



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, January 23 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.



REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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. We want to assure everyone that they are in our thoughts and prayers.

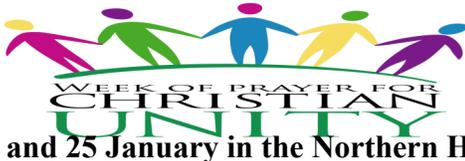
Sick - Ron and Donna Tisl, Doug and Kristy Davidson, Frank Wagers, Milo Rees
Deceased - Rita Wilson, Ralph Westre, Rick Langel, Theresa Bricks, Ron Wittrock

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.

Father Tony's Corner!

This is Jesus first homily. In it he tells us exactly what his mission is. He tells us exactly what he wants to do, what he came to earth for: he came to bring 'good news' to those who suffer, to free captives, to cure the blind - he came because we needed him to come. Who are the suffering, the imprisoned, the blind? Each one of us. Sometimes physically, and all the time spiritually. We suffer disappointments and trials and frustrations no matter how hard we try to avoid them; we suffer the moral agony of seemingly incurable selfishness. We are captives of our strong tendencies to sin and self-centeredness that do not seem to go away no matter how hard we try - impatience, lust, greed, fear, dishonesty, laziness: they bind us like chains. Daily we are blinded by the sparkling allure of temptation that trips us up again and again, that makes us think we are on the right path in life as long as enough people (or the right people) accept us, that makes us think we will be happy if we have enough money or success or pleasure or comfort. We are the suffering, the captives, and the blind. We are not experiencing life as God wants us to. And in our hearts, we know that. We know that we should be better, stronger, more patient, wiser, happier. We put up a good front, but underneath we are suffering, imprisoned, and blind. We need a Savior. And Jesus knows this. And he comes to be our Savior. This was his original job description, and it has not changed. We believe that Jesus is truly God and truly man. He is God made visible for us, and he came to give us life. He came to set us free so that we could be truly alive. In other words, Jesus is much more than a social worker. The gospel today brings this out with startling clarity. Jesus says that he has been anointed to 'proclaim liberty to captives and to let the oppressed go free'. In the Bible, anointing meant that you were chosen and given a special power by God. Jesus is very serious when he says this. He is a savior who comes to set us free. He comes to bring us back to God. We cannot save ourselves. Sometimes we find ourselves wondering why we seem to commit the same sins over and over again. Sometimes we can get used to being Christians. We can lose sight of how a relationship with Christ as our savior changes our lives. Jesus brings us God, and he gives us the strength and the calling to make the world a better place. Jesus came to save us and restore us to a relationship with God. He did not come to solve all the world's problems - he gives us a role to play in making our world more human. He asks us: "What are *you* going to do for your suffering brothers and sisters?" We just crossed the threshold of the new year. Let us ask our Lord today to help us to choose one way to give of ourselves this year. Are my closets full of clothes I don't really need? Could I donate them to the needy? Could we as a family choose to support a family in a third-world country? What are we going to do? Jesus has come to save us, to give us God. He has come to liberate us from our physically, and spiritually enslavement. He has come to free us from the moral agony of seemingly incurable selfishness, and from our strong tendencies to sin. He has come to free us from the captivity of impatience, lust, greed, fear, dishonesty, laziness that bind us like chains. And finally he gives us the power to truly make a difference in the lives of others.



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an ecumenical Christian observance in the Christian calendar that is celebrated internationally. It is kept annually between Ascension Day and Pentecost in the Southern Hemisphere and between 18 January and 25 January in the Northern Hemisphere. It is an octave, that is, an observance lasting eight days.

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



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the process started and to learn more about the Knights organization.

Please note the Change of the meeting date:

Knights will meet on Sunday, February 6th at 5.30 p.m.

Poland and Eastern Europe Pilgrimage

Come along June 6-17, 2022, to some of the most historical and sacred places in all of Europe. We'll see the home of St. John Paul II, visit the Shrine of Divine Mercy, walk through Auschwitz Concentration Camp and so much more. We'll have Mass each day in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. Cost is \$4,199 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, St. Mary's Parish, 307 - 4th Street North, Humboldt, Iowa 50548 or call 712-899-6870 or email frdanguenther@gmail.com.

Year End Contribution Statements



Year end contribution statements can be picked up at Mass on January 22/23. Thank you for your sacrificial generosity that you have extended to us in the year 2021, and we looking forward to further generosity and support in the year 2022.

Tithing Envelops for 2022

Our Tithing envelops for All Saints and St. John have finally arrived, and are ready to be picked up. We appreciate your understanding and patience. Thank you.

While October is officially observed as Respect Life Month in the U.S. Church, our responsibility to build a culture of life extends throughout the year. This month of January provides some special opportunities to be a pro-life witness: People from around the country will gather January 18th in Washington, D.C., for the annual March for Life.



