



Twenty-Sixth Sunday in 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: 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 OUTSIDE unless inclement weather, then Mass will be indoors.
Mass at the Stuart Care Center is cancelled until further notice.*

Announcements

All Saints/St John's Office Hours

Office Staff will be in the All Saints office on Tuesdays from 8:30am-3:00pm and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30am - 12:30pm.

Even though office hours are posted, it is best to call first to make sure someone is there. Sometimes uncontrollable events prevent staff from being at the office. 515-523-1943

GIFT OF GRAIN

As harvest season descends upon area farmers, cash farmers can benefit from a Gift of Grain to a local non profit, like All Saints and St. John's Catholic Church. As you make room for the new harvest, consider taking some of last years crop to the grain elevator and offering the proceeds to the church in an effort to help us continue to share the word of God.

For more information please contact the church office at 515-523-1943, or click on the link to be directed to the Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa; Individual Gifts.

[Individual Gifts including Gift of Grain](#)





FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMMING FOR 2020-21 REGISTRATION

All Saints, registration is open. Packets with registration forms are in the gathering space.

St. John's registration and quick parent meeting will be Sunday, October 11 after mass.

Fees for the 2020-21 year are \$30.00 per child with a max of \$100 per family.

FAITH FORMATION FIRST CLASS

All Saints

- Grades 7th through 12th on Wednesday, October 7; 7:00pm-8:15pm
- Grades 1st through 6th on Wednesday, October 14; 6:30pm-7:30pm

St John's

- Registration Meeting & first class on Sunday, October 11 after mass

The Bible App
FOR KIDS



Attention Parents with Young Children

from Jill Gerling, Faith Formation Coordinator

Recently, Jill came across a great resource in an app form for children ages 2 through first grade. The App is called **The Bible App for Kids**, it is a great story activity based app which teach the children about stories in the bible and lesson to be learned. Each story needs to be downloaded and watched before the children can access the activities. Jill is not 100% sure if the download will take up space on the device, but if and when Jill finds out, she will let you know.

This would be a great resource for your child while Children's Word is not meeting. Bring some headphones and plug your child into the app during the homily, so you as parents can get Father's message in the homily.

Confirmation will be Sunday, October 18 at 12:00 (noon) Special Mass

Due to the number of Confirmation Candidates, Confirmation Mass will be at Noon to accommodate the large number of family and guests that may be attending the Confirmation.

There will still be 10:00 Mass for the parish.



Gathering for Mass inside 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:

- Parishioners aged 5 and above are strongly encouraged to wear a cloth face covering or mask during Mass. If you do not have one the church has masks available
- Hand Sanitizer is also available in gather spaces and other areas of the building
- 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.

- 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 continue to pray for Kari Cornwell, daughter of Jim and Norma Kloewer, as she continues to battle pancreatic cancer. May God heal Kari, body and soul. May her pain cease, her strength increase, her fears be released and may blessings, love, and joy surround Kari and her family.

Prayers are requested for Bruce Partlow as he recovers from recent knee surgery. We pray for hope and healing and for God to provide Bruce with His strength as he endures this health challenge.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

St. John's

Sunday, September 27: Paul Ness
 Wednesday, September 30: Paul Ness
 Friday, October 2: Louetta Langel
 Sunday, October 4: Rosie Sturm
 Wednesday, October 7: Francis Hollinrake (health)
 Friday, October 9: Eugene Seilhan (health)
 Sunday, October 11: Gary Seilhan (health)

All Saints

Saturday, September 26: Betty Tlach
 Tuesday, September 29: Betty Tlach
 Saturday, October 3: Betty Tlach
 Tuesday, October 6: Betty Tlach
 Saturday, October 10: Betty Tlach

Supporting our Parishioners

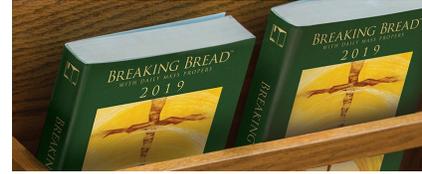
Want the daily readings? The United State Conference of Catholic Bishops website is a great resource. Click

the date in the calendar on the right side to get the readings.

USCCB.org

Missalettes Available for Personal Use

All Saints and St. John's are giving away the current 2020 Misalettes to parishioners for their own personal use. The books will be available on a table in the gathering space at All Saints, and on a table in the back of the church at St. John's. This will be your book to have since we cannot widely offer them at this time. Each family is encouraged to take 2 missals and bring it to and from mass so you may follow along with the readings. Any books left in the pews will be thrown away.



We hope this will enhance your participation in the Mass.

