



Fourth 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
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

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 for operation.

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 04/26/2020 \$ 8,400

Saint John's

ADA Appeal Goal \$ 7,377
Gifts Received 04/26/2020 \$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 six 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.

projectYM
LIVE

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



Up this Sunday is **Chris Padgett** youth comedic speaker and **Sarah Hart** 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 Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally called the Sunday of the Good Shepherd, and it is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Jesus, the shepherd wants to lead us to green pastures and we are challenged to respond to his call. Here and now, we answer that call through the sacrament of baptism. Baptism is rightly called the 'door which gives access to the other sacraments', because it makes us members of Christ, incorporates us into the Church, and makes us share in his mission. It is through the sacrament of Baptism that the Good Shepherd transforms us into his sheep and makes us a part of his flock. The most fundamental call is to holiness, to repent and believe in Christ, to be forgiven and to receive the Holy Spirit. Baptism is also the first step in leading a holy life. In this sense, everyone has a vocation, and some, like the Apostles, and our pastors, are called to help us discover and answer our call. Jesus does not call us to do something that he has not done himself. He laid down his life for us, his sheep, and he gathers us back into his flock, no matter how we have gone astray. He did not hand himself over to evil men alone; he surrendered to His Heavenly Father, and the Father did justice for him by raising him from the dead and opening the way to our salvation. Like the Apostles on that fateful night of his betrayal, we too were scattered like sheep, but the shepherd and guardian of our souls has gathered together all those who seek his protection and care. He teaches us that the only way to satisfy the call to holiness in our souls is through him. The call to holiness is a call to recognize him as the path and source of holiness. He uses the image of sheep who are accustomed to the voice of its shepherd and frightened by the voice of anyone else. The call to holiness strikes a chord in us, and that chord will clash with anything not in tune with our shepherd. Temptation also makes an appeal to our hearts, and he teaches us that it will rob us of something if we let it. It is the voice of a stranger and, as our parents always taught us that we do not talk to strangers. It is surprising that he does not identify himself with the shepherd or the gatekeeper of the sheepfold. He describes himself as the 'gate' to the sheepfold. He not only wants his sheep but he also has the best interests in mind. It is only through him that the sheep can be safe in the sheepfold or led to green pastures. Israel had long been a shepherding people. None of the eloquent details of the comparison would have been lost on Jesus' listeners. Most of us have seen the image of a shepherd carrying a little lamb around his shoulders - one of the favorite images for Christ in early Christian art, with a surprising meaning. When a lamb is fearful or overconfident, it constantly wanders away from the shepherd, putting itself in danger. When that keeps happening, a shepherd will sometimes purposely break one of its legs. He then puts the lamb around his neck and carries it to and from pasture for the couple of weeks while the leg heals. By that time, the little lamb has become attached to the shepherd, and never again strays far from its master's protection and guidance. The image of the shepherd as the gate of the sheepfold is even more suggestive. A flock of sheep needs both protection and nourishment. The sheepfold provides the protection, and the fields provide the nourishment. In Palestine, shepherds often sleep in the opening of the sheepfold, which is made out of a large circle of thick, high shrubbery. This way, wolves smell the shepherd's presence and fear to make midnight raids, while the sheep keep together inside, comforted by the presence of their protector and guide. When day finally dawns, the shepherd rises to lead his sheep out to pasture. Thus the opening, the gate, symbolizes both protection and nourishment. And so, when Christ calls himself the 'gate for the sheep', he is telling us what he wants to be for each of us: everything. Through Church teaching, he provides a thick hedge of truth protecting us from false, seductive doctrines. Through the sacraments, he provides rich pasture to strengthen our needy souls. And Jesus alone, the Good Shepherd, gives the Church her wisdom and the sacraments their power. How foolish a sheep would be if its shepherd led it to rich, green pastures, but it refused to eat the grass. Unfortunately, that is often exactly the way we behave, and so we miss out on the 'more abundant life' he wants to give us. Let us recognize Jesus, our Good Shepherd and by uniting ourselves with him enjoy the protection and nourishment that he provides for us.

**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 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 26, 2020

Weekly Offering: **\$ 40.00**
 Children's Offering: **\$ 0.00**
 Building Fund: **\$ 0.00**
 E-Giving: **\$ 61.00**

St John's Partnership

Date: Sunday, April 26, 2020

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

MONEY COUNTERS

not needed during this time



Upcoming Birthday Blessings to

- Josi Ocheltree on May 3
- Mitchell Doud on May 3
- Wayne Gilman on May 4
- Emily O'Brien on May 4
- Paul Gettler on May 4
- Janet Bassett on May 5
- Owen Weber on May 5
- Les Elgin on May 6
- Pat Doud on May 7
- Ramona Partlow on May 7
- Barbara Marin on May 8



Upcoming Anniversary Blessings to

- Sean and Katie Bovinett on May 5

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

UPDATE: Confirmation - All Saints

We cannot administer the sacrament of confirmation to our confirmandi as scheduled on Sunday, May 31st due to the cancellation

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.

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.

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