

# ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH

JUNE 17, 2018

Rev. Raymond J. Higgins, Parish Priest

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## DEAR PARISHIONERS

Happy Father's Day to all our Fathers and to those who are like Fathers to us.

In a world where many children grow up without one parent or the other, there is a growing push to think a father's care and influence is not as important as a mother's. Research tells us that fathers are just as important. I can't get into statistics or research in this bulletin letter, but you can research that on your own. On this special weekend where we honor fathers I know many of you are blessed to have a father or someone who has been like a father to you. I am blessed because of my father and all the other men (father-like) who have influenced

or inspired me. I bet you could think of several too.

**7 Facts About American Dads** was a Pew Research Center article written by Kim Parker and Gretchen Livingston. The article says fathers are just as likely to identify parenting as central to their life as mothers do (according to 2015 Pew Research Center 57% of Dads and 58% Moms say parenting is extremely important to their identity). Increasing amount of research also shows that couples who have children need to be attentive to each other because it can impact the raising of their children positively or negatively. Let's pray that all moms and dads com-

mit themselves to deepen their relationship and see each other and parenting as central to their identity.

Now that I have said that, let us also remember all those who grew up without parents, or only one parent, or whose parent died, and for those who have been harmed by one or both of them. This too is a reality for some and is not ideal. We pray for healing and the ability to see past the hurts and pains to appreciate the ideal and work toward being a good parent themselves should they become a mother or father.

Again,  
Happy Father's Day!



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## MASS TIMES

10AM SUNDAY  
6PM TUESDAY  
9AM THURSDAY AT THE  
CARE CENTER  
8:30AM FRIDAY  
3:30PM SATURDAY  
CONFESSION  
(OR BY APPOINTMENT)  
4:05PM SATURDAY  
ROSARY  
4:30PM SATURDAY

### Parish Business & Finance June 10th

Tithes & Offerings: \$1,799.00  
Kids: \$2.19

Building Fund: \$210.00

**This Week's Income: \$1,801.19**  
**This Week's Expenses: \$2,312.88**

**Please remember your tithes & offerings if/when you are unavailable to attend Mass. The Parish Expenses continue whether you are here or not.**

**Thank you!**

2018 ADA Goal: \$29,802.00  
Balance as of 6/8: \$12,682.00

**Trustees:** Janis Gilman,  
Robert Bird

**Council Members:** Wayne  
Nosbisch, Brenna Bird, Dave &  
Barb Boss, Eric Tiernan, Tom Doud  
Rita Rilea, Financial Secretary

## *A Personal Reflection*

*-Submitted by David Witkowski*

How can you make your heart and your home a type of paradise? Some may be tempted to think this is only an ideal that cannot be practically lived. You may think that you have particular issues or circumstances in life that make this ideal impossible. Life brings crosses to each and every one of us. The Holy Family had their fair share of them as well. Moreover, they had The Cross. The Holy Family taught us how to love in the midst of suffering, in the midst of trials and in the midst of uncertainty. Some may be tempted to question how this ideal of paradise in your heart and home can take place if your wife and children are not on board. Let's be honest, none of us have the Blessed Virgin Mary as our spouse, and none of us have Jesus Christ as our child. Regardless of your particular situation, the real question you

should ask yourself is, "How can I enter more deeply into the mystery of love through the pierced heart of the Savior?" Love conquers all things. When your heart becomes a living flame of love, you cannot force it upon others, and it does not guarantee their conversion, but you can offer it to anyone you encounter. If you reach this point, you have become a reflection of Christ and revelation of God the Father. You have climbed to the heights of sanctity with your most trusted friend, St. Joseph, to guide you every step of the way.

Heavenly Father, fill me at daybreak with your love, for your love is better than life itself. Show me a Father's love, and teach me to love as you have loved. Purge my heart of all

but love, so that even now I may begin to taste the joys of paradise.