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



Jesus speaks this parable towards the very end of his life. He is in Jerusalem the week before his crucifixion. He spends his nights outside the city with his disciples. He spends his days inside the Temple, debating with the Jewish scholars and leaders who are trying to discredit and humiliate him. He tells this parable for them, in order to break through their blindness. The focus is on the second son who impressed his dad with fancy words and a good show of healthy obedience. But underneath the surface, he was still living for his own self-centered gratification, not for the greater good of his mission in the Father's kingdom. Jesus applies that to the Pharisees who said 'yes' to God's will, but, in the end, did not do it. They maintained a façade of obedience that was revealed to be a façade when God came in Person and showed them a different path to follow. These leaders who are against Jesus and who will soon arrange his death, are Palestine's experts in religion. They are the ones who serve in the Temple, study the sacred Scriptures, preach to the crowds, and rule and govern God's Chosen people. They claim to be God's close collaborators who are following God's commandments better than anyone else. And yet, these are the very ones who fail to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. Unlike the Pharisees, the tax collectors and prostitutes saw the opportunity at the coming of Jesus to quash the rebellion that had been enslaving them even as it had promised to empower them. They do recognize Jesus, believe in him, and repent from their sin. Why do the chief priests and elders, like the second son in the parable, say that they are God's followers, but then refuse to obey the Messiah of God? The cause of their spiritual blindness is hypocrisy. Jesus condemned hypocrisy more energetically than any other sin. May be this was because it is one of the easiest sins to fall into. It is so easy to change our outward behavior in order to fit in with everyone around us. But it is a losing strategy, because sooner or later every actor has to take off his mask. Hypocrisy is like that: we

put on different disguises in order to fit in with different crowds. But in the end that kind of selfish living for appearances leads to self-destruction - when we lose sight of who we really are, we also lose sight of everyone else, including God. We are among the small percentage of Catholics who come to Sunday Mass - we are the ones who appear to be following the Lord. And so, we too are in danger of falling into this same blindness, of thinking that we are doing God's will in our lives, but actually not doing it. Keeping up the appearances of a good Catholic, but compromising the substance. A basic human virtue that we love to find in other people, but that we find it hard to live ourselves is sincerity. Hypocrisy makes us blind to God's presence in our lives. Sincerity opens the eyes of our souls to find him everywhere. We need to install sincerity especially in three key areas of our lives. First, in our relationship with God. We must never try to impress God or put on a show for him. We must simply open our hearts to him. He knows them thoroughly already. In that way he can touch them with his transforming grace. Second, in our relationship with ourselves. We must never lie to ourselves about the reasons we do things, making false excuses or immaturely passing the buck. We must take responsibility for our actions, good and bad, confident that God can fix whatever we may break. Third, in our words. It is so easy to distort the truth when we talk. We like to flatter people, or make them admire us, and so we say things that are not really true. We do not have an obligation to tell everything to everyone, but we always have an obligation to be truthful in what we choose to say. The surest way to banish hypocrisy from our lives is to adopt as our personal motto the phrase that Jesus taught us in the prayer Our Father: 'Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done'. God's will is dependable and truthful, and when we make it our highest priority, we too become dependable and truthful.

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

Find time daily to give this prayer to God.



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 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 continuing to tithe to the parish!

If you would like to donate electronically, please click [-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**St John's Partnership****MONEY COUNTERS**

Sunday, September 20, 2020

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Tuesday, September 29th
9:30 amWeekly Offering: **\$2,203.00**
Children's Offering: **\$0.00**
Building Fund: **\$70.00**
E-Giving: **\$ 260.55**Weekly Offering: **\$336.00**
Children's Offering: **\$ 0.00**Cindy Boucher
Dave Vigon**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 09/24/2020 \$17,855.00

Saint John's

ADA Appeal Goal \$ 7,377

Gifts Received \$7,377.00

GOAL REACHED!

The office staff uses information found in the church records management software, ParishSoft, for both All Saints and St. John's to make the birthday and anniversary notes. That information can be incomplete and inaccurate but when an error or missing information is found, the staff corrects the information. If you have celebrations not listed, please kindly notify the office by calling or emailing allsaintsoffice@gmail.com ~ thank you

**Upcoming Birthday Blessings**

Debra Richter: September 26
Liam Crawford: September 26
Gabe Gerling: September 26
Cora Boyle: September 27
Joseph Fagan: September 28
Gwyneth Casey: September 28
Sean Bovinett: September 29
Pat Hohn: September 30
Jen Dickson: September 30

Upcoming Anniversary Blessings

Nate & Karey Smith
September 26, 1998

Ray & Betty Vais
September 27, 1958

Andy & Stacy Richter

Grace Donnelly: October 2
Gayle Doud: October 2

September 29, 2012

**Bruce & Ramona Parlow
October 1, 1988**

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

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