



Fifth Sunday of Easter  
**Bulletin**  
 All Saints / St John's  
 May 10, 2020



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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](http://www.stuartallsaints.org)  
 and **Facebook page:** St. John's Catholic Church Faith Formation

**Mass Schedule**

**Saturdays**  
 4:30pm - All Saints - Stuart  
**Sundays**  
 8:00am - St John's 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's - 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's - Adair

**Announcements**

*Happy Mother's Day!*

Father Antony Mathew wishes all our mothers A Happy Mother's day. This prayer reflects our love and thoughtfulness to all the mothers.



"I thank you, creator of us all for my mother. I thank you that she gave me life and nurtured me all these years. She gave me my faith, helping me to know you and your ways. She taught me how to love and how to sacrifice for others. She taught me that it was okay to cry and that I should always tell the truth. Bless her with the graces she needs and which you want to give her today. Help her to feel precious in your eyes today and to know that I love her. Give her strength and courage, compassion and peace. Bless her this day with your love."

**COVID-19 Update:** The Bishops of Iowa including our own Bishop William Joensen sent a collaborative message on Tuesday, April 28 in response to Governor Reynolds decision to resume gatherings in churches. The parish office sent out an email which summarized the letter from the Bishops of Iowa. **Here is an excerpt from the letter from the Bishops: In light of the expectation that positive cases of COVID-19 will peak in Iowa in the next few weeks, we have decided it would be most prudent for now to continue to follow the liturgical restrictions we have in place, including the suspension of public Masses.** (Bishop Joensen, Bishop Jackels, Bishop Nickless, Bishop Zinkula)

**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

### **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 05/03/2020 \$ 8,400

#### **Saint John's**

ADA Appeal Goal \$ 7,377  
Gifts Received 05/03/2020 \$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 eight 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 **Jason Evert** youth chastity/dating speaker and **Lee Roessler** 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.*

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**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**



**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

Today's Gospel narrative is a part of the Last Supper discourse. At the Last Supper, Jesus prepares his disciples for the moment when he would be separated from them on earth, and they would be expected to carry on his mission. The disciples were surprised that Jesus was going to his Father's house and would return to take them with him. And they were even more surprised when Jesus said he expected them to know the way to the Father's house. Jesus' answer to their question, 'show us the way', was both a reminder that his disciples should trust their Master and Teacher to show them the way, and a challenge for them to recognize that Jesus had intimate knowledge of God. Jesus made a statement that invoked the very name which God had revealed to Moses, 'I am who I am', and he made three claims which only God could make. He stated unequivocally to his disciples: 'I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life'. Jesus proclaims: I am the Way, meaning he alone knows the way to the Father because he has been with the Father from the beginning - before time and creation ever existed. Jesus gives us more than a road map and guide book. He personally is the way to the Father's kingdom, and we cannot miss it if we follow him. He accompanies us on our daily journey and watches over us as the good shepherd who leads and sustains us each and every step of the way. Only Jesus can say, 'I am the Truth'. He possesses in himself the fullness of truth. Jesus claims to be one with the Father and to speak the truth which proceeds from the Father. Jesus promised his disciples that if they continued in his word, they would learn the truth and the truth would set them free. The truth which Jesus proclaims has power to set us free from ignorance, deception, and sin. The words which Jesus speaks are true because there is no lie or falsehood in him. Moral truth requires more than mere words or ideas because the person who speaks them must be true - true in thought, speech, deed, example, and action. Jesus embodies the truth in his person. Jesus proclaims that he is the Life. He not only shows us the path of life; he gives the kind of life which only God can give - abundant life that lasts forever. One of the greatest truths of the Christian faith is that we can know the living God. Our knowledge of God is not simply limited to knowing something about God, but we can know God personally. The essence of Christianity, and what makes it distinct from Judaism and other religions, is the knowledge of God as our Father. Jesus makes it possible for each of us to personally know God as our Father. To see Jesus, the only begotten Son of the Father, is to see what God is like. In Jesus, we see the perfect love of God - a God who cares intensely and who yearns over men and women, loving them to the point of laying down his life for them upon the Cross. Jesus is the revelation of God - a God who loves us completely, unconditionally, and perfectly for our good. Jesus describes Heaven not just as his home, but as a place for us to call home as well. Thinking of home evokes so many warm sentiments—rest, security, peace—and it also invokes the memory of the people there waiting to be with us. Many people today live a difficult situation at home, if they have a home at all, but they all dream of that peaceful place where they can be together with their loved ones. A simple family dinner, where everyone sets aside work, school, etc., to spend time together becomes a glimpse of Heaven as each enjoys the company and there are no worries to dampen the evening. Jesus has prepared a place for each of us with Our Father in Heaven. How often do we dream of the day in which life's journey, with all the fatigue and trial, will be over and we will finally and permanently be home with the ones we love? How often do we see the need to remind others of our true home as well so that one day we will all be there together? Let us ask the Lord to help us always keep our true home in mind. If we know he has shown us the way, no burden or obstacle of this life will rob us of our hope in getting there.

## fight the COVID-19 Pandemic

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.*

## 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, May 3, 2020

Weekly Offering: \$ 0.00  
Children's Offering: \$ 0.00  
Building Fund: \$ 0.00  
E-Giving: \$ 0.00

#### **St John's Partnership**

Date: Sunday, May 3, 2020

Weekly Offering: \$ 0.00  
Children's Offering: \$ 0.00

#### **MONEY COUNTERS**

not needed during this time



#### **Upcoming Birthday Blessings to**

Howard Messinger on May 10  
Jodi Bassett on May 11  
Erin Hadley on May 11  
Phillip Tigges on May 11  
Donna Donnelly on May 13  
Gauge Follmann on May 12  
Philip Fagan on May 14  
Phyllis O'Brien on May 14



#### **Upcoming Anniversary Blessings to**

Gail and Annie Brincks on May 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***

We cannot administer the sacrament of confirmation to our confirmandi as scheduled on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> due to the cancellation of public Masses and other sacramental celebrations. We will decide on a new date after we are allowed to resume mass as usual in the parish. 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.