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 the Holy Ghost between Ascension and Pentecost, asking for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

GET OUTSIDE THIS SUMMER!



Catholic Youth Camp will be one of the best weeks of your summer!
Come join us during one of our 11 camp sessions. Available for those entering 3rd grade through high school seniors. Grow in your faith, be a part of our vibrant community, and enjoy the adventure of camp. For more info and to register visit www.stmcenter.com We hope to see you at camp this summer!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

| All Saints | All Saints | St. John |
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| Saturday, June 8 | Sunday, June 9 | Sunday, June 9 |
| Rosary: Frank Holle | Ushers: Vince & Christy O'Brien | Cross Bearer: Cole Plowman |
| Ushers: John & Pat Gulbranson | Altar Servers: Lauren O'Brien, Aiden Clauson & Camryn Tigges | Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Doug Richter |
| Altar Servers: Connie Drake | Lector: Sean Bovinett | Lector: Julie Plowman |
| Lector: Jodi Bassett | Commentator: Gary Riordan | Host: Sister Andre |
| Commentator: Donna Donnelly | Greeters: Vince & Christy O'Brien | Cup: Les Elgin & Adella Vogl |
| Greeters: David & Sharon Doud | EMHC: Linda Lee O'Neel, Jo Beaman & Brenda Wedemeyer | Altar Servers: Belle Fagan & Addy Richter |
| EMHC: Sister Nesta, Jodi Bassett & Harriett Gulbranson | | Traveling Chalice: Matt & Monica Fagan |

MONEY COUNTERS

Tuesday, June 4 @ 1pm: Janet Bassett, Pat Hohn & Mary Morgan
Tuesday, June 11 @ 1pm: Eric Tiernan, Gina James & Donna Donnelly

| All Saints Financial Partnership | St. John Financial Partnership |
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| May 26, 2019 | May 26, 2019 |
| Weekly Offering: \$ 2,008.00 | Weekly Offering: \$ 601.00 |
| Children's Offering: \$ 11.00 | Children's Offering: \$ 10.00 |
| | Cemetery donation: \$150.00 |

Staff

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Office Hours

Tuesday: 8:30am - 3pm
 Wednesday: 8:30am - 3pm
 Thursday: 8:30am - 3pm

Bulletin Deadline:

Noon Wednesday



All Saints Mass Schedule

Tuesday: 6pm
 Thursday: 9am (Care Center)
 Friday: 8:30am
 Saturday: 4:30pm
 Sunday: 10am

St. John Mass Schedule

Wednesday: 8:30am
 Sunday: 8am

Father Tony's Corner



Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, colloquially known as Ascension Thursday or Ascension Day. Ascension Day is traditionally celebrated on a Thursday, the fortieth day of Easter, after Jesus Christ rose from the dead. It is the final act of our redemption that Christ began on Good Friday. On this day, the risen Christ, in the sight of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven. Before his Ascension, Christ spent forty days teaching the Apostles and disciples about the Kingdom of God. The Lord informed them that they would receive power from the Holy Spirit to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. The Ascension occurred at Bethany on the Mount of Olives. Christ's work of redemption has become known as the Paschal Mystery of Christ and was accomplished principally by his Passion, death, Resurrection, and Glorious Ascension into Heaven. The Paschal Mystery of Christ constitutes one action for the salvation of mankind, for Jesus 'was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification'. Jesus Christ made multiple appearances in several locations to his disciples for forty days following his resurrection. For example, Jesus appeared first to Mary Magdalene in Jerusalem, to two disciples on the Road to Emmaus, to Simon Peter, to his disciples in the evening of that first day, and a week later to Thomas and the disciples. He appeared to James, and to Peter and the Apostles in Galilee. His final appearance in Scripture was to John on the island of Patmos in the Book of Revelation (1:10-1:20). His glorious Ascension signified the completion of his time on earth, which is celebrated by the Church forty days after the Resurrection and ten days before the Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit. Our Lord Jesus Christ gave us hope by promising that *"when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also"* (John 14:3). The reality of Christ's Ascension is so important that the creed (the basic statements of belief of Christianity) will affirm that 'He ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead'. Christ's bodily Ascension foreshadows our own entrance into Heaven not simply as souls, after our death, but as glorified bodies, after the resurrection of the dead at the Final Judgment. In redeeming mankind, Christ not only offered salvation to our souls but began the restoration of the material world itself to the glory that God intended before Adam's fall. Before His Ascension, Christ promised to send the Holy Spirit to His apostles. Their prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit, which began on Ascension Thursday, ended with the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, ten days later. Today, Catholics recall that first novena by praying the Novena to

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Sacraments:

Reconciliation:
 3:30pm Saturday in Stuart;
 7:30am Sunday in Adair;
 or by Appointment

Anointing of the Sick:
 Call Fr. Tony before/after hospitalization

Baptism: Call the office during pregnancy for preparation class

Marriage: Call the office at least nine months to one year ahead to plan marriage preparation. Wedding Date should not be set until preparations have begun

Annulment/ Marriage Validation:
 Call Fr. Tony to learn more about this process with Diocesan Tribunal if you are divorced and remarried or never married in the Catholic Church.

RCIA: Call Fr. Tony if you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or the RCIA process.

