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All Saints/St John's Catholic Church



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Easter Sunday **The Resurrection of the Lord** **Sunday, April 4, 2021**

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday: 5:30pm at All Saints - Stuart
Wednesday: 5:30pm at St John's - Adair
Thursday: 9:00am at All Saints - Stuart
Friday: 8:30am at All Saints - Stuart
SATURDAY: 4:30 All Saints - Stuart
SUNDAY: 8:00am at St John's - Adair
10:00am at All Saints - Stuart

ROSARY SCHEDULE

Saturdays: 4:05pm at All Saints - Stuart
Sundays: 7:30am at St John's - Adair
CONFESSION SCHEDULE
Saturdays: 3:30pm at All Saints - Stuart
Or by Appointment

Parish Office Hours

Tuesdays: 8:30am - 12:30pm
Wednesdays: 8:30am - 12:30pm
Thursdays: 8:30am - 12:30pm
~or by appointment

BAPTISM, MARRIAGE, FUNERAL, RCIA, OR OTHER SACRAMENTS

For both parishes, contact the parish office by calling 515-523-1943 or emailing the office at all-saintoffice@gmail.com

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.

Please continue prayers for the family and friends of Tim and Mindy Harskamp as they grieve the unbearable, sudden loss of their 10 year old son, Greyson. Pray God will give them the strength to continue life without Greyson.

Please pray for the family and friends of Steve Wolfe as they mourn his unexpected passing. Pray that God may bring peace and comfort to all those who love him.

Please lift up your prayers for all those suffering from a COVID 19 diagnosis, those who have passed away because of the illness, as well as, those who love them. Pray for the caregivers and first responders who selflessly care for those afflicted with this relentless virus.

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.

Parish Mission Statement

“Rejoicing with gratitude in God’s blessings, we invite and welcome all to share in the fullness of the Catholic faith. We live our baptismal call through worship, teaching, and serving one another.”

HAPPY AND BLESSED EASTER

Father Antony Mathew and the staff wish each and every member of our parish family a Happy and Blessed Easter. May the Risen Lord enable us to enjoy the gift of new life today and every day of our life. And may He make us His instruments of new life to our families, to our communities and to our world at large. It is also an appropriate time to recognize the contributions of those who make our parish family a unique one; and our celebration of the Holy Eucharist a profound experience for those who gather to worship and praise God week after week. I want to thank all those who devote so much of their time, energy and life for the parish family day after day, and thereby bringing immeasurable blessings to all of us. Thanks to our wonderful pastoral team: Rev. Antony Mathew, Tammy Doud, Jill Gerling, Barb Boss, and Christina Boss for their commitment, sacrifice, and selfless giving to our parish family. We appreciate and express our gratitude to the pastoral council; the finance council at All Saints and St. John; the religious formation team at All Saints and St. John (catechists/substitutes, catechist aids/Scripture study groups); Liturgy Ministry Team (special thanks to Joyce Van Pelt, and Les Elgin, sacristans, extra-ordinary ministers of the Holy Eucharist, lectors, greeters, ushers, altar servers, and art and environment team); Music Ministry Team (cantors, organist/pianists/choir); the Social Ministry Team (parish social gathering ministry, bereavement ministry, Altar and Rosary Society; Knights of Columbus; St. John's Family; maintenance ministry at All Saints and St. John; money counters at All Saints and St. John, and all the others who have a role in making a difference in our parish family. My heart is filled with joy and gratitude to Almighty God, who continually blesses us with His abundant blessings, and to all our parishioners for blessing us with their unwavering dedication, commitment, support, sacrifice, and financial generosity. Happy Easter and again thank you. ~Fr. Tony

COVID Mitigation Policy Adjustment:

Beginning April 1st, Holy Thursday, our social distancing policies will be adjusted so that every pew may be used for seating. Households are still asked to observe social distancing between each other within the pew. After the Easter Vigil, baptismal fonts and holy water fonts will be refilled and remain filled. Scholas of 4-5 singers are permitted during the Triduum, and that allowance will continue moving forward.

