

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 29, 2018

216 ALL SAINTS DRIVE, STUART, IA 50250

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Rev. Raymond J. Higgins, Parish Priest

DEAR PARISHIONERS

Congratulations to all of our young people who today received their First Holy Communion:

Mitch Doud, son of Jim & Tammy Doud

Luis Huerta, son of Luis & Betty Huerta

Olivia Lewis, daughter of Scott & Staci Lewis

Logan Moore, son of Brad & Nancy Moore

Grayson Nims, son of Lucas & Amanda Nims

Colton & Zoe Nixt, son and daughter of Eric & Jenni Nixt

Also a very special thank you to our Catechists, Debi Kasap and Margie Livermore, who prepared them for both their First Confession and First Holy Communion. The students have been well prepared and also went to confession

once a month. My hope is that all our parents will continue this wonderful opportunity with their children.

As Religious Formation Classes come to a close for the semester, on behalf of Cathy Hicks, all the teachers of Faith Formation, and their students, we invite you (all the parish and friends) to participate in our annual May Crowning Procession and Ice Cream Social.

We ask everyone to meet at the Saints Center before 6:30pm.

We will begin with a welcome, Benediction and procession from the Saints Center to All Saints Catholic Church.

I have shared with our young students and family that our parish once

worshiped in now what is called the Saints Center, but now we process to our new parish home.

There is a tying together of the two places—with all their memories and celebrations—and at the center of all of it is Jesus Christ, who brings healing and reconciliation.

We also call to mind our Blessed Mother as we process praying the Rosary and ending with the Crowning of Mary at All Saints for the month of May.

Please join us and our students and show your support for them as we make this holy procession.



Church Directory Progress

Work on the new Parish Directory is progressing. The initial phase is complete in that all active members have been entered and the photos we have are in place.

The next phase, being handled by Barb Boss, will be to add other photos such as special events, building and grounds, and other items of interest, and make the final layout.

There is still time to submit a family photo if you have not yet done so. Contact the Parish Office for further information. Also, please be sure to update all of your contact information.

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

(Part 2 of 4)

The Sign of the Cross is a simple gesture yet a profound expression of faith.....

6. Remember the Passion of Our Lord.

Fundamentally, in tracing out the outlines of a cross on ourselves, we are remembering Christ's crucifixion. This remembrance is deepened if we keep our right hand open, using all five fingers to make the sign—corresponding to the Five Wounds of Christ.

7. Affirm the Trinity. In invoking the name of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we are affirming our belief in a triune God. This is also reinforced by using three fingers to make the sign, according to Pope Innocent III.

8. Focus our prayer on God. One of the temptations in prayer is to address it to God as we conceive of Him—the man upstairs, our buddy, a sort of cosmic genie, etc. When this happens, our prayer be-

comes more about us than an encounter with the living God. The Sign of the Cross immediately focuses us on the true God, according to Ghezzi: "When we invoke the Trinity, we fix our attention on the God who made us, not on the God we have made. We fling our images aside and address our prayers to God as he has revealed himself to be: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."

9. Affirm the procession of Son and Spirit. In first lifting our hand to our forehead we recall that the Father is the first person of the Trinity. In lowering our hand we "express that the Son proceeds from the Father." And, in ending with the Holy Spirit, we signify that the Spirit proceeds from both the Father and the Son, according to Francis de Sales.

10. Confess our faith. In affirming our belief in the Incarnation, the crucifixion, and the Trinity, we are making a sort of mini-confession of faith in words and gestures,

proclaiming the core truths of the creed.

11. Invoke the power of God's name. In Scripture, God's name carries power. In Philippians 2:10, St. Paul tells us that "at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth." And, in John 14:13-14, Jesus Himself said, "And whatever you ask in my name, I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it."

12. Crucify ourselves with Christ. Whoever wishes to follow Christ "must deny himself" and "take up his cross" as Jesus told the disciples in Matthew 16:24. "I have been crucified with Christ," St. Paul writes in Galatians 2:19. "Proclaiming the sign of the cross proclaims our yes to this condition of discipleship," Ghezzi writes.

Bert Ghezzi, acquisitions editor at Our Sunday Visitor, is a popular Catholic speaker and the author of twenty-six books, including The Heart of Catholicism, Voices of the Saints, and Mystics and Miracles.

PRAYER & THANKSGIVING

- ◆ Please pray for Joe Sherman, Paul Heins, the unborn, and for the man who will be the new bishop.
- ◆ 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 May 5th

Rosary: Frank Holle

Ushers: Dan & Anita Hilgers

Cross Bearer: Dan Hilgers

Altar Server: Connie Drake

Lector: Anita Hilgers

Commentator: Carol Smith

Greeters/Gifts: Marvin & Janet Bassett

EMHC: Dan Hilger, Jodi Bassett, Sr. Nesta

Sunday May 6th

Ushers: Wayne Nosbisch & Pat Beaman

Cross Bearer: Matt Gerling

Altar Servers: Gabe & Nate Gerling, Olivia Nixt

Lector: Daisy Nevins

Commentator: Wayne Nosbisch

Greeters/Gifts: Jill & Matt Gerling

EMHC: Jill Gerling, Jo Beaman, Amy Doud

Please contact Joyce Van Pelt regarding scheduling questions:

