



All Saints Catholic Church and St. John Catholic Church



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Sunday, March 27 Fourth Sunday of Lent



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Schedule - All Saints, Stuart

Mass
Tuesday 5.30 p.m.
Thursday (care center) 10 a.m.
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.

Deceased - Michael Elgin, Dave Tisl, Eileen Arnts, Milo Rees, Rita Wilson, Theresa Bricks, Ron Wittrock



Lenten Reconciliation

Lent is a six-week intensive time to turn away from our sin and selfishness, and turn back into the arms of our loving and merciful God. Let us utilize the God-given opportunity for repentance, and following is the Schedule for individual reconciliation: -

Sunday, April 3 at 11.30 a.m. at All Saints, Stuart
Sunday, April 3 at 4.00 p.m. at St. John, Adair

Father Tony's Corner!

Today is 'Laetare Sunday' meaning the Sunday in which we rejoice. Midway through our Lenten journey towards Christ's Passion and Resurrection, the Church invites us to rejoice. Joy is a feeling of contentment that we get when we come into the possession of something good - like a basketball championship or anything else. The feeling only lasts as long as we have the good thing. It goes away when we lose the good thing, when it wears out, or when we get tired of it, in which case it is no longer a good thing for us. Since all the good things of this earth wear out, and since we end up getting tired of them all, no earthly joy can last. But Christian joy is different than normal joy. Normal joy goes away, because the things that cause it, go away. But Christian joy is based on something that never goes away: friendship with Christ. Loving Christ and being loved by him - that is friendship with Christ, and it does not change with the seasons. This explains why Christians can sing hymns inside concentration camps, because prisons cannot take away Christ's love. That is the kind of joy the Church invites us to renew today. Most of us, if we are honest, have to admit that we do not always feel that joy. We believe Christ loves us. So why do not we experience Christian joy more deeply, more constantly? It is falling into routine in our relationship with God. That is what happened to the younger son in the parable. He went looking for joy in all the wrong places, because he got tired of living with his dad. He became self-centered, and that made him bored. That is exactly what happens to us when we go looking for happiness in sin, in disobedience to God's will. The older son also lost sight of his father's goodness. He let the routine of life embitter his heart. He forgot that his father was actually giving him everything. Sometimes we do the same thing: on the outside we are good Catholics, but on the inside, we are angry and critical, because we are just going through the motions. We have let the fire go out of our friendship with Christ. God's goodness, creativity, and love are infinite. So, if we really know him, if we are actively living that friendship, we can never get tired of him, our joy can never wear out. Unfortunately, we sometimes let life's hustle and bustle drown out that friendship. When that happens, we stop experiencing Christian joy. God is always paying attention to us. He cannot stop thinking about each one of us. And because God is all-knowing and all-loving, while he pays attention to us, he is knowing us and loving us, through and through. Just as the father did with his two sons in today's parable. Now that is precisely the good thing that our heart aches for, because that is what it was made for, to be known and loved through and through. So, when we turn our attention to God, we see him paying attention to us, knowing and loving us, and that fills us with a joy that does not wear out. That is what the Church is reminding us of today: Rejoice! God is thinking of you! Today God is inviting each one of us to renew this experience of Christian joy. Since Christ's love for us is personal and total, even our small infidelities sadden him. Whenever we ignore the teaching of his Church, whenever we ignore the voice of conscience, whenever we fail to forgive, whenever we fail to love our neighbor as our-self, we sadden our Friend, Christ, who only wants the best for us. We put distance between him and us. That distance stifles our experience of Christian joy. There is an easy way to take that distance away and make a fresh start in our friendship with Christ. We can go to him in the sacrament of confession, the sacrament of rediscovered joy. If we have already gone to confession this Lent, that is good. We can claim Christ's friendship and live in it with perfect confidence. The more we love Christ, the more sensitive we become to whatever saddens him, and we want to confess even our small failings. If we have not gone to confession yet, why wait? The Lord is thinking of us, hoping that we will return to him, so that he can reconstruct his joy-giving temple in our soul. Therefore, let us turn our attention to God in order that we may see him paying attention to us, knowing and loving us, and may that experience fill our hearts with a joy that does not wear out.

Sponsor the Paschal Candle for All Saints!

At the Easter Vigil Service, a new fire is lit, blessed, and the celebrant lights the Paschal Candle from the new fire, saying: may the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds. The candle is then processed through the church, at three different times, singing: the Light of Christ (*Lumen Christi*), and the congregation sings in reply: thanks be to God (*Deo gratias*). And then everyone lights their candle from the Paschal Candle and continue in procession until the whole church is alight. The Paschal Candle symbolizes Christ, the Light of the World. We have the Easter Vigil Service at All Saints on Saturday, April 16, 2022.

Would you consider sponsoring that Paschal Candle this year?





What are the 40 days of Lent?

What began as a shorter time of preparing catechumens for baptism at the Easter Vigil, expanded over the centuries to 40 days of penitence, excluding Sundays. Lent began on Ash Wednesday and ended when the Easter Vigil began. Today the Season of Lent is a little less than 40 days, the Church having designated the three days from the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday to the Vespers (Evening Prayer) of Easter Sunday as a Sacred Triduum (3 days), celebrating the Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. While the development of the Lenten days was various throughout the Church, it may have been suggested by Christ laying in death for 40 hours, or by his 40 days of prayer and fasting in the desert (a number itself reminiscent of Israel's 40 years in the desert for disbelieving God).

