

# ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY 6, 2018

216 ALL SAINTS DRIVE, STUART, IA 50250

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Rev. Raymond J. Higgins, Parish Priest

## DEAR PARISHIONERS

May has just begun and it will be a couple of months before Father Ray leaves his duties here. However, as we all can appreciate, that time will go by quickly.

In preparation of his departure and the arrival of Fr. Tony (Fr. Antony Mathew), we would like to be able to make the transition as comfortable as possible for everyone.

There are always adjustments when a new person is placed in the lead position of an organization. In order to be of assistance to Fr. Tony, we would like to prepare lists of names, duties, preferences that pertain to both All Saints and Saint John.

For example, the names of the men's and women's groups, who leads these groups, their contact information, and a brief description of their mission or project agenda in a normal year.

This type of information will also be included in the new parish directories.

We will also be giving Fr. Tony a list of those who are shut-ins and those who would like home visits.

Each and every parish in the world has its own set of traditions (small "t"), those that are over and above the Traditions (capital "T") of the Church. For example, how the church is deco-

rated for special occasions, special dinners, arrangements for weddings or funerals, where the Christmas tree is placed, and so forth.

Please gather this type of information and submit it to the church office in writing so that a master list may be put together. Thank you!

In the mean time, plans are underway for celebrating Father Ray's 25th anniversary of his ordination along with a farewell party.

St. John's has indicated June 10th following morning Mass as their celebration date and All Saints has chosen June 24th. Father's last day with us is July 11th.

### MASS TIMES

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

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### *Bishop Issues Statement On Court Ruling*

Bishop Richard Pates issued the following statement following a recent court ruling.

"I am very pleased to inform you that the Court of Appeals of Iowa has reversed the guilty decision of the District Court for Pottawattamie

County in the case of Father Paul Monahan. "Along with Father Monahan we are relieved that this decision has been reached and anticipate that Father will be fully reinstated to priestly ministry once the appeal process has been completed.

"We commend Father and his legal team for pursuing the normal judicial recourse available to him with patience and persistence in achieving this welcome outcome. Our prayer and support continue to be with Father at this time."

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

-Submitted by David Witkowski

## (Part 3 of 4)

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

**13. Ask for support in our suffering.** In crossing our shoulders, we ask God “to support us—to shoulder us—in our suffering,” Ghezzi writes.

**14. Reaffirm our baptism.** In using the same words with which we were baptized, the Sign of the Cross is a “summing up and re-acceptance of our baptism,” according to then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger.

**15. Reverse the curse.** The Sign of the Cross recalls the forgiveness of sins and the reversal of the Fall by passing “from the left side of the curse to the right of blessing,” according to de Sales. The movement from left to right also signifies our future passage from present misery to future glory just as Christ “crossed over from death to life and from Hades to Paradise,” Pope Innocent II wrote.

**16. Remake ourselves in Christ’s image.** In Colossians 3, St. Paul uses the image of clothing to describe how our sinful natures are transformed in Christ. We are to take off the old self and put on the self “which is being renewed ... in the image of its creator,” Paul tells us. The Church Fathers saw a connection between this verse and the stripping of Christ on the cross, “teaching that stripping off our old nature in baptism and putting on a new one was a participation in Christ’s stripping at his crucifixion,” Ghezzi writes. He concludes that we can view the Sign of the Cross as “our way of participating in Christ’s stripping at the Crucifixion and his being clothed in glory at his resurrection.” Thus, in making the Sign of the Cross, we are radically identifying ourselves with the entirety of the crucifixion event—not just those parts of it we can accept or that are palatable to our sensibilities.

**17. Mark ourselves for Christ.** In ancient Greek, the word for sign was sphragis, which was also a mark of ownership, according to Ghezzi. “For example, a shepherd marked his sheep as his property with a brand that he called a sphragis,” Ghezzi writes. In making the Sign of the Cross, we mark ourselves as belonging to Christ, our True Shepherd.

*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.*

## FARM FRESH EGGS

One of our newest families here at All Saints would like to let us know that they have their own chickens and are selling “farm fresh” eggs if anyone is interested. They are \$1.75/dozen. Please contact Destiny Bruns at 641-247-0039 to get your eggs or order for the future!



## 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](mailto:stjohnallsaints@gmail.com)

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### Saturday May 12th

**Rosary:** Frank Holle

**Ushers:** Dennis Donnelly & Dave Boss

**Cross Bearer:** Dennis Donnelly

**Altar Server:** Connie Drake

**Lector:** Roni Wilson

**Commentator:** Donna Donnelly

**Greeters/Gifts:** Dennis & Donna Donnelly

**EMHC:** Donna Donnelly, Jodi Bassett, Sr. Chinweze

#### Sunday May 13th

**Ushers:** Neal Crawford & Patrick Tiernan

**Cross Bearer:** Pete Kasap

**Altar Servers:** Sam & Eli Kasap

**Lector:** Gary Riordan

**Commentator:** Donna Olson

**Greeters/Gifts:** Neal & Symantha Crawford

**EMHC:** Joyce Van Pelt, Brenda Wedemeyer, Linda Lee O’Neel

Please contact Joyce Van Pelt regarding scheduling questions:

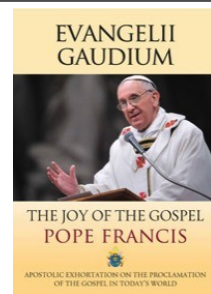
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## CALENDAR