Thank you to the sponsors of Easter flowers

Thank you to everyone who sponsored flowers for decorating the Church at Easter. You and your loved ones will have a special remembrance at Easter Mass. ~Fr. Tony

92th Annual Des Moines Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Conference:

This event will be held virtually on April 10th for everyone's safety. The theme is **REFRESH & RE-NEW**. *This is a wonderful way to network with other Catholic women and find out what other parishes are doing.* The speaker this year will be Barbara Heil, a former Pentecostal Minister and a dynamic and inspirational speaker. Bishop Joensen will impart a message for us as well. There is no charge for the conference, but everyone must register in order to receive an invite for the Zoom conference. To register for the Zoom event go to: <http://desmoinesdccw.org/upcoming-activities/>

Free Marriage Enrichment Seminar:

A great idea for couples to do together during Lent—from your home, at your pace. **MarriageinChrist.com** is an easy to use online program with video presentations, a downloadable workbook, discussion starters etc. It is simple, practical and fun! Just 5 sessions. **Registration fee is \$40.00.** Go to <https://marriageinchrist.com/> for more information.



Father Tony's Corner

Today we consider the mystery at the heart of the Christian faith. It is simple but extraordinary and powerful. It was so mind-blowing for the disciples and the apostles even though Jesus had reminded them again and again that it would happen. But they did not believe it until they saw him after his resurrection. It shattered all their concepts of life. In the whole history of humanity death was the greatest fear, the curse to wish or inflict on your worst enemies. It was conquered: 'Christ is Risen'. We can no longer live the same way now that death has been defeated in Christ. We see that the Resurrection did not sink in for the disciples until they witnessed the results themselves. It leaves us in hopeful suspense because death no longer had the last word. The disciples had all the facts. Christ could raise the dead. Martha saw his brother Lazarus raised after three days in the tomb. The mourners of the dead little girl's daughter mocked Jesus when he said she was sleeping, and then he 'woke' her up. Even Mary thought that the body had been stolen. The disciples walking to Emmaus had all the facts. After the Transfiguration, he told Peter not to tell anyone until he was raised from the dead and kept repeating that he would be raised from the dead on the third day. The disciples were clueless. We cannot blame them. Even today there are a lot of disciples of Christ who are clueless. All the facts are at hand, but they lack faith, and so they live as if eternal life is a fairy tale. We have many more signs that they did: the Church has testified to the Resurrection for over two thousand years, and many of her children have gone to the grave believing that someday they would rise, just as Our Lord did. Three days ago, on the evening of Good Friday, apparent failure loomed large. Not only was the Lord dead and buried, but the Apostles were holed up in a locked room, fearing for their lives. It seemed like God had abandoned their cause, exposed it for a naïve dream. But now Easter Sunday has dawned - and with it, the irreversible victory of the Resurrection. The tomb is empty. The stone is overturned. The shadow of the cross is dispelled by the bright morning light of a new creation. Christ's apparent failure has blossomed into victory, just like the seed that disappears under the ground only to rise up again in fresh, new growth. That is the basic pattern of Christian life, for the Church, for Christian communities, for individuals: apparent failures blossoming into victories; Good Fridays turning into Easter Sundays. As we follow Christ, he leads us up to the hill of Calvary, where we die to ourselves in the painful surrender to God's will - our own Good Fridays. But that death in fact gives God's grace room to work in our lives so that we sprout new shoots of wisdom, virtue, and happiness - our own Easter Sundays. Christian life is an infinite number of variations on this one theme, revealed to us by God in Christ: Good Friday - Easter Sunday. Now we know exactly what is coming. When we expect one without the other, it means we have not learned the fundamental lesson of the gospel. On the other hand, when we accept and adapt to that rhythm of Christian life, we finally begin to speed forward along the road to wisdom, holiness, and lasting fulfillment. Today we relish the joy of Easter, thanking God for letting us share in this victory, for giving us this hope. But let us not stop there. Let us not just enjoy Easter, let it change our lives. Christ's resurrection is not just a nice idea; it is the power of eternal life at work in us. In Christ's resurrection love is proved to be stronger than death. In Christ and in his resurrection, a new hope dawns for all mankind, the hope that if we stay united to him through faith and grace, we will rise with him, rise from our very tombs, and live with him forever in the never-ending adventure of heaven. No one else offers such a hope, because no one else has risen from the dead to be able to offer it - only the Lord. The Risen Lord did not appear to those who tortured him, imprisoned him, or executed him; he appeared to those who believed in him. The Risen Lord can be the brightest light in our lives, if only we open our eyes in faith. Christ is not only Risen but He is alive, right now. We spent Lent praying at the foot of the Cross; now, like Mary Magdalene, we can pray at his empty tomb. He will reveal himself, just as he did to Mary, in his time, but we have to believe in him, even when we do not understand.

Mass Intentions

St. John's

Sunday, April 4: Carl Seilhan
 Wednesday, April 7: Gary Seilhan
 Sunday, April 11: Tiago De Souza
 Wednesday, April 14: Jude Seilhan

All Saints & St. John's Faith Formation Information

Face masks are REQUIRED during all Faith Formation classes.

