



Divine Mercy Sunday Bulletin

All Saints / St John

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Due to COVID-19 ALL MASSES ARE CANCELLED

EXCEPT

MASS WILL BE LIVE-STREAMING on SUNDAYS at 10:00 AM

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

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 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 04/15/2020 \$ 6,650

Saint John

ADA Appeal Goal \$ 7,377
Gifts Received 04/15/2020 \$3,332.12

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 four 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 week for Divine Mercy Sunday is **Brain Greenfield**, former NFL Football player and **Mary Castner** leading music. Click their photos for more their bio



"Ever 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 those parishioners willing to assist others during this time.
allsaintff@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 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](#).



FATHER TONY'S CORNER

Why is today Divine Mercy Sunday? On April 30, 2000, Saint John Paul II canonized the Polish nun

who had received from Christ the amazing revelations of the Divine Mercy in the early years of the twentieth century, Saint Mary Faustina Kowalska. During that ceremony, the pope fulfilled one of the requests that Christ had made through those revelations: that the entire Church reserve the Second Sunday of the Easter Season to honor and commemorate God's infinite mercy. Where do we see this mercy revealed in today's Readings? First of all, we see it in the reaction Christ shows to those men, his chosen Apostles, who had abandoned him just two nights before. They had abandoned Jesus in his most difficult hour, but Jesus wasn't going to abandon them. He passes through the locked doors, passes through their fears, regret, and guilt, and appears to them. He hasn't given up on them. He brings them his peace. And he reaffirms his confidence in them by reaffirming their mission: 'As the Father has sent me, so I send you'. We also see God's mercy in Christ's reaction to the men who had crucified him. Does he crush them in revenge? No. Instead, he sends out his Apostles to tell them - and to tell the whole sinful world, the world that had crucified its God - that they can be redeemed, that God has not condemned them: 'As the Father has sent me, so I send you'. And then, just to make sure that the Church is fully armed to communicate this message, Jesus gives the ultimate revelation of God's mercy - he delegates to his Apostles his divine power to forgive sins: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained'. This is the explicit institution of the sacrament of Confession, the sacrament in which the limitless ocean of God's mercy overwhelms the puny ocean of our misery. It was the ultimate revelation of the Divine Mercy. Of all the Apostles, perhaps Doubting Thomas experienced this mercy most dramatically. Thomas was mad that Jesus had failed. He was brooding over it, nursing his anger and sorrow in solitude. So when he finally heard the news of the Resurrection, he wouldn't accept it: 'Unless I see the mark of the nails... I will not believe'. A week later, on the second Sunday after the Resurrection, Divine Mercy Sunday, Thomas is with the other Apostles, still locked inside their fears and doubts. Jesus comes through those locked doors once again, and wishes them peace. And then what does he do? Right after he greets the whole group, his very next words are for Thomas: *Touch my wounds, Thomas; believe in me!* What look do you think was in Jesus' eyes at that point? I think he was smiling. He was glad to oblige Thomas' stubborn request. He wasn't offended by the Apostle's hesitation and resistance, he was just eager to get his faith back. And Thomas sees this, and he sees that Christ humbly lowers himself to Thomas' level, letting him touch him, letting him feel Christ's real, physical presence... And Thomas falls on his knees and is the first Apostle to proclaim his faith in Christ's divinity, calling him 'My Lord and my God', the very titles given to God throughout the whole Old Testament. We are all Doubting Thomases. We all resist God's action in our lives in one way or another, get mad at him, don't trust him, rebel against him. And it is precisely in those moments and those corners of our lives where Jesus wants to show off his boundless mercy, come down to our level, and win back our faith. We all need to be reminded of these difficult truths, because life in this world can get distracting. That's why he is reminding us of his infinite, and limitless mercy today. 1. Ask for mercy. The best way to ask for his mercy for ourselves is through the sacrament of confession, entrusted to the Church on this very day 2000 years ago. But we can also ask for mercy for others, especially by praying for those who don't trust or believe in Christ's mercy. 2. Be merciful. This means doing good things for others not because they deserve it or to get a reward, but simply in order to follow in the footsteps of our merciful Lord. But where can we find the strength to do that? 3. Completely trust in Jesus. Jesus himself will give us his grace, if we let him. He will make us into ambassadors of his mercy, just as he did with the first Apostles. Whenever we are afraid to Ask for mercy, when we feel too weak to be merciful, we should simply pray the prayer that Jesus told St. Faustina to write underneath the image of his Divine Mercy: 'Jesus, I trust in you'.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



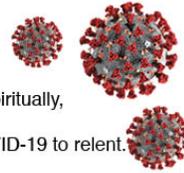
24 Hours of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

When: Beginning 5 p.m. Saturday, April 18 and continuing to 5 p.m., Sunday, April 19

Inviting the faithful from every region of the Diocese of Des Moines to fill an hour by praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for these petitions:

Imploring God's mercy on the world as it relates to COVID-19

- Heal the physically ill
- Rescue those in peril spiritually,
- Intervene to cause COVID-19 to relent.



To participate in this 24 hour Chaplet sign-up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d45aaa829a31-divine>

FIND THE FULL DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 18 & 19 AT [DMDIOCESE.ORG/CORONAVIRUS](https://www.dmdiocese.org/coronavirus)

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](#)

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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: **\$ 750.00**
Children's Offering: **\$ 0.00**
Building Fund: **\$ 70.00**

Holy Thursday: **\$17.00**
Good Friday: **\$17.00**
Easter Giving: **\$1,120.00**

E-Giving: **\$ 540.00**

St John Partnership

Date: Sunday, April 5, 2020

Weekly Offering: **\$ 70.00**
Children's Offering: **\$ 0.00**
Building Fund: **\$ 0.00**

Easter Giving: **\$100.00**

MONEY COUNTERS

not needed during this time



Upcoming Birthday Blessings to

Julie Doyle on April 19
Rick Rilea on April 23
Caroline Doud on April 23



Upcoming Anniversary Blessings to

Norbert & Phyllis Tigges on April 19

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 available to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please watch the bulletin for updates."

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 many 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.