Why is the Catholic Church such a strong voice for life?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church puts it this way: “Human life must be respected and promoted absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having rights of a person-among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life...” “Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law.” All persons, not just Catholics, can know from scientific and medical evidence that what grows in a mother’s womb is a new, distinct human being. All persons can understand that each human being merits respect. At the very least, respecting human life excludes the deliberate and direct destruction of life.

Throughout her rich tradition, the Catholic Church has always been pro-life. As Saint John Paul II reminded us, we believe that “all human life is sacred, for it is created in the image and likeness of God”. Aborting an unborn child destroys a precious human life which God has called uniquely into existence. Our faith also obliges us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, who spoke and acted strongly and compassionately in favor of the most despised and vulnerable persons in society. Jesus touched lepers, spoke with prostitutes, and showed mercy and tenderness to the sick, the poor and children. Our society has many vulnerable persons including women in difficult pregnancies as well as unborn children whose lives may legally be ended at any time during pregnancy, and for any reason. In following Jesus Christ, Catholics have a responsibility to speak and act in defense of these persons. This is part of our special care for the poor and powerless.

The church’s mission to defend human life applies over the entire course of life, from conception to natural death. And so the Catholic Church has defended human rights and conducted international relief and development efforts. The Catholic Church strives to be a prophetic voice, speaking out to protest injustices and indignities against the human person. We will continue in this work, whether our words are popular or unpopular.

Traditional Novena, Nine Days of Prayer and Petition for Life

The Immaculate Conception of Mary, the Birth of Jesus, the Baptism of Our Lord and the Feast of the Holy Family. Our current Catholic calendar is filled with dates that celebrate family and life. The Knights of Columbus invite parishioners with a *traditional novena*,



nine days of prayer and petition, to celebrate life in all its forms and stages. For adults this may be a daily home rosary or turning off the car radio for prayers on the way to work. For young children extra prayers could be in order while the smallest practice mealtime prayers or the sign of the cross. *We will begin on Saturday January 22nd which is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn, and end on Sunday January 30th*. Participation/signup sheets will be available. *In conjunction with the novena a diaper collection drive will be held to benefit the LC Clinic here in Stuart. The Knights will match the first 10 large boxes of diapers donated.* Please have these to church by Sunday the 30th. Helpful websites:

<https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life> and <https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary>

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
All Saints' ADA Goal
\$ 31,000
Gifts received
\$ 22,290
Financial partnership - All Saints
January 16, 2022
Tithing: \$ 972
St. Mary, Hamburg \$ 307.10
Building fund: \$ 100
Money counters (01/25/22)
Cindy Boucher and Dave Vigon

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Stuart, IA 50250
St. John's ADA Goal
\$ 7,803
Gifts received
\$ 5,540
Financial partnership - St. John
January 16, 2022
Tithing: \$ 539
Children: \$ 10
St. Mary, Hamburg \$ 86
Money counters (01/23/22)
Sheryl Drees and Dave Richter

Liturgical ministry - All Saints, Stuart

Saturday, 01/22/22

Greeters - Suzy Aubert and Pat Beaman
Altar servers - Lilah and Violet Aubert
Ushers - Suzy Aubert and Pat Beaman
Lector - Jodi Bassett
Commentator - Jodi Bassett

Sunday, 01/23/22

Greeters - Vince and Christy O'Brien
Altar servers - needed
Ushers - Vince and Christy O'Brien
Lector - David Witkowski
Commentator - Gary Riordan

Saturday, 01/29/22

Greeters - Mark and Kari Tisl
Altar servers - needed
Ushers - Mark and Kari Tisl
Lector - Roni Wilson
Commentator - Sharon Doud

Sunday, 01/30/22

Greeters - Knights of Columbus
Altar servers - needed
Ushers - Knights of Columbus
Lector - Knights of Columbus
Commentator - Knights of Columbus

Sunday, 01/23/22

Cross Bearer - Cody Moreland
Altar servers - Joe Fagan and Belle Fagan
Ushers - Larry Drees and team
Lector - Brian Richter
Tra. Chalice - Srs. of the Imm. Heart of Mary

Sunday, 01/30/22

Cross Bearer - John Fagan
Altar servers - Addi Richter and Ruby Marso
Ushers - Larry Drees and team
Lector - Theresa Elgin
Tra. Chalice - Francis and Deb Hollinrake



We offer our prayers, sympathies, and sincere condolences to the Wilson family as they grieve the loss of Rita Wilson on Wednesday, January 18th. May Rita Wilson Rest in Peace. And as the family walks through the mystery of death and celebrate the gift of everlasting life, we assure them of our love, support and prayers.