



All Saints Catholic Church and St. John Catholic Church



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Tuesday 8.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.
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Sunday, December 12 2021 Third Sunday of Advent

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Schedule - All Saints, Stuart
Mass
Tuesday 5.30 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m. (care center)
Friday 8.30 a.m.
Saturday 4.30 p.m.
Sunday 10.00 a.m.
Confession
Saturday 3.30 p.m.
Rosary 4.00 p.m.



Schedule - St. John, Adair
Mass
Wednesday 5.30 p.m.
Sunday 8.00 a.m.
Confession 7.15 a.m.
Rosary 7.30 a.m.

Christmas Mass Schedule
Friday, December 24 (Vigil)
4.00 p.m. Mass at St. John
6.00 p.m. Mass at All Saints
Saturday, December 25 (Christmas Day)
9.00 a.m. Mass at All Saints



We know that there are many who are in need of our prayerful support while awaiting a diagnosis, getting treatment for an illness, recovering from a surgery and grieving the loss of a dear one.

Sick - Nick Doud, Betty Ludwig, Frank Wagers, Milo Rees, Ron Wittrock, Lorena Dahl Deceased - Curt Templeman, Harry Kloewer, Gary Hejlik, Bob James, Judy Eldredge, Jim Zimmer, Patti Craig

Parish Mission

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.

The Third Sunday of Advent is *Gaudete Sunday*, the Sunday of rejoicing. That is why today's readings mention the word 'joy' twelve times. Jesus did not come to intimidate and oppress us. He came to save us. Salvation, friendship with God, the fullness and security of living in communion with our Creator and Redeemer, of being 'gathered into the barns' of his eternal and sublime Kingdom. This is the message of Christmas, the message we have been thinking about during these weeks of Advent. We can only rejoice 'always' if our joy is based on something that goes deeper than the passing pleasures of this world. What is that deeper thing? Salvation; friendship with God; something that never ends, and something no one can take away from us. That is the source of a Christian's joy, and that is the gift Jesus brings us. What should we do? That question is at the heart of it all. We are celebrating the third Sunday of Advent now. We are watching and waiting for the coming of Christ. And the same question might be in our hearts: What should we do? In the gospel, people came to John the Baptist with exactly that question. What should we do? You would expect a dramatic answer from John the Baptist. After all, he is a dramatic character who wears camel's hair and eats locusts and preaches a tough message. But his answer to the question 'What should we do?' might surprise us. Share with others. Do your work well. It all seems so ordinary. But God takes the ordinary and makes it extraordinary. God looks on us with endless joy; and that means that our actions, however humdrum they may seem, if done out of love are part of that joy. If friendship with Jesus Christ is the source of lasting joy, then the deeper and more mature this friendship is, the more fully we will experience lasting joy. This explains why many Catholics, although they know about Jesus Christ and his plan of salvation, do not reflect true Christian joy in their lives. Their personal friendship with Christ, the source of that joy, has gone cold. All of us here would like to experience Christian joy more fully and more constantly. So all of us would like to know what we can do to keep our friendship with Christ alive and growing. The Church's best spiritual writers all agree that this friendship depends on three things: knowing, loving, and imitating Jesus Christ. And the first of the three is the most important. If we do not know him, deeply and personally, how will we be able to love or imitate him? Advent still has two weeks left. Let us make this our goal: to strive to know Jesus better at the end of these two weeks than we do today. And we all know exactly how to make that happen. We need to spend time with him in personal prayer, every day. We need to read and reflect on his words and example as given to us in the Gospels. We need to come to him in the Eucharist and let him speak silently to our hearts. We need to study the teaching of his Church, which reveals his heart and mind. We are the lucky ones; we know Jesus Christ, the Messiah, the utterly unique Savior of the world. May be we do not always follow him quite as faithfully as we could, but we do follow him. We worship him at Mass; we receive his grace in Holy Communion; we receive his forgiveness in the sacrament of reconciliation; we are protected by living under the sign of his cross. When we were baptized, we became not only God's children, but also God's messengers. When we were confirmed, we consciously accepted the mission of being God's ambassadors in this dark and fallen world. There is no better time than the next two weeks to redouble our efforts at accomplishing that mission. God fills the air of Advent with special graces, but he needs us to be channels through which they can flow where they most need to: into hearts that are far from Jesus Christ. Let us thank God for the privilege of knowing the Savior, and let us ask him for the wisdom and courage to introduce him to someone who does not know him before this holy season ends.



The season of Advent prepares us for the Feast of the Nativity of the Lord. Each year as we celebrate the birth of Christ, we are also reminded of his second coming at the end of the world. We have an opportunity to utilize the sacrament of reconciliation in preparation for Christmas on Sunday, December 12th.

11.30 a.m. reconciliation at All Saints

4.00 p.m. reconciliation at St. John

Annual Diocesan Appeal

A big thanks to everyone who has already participated in the Annual Diocesan Appeal for the financial year 2021, and a friendly reminder to those who have forgotten about it that if we do not pay off the appeal amount within the time frame, then the amount has to be paid from our operating account and it will affect our parish finances. May I appeal to you that if God has blessed you, would you be gracious to share a little of that God-given blessing to spread His kingdom and mission. Thank you for your partnership and generosity.

You may drop your ADA contribution in the collection basket or mail it to the office:

All Saints Church P. O. Box 605 Stuart, IA 50250

All Saints' ADA Goal

\$ 31,000

Gifts received

\$ 22,230

St. John's ADA Goal

\$ 7,803

Gifts received

\$ 5,060

Financial partnership - All Saints

December 5, 2021

Tithing: \$ 1603

Children: \$ 11

Building fund: \$ 1251

Money counters (12/14/21)

Bill Clauson and Gina Ocheltree

Financial partnership - St. John

December 5, 2021

Tithing: \$ 655

Children: \$ 17

Money counters (12/12/21)

Sheryl Drees and Dave Richter



Poinsettia Plants at All Saints

Our Art and Environment Team will be decorating the Church with beautiful poinsettia plants for Christmas. If you would like to make a donation towards this beautiful Christmas decoration, please put your donation in one of the envelopes provided in the gathering space area, marked for Christmas flowers.



