

*We are developing a new bulletin style for All Saints and St John, some of the template information is missing but this is due to COVID-19 but we want to share the layout so you can learn where to find all the information.*



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Fifth Sunday of Lent

# Bulletin

All Saints / St John

March 29, 2020



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## Due to COVID-19 ALL MASSES ARE CANCELLED

### Mass Schedule

#### Saturdays

4:30pm - All Saints - Stuart

#### Sundays

8:00am - St John in Adair

10:00am - All Saints - Stuart

**Confessions** - Saturdays at All Saints at 3:30

**Mondays** - No Mass

**Tuesdays** - 6:00pm at All Saints - Stuart

**Wednesdays** 8:30am at St John - Adair

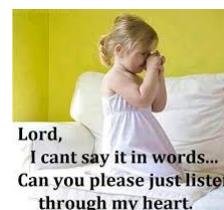
**Thursdays** - 9:00 at Stuart Care Center in Stuart

**Friday** - 8:30am at All Saints - Stuart

**Rosary** - 4:05pm Saturdays at All Saints - Stuart

## Announcements

**COVID-19 Update:** During this time of self isolation as the COVID-19 pandemic unfolds in our state, Bishop William Joensen sent a pastoral message out on March 17th and it still holds for true: **Public celebration of the Holy Mass and all church activities in our diocese remain cancelled until further notice.**



### Ways to Worship and Pray:

#### Using a Radio:

- Iowa Catholic Radio stations 1150AM - 88.5FM or 94.5FM
- Daily they have the Rosary, Gospel and reflection with Father Andrew Windschitl at 5:30am, 9:30am, 9:30pm
- At 3:00pm daily is the Devine Mercy Chaplet

#### Using the Television

- Cable & Dish users should have access to the EWTN channel where mass is a feature daily. Check your TV listings for mass times

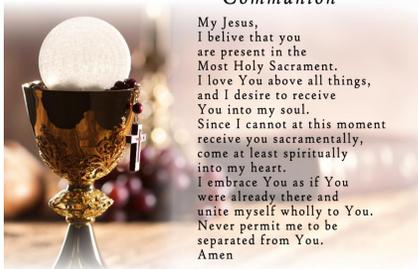
#### Using the Internet:

- [Des Moines Diocese](#)
- [List of parishes streaming Mass](#)

#### - FACEBOOK:

- Like the Diocese of Des Moines page on Facebook and receive various notification of live streaming events around the diocese and more!!!

*Prayer of Spiritual  
Communion*



My Jesus,  
I believe that you  
are present in the  
Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive  
You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually  
into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You  
were already there and  
unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be  
separated from You.  
Amen

**Abstinence on Fridays:** *Abstinence from meat is to be observed on all Fridays of Lent to those who have celebrated their 14th Birthday.*

**Sponsor the Paschal Candle!** At the Easter Vigil Service, a new fire is lit, blessed, and the celebrant lights the Paschal Candle from the new fire, saying: **"May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds."** The candle is then processed through the church, and at three different times, singing: the Light of Christ (Lumen Christi), with the congregation singing in reply: thanks be to God (Deo gratias). Then everyone lights their candle from the Paschal Candle and continue in procession until the whole church is alight. The Paschal Candle symbolizes Christ, the Light of the World.

*Would you consider sponsoring the Paschal Candle for All Saints?  
Would you consider sponsoring the Paschal Candle for St. John?*



**"Ever man shall give what he is able, according to the blessings the Lord your God which He has given you"  
Deuteronomy 16:17**

*A few parishioners have reached out willing to help those individuals or families who desire to not leave their homes in this time of the COVID-19 outbreak in Iowa. If you or your family could benefit from someone bringing you groceries, household items or run an errand for you please contact the church by replying to this email or calling the church office. Those in the office will relay your request to those parishioners willing to assist others during this time.*

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**Want the daily readings, the United State Conference of Catholic Bishops website is a great resource for readings. Click the date in the calendar on the right side to get the readings.**



[USCCB.org](http://USCCB.org)

**INFORMATION for our Families about assistance.** The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) was signed on March 18, 2020 and it provides various assistance for families dealing with various issues from the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States. To learn more or to see if you could benefit from the FFCRA, [click here](#).



**FATHER TONY'S CORNER**

In the Gospel, Jesus shows us our faith combined with him is something much more. It is not just a passive faith that takes the shots as they come. Through Martha's faith in Christ, we

