



All Saints Catholic Church and St. John Catholic Church



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Tuesday 8.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	
Wednesday 8.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	
Thursday 8.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	

Sunday, January 30 Fourth 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

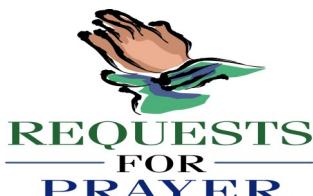
Saturday	3.30 p.m.
Rosary	4.00 p.m.



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.



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

What is the measure of success for the followers of Christ? Is it enough to avoid really big sins and make it to Mass on Sundays? That was not the criteria that Christ gave us. He put the bar higher, because he loves us, and when you love someone you always seek the very best for them. You are not satisfied with mediocrity. Christ did not command us just to go to Church and be nice. He commanded us to love one another as he loved us, and to go out and make disciples of all nations. That is what he did, and he was successful at it. And it brought him misunderstanding, persecution, rejection, unpopularity. He went around doing good, tiring himself out healing the sick, casting demons out of the possessed, comforting the troubled, giving himself to others out of love. All the influential and powerful people - the Pharisees and Sadducees - started calling him a rabble-rouser and spreading rumors that he was a drunkard and an agent of the devil. He went around preaching the truth, the truth about sin and salvation. He preached it fearlessly, eloquently, lovingly, with his words and with his example. And his own townspeople rejected him; they tried to throw him off a cliff. Christ fulfilled his life mission, but it did not make him popular. If we are to fulfill our life mission, we need to be ready to suffer similar consequences. We can measure our success as Christians not by how comfortable our faith is making us, but by how uncomfortable it is making us. Our success as Christians - and Christian success is the only path to happiness, fulfillment, and peace of mind - depends largely on whether we are willing to let Jesus make our lives uncomfortable. He would not force us. He is a friend, a coach, and a mentor, not a dictator. But he does invite us, urge us, and suggest things to us. Jesus is interested in many fields of uncomfortableness. Our relationships with those people that we deal with on a regular basis: family relationships, friendships, work and school relationships, it is easy to fall into routine. But relationships are living things, so if they are not growing, they are dying. It takes effort to keep them growing. It is uncomfortable. We have to think purposely about the needs, likes, and desires of the other person, and step out of our comfort zone to help them, encourage them, be patient with them, and serve them - instead of expecting them to serve us. When relationships are new, it is easy to do this; it is fun to be attentive. It is when relationships are old that it really takes virtue to live them the way Christ wants us to live them: selflessly. These relationships need maintenance if we want them to continue bearing fruit. Which relationship in your life have you been neglecting? When Jesus comes in to our lives to give us his very own strength, when he gives us the supreme example of Christian success through the uncomfortableness of his Passion, let us commit ourselves to making a fresh start in that relationship. Let us let God make us a little uncomfortable, so that we can become the saint He made us to be. Jesus wants us to live life to the full, and so he invites us out of our comfort zones. He invites us to move forward, to grow, to push ourselves, out of love, to become better Christians, better human beings, better ambassadors of Christ's Kingdom. Jesus is interested in many fields of 'uncomfortableness'. As Christians, we have been given the greatest treasure on earth: we know the meaning of life, and we know how to achieve it. If we are not eager to share this knowledge with others, something is seriously wrong. It could be that we have not let this knowledge sink into our own lives. In that case, we really need to take some steps to do so. On the other hand, it could be that we are afraid of what people will think of us if we bring up the faith over a cup of coffee, or if we invite a neighbor to come to Mass. Being afraid of what other people think in this way can be a guillotine for our spiritual lives. That fear is natural; it comes from vanity. But our mission in life is supernatural, and that will always make us a little bit uncomfortable. Jesus wants us to be courageous, to overcome laziness and vanity with love. He knows that it will give our lives deeper meaning, deeper happiness. He just needs us to make the decision. When Jesus comes to renew our strength and to show his love, let us give him the joy of trusting him, of saying yes to whatever he is asking. Let us let God make us a little uncomfortable, so that we can become the saint he made us to be.

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Tithing Envelops for 2022

Our Tithing envelopes 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	P. O. Box 605	Stuart, IA 50250
All Saints' ADA Goal		St. John's ADA Goal
\$ 31,000		\$ 7,803
Gifts received		Gifts received
\$ 22,290		\$ 5,540
Financial partnership - All Saints		Financial partnership - St. John
January 23, 2022		January 23, 2022
Tithing: \$ 1809	Children \$ 7	Tithing: \$ 558
Altar & Rosary: \$ 39		Children: \$ 12
Building fund: \$ 30		
Money counters (02/01/22)		Money counters (01/30/22)
Cindy Boucher and Dave Vigon		Sheryl Drees and Dave Richter
Liturgical ministry - All Saints, Stuart		
Saturday, 01/29/22		Sunday, 01/30/22
Greeters - Mark and Kari Tisl		Cross Bearer - John Fagan
Altar servers - needed		Altar servers - Addi Richter and Ruby Marso
Ushers - Mark and Kari Tisl		Ushers - Larry Drees and team
Lector - Roni Wilson		Lector - Theresa Elgin
Commentator - Sharon Doud		Tra. Chalice - Francis and Deb Hollinrake
Sunday, 01/30/22		
Greeters - Knights of Columbus		Sunday, 02/06/22
Altar servers - needed		Cross Bearer - Dave Richter
Ushers - Knights of Columbus		Altar servers - Carley Fagan and Reece Richter
Lector - Knights of Columbus		Ushers - Larry Drees and team
Commentator - Knights of Columbus		Lector - Julie Plowman
Saturday, 02/05/22		Tra. Chalice - Cody and Elizabeth Moreland
Greeters - Matt and Jen Dickson		
Altar servers - Zoey & Bailey Dickson		
Ushers - Matt and Jen Dickson		
Lector - Jodi Bassett		
Commentator - Roni Wilson		
Sunday, 02/06/22		
Greeters - Faith Formation		
Altar servers - Faith Formation		
Ushers - Faith Formation		
Lector - Faith Formation		
Commentator - Faith Formation		



Prayers are requested for 6 year old Greyson Boucher (grandson of Allen & Cindy Boucher). He was taken by ambulance to Blank Children's Hospital & unexpectedly received the news that he has Juvenile Type 1 Diabetes & Covid. He is still in the ICU & will remain there for a couple of days.