St. John's Classes

Meet after Mass until about 10:15

Next Class:

Sunday, April 11

Upcoming:

Sunday, April 18

Last Class Celebration:

Sunday, May 2nd

All Saints First - Sixth Grade

2nd & 4th Wednesday 6:30-7:30

Next Class:

Wednesday, April 14

Upcoming:

Wednesday, April 28

Last Class Celebration:

Wednesday, May 5th

All Saints Seventh - Tenth Grade

1st & 3rd Wednesday 7:00 - 8:15

Next Class:

Wednesday, April 7

Upcoming:

Wednesday, April 21

Last Class Celebration:

Wednesday, May 5th

St. John's & All Saints Life After Confirmation Class

This group is for confirmed youth through the age of 25. Classes will focus on real life Catholic issues, topics such as dating, relationships, discernment, being catholic and politics, college life and living a full life.

Bring a friend and your mask.

Next session: Sunday, April 18 at 7:00 to 8:30pm at All Saints

All Saints & St. John's Faith Formation Fundraiser

Totally Catholic has great gifts for First Communion, Confirmation, Easter, Mother's Day, birthday's, etc. There is something for everyone!

Totally Catholic works hard to ensure you have quality products. Most chains will be stainless steel material. Many items come direct from Italy, the Holy Land and trustworthy USA companies making and/or importing quality items. They want you to love and cherish the items you purchase. These sacraments should enhance and embrace your faith and love of Christ.

Now through April 11th, the Confirmation Youth will be selling these items before and after Mass at both parishes! You may also order online at:
www.totallycatholicfundraising.com/shop

Use code 5616 at checkout to ensure our parishes receive credit.

Our Ministry is Offering
A Uniquely Catholic ONLINE
Jewelry & Rosary Fundraiser Sale

You will find a unique variety of quality jewelry, rosaries, wall crosses and crucifixes, and many other faith filled gifts! Everything is priced reasonably for you while supporting our youth group with a 50% profit!

These beautiful religious articles will enhance your faith journey and/or the faith of those you purchase gifts for. Items will ship directly TO YOU within a week of purchase!
BE SURE TO ENTER OUR FUNDRAISER CODE WHEN CHECKING OUT!

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Our group earns a profit on every item sold. You get sacramentals to enhance your own spiritual life or to purchase as gifts to enhance the spiritual life of your loved ones!

Pictured above are just some of the best-selling items you can find on the website!
 (Some items may be out of stock)

We Appreciate Your Support!



April 3: Jackson Sloss
 April 4: Mary Ellen Gilman
 April 4: Gavin Steenson
 April 6: Cael Hazen
 April 6: Sidney Follmann
 April 7: Viola Heins
 April 7: Pat Cooper
 April 7: Luke Brincks

All Saints News...

Attention St. John's & All Saints: There will be NO weekday mass on Tuesday, April 6th or Wednesday, April 7th.

Open Prayer & Adoration at All Saints for EVERYONE:

In the month of April on Wednesdays, All Saints will be hosting prayer and adoration for anyone from the hours of 6:30pm – 8:15pm. ~ everyone is welcome ~

SCHEDULE:

April 7 – Silent Prayer & Adoration

April 14 – Silent Prayer & Adoration

April 21 – Instrumental & Musical Prayer led by Brenda Wedemeyer (singing optional)

April 28 – Silent Prayer & Adoration



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2021 ADA

Thank you to those of you who have already mailed in your ADA contribution.

You may send you ADA appeal to the office at:

All Saints, PO Box 605, Stuart, IA 50250

Or by dropping your card and contribution in the collection basket at church.

All Saints Goal

\$31,000

Gifts Received as of 4/1/2021

\$7,475.00

Thank you for your generous financial support.

Financial Partnership

March 28, 2021

Weekly Offering:

\$2,577.00

Building Fund: \$50.00

eGiving: \$260.55

Money Counters

Tuesday, April 6 @ 9:00am

Bill Clauson

Gina Ocheltree

St John's News...

Please join us to celebrate Mass for our First Communicants on April 11th. First Communicants are:

Sidney Follman

Ruby Cate Marso

Hunter Lillard

Reece Richter

Henry Wayne

A small reception will be held in the Parish Hall after mass.

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\$7,803

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\$2,850.00

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March 28, 2021

Weekly Offering: \$1,135.00

Money Counters

After Sunday Mass

Dave Richter

Sheryl Drees