*St. Joseph, Mystery hidden from the wise and learned, But revealed to little ones.*

*Take me to Nazareth and train me in your ways.*

*Reveal to me Christ's hidden face present in my children.*

*Unveil for me the love of the Holy Spirit present in my spouse.*

*Teach me to manifest for them the Father who is rich in mercy.*

*Help me to exclude all evil from my heart and my home,*

*So that we might find union with God,*

*And experience his love, peace and joy. Amen.*

(Prayer written by Steve Bollman)

## *Thoughts from Jodi...*

*-Jodi Bassett, President, Altar & Rosary Society*

God is sometimes referred to as the Great Equalizer. Can this reference really be a surprise to anyone? We may use the words fate or karma, but faith should tell us that it is God at work.

I am sure we have all felt we have been wronged by someone, and have probably wanted to get revenge, or 'get even.' Revenge is an earthly emotion, and a rather subjective one. How much revenge equals even? Where does it stop before the other person fights back? Before long, left unchecked, revenge can become like a revolving door.

One-upmanship becomes the law of the duel. Who really gains there?

That's why God is the Great Equalizer. He brings the high tree low and raises high the low tree; withers the green and makes the withered bloom. God proclaimed He would, and so He did. Even though we don't always see God at work, we walk by faith; therefore we trust He is at work. Isn't it kind of liberating to know that God has the power of balance? It's not on us.

But it goes both ways. If God makes it

even with someone who committed a wrong against us, He will do the same with us if we should wrong someone. We all sit before Christ to be judged on our actions here on earth. Would you rather be even with another person now or even on God's terms for all eternity?

And while God may balance out the good and the bad, we are called to find balance in our own lives; balancing work and play, time with family and time for God, activity and rest, important and trivial. There is a time for everything, but how we use our time is what matters.

### **LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

#### **Saturday June 23rd**

**Rosary:** Frank Holle

**Ushers:** Matt & Jen Dickson

**Cross Bearer:** Matt Dickson

**Altar Servers:** Zoey & Bailey Dickson

**Lector:** Bob Bird

**Commentator:** Sharon Doud

**Greeters/Gifts:** Matt & Jen Dickson

**EMHC:** Sisters

#### **Sunday June 24th**

**Ushers:** Wayne Nosbisch & Tom Doud

**Cross Bearer:** Pete Kasap

**Altar Servers:** Lauren O'Brien, Sam & Eli Kasap

**Lector:** Amy Doud

**Commentator:** Donna Olson

**Greeters/Gifts:** Tom & Amy Doud

**EMHC:** Joyce Van Pelt, Harriet Gulbranson, Amy Doud

**Please contact Joyce Van Pelt regarding scheduling questions: [joyceannvp@gmail.com](mailto:joyceannvp@gmail.com)**

### **Phil Stacey Concert**

One of the "Top 5" finalists on season six of American Idol, Stacey's powerful voice caught the attention of more than 30 million television viewers each week, and it's that musical gift combined with his passionate heart for God and desire to help others that fuels every note in his songs.

**Friday July 13th, 7pm at the Dexter Round House**

## CALENDAR

<u>Sunday 6-17</u>	<u>Monday 6-18</u>	<u>Tuesday 6-19</u>	<u>Wednesday 6-20</u>	<u>Thursday 6-21</u>	<u>Friday 6-22</u>	<u>Saturday 6-23</u>
<b>9am</b> Adoration <b>10am Mass</b> for the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish <b>BDs:</b> Beatriz Huerta	<b>BDs:</b> Jim Lonsdale, Scott Lonsdale, Barb Boss, Madeline Livermore <b>ANN:</b> John & Thelma O'Brien 1960	<b>6pm Mass</b> for Betty Beaman <b>BD:</b> Zoey Dickson <b>ANN:</b> Scott & Staci Lewis 2009	<b>BD:</b> Bob Dickson <b>ANN:</b> Gary & Emily Lincoln 2015	<b>9am Mass</b> for Patricia Miller <i>(Care Center)</i>	<b>8:30am Mass</b> for Donato Cianciaruso <b>ANN:</b> Steve & Patti McAndrews 1974	<b>3:30pm</b> Confessions <b>4:05pm</b> Rosary <b>4:30pm Mass</b> for Joann Dickey Roth <b>BD:</b> Melanie Trichel

# IN THIS WEEK'S READINGS

### Sunday Focus:

Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34

*Even small works can bear fruit in growing the kingdom of God.*

The psalmist urges us to give thanks to the Lord and to sing of His kindness and faithfulness. For His loving presence is like a great cedar tree giving shade to those in need and fruit to those who hunger.