<u>Sunday 5-6</u>	<u>Monday 5-7</u>	<u>Tuesday 5-8</u>	<u>Wednesday 5-9</u>	<u>Thursday 5-10</u>	<u>Friday 5-11</u>	<u>Saturday 5-12</u>
<b>9am</b> Choir/ Adoration  <b>10am Mass</b> for the Living & De- ceased Members of the Parish <i>BD: Cathy Hicks, Megan O'Brien</i> <b>Altar &amp; Rosary Mtg. After Mass</b>	<b>BDs:</b> Pat Doud, Ramona Partlow	<b>6pm Mass</b> for Ashton Maier  6:30pm Adult RE  <b>BDs:</b> Barb Marnin, DaMerica Smits  <b>ANN:</b> Paul & Viola Heins 1954		<b>9am Mass</b> for Ruby Waltz ( <i>Care Center</i> )  <b>BD:</b> Howard Messinger	<b>8:30am Mass</b> for All Souls in Purgatory  <b>BDs:</b> Paul Heins, Jodi Bassett, Erin Hadley, Phillip Tigges, Logan Witte	<b>3:30pm Confessions</b>  <b>4:30pm Mass</b> for Ruby Waltz  <b>BD:</b> Martha Gittens

## 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 Five: Spirit-filled Evangelizers

There are several subheadings under each of the sections.

#### Section I. Reasons For a Renewed Missionary Impulse \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Section II. Mary, Mother of Evangelization \_\_\_\_\_

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# FAITH FORMATION

- CATHY HICKS, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are closing the books on another successful Faith Formation year and I consider myself so blessed to be working with the many dedicated and compassionate catechists who each week guide our young people in their faith formation and encourage them to live a life like Jesus.

Julie Doyle and Laura Weber provide a sound faith foundation for our 1st graders to grow upon. Margie Livermore and Debi Kasap prepare our 2nd graders for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and 1st Communion. Our 3rd and 4th graders, led by Jen Dickson and Karey Smith, and the 5th and 6th graders, led by Lisa Poffenberger and Sister Nesta, all continue to instill the importance of a strong faith education and prayer life in their students. The two pre-confirmation classes taught by Tom Doud and Maria Ludwig (7th/8th), and Wayne Nosbisch and Bill Clauson (9th) begin preparing our students for the Sacrament of Confirmation with practical insights to the world around them. Hats off to Jill Gerling, our Youth Minister

and Confirmation catechists, for the work she does with our teens preparing them for their Confirmation and life in general. A special thank you goes to Brenda Wedemeyer who works with the 3-6 year-olds on Sunday mornings and for all the assistance she provides me throughout the year. Also, a big thanks goes to Wayne for preparing a light supper each Wednesday evening for those students who come right from practices and would otherwise not get to eat. All of these people give of their time and talents and are positive role models for our students and radiate the love and caring of Jesus Christ. Thank you and God bless you all for the work you do to prepare our students to lead a faith-filled life.

I greatly appreciate the support and kindness shown to me by so many parents with students in the program. Many of the students radiate a spiritual aura that reflects a strong Catholic faith and the role it plays in family dynamics. It

is a joy to see these families in Mass together, worshipping and praying as a family, as well as a parish community. Keep leading and guiding your children in the ways of Christ. And remember there is so much in the old adage, "The family that prays together, stays together."

One other very important person I want to thank is Father Higgins. He has contributed so much to the program in so many ways, especially these past two years. He has led us in prayer, blessed our pets, visited the classrooms, heard student confessions, guided us in the May Crowning procession, and much, much more. Father Ray, you will be greatly missed, but you have left footprints in our hearts which will remain there for many years to come. Thank you.

And as always, may God always be at your side and forever hold you in the palm of His hand.

## Thoughts from Jodi...

-Jodi Bassett, President, Altar & Rosary Society

A recurring theme in many of my articles has involved tragic circumstances. Sudden deaths, mass shootings, and natural disasters have been plentiful in the last year. Add to them the personal struggles of so many people that life can seem overwhelming. Illnesses, financial woes, marital and family difficulties are prevalent, making life drudgery and a source of stress and sadness for many. It is nearly impossible for some to find any happiness or joy in their lives.

Why is it so challenging for some folks to overcome their sadness? For some, the mere extent of their troubles can

overtake any pleasure that may come their way. For others, mental illness can interfere with their ability to process life's stresses. And I think some people are just intent on creating drama and taking everyone else along with them!

Could it be they have forgotten Jesus' words to His disciples? "Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you."

You got troubles? I've got

troubles. We all have troubles. The one thing that gets me mentally through my troubles is my faith in God Himself.

It is my belief in God's plan, and my hope that I am living in a way that pleases God more that it saddens Him, and such that He will continue to bless me through my troubles. That belief is how I can find joy through the depths of my problems.

When life gets to be too much, return to the commandments and find your love.

"This I command you: love one another."

### Parish Business & Finance Report

April 29th

Tithes & Offerings: \$1,834.00  
Kids: \$53.00  
Building Fund: \$0.00

**This Week's Income: \$1887.00**

**This Week's Expenses: \$0.00**

**NEW 2018 ADA Goal**  
\$29,802.00

Balance as of 4/27: \$16,442.00

**Trustees:**

*Janis Gilman,  
Robert Bird*

**Council Members:**

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

*Rita Rilea,  
Financial Secretary*