



# Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time **Bulletin**

All Saints / St John's

September 13, 2020

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## Mass Schedule

### Saturdays

4:30pm - All Saints - Stuart

### Sundays

8:00am - St John's in Adair

10:00am - All Saints - Stuart

**Mondays** - No Mass

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

**Wednesdays** - 6:00pm at St John's - Adair

**Thursdays** - 9:00am at All Saints - Stuart

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

6:00pm at St John's - Adair

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

**Rosary** - 4:05pm Saturdays at All Saints - Stuart & 7:30am Sundays at St John's - Adair

*All Masses at St John's are OUTSIDE unless inclement weather, then Mass will be indoors.  
Mass at the Stuart Care Center is still cancelled until further notice.*

## Announcements

### All Saints/St John's Office Hours

Office Staff will be in the All Saints office on Tuesdays from 8:30am-3:00pm and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30am - 12:30pm.

*Even though office hours are posted, it is best to call first to make sure someone is there. Sometimes uncontrollable events prevent staff from being at the office. 515-523-1943*



### First Holy Communion this Sunday September 13th at 10:00am

Please pray for the 5 girls making their First Holy Communion this weekend.

**Confirmation will be Sunday, October 18 at 12:00 (noon) Special Mass**  
*Due to the number of Confirmation Candidates, Confirmation Mass will be at Noon to accommodate the large number of family and guests that may be attending the Confirmation. There will still be 10:00 Mass for the parish.*



**FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMMING FOR  
2020-21 REGISTRATION**



Registration for Faith Formation at All Saints will take place before and after mass on Sundays starting September 13th until Sunday, September 27th.

St. John's registration will take place at the first class on Sunday, October 11 with a quick parent meeting and First Communion meeting after mass.

Fees for the 2020-21 year are \$30.00 per child but a max of \$100 per family.

Faith Formation will look different this year due to the guidelines put in place by the Diocese of Des Moines and our parishes.

#### All Saints -

- Grades 1st - 6th will meet the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from 6:30-7:30
- Grades 7th - 10th will meet the first and third Wednesdays of the month
- Life After Confirmation Class (student who have received the sacrament of Confirmation including college students) will meet once monthly starting in November

#### St John's

- children ages 2 through 8th grade will meet on the second and third Sundays of the month for 1.5 hours after mass.

There will be additional information in the All Saints/St John's Faith Formation Handbook for 2020-21 that will be given to you at registration. Once registration is complete an email will go out with more details about the Faith Formation year.

If you have questions please email Jill Gerling at [allsaintsff@outlook.com](mailto:allsaintsff@outlook.com)

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## ***Gathering for Mass inside All Saints & St. John's***



#### **NOTES for ALL Mass times:**

*Mass will look a bit different with the following CDC Guidance & Diocese of Des Moines Guideline:*

- Parishioners aged 5 and above are strongly encouraged to wear a cloth face covering or mask during Mass. If you do not have one the church has masks available
- Hand Sanitizer is also available in gather spaces and other areas of the building
- Obey the pew markings
- Social distancing must be maintained throughout parishioners' presence on parish property. Household units should sit at least six feet apart from one another.
- When approaching communion follow these steps:
  1. Remain 6 feet away from the person in front of you, unless you are from the same household
  2. Leave mask on
  3. Bow
  4. Place your hands out in the usual manner and receive the Eucharist
  5. AFTER responding Amen
    6. step to the side
    7. lower your mask
    8. place the Eucharist in your mouth
    9. pull mask up and return to seat
- Please remember to practice social distancing before, during and after Mass

We have to protect our own health, as well as, the health of our parishioners which is the reason everyone needs to follow these guidelines. For those who do not attend Mass during this time, God's infinite grace and mercy remain abundantly available. Sunday obligation remains suspended, and the elderly, vulnerable individuals, individuals who live with vulnerable individuals, those who are ill or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 like symptoms, should not attend Mass.

*Come and join us for Mass.*

## Prayers for our Parishioners & Families



**Please continue to pray for Kari Cornwell**, daughter of Jim and Norma Kloewer. After making some progress, she has had a recent set back. Please pray for strength and healing, physically and emotionally, as she and her family continue on this journey.

**We extend our sincere condolences, love and prayers to Kathy Fitzgerald's family** as they walk through the mystery of death and celebrate the gift of everlasting life. Indeed, it is a painful journey, but we can take comfort and strength in the very assurance of the Lord – 'everyone who lives and believes in me will never die'.

*We know there are many who are in need of prayer while they await a diagnosis, endure medical treatments, those who quietly deal with a serious or even fatal condition, and those who are afraid to go to the doctor because they fear the worst. Please remember them as well.*

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### St. John's

Sunday, September 13: John & Mary Arnts  
Wednesday, September 16: Albert & Elsie Broulik  
Friday, September 18: Sister Elise Arnts  
Sunday, September 20: Paul Ness  
Wednesday, September 23: Paul Ness  
Friday, September 25: Paul Ness  
Sunday, September 27: Paul Ness  
Wednesday, September 30: Paul Ness

#### All Saints

Saturday, September 12: Betty Tlach  
Tuesday, September 15: Betty Tlach  
Saturday, September 19: Janet James  
Tuesday, September 22: Betty Tlach  
Saturday, September 26: Betty Tlach  
Tuesday, September 29: Betty Tlach

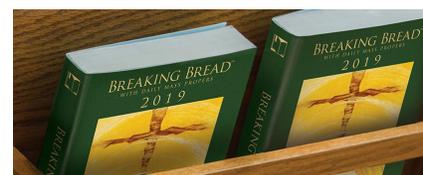
### Supporting our Parishioners

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

#### Missalettes Available for Personal Use

**All Saints and St. John's are giving away the current 2020 Missalettes to parishioners for their own personal use. The books will be available on a table in the gathering space at All Saints, and on a table in the back of the church at St. John's. This will be your book to have since we cannot widely offer them at this time. Each family is encouraged to take 2**



**missals and bring it to and from mass so you may follow along with the readings. Any books left in the pews will be thrown away.**

**We hope this will enhance your participation in the Mass.**

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**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](#).

