

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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Easter Sunday **Bulletin**

All Saints / St John

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**Due to COVID-19 ALL MASSES ARE CANCELLED
EXCEPT FOR
SUNDAY MASSES WILL BE LIVE-STREAMING AT 10:00 AM
THROUGH APRIL**

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

***Blessings to everyone for a joyful Easter with our risen Jesus Christ!
and
Birthday Blessings to Father Tony from all of us at All Saints and St John!***

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.**

2020 Annual Diocesan Appeal

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 Joensen through the Annual Diocesan Appeal. We are part of a much larger church community – the Church of the Diocese of Des Moines which encompasses 23 counties of Iowa, with 80 parishes, 17 schools and more than 35,000 registered Catholic households. The total goal for this year's appeal is just over \$ 4,488,968 million. Each of the 80 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 for support of our priests. The Diocese pays 100 percent of the health care. The appeal also covers the priest's retirement benefits, expenses which are not absorbed by our parish. The Diocese currently supports 88 priests, 36 of those priests are retired and 52 are active. The appeal also covers the formation of our deacons, and education

of our 15 seminarians as they study in their last years of Seminary. The ADA also covers administrative expense for the staff of the diocese who are dedicated to serving our parish in many ways. Bishop Joensen' 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. Your gift has significant impact on the how we live out our faith. Some of you have already mailed in your ADA Appeal, and others can do so. Please send in your ADA appeal to the office **(All Saints, P.O. Box 605, Stuart, IA 50250)**.

Thank you for your generous financial support.

All Saints

ADA Appeal Goal \$ 30,397
Gifts Received 04/08/2020 \$ 6,000

Saint John

ADA Appeal Goal \$ 7,377
Gifts Received 04/08/2020 \$ 2,932.12



First Holy Communion - All Saints

Please keep in your prayers the five girls from All Saints whom were to make their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 19. Their First Communion has been postpone until we are able to celebrate as a Holy Family of All Saints. Please watch the bulletin for the rescheduled date to come later.

Confirmation - All Saints

Bishop Joensen has given delegation to all the pastors in the diocese of Des Moines to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in their own parishes. If social distancing is lifted before our Confirmation date (Sunday, May 31, 2020), we will be checking with the Bishop's office to confirm whether he will be available to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please watch the bulletin for updates.



Message from the Faith Formation Coordinator ~ Jill Gerling

To all the Faith Formation Families, all the families of All Saints and St John, and all parishioners, know you are in my daily prayers for God's protection over all of you during these COVID-19 Pandemic days!

I hope you are all enjoying the new All Saints / St John Faith Formation Newsletter that contains lessons, activities, crafts and other devotional suggestions to stay connect with God during these times apart.

I want to take a few minutes and share another AMAZING resource which streams LIVE every Sunday evening from 7:00-8:00, **PROJECTYM**, which is a project ministry night for youth! This event is geared towards the youth of the church mainly ages 11-21. But after watching the past three weeks, it is NOT just for those ages! Our family has been watching along with other youth and their families.

The evening starts with opening prayer, interactive game, worship through song, guest speaker, and an ending prayer. The guest speakers have been outstanding and our family conversations have been great after the event.

Please consider joining the worship and fun on Easter Sunday and then make it a habit while we are social



Click the above image to be taken to the Live Streaming page on Sunday evening.

Up this week for their Easter Special is Father Agustino Torres & music by PJ Anderson, click on their photos to learn more about them!





Pope Francis has released this prayer as our world battles this pandemic.

Find time daily to give this prayer to God.



Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of good health and peace that we have enjoyed for so many years. As we find ourselves in this time of crisis today, we ask for your divine intervention and mercy to be upon each of us.

Come and guide the minds of those working to discover a treatment to the COVID-19 virus. Grant them the wisdom, knowledge, and clarity of mind, so that all peoples will be free from the threat of this ailment.

We also pray for the healthcare workers that are standing in the front line of this battle. Father, we thank you for their hearts of service, putting the needs of society before their own, generously responding to the cry of Your people. We ask that You will grant them strength and protection. As they give of themselves in selfless service, may You fill them with your Holy Spirit as they work to be Your healing hands and feet.

Father, we also surrender to You all those who have been afflicted with the virus. Grant them Your healing grace, merciful Father, so that they may recover swiftly and continue to be witnesses of Your love in their lives.

Mother Mary, we ask for your intercession in this great time of need. Cover each of us with your blue mantle of protection, so that we may be preserved in good health to continue to glorify your son, Jesus Christ. We make this our prayer through Christ, our Savior and Redeemer. Amen.



