

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."

All Saints Church

The Transfiguration of the Lord

216 All Saints Drive, Stuart, IA 50250

August 6, 2017



Mass Times*

- **Sunday** 8am at Adair
9am Adoration
10am Mass
- **Tuesday** 6pm Mass
- **Wednesday** Adair 8:30am
- **Thursday** 9am Mass
at the Community Care Center
-Adair 6:30pm
- **Friday** 8:30am
- **Saturday**
8:30am 1st Saturdays
3:30pm Confessions
4pm Rosary
4:30pm Mass
**Always Check Weekly
Calendar for Any Changes*

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A Reflection on Today's Readings...

The readings for today, the Feast of the Transfiguration, begin in the Old Testament Book of Daniel. Daniel was an honorable man, a prophet, probably born of nobility. He was taken captive in his early teenage years along with three other young men. Each of these young men stood firm in their convictions and eventually impressed the king. These men would gain stature in the king's court but would also endure trials - you might remember the stories of the Fiery Furnace, Daniel in the Lion's Den, or even the lyrics of an old Johnny Cash ballad: "...they wouldn't bend, they wouldn't bow, they wouldn't burn." But we'll leave those stories for another day. In Daniel 7 we read about a vision he saw that depicted the "Ancient One" (God) seated on a throne, wearing bright, white clothing; the hair on his head was as white as wool; and there were countless (angels) ministering to Him. We also see three phrases which use "fire": flames of fire (purging), burning fire (judgment), and stream of fire (energy). Fire is used many times throughout Scripture to paint a mental image of the action being taken. The

second half of the vision goes on to describe the advent of Jesus Christ and how He "received dominion, glory, and kingship" from God. "His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, His kingship shall not be destroyed." There is no doubt of Jesus Christ's power. Moving along into the Epistle of 2 Peter, we are greeted as "beloved". When you speak to someone this way, you intend to tell them what is good and honest and true. What we are about to read is the eyewitness account of what Peter and the other Apostles saw for themselves at the baptism of Jesus: the declaration from God that Jesus is His beloved Son with whom He is well pleased. "We heard this ourselves when we were with Him on the holy mountain." The Gospel, then, tells us that Jesus led Peter, James, and John up a high, holy mountain and He was transfigured right before their eyes! A few lines later, Peter - stating the obvious - says, "Lord, it is good that we are here." At this time Moses and Elijah had appeared to them. The disciples offered to make a place for the three men: Moses, Elijah, and Jesus. Once again the voice from heaven

is heard, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." This scared Peter, James, and John so much so that they fell prostrate on the ground. Jesus touched them and told them not to be afraid. When the disciples opened their eyes, Jesus was the only person they saw. After all of this excitement, Jesus leads the men back down the mountain and tells them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." (One would think that would be a difficult thing to keep quiet!) So, we have read about visions, miraculous sightings, the tremendous power and kingship of our Lord, and eyewitness testimonials as to Jesus' Divinity. Daniel spoke also of His Divinity. The Holy Spirit, descended on Jesus twice, declaring His Divinity. We can have no doubt that Jesus IS the Son of God, and we need to do what He asks. Even Mary, His Mother, told the servants at the wedding at Cana: "Do what He tells you." Simple command - awesome results!

- Brenda Wedemeyer, Bulletin Editor

ABC's of Fostering Vocations

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(cont'd from last week)
Pray for the seminarians of the diocese by name if you can find out their names; you may want to "spiritually adopt" one of them.

Quiz your children and discuss with them stories of calls in Scripture (e.g., Mary's response to God in Luke 1:26-39, Jesus' calling the Apostles in Matthew 4:18-22, etc.)

those who minister to your family and include in your family prayers petitions for those called to priesthood and consecrated life.

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Remember in prayer by name

ABC's of Fostering Vocations *(cont'd from Page 1)*

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Set aside a "family time" each week for kids to talk about what is happening in their lives. Let them share about their day.

Share the story of your own vocational choice with your children. Celebrate the occasion of your wedding anniversary as you share the story of your vocation to married life.

Talk about your family's ethnic or cultural heritage at supper, while driving in the car, or at some other time when family members are all together. Pass along memories of cultural aspects of holiday and other celebrations that you remember.

Talk positively and enthusiastically about the priests, sisters, brothers, and deacons in your parish and share with your children the stories of the priests or sisters who have inspired you and how (e.g., priest at your wedding, or baptized your child, priests or religious from school, etc.).

