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. There also I must lead, and they will hear my voice." I know mine, and they know me...even those that technically do not belong to my fold. I hope I have been a good leader to them and if so, I hope they have paid attention. In some cases, I have seen evidence of that leadership, which tends to make me feel good!

How many and which sheep belong to your fold?

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."

Parish Business & Finance Report

April 15th

Tithes & Offerings: \$2,393.00

Kids: \$10.62

Building Fund: \$25.00

This Week's Income: \$2403.62

This Week's Expenses:

\$466.65

NEW 2018 ADA Goal

\$29,802.00

Balance as of 4/6: \$17,602

Trustees:

Janis Gilman,

Robert Bird

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Wayne Nosbisch, Brenna

Bird, Dave & Barb Boss,

Eric Tiernan, Tom Doud

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