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CALENDAR

<u>Sunday 4-29</u>	<u>Monday 4-30</u>	<u>Tuesday 5-1</u>	<u>Wednesday 5-2</u>	<u>Thursday 5-3</u>	<u>Friday 5-4</u>	<u>Saturday 5-5</u>
9am Choir/ Adoration 10am Mass for the Living & De- ceased Members of the Parish 1st Communion BD: Stephanie Clarcken		6pm Mass for Patricia Miller BD: Douglas Jirak	6:30pm Faith Formation Pro- cession, May Crowning & Ice Cream Social BD: Jayne Whetstone	9am Mass for George Marnach (<i>Care Center</i>) BDs: Josi Ocheltree, Mitch Doud, Madeline Lewis	8:30am Mass for Betty Beaman BDs: Wayne Gilman, Emily O'Brien	3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass for Ila Mae & Tony Pivonka BDs: Janet Bassett, Owen Weber

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 Four: *The Social Dimension of Evangelization*

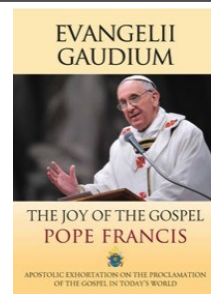
There are several subheadings under each of the sections.

Section I. Communal and Societal Repercussions of the Kerygma _____

Section II. The Inclusion of the Poor in Society _____

Section III. The Common Good and Peace in Society _____

Section IV. Social Dialogue as a Contribution to Peace _____



FAITH FORMATION

- CATHY HICKS, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Congratulations once again to our First Communion students: Mitch Doud, Luis Huerta, Olivia Lewis, Logan Moore, Grayson Nims, Colton Nixt, and Zoe Nixt!

A very special thank you goes to Debi Kasap and Margie Livermore, the second grade catechists, for all their time and dedication in getting our young students prepared for this very special day.

Please pray for these young people as they continue on their faith-filled journey. There is a reception in the church hall following Sunday's Mass to honor our First Communion students. Please join us.

This Wednesday, May 2nd, is the annual May Crowning and Ice Cream Social. Everyone is welcomed to join in this celebration. The procession begins at the Saints Center (the old church building) at 6:30pm

and ends here at church. There will be a vehicle available following the procession for anyone who would like to ride or cannot complete the walk.

We will meet in the church for a brief service and the May Crowning to honor Mary. (May is set aside as the month of Mary.)

After this service, everyone is welcomed to join us in the church hall for ice cream and all the trimmings. It promises to be an evening of fun, food, and fellowship. This will also be our last Faith Formation session for the 2017-2018 year. We will begin registration for the 2018-2019 year in August.

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

A note from Brenda Wedemeyer:

This Sunday morning will be the last Children's Liturgy of the Word for the season.

We have a "graduate" who is now going to be able to attend Faith Formation on Wednesday evenings starting this fall.

Violet Aubert, daughter of Matt & Suzi Aubert, has been faithfully attending our Children's Liturgy program for the last three years. She has been and will continue to be—I'm sure—an asset to her classroom, her next catechist, and her classmates!

Children ages 3-6 are welcome to join the class each Sunday morning during Mass to hear the Lectionary readings and lesson at their own level.

Thoughts from Jodi...

-Jodi Bassett, President, Altar & Rosary Society

As parents, grandparents, teachers, coaches or other mentors, we endeavor to teach young people how to live. We teach them rules; manners; lessons, be they academic or life; we groom them to be upstanding, respectable adults.

We try to reinforce the positives, and correct the negatives. When they are headed down the wrong path, we try to redirect them. When they are hanging with the wrong crowd, we find ways to discourage those connections. We may enforce a discipline

upon the kids; we may ground them, take away privileges, or even choose a physical form of punishment. But when they are doing well and making good decisions, we reward them with special privileges or something they might desire.

This is what the Father does. He prunes away the dead and withered from His vines so they may flourish. In the same way that as adults we guide and lead the young to become mature and responsible, when God pruned the vines, they produced much good fruit.

We put the effort into turning kids into responsible adults because they are worth it. I remember as a child protesting some 'lessons' I got at home. I was informed, in a way, that I needed to know those things to function as an adult. They taught me because my future was worth it.

We are worth it to God. That's why he prunes the vines of the unfruitful, that our lives would be rich and verdant. If we remain with God, and remain with His word, our lives will bear much fruit.

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 22nd

Tithes & Offerings: \$2,219.50
Kids: \$20.00
Building Fund: \$0.00

This Week's Income: \$2,239.50

This Week's Expenses:
\$3,971.86

NEW 2018 ADA Goal
\$29,802.00

Balance as of 4/6: \$14,642.00

Trustees:

*Janis Gilman,
Robert Bird*

Council Members:

Wayne Nosbisch, Brenna Bird, Dave & Barb Boss, Eric Tiernan, Tom Doud

*Rita Rilea,
Financial Secretary*