Tell your children how you chose your particular profession. Who helped you form your decision?

Use books and videos to familiarize your children with saints who are priests or vowed religious. Use these lives of the saints as a springboard for discussion on these lifestyles.

Utilize opportunities to share your vocation as parents: what you value, how you came to that decision, and the importance of faith in your life.

Visit Churches and Shrines while on vacation and offer prayers together as a family.

Witness to your own vocation by telling stories about how you fell in love. Let the children see the love and care that parents have for each other.

XYZ The end of the alphabet, but certainly not the end of ways or ideas to foster vocations at home!

Thoughts From Jodi *- Jodi Bassett, Altar & Rosary Society President*

A frequently recurring theme in our readings urges us to be prepared...to be ready for our coming of the Lord. I'm sure very few of us are truly prepared to be called home at any given time. I know I'm not.

I spent a bit more time than I should have on Facebook Wednesday morning. I had time, you know. Finally I started to get ready for my day. I didn't notice the car pull into the driveway, but I did see people walking toward my front door. Now, after exercising (yes, really!) I wasn't exactly

dressed to meet strangers. I rushed to add some clothing, and answered the door to a couple of very nice women. You can probably guess what their purpose was. I spent a few minutes conversing with them before they were on their way. They left their pamphlet, which I have scanned, but not read.

Obviously, my visitors were promoting a different denomination than ours. But I'm not sure the faith was much different. These were kind women with love in their heart for their fellow humans. What

we often perceive as an interruption or annoyance is their service to God and others. I could have bolted to the shower or hidden in another room when I saw them coming to the door. Instead I chose to greet them and listen to their brief message. I was not yet adequately prepared for my day, or for eternity, but I'd bet they were.

"Do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed."--Romans 13:11

Parish Finance Report

July 30th Collection

Sat/Sun: \$1,720.92

Kids: \$9.52

Building Fund: \$0.00

Special Collections: \$0.00

This Week's Income: \$1,730.44

This Week's Expenses: \$706.14

2017 ADA Balance

As of 6/30: \$11,088.50

Wedding Policy

Things to remember while planning your wedding: notify Father at least six months prior to your desired date; meet with our Wedding Coordinator, Norma Tigges, to begin planning.

Church Usage Fees:

\$300 to Registered, financially supporting members; \$500 to registered, non-supporting members; \$700 to non-parishioners.

Altar Servers: \$25.00



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Faith Formation News

-from Cathy Hicks-Director of Religious Education

It's hard to believe school will be starting soon, and so will Faith Formation. Here are some dates you will want to remember.



August 19/20: Registration for Faith Formation. I will be in

the gathering space before and after masses this weekend. You will also be able to register on line. It is so important that I have current phone numbers and email addresses. Also, there is other needed information on the registration forms we need for office purposes. Cost per student is \$30

with a cap of \$90 per family.

August 23: Catechist in-service from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the church hall. A meal will be provided.



August 30: Faith Formation Pot Luck kickoff from 6:30-8:00 p.m. All faith formation students and their families are invited. Bring a favorite pot luck dish (salads, desserts, relish trays, etc.) Meat and

beverages will be provided.



September 6: Faith Formation classes begin. 6:30- 7:30p.m.



Places to be, things to do...

- August 14-15: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (holy day of obligation). 7pm Monday 14th Adair; 7pm Tuesday 15th Stuart.
- Stuart Congregate Meals needs a driver to deliver meals on Thursdays. If you can be of assistance, please call 523-2937 or speak to Martha Gittins.
- Volunteers are needed to drive Veterans from Adair County to appointments in Des Moines or, occasionally, to Omaha. Mileage will be paid. Please contact Rich Schaecher at the Adair County Dept. of Veteran's Affairs at 641-743-2656. Please leave a message if no one answers.

Thank you!

Prayers & Thanks

Prayer Requests:

Dwayne Callahan, Tina Hilts and family, Herb Gibson Deanna Heins, Joan Brookings, Norine Marlowe, Rob Tiernan

If you would like to request prayer for someone in need, you may call Viola Heins (515-789-2029) for the telephone prayer chain or email the office at: stjohnallsaints@gmail.com for an electronic prayer chain communication.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus will be celebrating the **Week of the Family** beginning with an Ice Cream social following Saturday AND Sunday Masses, August 12th-13th. The next regular meeting of the Knights will be at 6pm Sunday August 13th.



