



Sixteenth 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
  - **ADDITIONAL ITEMS:** an umbrella for shade and a water to stay hydrated in the warmer temperatures
- 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 & Families*



**Please pray for Jonathon Boss**, son of David and Barb Boss, who was admitted to the hospital due to diabetic concerns. Please pray for peace and healing for Jonathan and comfort for all those who love him.

**Please pray for Michele Hanson**, sister of Laura Weber, who has been release from the hospital as the blood colt dissolved but an small addition muscle growth was found on her aorta and she is still suffering from Vertigo and doing additional test to find the cause. Prayers are needed for finding answers for the vertigo causes and continue health improvements.

**Prayers are requested for Christy O'Brien's mother** who was admitted to Nebraska Medical Center where she is awaiting a liver transplant. May God, the physician and healer, keep Christy's mother in the palm of his hands and provide her, and her loved ones, with strength and peace at this time.

**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](mailto: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  
601 Grand Avenue Des Moines, IA 50309

Please note in the memo: COVID-19 Relief Fund

**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](https://www.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 images in today's Gospel is connected to the parable of the sower that the listeners of Jesus had already heard. They are common everyday examples of planting, harvesting, and sorting the good fruit from the bad. Weeds can spoil and even kill a good harvest, if they are not separated and destroyed at the proper time. Uprooting them too early, though, can destroy the good plants in the process. Just as nature teaches us patience, so God's patience also teaches us to guard the seed of his word which he has planted in our hearts and to beware of the destructive force of sin and evil that can destroy it. God's word brings life, but Satan seeks to destroy the good seed which has been planted in the hearts of those who have heard God's word. God's judgment is not hasty, but it does come. And in the end, God will reward each according to what they have sown and reaped in this life. Wheat is not very glamorous, but if we want bread, a symbol of life, it is essential. When we eat a sandwich, we do not think much of the wheat that went into it, but we certainly enjoy the sandwich. One surprising thing about the parable of the weeds and the wheat is the calm, patient reaction of the landowner. This was a wealthy and powerful man - only wealthy and powerful people owned multiple slaves. Ordinarily, wealthy and powerful people usually react to enemies who try to interfere with their business not with calm and patience, but with quick revenge. So why was this landowner able to take this attack in stride? And we should not be naive - this was a serious attack. It will cause the landowner more than four times the normal amount of investment to bring in the harvest. They will have to harvest twice the weight as normal. Then they will have to disassemble the harvested bundles in order to re-assemble two separate sets of bundles. This was a smart and efficient enemy. The landowner is able to stay calm and patient because he represents God, the landowner of the world. And God is not just wealthy and powerful; God is all-powerful. And when you are all-powerful, no attack of evil can really bother you. An omnipotent God can afford to be merciful, because in the end, he will be able to put all things right. If we thought about this characteristic of God more often and more deeply, it would make a difference in our life. We would be more like the farmer in the parable, able to remain calm and patient in the face of life's troubles and injustices. Our God is all-powerful, and it matters. God's mercy is all-powerful. This is not only a pleasant thought; it is also a practical thought. We frequently hear people criticize the Catholic Church for being too strict, too demanding. Critics say the Church should relax its 'rules' about divorce, abortion, contraception, priestly celibacy, homosexuality, and pre-marital sex. But we should listen very carefully to the reasons that they give for this criticism. The most important reason, almost always, is because Catholic morality, they say, is too difficult; it requires too much self-control and self-discipline. They almost never say that Catholic morality is wrong - because even those critics know, in the depths of their conscience, that the morality Jesus Christ teaches through his Church is true. Even non-Catholics see that. So critics do not say that Catholic morality is wrong, they say it is too difficult. And of course, it is difficult, both because fallen human nature often tends towards vice, and because the culture around us glorifies self-indulgence over self-discipline and self-giving. But that is exactly why Jesus came. That is why he gives us the sacraments, the Bible, the Church, the gift of prayer - he knows we cannot do it alone. And so he puts his omnipotence at our service. Today let

us thank Jesus for his all-powerful mercy, and let us promise that we will use all the tools he gives us so that his omnipotence can bolster our weakness.

**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 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.*

## 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](#)*

*All Saints / St John's Church Office, PO Box 605, Stuart, Iowa 50250*

*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**

#### **St John's Partnership**

#### **MONEY COUNTERS**

*Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020*

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**Weekly Offering: \$ 1810.47**

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

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**Building Fund: \$ 70.00**

**E-Giving: \$ 60.55**

### **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**

**Saint John's**

ADA Appeal Goal \$ 30,397  
Gifts Received 07/12/2020 \$ 12,335

ADA Appeal Goal \$ 7,377  
Gifts Received 07/12/2020 \$5,882.12



**Upcoming Birthday Blessings to**

Debra Hollinrake on July 18  
Dennis Hohn on July 18  
Joanne Tiernan on July 19  
Ann Vigon on July 19  
Clara Kasap on July 19  
Jane Sherman on July 21  
Kathryn Johnson on July 21  
Jesse Gonzalez on July 22



**Upcoming Anniversary Blessings to**

Roger and Barb Vais on July 19  
Wayne and Janis Gilman on July 20

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