



Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time **Bulletin**

All Saints / St John's

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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 at 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 outdoors unless inclement weather.
All weekend masses at All Saints are outdoors unless inclement weather.
All weekday masses at All Saints are 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 and Wednesdays from 9:00am until 12:00pm and Thursdays 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.

Gathering for Mass at 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:

- If you would like to sit during Mass, please bring your own lawn chair
- Remaining in your car for Mass is also an option
 - roll down your windows to hear, you will NOT be able to listen through your radio
 - Communion will be brought to you, if you are in your car
- If Mass is indoors please 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.
- Parishioners aged 5 and above are strongly encouraged to wear a cloth face covering or mask during Mass.
- 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



Please pray for Kari Cornwell, daughter of Jim and Norma Kloewer. Kari has a mass on her pancreas which is cancerous. On Monday, July 5th she will meet with her Oncology team to discuss the treatment plan and begin her fight against cancer. Family is asking our prayer warriors to pray for her and her family. May God, the oncology team and other doctors at the University of Omaha Cancer Center be given the wisdom and guidance as they plan her treatment. May God give Kari and her family the strength, courage and peace as they begin this challenging journey.

Please pray for Mary Lonsdale, as she continues to heal and recover from surgery. She is doing well, but is asking for your continued prayers. May God, the physician and healer, keep Mary in the palm of his hands and provide her with strength and peace at this time.

Please pray for the Doud family, as they grieve the recent passing of Patrick Doud's sister, Mary Ann Bendernagel. Mary Ann passed away while surrounded with family this past week. Even though they are mourning the loss of dear Mary Ann, there is relief knowing she is not suffering anymore and sitting in peace with the Lord.

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.

Supporting our Parishioners

Note to St. John's Parishioners

The St. John's website has been redesigned, but please be assured, all the information is the same. If you have not seen it, please take moment to look through as new pictures have been added. Here is the link to the website: <https://adairstjohn.org/>

If you have photographs to add or adjustments to make send an email to allsaintsff@outlook.com

COVID-19 Relief Fund

The COVID-19 Relief Fund is a Catholic response to the COVID-19 crisis in the Diocese of Des Moines. This fund is addressing the most pressing needs in our faith community caused by a novel coronavirus.

Contributions may be designated to directly support individuals and families in need through Catholic Charities or an area of immediate need in our faith community which may include our Catholic parishes and schools in their efforts to remain operational for individuals and families in this crisis.

Giving can be done:

Online at: <https://www.dmdiocese.org/giving>

By check mailed to: Catholic Charities or the Diocese of Des Moines

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

Today, we are invited to reflect on the Parable of the Sower. Parables present something from daily life. They are also doorways to other spiritual and divine insights about God. It is not enough to look at the door. It must be opened to discover what lies beyond. When we see parables in this way, when we see the Word of God in this way, we see something from which we can draw profound truths regarding ourselves, our world, and Our Lord, not just once, but constantly. That requires an effort in faith to listen and to see, an effort to open our hearts and open that door into the greater world Our Lord wants to reveal to us. If we do not understand what he is telling us, his Word stays on the surface and does not penetrate our hearts, and the Evil One can easily sweep it away before it has any effect. There is an active Evil presence out there that would like us to remain shallow and superficial. That is why we always need to watch and pray in moments of temptation and seek to understand God's Word with profundity. Through the parable, Our Lord explains the obstacles to the Word of God bearing good fruit. Our Lord invites us to see the difference between hearing something and listening, between looking at something and seeing it. Just as farmers till the soil we have to be active in letting the Word of God bear fruit in our life by cultivating the soil of our soul. We should not be afraid of welcoming and nourishing the seed of God's Word because God has sown it for a good purpose and he will continue to watch over the soil and cultivate it. He may ask for something demanding, but he will be with us every step of the way. He has plans for something good to grow out of our generosity and sacrifice. One important truth that this parable teaches is that our freedom does not operate in a vacuum. We truly are free to choose to follow Christ or not to follow Christ, but outside factors influence that freedom. Outside factors try to get us to choose a self-centered life over a Christ-centered life. The first influence is the devil, represented by the birds that eat the seed of the path. The devil is real. He and his army of fallen angels hate God and God's followers. They influenced our first parents, Adam and Eve, successfully tempting them to disobey God's commandments, thereby breaking off their friendship with God. The devil wants to do the same thing to us. He uses subtle deceptions to uproot our friendship with God. The second influence is our own tendency to laziness and comfort. This is represented by the rocky soil. Many times, God's will demands self-sacrifice. We have to carry crosses, just as Jesus did, if we want to be faithful to our life's purpose. Our ingrained love for comfort resists self-sacrifice. The third influence is the culture around us, which is a product of fallen human nature. This is represented by the thorns. This fallen world promises perfect happiness in money, achievements, popularity, or passing pleasures. That is a false promise, because God alone satisfies the human heart. When we follow God's will and stay true to our friendship with Christ even in the face of these contrary influences, then our lives bear the abundant fruit of wisdom, compassion, and lasting happiness. Without the help of God's grace, our freedom cannot long resist the influence of the devil, the world, and the flesh. There are two ways we can cooperate with God's grace. First, we can use well of the gifts God has given us as channels of grace: the sacraments, the Bible, the teachings of the Church, the example and intercession of the saints, and, most important of all, the gift of prayer. Second, we can exercise our freedom, just as we exercise our muscles. This means making conscious choices, motivated by worthy reasons. We must know the reasons behind our choices, and we must consciously renew our commitment to those reasons. That is how we exercise our freedom and defend ourselves against the hidden cancer of routine - the secret ally of the devil, the world, and the flesh. As Christ renews his commitment to us, let us renew our personal love for him in the depths of our hearts, choosing freely, once again, to be his faithful followers.

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

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MONEY COUNTERS

Date: Sunday, July 5, 2020

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not needed during this time

Weekly Offering: **\$ 1774.00**

Weekly Offering: **\$ 408.00**

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

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

Building Fund: **\$ 255.00**

E-Giving: **\$ 975.55**

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 07/05/2020 \$ 12,335

Saint John's

ADA Appeal Goal \$ 7,377

Gifts Received 07/05/2020 \$5,882.12



Upcoming Birthday Blessings to

Joy Smull on July 11
Debi Kasap on July 13
Anne Riordan on July 14
Taylor Ommen on July 15
Richard Bachman on July 15
Carly Schaffer on July 16
Amy Doud on July 17



Upcoming Anniversary Blessings to

Cleon and Mary Klemish on July 13
Richard and Barbara Bachman on July 17

***If you have things that would be helpful to see in the Bulletin,
please email Jill at allsaintsff@outlook.com with your suggestion.***