Items to be included in the bulletin must be submitted to the office by 5pm Wednesday.

Call 515-523-1943 or email:

stjohnallsaints@gmail.com

to submit your items.

*Bulletins, prayer requests, and other announcements are sent via email through **Constant Contact**. If you are not receiving these emails, please be sure the Church Office has your address. Also be sure to check your "spam" folder as it may be going there. Bulletins are also posted to our website each Friday afternoon.*

Website: stuartallsaints.org

Liturgical Ministers: Saturday 8-12

Rosary: Frank Holle

Ushers: Eric & Margaret Tiernan

Cross Bearer: Dennis Donnelly

Altar Servers: Jodi Bassett & Connie Drake

Lector: Roni Wilson

Commentator: Carol Smith

Greeters/Gifts: Wayne & Jan Gilman

EMHC: Donna Donnelly, Maria Ladwig, Sr. Chinweze

Liturgical Ministers: Sunday 8-13

Ushers: Bob Olson, John Gulbranson

Cross Bearer: Patrick Gulbranson

Altar Servers: Gabe & Nate Gerling, Olivia Nixt

Lector: Donna Olson

Commentator: Harriet Gulbranson

Greeters/Gifts: Bob & Donna Olson

EMHC: Brenda Wedemeyer,

Jill Gerling, Amy Doud

Liturgical Ministers

For scheduling questions, please contact Joyce Van Pelt through the Church office or via email at: joyceavp@yahoo.com.

If you are interested in becoming a Liturgical Minister, please contact the Church office to schedule an instruction time. **Ministers include:** *Sacristan, Ushers, Cross Bearers, Greeters/Gifts, Lectors, Commentators, Altar Servers, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC).*

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Knights of Columbus: Dan Hilgers **Altar & Rosary Society:** Jodi Bassett

To arrange for Sacraments, rent the parish hall, to join the Church, or if you have a question, please contact the Church Office.

Two-Week Calendar of Activities

To view the entire calendar for both parishes, please go to stuartallsaints.org or adairstjohn.org

Sunday 8-6	Monday 8-7	Tuesday 8-8	Wednesday 8-9	Thursday 8-10	Friday 8-11	Saturday 8-12
9am Adoration 10am Mass for the living & deceased members of the parish ANN: Gene & Kathy Fitzgerald 1988 BD: Eris Martin	FATHER OUT OF TOWN ANN: Vernon & Norma Tigges 1982 BDs: Marvin Engelen, Maria Ladwig	FATHER OUT OF TOWN 5:45am TMIY Lesson #12 "Personal Objections" 6pm NO Mass BDs: Wayne Nosbisch, Richard Byrnes	FATHER OUT OF TOWN ANN: Ken & Jill Hauschildt 2003 BDs: Wayne Nosbisch, Richard Byrnes	FATHER OUT OF TOWN 9am Prayer Service (Care Center) BDs: Pat Purviance, Brandy Martin, Becca Renslow, Riley Doud	FATHER OUT OF TOWN 8:30am NO Mass ANNs: Matt & Jen Dickson, 2011; Eric & Jill Gerling, 2011	3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass for Clair Dickey K of C Family Week: <i>Ice Cream after Mass!</i>

Sunday 8-13	Monday 8-14	Tuesday 8-15	Wednesday 8-16	Thursday 8-17	Friday 8-18	Saturday 8-19
9am Adoration 10am Mass for the lvg & dec'd mbrs of the parish K of C Family Week: <i>Ice Cream after Mass!</i> BD: Alexa Groff	AT ADAIR: 7pm Mass <u>HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION</u> for Eldon Faga ANN: Mike & Margie Livermore 1993 BDs: Rielly Ocheltree, Aric Schwery	5:45am TMIY Lesson #13 "Moral Objections" 7pm Mass <u>HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION</u> for Clair & Pat Dickey	ANNs: Bob & Donna Olson 1969; Dale & Kathy Grundmeier 1980	9am Mass (Care Center) for Joann Allman	8:30am Mass for the dec'd mbrs of the Tigges/Boch Families BD: Becket Bird	3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass for Albert & Lucille Greubel BDs: Maxine Nelson, Bryan Huerta