Johnson Family Funeral Home for the Church Calendars

Our Church calendars are sponsored by Johnson Family Funeral Home. We want to express our appreciation and gratitude to them for being a wonderful blessing to our parish family. May God bless their work, their families, and their loved ones with His abundant blessings during this advent season.



Tax Deduction Awaiting You

A tax deduction is awaiting you for the year 2021, and you don't want to miss it! Make a donation to All Saints Catholic Church or St. John Catholic Church before the 31st of December, and you can claim a tax deduction when you file your tax returns for the year 2021.

Liturgical ministry - All Saints, Stuart

Saturday, 12/11/21

Greeters - Suzy Aubert and David Doud
Altar servers - Lilah and Violet Aubert
Ushers - Loretta Sloss and Becky O'Brien
Lector - Roni Wilson
Commentator - Sharon Doud

Sunday, 12/12/21

Greeters - Faith fomrmation
Altar servers - Faith fomrmation
Ushers - Faith fomrmation
Lector - Faith fomrmation
Commentator - Faith fomrmation

Saturday, 12/18/21

Greeters - Janet and Marvin Bassett
Altar servers - needed
Ushers - Jodi Bassett and Pat Beaman
Lector - Jodi Bassett
Commentator - Roni Wilson

Sunday, 12/19/21

Greeters - Nick and Tanya Boyle
Altar servers - Cora and Evie Boyle
Ushers - Nick and Tanya Boyle
Lector - Bob Bird
Commentator - Angie McMahon

Liturgical ministry - St. John, Adair

Sunday, 12/12/21

Greeters - Cody and Elizabeth Moreland
Cross bearer - Dave Rcihter
Altar servers - Belle Fagan and Ruby Marso
Ushers - Larry Drees & team
Lector - Theresa Elgin
Trav. Chal. - Cody and Elizabeth Moreland

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**Knights of
Columbus®**

Any Catholic men interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, contact Grand Knight Sean Bovinett via call or text at 712 574 3886 or email sbovinett@gmail.com. You can also visit kofc.org/joinus to get the process started and to learn more about the Knights organization.

The Knights of Columbus presents Live Nativity on Sunday, December 19th at 6; 6.30; 7; 7.30; 8; and 8.30 p.m.

Silent actors of all ages needed, please contact Sean Bovinett, Bill Clauson or Jill Gerling



We are looking forward to our annual festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ (Christmas). Jesus Christ chose to be born in a smelly, cave near Bethlehem over two thousand years ago, and today, he wants to come into the smelly, dark cave of our hearts and fill it with light, joy, and peace. He wants to come in as a Little Baby, because he wants us to hold him in our arms, to adopt him, and to make him the companion of our lives. Following is the Schedule: -

Friday, December 24th - Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

4.00 p.m. Mass at St. John
6.00 p.m. Mass at All Saints

Saturday, December 25th - The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)

9.00 a.m. Mass at All Saints

Saturday, December 25th (Saturday schedule at All Saints)

4.30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 26th (Regular Mass schedule)

8.00 a.m. (St. John) 10.00 a.m. (All Saints)

Faith formation for All

10 Catholic Teachings Seasons in the Church Year

In a typical year we have more than just four seasons of weather, we have a journey from death (fall/winter) to life (spring/summer) The seasons are inevitable. You and I cannot stop summer from staying anymore than we can stop winter from coming. Every sea-son and every year reminds us of the constant movement of life and death, two realities that teach us a lot about our humanity. Our Church has season too, liturgical seasons. Our Church has season to walk us through our own spiritual journey, from death to life each year. If we actually walk with our Lord through the liturgical seasons we will grown in our faith as it deepens with every season. The Church liturgical season begins with Advent, Christmas then to Ordinary time, Lent, Easter and Ordinary time again. The biggest visual sign of the change in the season is the change in the colors in the church. Advent and Lent will be purple, the color of penitence while Christmas and Easter will be white for celebration. Ordinary time is green to promote growth in your faith through the teachings of Jesus. The seasons of the Church are a great way to to draw us into our faith journey more. Our faith journey is the same way; it has seasons too. Sometimes our faith lives are cold and sometimes warm, sometimes we feel like we are dead spiritually or that our world is gray. Other times we feel warm and alive in our faith and our outlook is sunny. That the way life works, make your faith journey deeper too!

Thanks to all who DONATED

The St John's Harvest Mass was great suc-cess and fun by all! The children enjoyed putting together Family Bags and blankets for those finding themselves in the shelters this year. And creating orna-ments for the Festival of Trees in Adair.



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-Kellie Soper, mom of Ted

LIMITLESS UNPLUGGED ADVENTURE AWAITS AT OUR ACTIVITIES ZONE!



All Saints Knights of Columbus Presents

The Live Nativity

On Sunday, December 19

6 p.m.;6.30 p.m.;7 p.m.;7.30 p.m.;8 p.m.;8.30 p.m.



SILENT Actors of all ages needed, please contact
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Children's Liturgy of the Word - 'Children's Word'

We are happy to bring back Children's Word to the young children of our parishes. This is for children ages 2 through Kindergarten. Each parish is a bit different but content is still the same!

All Saints:

During 10:00am Sunday Mass starting October 3rd through April 2022.

St John's:

Second and Third Sunday after Mass for about 20 minutes through April 2022.