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year, and to remember the examples of those who lived holy lives. The Catholic practice however, celebrates all those who have entered heaven, including saints who are recognized by the Church and those who are not. Holy day customs vary around the world. In the United States, the day before is Halloween and is usually celebrated by dressing in costumes with themes of death commonly associated. Children go door-to-door in costume, trick-or-treating, that is soliciting candy from their neighbors. The holiday has lost much of its connection to its religious origins. Although nearly everyone celebrates Halloween for the fun of the secular holiday, the following religious solemnity, is not widely practiced or acknowledged by most Americans unless they are Catholic. It is important to remember these basic facts: Halloween is a secular holiday that comes the night before All Saints' Day. All Saints' Day is on November 1, and it is a Holy Day of Obligation. All Souls' Day is on November 2, and it is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation.



The All Saints Knights of Columbus would like to thank all those who helped make the Annual Chicken Dinner a success! A HUGE thanks to everyone who baked and brought desserts, as well as, those who donated their time to serve, set up and clean up. This is truly a community wide event and we couldn't do it without all of you! We served 346 adults, 19 kids and received \$140 in general donations. Additionally, the pie raffle brought in \$305 for the LC Clinic, to which they are very grateful! Thank you for your selfless generosity! We are looking forward to the 2020 event, and hope to see all of you, and more, again next year. May God bless you always!

All Saints Faith Formation by Jill Gerling, Coordinator



All Saints Community Trunk or Treat

The First Annual All Saints Catholic Community Trunk or Treat was a great success! Big THANKS goes out to the 19 family parishioners that created a "trunk" for our little Halloween guests who came to gather treats. My best guess is we had anywhere from 100-125 children participate. The Faith Formation Community Service project was a great event for our children and community. Plans are already underway for next years Community Trunk or Treat and will, no doubt, need more trunks! Thank you to everyone who helped make this first year a BIG success! ~ Jill



Calendar with Mass Times, Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday 11/3	Monday 11/4	Tuesday 11/5	Wednesday 11/6	Thursday 11/7	Friday 11/8	Saturday 11/9
Adair 7:30am Rosary & Confession 8am Mass for Francis Lawlor 11/10 Mass for Carlton Seilhan Stuart 10am Mass for Anna Donnelly BD: Donna Olson		Stuart 6pm Mass ANN: Pat & Barb Marnin 1960	Adair 8:30am Mass for Joseph Lawlor BD: Wynne Johnson	Stuart 9am Stuart Community Center Mass BD: Dennis Van Pelt ANN: Tom & Amy Doud 1992	Stuart 8:30am Mass for Caroline Lacher ANN: John & Adella Vogl 1958	Stuart 3:30pm Confessions 4:05pm Rosary 4:30pm Mass BD: Amber Steensen

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Office Hours

Tuesday: 8:30am - 3pm
Wednesday: 8:30am - 3pm
Thursday: 8:30am - 3pm

Bulletin Deadline:

Noon Wednesday



All Saints Mass Schedule

Tuesday: 6pm
Thursday: 9am (Care Center)
Friday: 8:30am
Saturday: 4:30pm
Sunday: 10am

St. John Mass Schedule

Wednesday: 8:30am
Sunday: 8am

Father Tony's Corner



Feast of All Saints

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven. Although millions, or even billions of people may already be saints, All Saints' Day observances tend to focus on known saints - that is those recognized in the canon of the saints by the Catholic Church.

All Saints' Day is also commemorated by members of the Eastern Orthodox Church as well as some protestant churches, such as Lutheran and Anglican churches. Generally, All Saints' Day is a Catholic Holy Day of Obligation, meaning all Catholics are required to attend Mass on that day, unless they have an excellent excuse, such as serious illness. The bishops of each conference have the authority to amend the rules surrounding the obligation of the day. All Saints' Day was formally started by Pope Boniface IV, who consecrated the Parthenon at Rome to the Virgin Mary and all the Martyrs on May 13 in 609 AD. Boniface IV also established All Souls' Day, which follows All Saints. The choice of the day may have been intended to co-opt the pagan holiday 'Feast of the Lamures', a day which pagans used to placate the restless spirits of the dead. The holy day was eventually established on November 1 by Pope Gregory III in the mid-eighth century as a day dedicated to the saints and their relics. The May 13 celebration was subsequently abandoned. In Ireland, the Church celebrated All Saints' Day on April 20, to avoid associating the day with the traditional harvest festivals and pagan feasts associated with Samhain, celebrated at the same time. Following the establishment of the Frankish Empire, and following the reign of Charlemagne, the holy day, which was already celebrated on November 1, became a holy day of obligation by decree of Pope Gregory IV and Louis the Pious, who was king over a portion of Charlemagne's former empire. Following the Protestant Reformation, many Protestants retained the holy day, although they dismissed the need to pray for the dead. Instead, the day has been used to commemorate those who have recently died, usually in the past

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Sacraments:

Reconciliation: 3:30pm Saturday in Stuart; 7:30am Sunday in Adair; or by Appointment
Anointing of the Sick: Call Fr. Tony before/after hospitalization
Baptism: Call the office during pregnancy for preparation class
Marriage: Call the office at least nine months to one year ahead to plan marriage preparation. Wedding Date should not be set until preparations have begun
Annulment/ Marriage Validation: Call Fr. Tony to learn more about this process with Diocesan Tribunal if you are divorced and remarried or never married in the Catholic Church.
RCIA: Call Fr. Tony if you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or the RCIA process.
Membership/Registration: If you are new, welcome to our parish. Please register by calling the office. If you are moving away, please contact the office to notify us before moving.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **All Saints Knights of Columbus meeting:** The Knights of Columbus will have their next monthly meeting on November 10th at 5:30pm in the music room. Please come if you can.
- **All Saints: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process developed by the Catholic Church for prospective converts to Catholicism who are above the age of infant baptism. Candidates are gradually introduced to aspects of Catholic beliefs and practices. The basic process applies to adults and older children, with younger children initiated through an adapted version sometimes incorrectly referred to as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children.