see the power of belief conjoined to God. When news reaches him that Lazarus was sick, he did not go hurrying to Bethany and said the illness would not end in death. However, he also added something a little more mysterious, something the disciples did not pick up on: the illness was 'for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it'. In our life of faith, we have to be attentive to Jesus' words, because often at first glance we can pass over what he is trying to say to us. Faith is not just an assent to something presented to us as credible. It is also a source of light. We can go back to Jesus' words over and over in faith and find new light and new meaning. No one expected Jesus would be able to bring back someone who had been dead for days. All the other people he had raised from the dead had only recently died. When Jesus told Martha her brother would rise, she knew, but she just thought Jesus was consoling her with the Jewish belief - even before Christ's Resurrection - that Lazarus would be raised with everyone else on the last day. Martha's faith had been strong enough to withstand not seeing Jesus for days and watching her brother die. It was strong enough to be the instrument for the sign he wanted to work for many other believers: the raising of her brother from death. So he invited her to believe that even those who believed and died would live. She put her faith in him, not just the Jewish teaching about a future resurrection. When Jesus ordered the tomb to be opened, Martha's faith was rewarded, and the power of God through those who believe was shown. Saint John points out that 'Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus'. And yet, in spite of his love, Jesus does not rush back to Jerusalem to heal Lazarus. Nor does he heal him from a distance, as he did with the Centurion's servant. Jesus loves these friends, and yet he lets them suffer. He lets them experience their helplessness and weakness, the painful separation of death and the loss of a loved one. Did he do it because he had no power to remedy the evil? No, he let them suffer precisely because he loved them. If God protected us from all suffering, we would make the mistake of thinking that earth is heaven, that we could make ourselves truly happy just by our own efforts. But we live in a fallen world, a world in which suffering is inevitable. And God allows us to experience that suffering as a way to remind us that life on earth is a journey towards heaven - it is the path, not the goal. The goal is heaven, and the resurrection of Lazarus is an appetizer of heaven. What matters in life is not being perfectly comfortable: what matters in life is knowing, loving, and following Jesus Christ. Jesus uses our sufferings to help us to do that more and more. Our sufferings remind us that we are not God; they make us turn to God. He uses them as opportunities to act in our lives in new ways, revealing himself to us more completely, just as he did with Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. In this way, he shows that his Providence is more powerful than even life's greatest tragedies. To say that God's Providence includes tragedies does not turn tragedies into comedies. Lazarus being raised from the dead did not erase the experience of pain and loss that Martha and Mary went through during his sickness and after his death. Jesus rising from the dead on Easter Sunday did not erase the indescribable pain and sorrow of Good Friday. Just so, our sufferings and struggles really are sufferings and struggles. And we must never think that our faith in Jesus will make them go away. We will always have to suffer and struggle in this life. But Jesus has given purpose to our sufferings and struggles. When we accept Christ's cross in our lives, even through our tears, we grow in wisdom and spiritual maturity - just like Martha in today's Gospel passage. Having purpose in our suffering also makes it possible for us to have peace in our sufferings. Christ has proven that he will bring great things out of the greatest tragedies. And so, when storms of evil rock our boats, even while we struggle to keep afloat, in our hearts we can be at peace. Jesus wants us to have confidence in him, to trust him no matter what. Today, let us ask him to strengthen all hearts that are still seeking purpose in their sufferings.

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## Upcoming **LITURGICAL MINISTERS** for

### **Saturday, All Saints -**

**4:30 Mass**

**Rosary:**

**Ushers:**

**Altar Servers:**

**Lector:**

**Commentator:**

**Greeters:**

**EMHC:**

### **Sunday, All Saints -**

**10:00 Mass**

**Rosary:**

**Ushers:**

**Altar Servers:**

**Lector:**

**Commentator:**

**Greeters:**

**EMHC:**

### **Sunday, St John - 8:00 Mass**

**Rosary:**

**Ushers:**

**Altar Servers:**

**Lector:**

**Commentator:**

**Greeters:**

**EMHC:**

# Financial Partnership

**Please remember to tithe to your parish!** The building still has financial needs to meet and without the weekly mass collections the parish funds will suffer.

**Thank you to those who have mailed in your tithing,  
set up online payments or automatic withdraws,  
it is greatly appreciated!**

## All Saints Partnership

Date: Sunday, March 22, 2020

Weekly Offering: \$ 530.00

Children's Offering: \$ 0.00

Building Fund: \$ 100.00

## St John Partnership

Date: Sunday, March 22, 2020

Weekly Offering: \$ 150.00

Children's Offering: \$ 0.00

Building Fund: \$ 0.00

## MONEY COUNTERS

not needed during this time



### Missed and Upcoming Birthday Blessings to

Brooke Beckman on March 15  
Jeremy Trichel on March 16  
Phyllis Tigges on March 19  
Connie Drake on March 20  
Kaylie Plowman on March 20  
Belle Fagan on March 20  
Mei Riordan on March 21  
Ryan Steensen on March 21  
Bill Tracy on March 22  
Wilma Fagan on March 22  
John Fagan on March 22  
Kathy Fagan on March 23  
Matthew Smith on March 24  
Mitchell Dickson on March 25  
Joyce Van Pelt on March 26  
Rick Knowlton on March 26  
Margaret Storms on March 26  
Carol Smith on March 27  
Gage Trichel on March 27  
Willow Bovinett on March 27  
Adalla Vogl on March 27  
Kelly Marnin on March 28  
Emily Smith on March 28  
Annie Brincks on March 28  
Caleb Arthur on March 29  
Davis DuBios on March 31  
Thelma O'Brien on April 1  
Frank Wagers on April 2  
Christina O'Brien on April 2  
Jackson Sloss on April 3  
Mary Ellen Gilman on April 4  
Gavin Steensen on April 4

### Missed and Upcoming Anniversary Blessings to

Jason and Jennifer Tigges on March 17  
Frank and Marilyn Wagers on March 28