### Monday Focus:

1 Kings 21:1-16; Matthew 5:38-42

*Righteousness is obtained through grace, prayer and service to others.*

Throughout Scripture, we are given examples of justice and injustice. We see how individuals and communities react, and how God intervenes. The law was the basis for obtaining justice, and Jesus—as the fulfillment of the law—taught us how we are to embody righteousness. This can be very challenging at times, but can be realized through grace, much prayers, and possessing a mindset of serving others, rather than ourselves.

### Tuesday Focus:

1 Kings 21:17-29; Matthew 5:43-48

*We love our enemies best when we*

*pray for them.*

God's love for us is unconditional, and He challenges us to fulfill His will for us by loving all others as He does, even our enemies. Love, in this respect, is not concerned with affectionate feelings but with outward actions such as repentance and prayer.

### Wednesday Focus:

2 Kings 2:1, 6-14; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

*We are given our share of the gifts of the Spirit, depending on what God calls us to do.*

Today we see some remarkable miracles. The Spirit enables both Elijah and Elisha to create dry land through the river, and Elijah leaves earth on a flaming chariot. But Jesus calls us to a quieter approach: performing prayer, fasting and works of charity in private.

### Thursday Focus:

Sirach 48:1-14, Matthew 6:7-15

*Our Father knows what we need before we ask.*

The pagans worshipped many gods and so recited long lists of divine names, hoping one of them would be listening. As Christians, we do not need to babble in such a way, for the one true God knows what we need

before we even ask. Jesus taught us the Lord's Prayer, and the words of that simple prayer contain the summary of the whole Gospel.

### Friday Focus:

2 Kings 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Matthew 6:19-23

*God has never forsaken us, and awaits us with heavenly treasures far greater than any earthly ones.*

God is near to us each waking moment of our day, and He has never forsaken His covenant with us. He empowers us with His grace and through Him, we can be a light in the darkness and build His kingdom. The heavenly treasures we obtain will be far greater than any fragile earthly ones we may desire.

### Saturday Focus:

2 Chronicles 24:17-25; Matthew 6:24-34

*Resolve not to worry and put your cares in God's hands.*

We have a choice about where we place our trust. When we trust tangible but limited resources, we are vulnerable to anxiety because people and things can let us down. God's love has no limits. When we trust Him, place our cares in His hands and follow His plan for us, we have no need for worry.

# WHO'S WHO?

**Parish Priest** Rev. Raymond J. Higgins is our current Pastor. He will officially be leaving us July 11, 2018. Our new priest will be Fr. Antony Mathew who is currently serving the parishes in Audubon and Exira.

**Parish Office** PO Box 605, 216 All Saints Drive, Stuart 50250 *Serving Both Parishes* Rita Rilea ([allsaintsoffice@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintsoffice@gmail.com)) is our **Financial Secretary and is responsible for all matters dealing with the finances** at both All Saints in Stuart and St. John in Adair. She is also the person who publishes donation statements, sets up electronic donations, and is the secretary/treasurer of the Altar & Rosary Society. Rita is in the office Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday from 9am-3pm. Brenda Wedemeyer ([stjohnallsaints@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnallsaints@gmail.com)) is our bulletin editor, communications coordinator, and pastoral assistant. She manages the websites and email correspondences and assists Father as needed by attending meetings in his place or taking care of general requests. Brenda is in the office on a limited basis, but generally on Thursdays from 9-5, with some hours at other times during the week as needed.