⇒ New session begins Tuesday, November 5th at 7:00 pm in the music room

Altar & Rosary by Jodi Bassett, President



Beginning in early November, All Saints Altar & Rosary will have shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child available for families to take home and fill. Thirty boxes have been delivered to the church, with lists of suggested items with which to fill them. Boxes need to be returned by November 22nd so they may be delivered to the Stuart Relay Center by November 25th.

In addition, we will also be providing donations to Sarah's Holiday Caring program this year. While any gifts are needed, teen appropriate gifts are the greatest need. Therefore, our parish is going to focus on providing gifts that would be appreciated by teens. Some suggestions are gift cards, personal care items like toiletries & hair supplies, jewelry, t-shirts and/or sweatshirts. Gifts for any age, including adults, are happily accepted as well. Gifts need to be dropped off at the Stuart Herald by December 6th and cash donations can be made at First State Bank. If you have any questions, please call or text me at 515-669-0374.

Thank you, in advance, for your enthusiastic response to these worthy causes. ~ Jodi

Music Announcement by Brenda Wedemeyer, Music Director

In recent weeks, several people have asked about a change of habit prior to Mass. We have traditionally been offering a musical prelude prior to each weekend Mass. Father Tony has made the request that this be a time of silence. Here's why:

(From an article published in the GIA Quarterly, Volume 31, #1, by Eric J. Bermani)

"As with all things, the liturgy too must have a balance. In some instances, active participation borders on being too active. Pope St. John Paul II spoke of active participation in the liturgy when he addressed the bishops of the episcopal conference of the United States (Oct. 9, 1998): Active participation certainly means that, in gesture, word, song and service, all the members of the community take part in an act of worship, which is anything but inert or passive. Yet active participation does not preclude the active passivity of silence, stillness and listening: indeed, it demands it. Worshippers are not passive, for instance, when listening to the readings or the homily, or following the prayers of the celebrant, and the chants and music of the liturgy. These are experiences of silence and stillness, but they are their own way profoundly active. In a culture which neither favors nor fosters meditative quiet, the art of interior listening is learned only with difficulty. Here we see how the liturgy, though it must always be properly inculturated, must also be counter-cultural."

If you have any comments or questions, or if you'd like to learn how to be a cantor, please feel free to contact me by email at: brendawedemeyer@yahoo.com or by phone/text: 641-740-1079.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **All Saints and St. John Book of the Dead:** A sheet for all those to be entered in the Book of the Dead during the month of All Souls will be available on the table in the gathering space for All Saints parishioners, and in the back of the church for St. John parishioners.

Parishes have the custom of giving a place of honor to a book in which community members and visitors write the names of their beloved dead. The Book of the Dead was inspired by the ancient practice of recording the dates of the deaths of loved ones in a necrology, a public record or registry of death. This practice provides the living with an opportunity for healing and consolation in the face of grief. The Book of the Dead will be displayed from the Solemnity of All Saints until the beginning of Advent. It is left open for people to write the names of their deceased loved ones, and for others to read the names, remember, and pray for the repose of their souls. Remembering all of these men and women who have gone before us, "marked with the sign of faith," helps us better understand and appreciate our faith in the Christ our risen Lord who conquers sin and death and brings new life to all.

- **Man - Up West Power Lunch, November (Catholic Fellowship for Men):**

Friday, November 8th - 12:00 Noon at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in West Des Moines

Sacred Relics: Treasures of the Church

Tim Jameson will bring his 1st Class Relic of the True Cross of Jesus Christ plus other relics of the Saints and share his stories of how Relics have led him and countless others to receive and respond to God's grace.

Bring your own sacramentals; rosaries, holy cards, crucifixes, etc. to make your own 3rd class relics and venerate the Relic of the True Cross.

Lunch from Chick-fil-A/Fellowship/Program: High Noon, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church- 7075 Ashworth Rd, West Des Moines, IA 50266

Register for this event at <https://www.iowacatholicradio.com/events>

Save the Date! "Men of Christ" Catholic Men's Conference, February 22nd, 2020. Mass with Bishop William Joensen. Featured Speaker: ISU Football Coach Matt Campbell.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All Saints

Saturday, November 9

Rosary: Frank Holle

Ushers: Faith Formation

Altar Server: Faith Formation

Lector: Faith Formation

Commentator: Faith

Formation

Greeters: Faith Formation

EMHC: Faith Formation

All Saints

Sunday, November 10

Ushers: Pat & Jo Beaman

Altar Servers: Alli, Evie & Cora

Boyle

Lector: Bob Bird

Commentator: Gary Riordan

Greeters: Pat & Jo Beaman

EMHC: Harriett Gulbranson, Jo

Beaman & Joyce Van Pelt

St. John

Sunday, November 10

Cross Bearer: John Fagan

Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Mike Rees

Lector: Barb Bachman

Host: Les Elgin

Cup: Sister Nesta & Adella Vogl

Altar Servers: Cole Plowman &

Luke Brincks

Traveling Chalice: Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

MONEY COUNTERS

Tuesday, November 5th @1pm: Janet Bassett, Mary Morgan & Pat Hohn

Tuesday, November 12th @ 1pm: Eric Tiernan, Gina James & Donna Donnelly

All Saints Financial Partnership

October 27, 2019

Weekly Offering: \$ 1,533.00

Children's Offering: \$ 27.36

World Mission Sunday: \$322.22

St. John Financial Partnership

October 27, 2019

Weekly Offering: \$ 456.00

Children's Offering: \$ 23.00