



Twenty-Eighth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
**Bulletin**

All Saints / St John's

October 11, 2020

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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

**Confessions** - Saturdays at All Saints: 3:30

**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

**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*

**Virtual Bible Conference by The Augustine Institute**

You are invited to The Augustine Institute's free 2020 Virtual Bible Conference

**October 10, 2020**

This event is free on Zoom, and the livestream coverage  
will start at 10 a.m. (MDT)

Are you seeking to grow in your love and knowledge of God's  
Word? Join some of the nation's most dynamic Scripture scholars  
on October 10 for a one-day virtual event that will be live  
streamed via Zoom! *This virtual event is free for all registrants!*



## **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



### **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.*

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### BEST WISHES

Sister Andre Anigbogu, who has been with us for the last eight years, is moving to Chicago. We assure her our warmest wishes and prayers as she begins a new chapter in life. If you would like to wish her farewell or best wishes, you may send them to the following address:

**Sr. Andre Anigbogu**  
**4827 N. Kenmore Avenue**  
**Chicago, IL 60640**

## 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.

*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, October 11: Gary Seilhan  
(health)  
Wednesday, October 14: Patricia  
Seilhan (health)  
Friday, October 16: Andrew Lawlor  
Sunday, October 18: Francis Lawlor

## All Saints

Saturday, October 10: Betty Tlach  
Thursday, October 15: Darlene Mary  
Hannappel  
Sunday, October 18: Bill Tracy  
Thursday, October 22: Bill Tracy  
Sunday, October 25: Bill Tracy

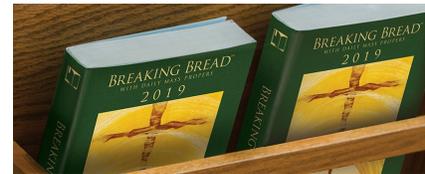
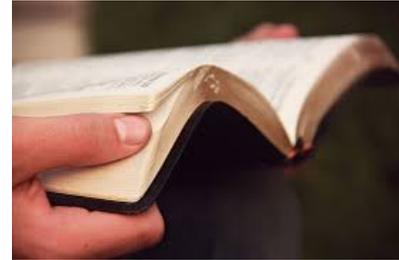
## *Supporting our Parishioners*

***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](http://USCCB.org)

### Missalettes Available for Personal Use

**All Saints and St. John's are giving away the current 2020 Missalettes 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*



We are invited to consider the kingdom of heaven in comparison to a royal wedding. As a matter of fact, in ancient times, two wedding invitations were sent. The first was a general announcement of the good news, but it did not specify the date of the celebration. Then later, when all the preparations were made, the second invitation would go out, giving the specific day and place for the banquet. Obviously, the reason for the invitation is that they had a closer relationship with the king. The guests who refused to come to the wedding were actually rejecting the second invitation. They had already accepted the first invitation. Now by rejecting the second invitation, they are not only insulting the king, but they are also going back on their own word. Abandoned by his friends, the king invited other members of his kingdom, not on the basis of friendship, but by a way of benevolence a king owes his people. He also invites

those who are complete strangers to him, perhaps people not even a part of his kingdom. They benefit from the great dinner, but they cannot take the place of those the king wanted to partake of it, his invitees, those he wanted to acknowledge as his friends. By refusing the king's invitation, the invited guests fell into the sin at the root of all our sins: ingratitude. The invited guests were so busy enjoying the peace and prosperity that the king's well-run kingdom provided, that they forget to honor the king himself - even going so far as to abuse the king's messengers. In so doing, they cut themselves off from him. They also cut themselves off from the peace and prosperity that he was so generously providing. But there is also a second level to their ingratitude. God showers his gifts upon us, and yet when the time comes to show our gratitude, we so often prefer to honor the gifts more than the giver. Jesus eloquently illustrates this truth by including a curious detail in the parable. In ancient Palestine, one of the social customs at wedding banquets was for the host to provide a festive garment for all the guests - it was almost like what a welcome gift is for modern parties. It could be something as simple as a colored scarf or shawl. With all the guests wearing this garment, an atmosphere of unity and joy was created, and the special honor of the bride and bridegroom was emphasized. After the banquet has begun, the king comes in to greet the guests, and finds a guest without a wedding garment. There are only two possible reasons why a guest would not have a wedding garment: either he sneaked in without being invited, or he did not care about celebrating the wedding and just wanted to enjoy the food and drink while doing his own thing. In either case, such a guest is not a guest at all. He has no relationship to the bride and bridegroom, and so he has no reason to be there. And so the king threw him out. God is so intent on sharing his joy and bounty that when the first group of invited guests refuses to come, he gathers a troop of strangers to share his table. His generosity depends not primarily upon what the people deserve, but upon his own abundant goodness. No one had earned an invitation to the feast; it was purely the king's initiative - a beaming example of true nobility and magnanimity. His is a feast of grace, an overflowing banquet of everlasting life that begins now with baptism and reaches its fulfillment in heaven. By the mere act of accepting such an invitation, we honor and please him; we let him love us. The evil of sin, of self-centeredness, stems ultimately from its ingratitude. Those who declined the invitation blocked the flow of the king's generosity. They separated themselves from his goodness. Our first duty in relation to God consists in humbly accepting his generous gifts, in letting him be for us the kind of King he really is. The Kingdom of God is not just something in the future: Christ the King invites us right now to come to the great feast with every celebration of the Eucharist, to show us how much we mean to him and to lavish spiritual joy and refreshment on us.

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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 continuing to tithe to the parish!**

If you would like to donate electronically, please click [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

Sunday, October 4, 2020

Weekly Offering: **\$1,451.54**  
Children's Offering: **\$0.00**  
Building Fund: **\$205.00**  
E-Giving: **\$ 1,090.00**

### St John's Partnership

Sunday, October 4, 2020

Weekly Offering: **\$516.00**  
Children's Offering: **\$0.00**

### MONEY COUNTERS

Tuesday, October 13th  
9:30 am

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 10/4/2020 \$19,530.00

### Saint John's

ADA Appeal Goal \$ 7,377  
Gifts Received \$7,577.00

**GOAL REACHED!**

**Thank you!**

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](mailto:allsaintsoffice@gmail.com) ~ thank you



### **Upcoming Birthday Blessings**

Allison Fillman: October 13  
Tara Klassen: October 14  
Amanda Nims: October 15  
Maren Hoffman: October 15

### **Upcoming Anniversary Blessings**

**Roger & Cathy Callahan**  
**October 12, 1968**

**Alan & Mary Bovee**  
**October 12, 1974**

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

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