



Sixth 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.



Prayers for an All Saints family

Please pray for Julie and Jeremy Trichel and their children. Jeremy tragically lost his life in a car accident Friday, May 8th, near Orient. Pray that God will heal, protect and provide strength and peace to his family and all those who love him during this immensely, difficult time. "Have mercy on me, LORD, for I am faint; heal me, LORD, for my bones are in agony." ~ Psalms 6:2

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 05/10/2020 \$ 8,680

Saint John's

ADA Appeal Goal \$ 7,377

Gifts Received 05/10/2020 \$3,832.12

Message from the Faith Formation Coordinator ~ Jill Gerling

This Sunday is the **LAST PROJECTYM Event** for the season. So if you have not tuned in please consider doing so this Sunday May, 17th at 7:00pm.

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 **Sarah Swafford** youth emotional virtue and chastity speaker and **Ike Ndolo** leading worship 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



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

During these Sundays of the Easter Season, the Church takes us back to the Last Supper, giving us a chance to dig deeper into its meaning. We can use our imaginations to picture the scene. Jesus and the Twelve are in the Upper Room, gathered for the Passover. Jesus begins to tell them about his coming sufferings. He tells them that he will be leaving them to go back to the Father. We can picture the Apostles frowning in confusion, and may be beginning to feel a creeping sadness. They have staked their lives on Jesus. They have given up everything to follow him. And now he says that he must go away from them, and that they cannot follow where he is going. Jesus knows their hearts. He knows their fears. Twice during the Discourse, he tells them, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled'. He only repeats it because he knows that their hearts are truly troubled. And then he makes them a promise. He says, 'I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you'. He promises never to abandon his chosen followers. The crucifixion will come, the darkness, the suffering, the persecution, the apparent failure and defeat. But through it all, the Apostles can cling with firm faith to this promise: I will not leave you orphans; I will never abandon you. Jesus knows that our hearts too are often troubled. Perhaps our hearts are little more troubled in the midst of COVID-19. He knows that we are filled with fear and confusion, with regret and sorrow as we go through these days of our own Good Fridays. And he makes the same promise to us: I will not leave you orphans. I will come to you. I will be with you. His Resurrection is the first and definitive step in his fulfillment of this promise. And another constant refrain that we hear throughout the Discourse is: if you love me, you will keep my commandment. That commandment is to 'love one another as I have loved you', the commandment of Christian charity. These are his parting words to his closest disciples, the last flow of love from his Sacred Heart before it is broken and pierced. They are special words. We need to hear them, to let them sink in. Jesus knows that these twelve men are normal, fallen human beings. They are weak and ignorant, stubborn, and headstrong. And yet, he also knows that they truly love him. They want to be his disciples. They are just like us: flawed, but committed. He earnestly desires to teach them how to live out their commitment to him, and so he gives them his new commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. That is the mark of a Christian, a true follower of Jesus Christ. It is not in pretty words, fancy rituals, and complicated prayers. It is in following the example of Christ, who gave his life for us on the cross. To give our lives, leaving behind our comfort zones in order to help our neighbors and build a better world, to be truthful, responsible, honest, pure, and faithful even when it feels like we are being crucified, that is how we follow Christ. This is the path to loving him and living life to the full. It was the path he taught his Apostles, it is the path he teaches us, and it is the path he blazed before us by his passion, death, and resurrection. Christ has given us the answer to mankind's greatest conundrum: the origin and meaning of suffering. It is up to us to let this knowledge sink deep into our minds and hearts so that we can live by it. Suffering will never surprise the true Christian or separate us from God. We know it is coming, and we know it is our chance to follow Christ more closely. All of us have our battles to fight in this life, because we live in a fallen world. We will conquer, because the Cross is the bridge between meaningless suffering and redemptive, purposeful suffering, and when we unite our crosses to Christ's cross, we cross that bridge.

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

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of good health and peace

Pope Francis has released this prayer as our world battles this pandemic.

Find time daily to give this prayer to God.



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: **\$ 1355.00**
Children's Offering: **\$ 0.00**
Building Fund: **\$ 60.00**
E-Giving: **\$ 1141.00**

Date: Sunday, May 10, 2020
Weekly Offering: **\$ 465.00**
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**

Date: Sunday, May 10, 2020
Weekly Offering: **\$ 595.00**
Children's Offering: **\$ 0.00**

MONEY COUNTERS

not needed during this time



Upcoming Birthday Blessings to

Dale Grundmeier on May 18
Sean Renslow on May 18
Theresa Brincks on May 18
Daisy Nevis on May 19
Evie Boyle on May 19
Brogan Johnston on May 19
Sharon Martin on May 19



Upcoming Anniversary Blessings to

Matt and Suzie Aubert on May 19
Pat and Mary Doud May 19
John and Roni Wilson on May 19
Allen and Alvina Thelen on May 20
Larry Ward and Jodi Bassett on May 22

Patrick Gomez on May 20
Thomas Ladwig on May 21
Cleon Klemish on May 21
Brian Richter on May 21
Marcia Gettler on May 22

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 31st 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.