**Faith Formation** Cathy Hicks ([cabinmn@gmail.com](mailto:cabinmn@gmail.com)) is our Director of Religious Education and is responsible for the education department at All Saints. Annie Brincks ([annie68164@hotmail.com](mailto:annie68164@hotmail.com)) is her counterpart at St. John. Please contact either one of these ladies to register your children for Faith Formation, to volunteer, or for further information.

**Parish Maintenance** Barb Boss ([bbosslady@msn.com](mailto:bbosslady@msn.com)) is the head of building custodial duties. She is part time and is assisted by Christina, her daughter. Their work schedule fluctuates with the events of the parish, but generally are at the church on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Dave, Barb's husband, is the one who takes care

of our building & grounds as well as our environmental creature comforts.

**Knights of Columbus—All Saints** Dan Hilgers ([amh50070@yahoo.com](mailto:amh50070@yahoo.com)) is the current Grand Knight. Meetings are conducted on the second Sunday evening of the month at 6pm. All men—18 and older—of the parish are invited and welcome to join.

**St. John's Men's Group—Adair** All men—18 and older—are invited to take part in the organization which specializes in sponsoring Friday Night Fish Fries during Lent each year. Francis Hollinrake is the leader of this group. (641-742-5016)

**Altar & Rosary Society—All Saints** Jodi Bassett ([jodibdc@coonvalleytelco.com](mailto:jodibdc@coonvalleytelco.com)) is the current president of the Altar & Rosary Society. The A&RS provides funeral meals as well as altar linens. All women—18 and older—of the parish are automatically members. Annual dues are \$10.

**C.W.O.—Adair** The Catholic Women's Organization at St. John's is lead by Betty Ludwig ([bludwig50002@yahoo.com](mailto:bludwig50002@yahoo.com)). The group meets the first of each month following Mass on Wednesday morning. Every woman of the church is a member. The group provides coffee and rolls the first Sunday of the month. The CWO hosts an annual Spring Dinner to help raise funds to help with the Annual Diocesan Appeal amount. They serve funeral lunches and are responsible for the bills of the parish hall. Annual dues are \$5 as well as a \$25 collection each fall in lieu of a dinner.

**Hall Rentals** Anyone wishing to rent a parish hall should contact Rita Rilea at All Saints or Betty Ludwig at St. John.

**Musicians** Norma Tigges ([tiggesnorma@yahoo.com](mailto:tiggesnorma@yahoo.com)) is the organist, music director, and wedding coordinator for All Saints with Sharon Swartz as the Saturday organist. Deb Hollinrake (641-742-5016) is the organist, cantor, and choir

leader for St. John. Contact Norma or Deb for wedding or funeral arrangements.

**Special Events** Frank Hadley ([8791armyvet@gmail.com](mailto:8791armyvet@gmail.com)) has accepted the responsibility of heading the Special Events committee at Stuart. Please contact Frank if you'd like to volunteer to help him on any particular event.

**Websites & e-Communications**

<https://stuartallsaints.org>

<https://adairstjohn.org>

Mass emails are sent out through Constant Contact. If you are not receiving our electronic bulletins and other notifications (i.e., prayer requests, announcements, etc), please be sure to submit your email address to the church office. The week's bulletin is sent out at 9am each Saturday morning for your convenience.

Any items that you would like to have published in the upcoming bulletin need to be submitted to the church office by 5pm Wednesday. Thank you!

**Liturgical Scheduling** All scheduling of Liturgical Ministers is done through Les Elgin ([elgins2011@gmail.com](mailto:elgins2011@gmail.com)) for St. John and through Joyce Van Pelt ([joyceannvp@gmail.com](mailto:joyceannvp@gmail.com)) at All Saints. Please keep these folks informed of your ability to serve as well as your current contact information.

**Sacraments** If you are in need of any Sacrament or if you wish to join the Church, please contact the Church office at 515-523-1943.

**RCIA** The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is offered during the regularly scheduled Faith Formation year.

**Prayer Requests** For St. John's contact Adella Vogl at 641-742-5277; for All Saints, contact Viola Heins at 515-789-2029 or call the Church Office 515-523-1943.