Membership/Registration:
 If you are new, welcome to our parish. Please register by calling the office. If you are moving away, please contact the office to notify us before moving.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Annual Diocesan Appeal 2019:** Each year, every member of our diocesan faith community is asked to participate in making a gift to support the work and ministry of Bishop Pates through the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Each of the 81 parishes in the Diocese of Des Moines has a goal that is calculated based on a formula of parish income and expenses. One of the largest expenses covered by the Diocesan Appeal is support of our priests. The Diocese pays 100% of the priests health care. The Appeal also covers the priest's retirement benefits, an expense which is not absorbed by our parish. The Diocese currently supports 112 priests; 37 of those priests are retired, and 75 are active. The Appeal also covers the formation of our deacons, and education of our 21 seminarians as they study in their last years of Seminary. The ADA also covers administrative expenses for the staff of the Diocese who are dedicated to serving our parish in many ways. Bishop Pates' ministry, including housing, travel throughout the Diocese for meetings, special masses, and confirmations are all supported by the ADA. Last, but not least, a portion of our ADA dollars supports Catholic Charities in feeding and clothing those in need; providing shelter for homeless families; assisting victims of domestic violence; counseling thousands of individuals, and welcoming refugees who have fled their native lands as they settle in Iowa. I want to thank everyone who has already participated in the 2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal, and provide a friendly reminder to those who are still thinking about responding. Your participation is very valuable to All Saints and St. John Catholic Church. We are looking forward to your support, and sacrificial generosity to share a little of our God-given blessing to spread His kingdom and mission.

All Saints, Stuart, Parish ADA Goal = \$30,035

Gifts Received: \$ 17,680.00

St. John, Adair, ADA Goal = \$7,257

Gifts Received: \$4,345.00

- All Saints Catholic Church Maintenance and Repair Projects:** All Saints Catholic Church has decided to take up three maintenance projects costing around \$ 54,841 dollars. As a matter of fact, all these projects are long overdue. The success of the campaign for these projects will depend upon your commitment in prayer, involvement and sacrifice of God given treasure. Our success will not come from a small group of parishioners, but rather from the participation of 100% of the parish family. I want to thank everyone who has already donated to these projects, and we are looking forward to the support, and sacrificial generosity of others so that in the spirit of the sacrifice and generosity of our founding members, we can answer our challenge today.

Gifts received - \$ 5,675.00

Parishioners Donated: 12

- Air-conditioning of St. John Parish Hall:** We have decided to fulfill a long cherished dream of our parishioners of having an air conditioning system installed at St. John Parish Hall at a cost of \$ 6050 dollars. The success of the campaign for this project will depend upon your commitment in prayer, involvement and sacrifice of God given treasure. Our success will not come from a small group of parishioners, but rather from the participation of 100% of the parish family. I want to thank everyone who has already donated to this project, and we are looking forward to the support, and sacrificial generosity of others so that in the spirit of the sacrifice and generosity of our founding members, we can answer our challenge today.

Gifts Received: \$ 2,485.00

Parishioners Donated: 11

- Pastor Away from the Office:** Father Antony Mathew will be away from the parish office from Tuesday, May 7th through Thursday, June 6th on vacation spending time with his family in India.
- NO DAILY MASS:** There will not be a daily Mass from Tuesday, May 7th through Friday June 7th.
- Substitute Priest:** Rev. Lawrence R. Hoffmann, a retired priest of the Diocese of Des Moines, will cover the weekend Masses at All Saints and St. John during Fr. Tony's absence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Funeral/emergency while Fr. Tony gone:** Call Rev. Lawrence R. Hoffmann (515-343-6040), and see whether he will be available for a funeral. If someone is in the hospital, the family needs to contact the hospital chaplain there; Rev. James Ahenkora (641-745-7362), pastor of St. John Catholic Church, Greenfield may be able to help in the event of an emergency.
- St. John Bible Study:** For those who have committed to "Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom" we will plan on starting Thursday May 30th at 6pm in the parish hall. The cost is \$29/book per person; couples can share if they like. There are 20 total sessions. Please contact Annie 402-216-9488 or email annie68164@hotmail.com to confirm your participation if you haven't already, or if you have any questions. We are excited to start back up! Thank you!
- Meeting:** The Knights of Columbus will meet at 5:30pm on Sunday, June 2nd in the parish hall.
- All Saints Altar & Rosary Society:** The Altar and Rosary Society would like to invite you to join them when they host bingo at the Stuart Community Care Center Monday, June 10th at 2:30 pm.
- Mass Intentions!** The tradition of offering Masses for others, particularly the dead, originates in the very early Church. When we face the death of someone, even a person who is not Catholic, to have a Mass offered for the repose of his soul and to offer our prayers are more beneficial and comforting than any other sympathy card or bouquet of flowers. To have a Mass offered on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special need is appropriate, beneficial and appreciated. If you would like to offer Mass for a deceased family member, someone who is sick, celebrate someone's birthday or celebrate a couple's wedding anniversary, kindly contact the parish office.



FAMILY FEST



All Saints Catholic Church is hosting an
Annual Family Fest

to celebrate faith and community with a day a of food,
fun, and fellowship.

Join us **Saturday, August 24, 2019**
from Noon until 4:00



Calendar with Mass Times, Birthdays and Anniversaries

| Sunday 6/2 | Monday 6/3 | Tuesday 6/4 | Wednesday 6/5 | Thursday 6/6 | Friday 6/7 | Saturday 6/8 |
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| Adair | | Stuart | Adair | Stuart | Stuart | Stuart |
| 7:30am Rosary & Confession | ANN: Howard & Diane Messinger 1967 | NO MASS | NO MASS | NO MASS | NO MASS | Confessions by Appointment |
| 8am Mass for Linda Faga | | BD: Allie Doud | BD: Jan Gilman | | BD: Stephanie Dorsey, Stefani Dole, Zoe Nixt & Colton Nixt | 4:05pm Rosary 4:30pm Mass for George Clark |
| 6/9 Mass for Linda Faga | | | | | | BD: Nora Hoffman |
| Stuart | | | | | | |
| 9am Choir Practice | | | | | | |
| 10am Mass | | | | | | |