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## *FATHER TONY'S CORNER*



This passage immediately follows Jesus' instructions to his Twelve about being good shepherds. We can imagine the disciples discussing those instructions, may be even arguing about how many times a good shepherd should go after the same sheep, if it keeps wandering away. Rabbinic teaching in those days placed the limit of forgiveness at three times; a fourth offense was not to be forgiven. May be Peter was proposing to increase the limit to seven times, in light of Christ's teachings, and some of the others were sticking the traditional view. To resolve the argument, he goes to the Lord. That was the right thing to do. He is the final word God has spoken to us. In him we find the answers we need for every dilemma. Mercy goes against our fallen human nature. Automatically, we tend to play favorites, hold grudges, resent insults, demand our 'rights', and care much more about our own hopes, plans, and problems than about others. When we do take an interest in other people, it is usually because we like them, and not because we view them as so valued by God that he sent his Son to die on the cross for them. When we operate on this merely natural level, we always run into a limit in our ability to forgive those who offend or harm us. But Jesus is teaching us today that a Christian is called to be limitless in forgiveness: to be merciful as God is merciful. We are glad that God is gentle and patient with us, always willing to forgive us, always showering us with his blessings, always there when we need him, always ready to understand us, always ready to sympathize with us before judging us. In short, we are glad that God is merciful with us, although we know we do not really deserve it. And yet, we are often reluctant to be like that with others, just like the man in the parable. If we do not let God help us overcome that reluctance, our hearts will become so closed that eventually Christ's mercy simply would not be able to get in. If we do overcome it, they will open wider and wider, allowing the full flood of God's love to inundate them, making them an oasis for others who suffer, and a magnet for their kindness and generosity. The parable rightly convicts us of our repulsive, deep-seated tendency to self-righteousness, and we need to be convinced of that. Jesus himself is the King who forgives the 'huge amount'. Christ's compassion exceeds even the malice of his own murderers. This is why discouragement can never come from the Holy Spirit. Discouragement is giving into a kind of hopelessness. But hopelessness is lack of trust in God's all-powerful love and infinite mercy. Through our friendship with Jesus, God is always with us, always at our side. With Jesus, then, there is no end to the amount of second chances we can have. The clearest proof of this is the unthinkable gift of the sacrament of confession - something that no other religion in the whole history of the world has ever had. In Christ, God offers us forgiveness of a debt we could never pay - the debt of sin. Our sins, our big and little tantrums of selfishness, are terrible offenses against God. They are direct and

violent rebellions against his plan for our lives and for the world around us. But God is always, willing to forgive it: there is no limit to his mercy. But we can cut ourselves off from that ever-flowing mercy, and that is what Jesus is warning us about today. When we refuse to forgive the offenses others cause us, we handcuff God's mercy and put ourselves under strict justice. Jesus gives us the secret to forming a patient, forgiving heart, so that we would not fall into that trap. It consists in recognizing the immense evil of our own sin, and thereby perceiving the vastness of God's goodness in forgiving it. Until we see how ugly are the ingratitude and selfishness that typically characterize our relationship with God, we will never grasp how generous is his forgiveness. When we do, however, our shriveled hearts expand, and our joyful patience knows no bounds. Life is complicated. As we go through life, we run into problems and dilemmas; questions come to the surface; doubts and difficulties confuse us. Unfortunately, we do not always go to the right place for answers. We have a tendency - left over from original sin - to try and fix everything ourselves, to measure out these difficulties according to limited, human yardsticks. But Jesus came to earth precisely because he knew that human yardsticks are not good enough for our dilemmas. We need to learn to measure all things according to Christ's standards.

**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**

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 continuing to tithe to the parish!**

If you would like to donate electronically, please click [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

Sunday, September 6, 2020

Weekly Offering: **\$ 1,500.00**  
 Children's Offering: **\$ 0.00**  
 Building Fund: **\$ 365.00**  
 E-Giving: **\$ 975.55**

### St John's Partnership

Sunday, September 6, 2020

Weekly Offering: **\$987.00**  
 Children's Offering: **\$ 0.00**

### MONEY COUNTERS

Tuesday, September 15th  
 9:30 am

Cindy Boucher  
 Dave Vigon

## 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 09/10/2020 \$ 17,205

### Saint John's

ADA Appeal Goal \$ 7,377

Gifts Received 08/09/2020 \$6,182.12

*The office staff uses information found in the church records management software, ParishSoft, for both All Saints and St. John's to make the birthday and anniversary notes. That information can be incomplete and inaccurate but when an error or missing information is found, the staff corrects the information. If you have celebrations not listed, please kindly notify the office by calling or emailing [allsaintsoffice@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintsoffice@gmail.com) ~ thank you*



### Upcoming Birthday Blessings

Laura Weber: September 12  
Mason Richer: September 15  
Myles Richer: September 17  
Patti Craig: September 18  
Don Fillman: September 18  
Kari Schneider: September 18  
Blair Carney: September 18



### Upcoming Anniversary Blessings

**Mark & Kari Tisl**  
**September 15, 1990**

***If you have things that would be helpful to see in the Bulletin, please email Tammy at [allsaintoffice@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintoffice@gmail.com) with your suggestion.***