



Third Sunday of Easter

Bulletin

All Saints / St John's

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Due to COVID-19 ALL MASSES ARE CANCELLED

EXCEPT

MASS WILL BE LIVE-STREAMING on SUNDAYS at 10:00 AM
at www.stuartallsaints.org

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 & 7:30am Sundays at St John - Adair

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 true: **Public celebration of the Holy Mass and all church activities in our diocese remain cancelled until further notice.**

All Saints/St John's Office Hours

Office Staff will be in the All Saints office on Wednesdays from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm until further notice. We apologize for this inconvenience but we are limiting our hours to save church funds for operation.

Phishing Email

The Technology Coordinator at the Diocese has made all parishes aware that there is a phishing email circulating within the Diocese of Des Moines. This person is claiming to be Bishop Joensen. It is NOT THE BISHOP, it is a scammer trying to get you to reply. Do not respond; delete the email.

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 in Iowa, 80 parishes, 17 schools and more than 35,000 registered Catholic households. The total goal for this year's appeal is \$ 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 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 which are retired and 52 active. The appeal also covers the formation of our deacons and education of 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's 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 support 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. Thank you to those of you who have already mailed in your ADA Appeal and a friendly reminder to others to please do so. You may send your ADA appeal to the office at: **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 04/15/2020 \$ 8,000

Saint John's
 ADA Appeal Goal \$ 7,377
 Gifts Received 04/15/2020 \$3,832.12

Message from the Faith Formation Coordinator ~ Jill Gerling

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 five 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.



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



Up this Sunday is **Kedon Gumerson** from kid-catholic.com and **Taylor Tripodi** leading music. Click their photos for more their bio



"Every man shall give what he is able, according to the blessings the Lord your God which He has given you"

Deuteronomy 16:17

If you or your family could benefit from someone bringing you groceries, household items or run an errand for you, please contact the church. Those in the office will relay your request to the parishioners willing to assist others during this time.

allsaintsff@outlook.com or allsaintsoffice@gmail.com or leave a message at 515-523-1943.

Want the daily readings? The United State Conference of Catholic Bishops website is a great resource. 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. It provides 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

The Easter season is a time for rejoicing that Our Lord has shattered the bonds of death through his Resurrection. We celebrate his victory because it is our victory as well. He did not just shatter the bonds of death for himself, but for all of us. The risen Lord reveals himself to two of his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This encounter along the road to Emmaus reminds us that our Christian life is a pilgrimage, a journey, a path. If we truly see life this way, as it truly is, we will expect what pilgrims expect: joys and adventures, yes, but also hardship, danger, and suffering. But if we expect somehow to achieve perfect happiness with no hardships here and now - then we open the door to constant disappointment, frustration, and deep sadness. Life is a journey, a pilgrimage through time. This is the Christian worldview. As Christians, we know that we never have to walk alone. We always have the whole Church accompanying us - including the saints, the angels, and Christ himself walking at our side. Second, we know without a doubt that there really is a worthwhile destination: the Father's house, where all our longings will be satisfied forever and ever, world without end. Without this destination, the journey would be pointless and cruel. The constant companionship of Christ and the assured destination of the Father's house make the Christian pilgrimage unique. These two characteristics also give us the secret to persevering in our journey - and perseverance is not automatic. We all know people who have turned aside from their pilgrimage. But in any case, there is one activity that constantly keeps this Christian worldview clear, fresh, and strong: prayer. If we are men and women of prayer, not just men and women who say prayers, but men and women of prayer, who are constantly making an effort to learn to pray better, then we can rest assured that we will never wander away from Christ or deviate from the true path. A healthy prayer life is the secret to a successful pilgrimage. Let us not wait till tomorrow to recommit ourselves to deepening our life of prayer. Let us start today, now, living it actively. The most practical application of this fundamental Christian truth has to do with how Christians react to tragedy and suffering. Since we know that this life in this fallen world is meant to be a journey and a battle, we are able to persevere through trials and tribulations that come our way, to keep on going even though the valleys of darkness. Jesus has walked the path of Calvary before us, so we can follow in his footsteps with confidence, never losing hope. We know that God can bring good even out of the greatest evils, just as he brought salvation and the Resurrection out of the horrible failure of the Crucifixion. As a result, we have strength to weather any storm that comes our way. We do not have to understand why God permits certain hardships and sufferings, because we already know that in the end he will never let us down. The Christian can pray, persevere, and find hope even amidst tears and terrible darkness, because we know that Christ's victory will be ours, if we just keep walking by his side. And walking by his side is not complicated. It means three things. It means an ongoing effort to grow in our prayer and sacramental life. It means an ongoing effort to understand and follow Church teaching, both about faith and about moral issues. And it means an ongoing effort to be like Christ in our own lives - in the excellence of our work, the dependability of our character, and the self-sacrificing faithfulness of our relationships. To pray, to follow Church teaching, and to imitate Christ in our daily lives. This is how we walk close to Christ along that path of our pilgrimage, following his lead towards our eternal home. Today, let us thank our Lord for the great gift of his friendship, and let us promise that we will never again try to walk through life alone.

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

Find time daily to give this prayer to God.

Parishioners of All Saints and St John's are asked to join together every Sunday at 11:15 am to Pray this prayer to help fight the COVID-19 Pandemic

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.

Financial Partnership

Thanks to all who are remembering to tithe to the parish!

While masses and events have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the buildings still have financial needs to meet and without the weekly Mass collections, 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](#)

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Money that is received for St John's will be deposited into St John's account.

We are grateful to you for your unwavering support, thank you!

All Saints Partnership

Date: Sunday, April 19, 2020

Weekly Offering: **\$ 1,820.00**
 Children's Offering: **\$ 0.00**
 Building Fund: **\$ 150.00**
 E-Giving: **\$ 240.00**

Easter Giving: **\$1,365.00**

St John's Partnership

Date: Sunday, April 19, 2020

Weekly Offering: **\$ 575.00**
 Children's Offering: **\$ 0.00**
 Building Fund: **\$ 0.00**

Easter Giving: **\$100.00**

MONEY COUNTERS

not needed during this time



Upcoming Birthday Blessings to

Kenneth Ludwig on April 26
 Kenneth Craig on April 27
 Martin Doud on April 27
 Mary Doud on April 28
 Kendra Richter on April 29
 Julie Plowman on May 1
 Jirak Douglas on May 1



Upcoming Anniversary Blessings to

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 check with the Bishop's office to confirm whether he will be available to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please watch the bulletin for updates.

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