**"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



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](#).



Three days ago, on the evening of Good Friday, apparent failure loomed large. Not only was the Lord dead and buried, but the Apostles were holed up in a locked room, fearing for their lives. It seemed like God had abandoned their cause, exposed it for a naive dream. But now Easter Sunday has dawned - and with it, the irreversible victory of the Resurrection. The shadow of the cross is dispelled by the bright morning light of a new creation. Christ's apparent failure has blossomed into victory. That is the basic pattern of Christian life, for the Church, for Christian communities, for individuals: apparent failures blossoming into victories; Good Fridays turning into Easter Sundays. As we follow Christ, he leads us up to the hill of Calvary, where we die to ourselves in the painful surrender to God's will - our own Good Fridays. But that death in fact gives God's grace room to work in our lives so that we sprout new shoots of wisdom, virtue, and happiness - our own Easter Sundays. The tomb is empty. The stone is overturned. The Risen Lord did not appear to those who tortured him, imprisoned him, or executed him; he appeared to those who believed in him. The Risen Lord can be the brightest light in our lives, if only we open our eyes in faith. Christ is not only Risen. He is alive, right now. We spent Lent praying at the foot of the Cross; now, like Mary Magdalene, we can pray at his empty tomb. He will reveal himself, just as he did to Mary, in his time, but we have to believe in him, even when we do not understand. Only with Christ's resurrection was the revelation of man's supernatural vocation made complete. Christ, by rising from the dead, revealed it in his own life. He transcended all natural limits, not by dissolving into nothingness, as the old religions taught, but by entering into the glory of complete communion with God. That is the vocation of every human being. In him, without losing our personalities, we become sharers in the divine, everlasting life. This is the unthinkable, wonderful revelation of Easter. It is what makes us different. Christian life is an infinite number of variations on this one theme, revealed to us by God in Christ: Good Friday - Easter Sunday. Now we know exactly what is coming. When we expect one without the other, it means we have not learned the fundamental lesson of the gospel. When, on the other hand, we accept and adapt to that rhythm of Christian life, we finally begin to speed forward along the road to wisdom, holiness, and lasting fulfillment. Today we should relish this joy of Easter, thanking God for letting us share in this victory, for giving us this hope. But let us not stop there. Let us not just enjoy Easter, let us let it change our lives. Christ's resurrection is not just a nice idea; it is the power of eternal life at work in us. How different our day-to-day lives would be if we believed this truth with our whole hearts. How can we let the power of Christ's resurrection seep into the depths of our minds and hearts? There is one very simple thing we can do that will make all the difference: Keep the Lord's Day Holy. Every Sunday of the year is a solemnity, a day dedicated to the cornerstone of our faith: the Resurrection. This is why the Church has made Sunday Mass obligatory - to make sure we do not forget about the Resurrection. To make sure we remember where we are going. The way a Catholic lives Sunday should be different than the way a non-Catholic lives Sunday. Today, the greatest Sunday of the year, let us honor the Lord not only with our voices, but also in our hearts.

Financial Partnership

Please remember to tithe to your parish! While masses and events have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the building still has financial needs to meet and without the weekly Mass collections, the parish funds will suffer.

Some of you are already mailing your tithes, and you can continue to do so.
You also have the ability to go online and donate - [click here](#): [All Saints website](#)

All Saints / St John Church Office, PO Box 605, Stuart, Iowa 50250
Money that is received for St John through the office mailing address will be deposited into St John's account.

We are grateful to you for your unwavering support, and indeed, we depend on that support more than ever in the current circumstances, *thank you!*

All Saints Partnership

Date: Sunday, April 5, 2020

Weekly Offering: **\$ 885.00**
Children's Offering: **\$ 0.00**
Building Fund: **\$ 165.00**

Easter Giving: **\$95.00**

St John Partnership

Date: Sunday, April 5, 2020

Weekly Offering: **\$ 140.00**
Children's Offering: **\$ 0.00**
Building Fund: **\$ 0.00**

Easter Giving: **\$0.00**

MONEY COUNTERS

not needed during this time



Upcoming Birthday Blessings to

- Father Tony Matthew on April 12
- Sam Kasap on April 12
- Elizabyth Ladwig on April 14
- Kathleen Fagan on April 16
- Kathy Grundmeier on April 18
- Maxwell Carney on April 18



Upcoming Anniversary Blessings to