Abstinence on Fridays of Lent

Abstinence from meat is to be observed on all the Fridays of Lent by all who have celebrated their 14th birthday.

What are the three things we do during Lent?

In the Sermon on the Mount, Our Lord explains three special ways to orient our hearts to God, and these principles are especially helpful as we journey through Lent. Traditionally called the three pillars of Lent, they include almsgiving (Matthew 6:1-4), prayer (Matthew 6:5-15), and fasting (Matthew 6:16-18).

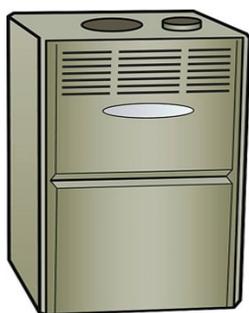
What are the penitential rules for Lent?

Since repentance is necessary for salvation, so are the acts which manifest repentance. Throughout the year, the Church calls the faithful to do penance, therefore, establishing norms of fast and abstinence to aid us. Every Friday is a day of penitence, an acknowledgement of our sins and of the price of our salvation.



Sponsor Easter Lilies

Our art and environment committee is looking forward to decorating the Church with beautiful Easter lilies, and if you wish to sponsor them in memory of a loved one, in honor of your family, in honor of a friend, or for any other purposes, please use one of the Easter Lilies envelopes found in the gathering space area. Thank you for being a wonderful blessing to all of us.



Furnaces replacement at St. John, Adair

From Father Tony

The two furnaces at St. John Catholic Church, Adair are approximately 23 years old and need to be replaced at a cost of \$ 9800 dollars. The finance council has decided to replace them both, and go with Templeton Hardware, Inc., who has done satisfactory work for us in the past.

I am firmly convinced that with God's assistance; and love and the sacrifice of everyone, we will be able to raise our goal of \$ 9800 dollars. But our success will not come from a small group of parishioners, but rather from the participation of 100% of the parish family. Therefore, may I earnestly request everyone to think about the sacrifice and tireless work of the founding members of our parish family and in that spirit graciously respond to our call today. We are really and truly blessed by the love, kindness, and sacrificial financial support of everyone to St. John Catholic parish family in the past, and we are positively looking forward to that unwavering support for our needs of today. Let us actively partner in this project.

Please make your donation payable to St. John Catholic Church, and mark on the memo 'Furnace'.

May God bless us, bless our families, and our loved ones with His abundant blessings during this Lenten season.

Financial partnership - All Saints

March 20, 2022

Tithing: \$ 1913

Children \$ 6

Easter Flowers: \$ 80

Money counters (3/22/22)

Dave Vigon and Cindy Boucher

Liturgical ministry - All Saints, Stuart

Saturday 3/26/22

Greeters - Marvin and Janet Bassett

Altar servers - needed

Ushers - Jodi Bassett Pat Marnin

Lector - Jodi Bassett

Commentator - Sharon Doud

Sunday 3/27/22

Greeters - Jeff and Nancy Johnson

Altar servers - needed

Ushers - Tom Doud and Jeff Johnson

Lector - Amy Doud

Commentator - Gary Riordan

Saturday 4/2/22

Greeters - David and Sharon Doud

Altar servers - needed

Ushers - David and Sharon Doud

Lector - Roni Wilson

Commentator - Sharon Doud

Sunday 4/3/22

Greeters - Dennis and Joyce Van Pelt

Altar servers - needed

Ushers - Dennis and Joyce Van Pelt

Lector - Angie McMahon

Commentator - Angie McMahon

Financial partnership - St. John

March 20, 2022

Tithing: \$ 760

Children: \$ 18

Money counters (3/20/22)

Paul Gettler and Cody Moreland

Andrew Richter and Shannon Marso

Liturgical ministry - St. John, Adair

Sunday 3/27/22

Cross Bearer - John Fagan

Altar servers - Reece Richter and Bailey Lillard

Ushers - Larry Drees and team

Lector - Theresa Elgin

Tra. Chalice - Francis and Deb Hollinrake

Sunday 4/3/22

Cross Bearer - Dave Richter

Altar servers - Luke Brincks and Carley Fagan

Ushers - Larry Drees and team

Lector - Julie Plowman

Tra. Chalice - Cody and Elizabeth Moreland

Knights of Columbus Lenten Project

40 Cans for Lent — Benefitting our local Food Pantry. Any non-perishable items welcome Now through Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022.

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.



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"The Knights of Columbus was formed in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney to help widows and families in need in his home town and church. The order grew rapidly and during WWI used the motto "Everybody Welcome, Everything Free" to help communities all over the country and world. During this time, in 1919, the Stuart Knights of Columbus chapter was founded. Even now, 100 years later, the Knights continue to provide support, insurance, and charity to local communities and communities all over the world.

In Stuart, IA, the Knights of Columbus, chapter 1961, provides many activities. We support our pastor, families, faith formation, and more. We volunteer for many activities including the Living Nativity and a Can Food Drive during Lent to benefit the food pantry, doing prayer reflections through the Novena for Life and Diaper Drive benefiting the LC clinic, raise money for special olympics, tootsie roll drives raising money for our CPID (campaign for persons with intellectual disabilities) program, a free throw contest in the spring, put on a chicken dinner in the fall, landscaping at the rectory and church, provide roses for mothers on mother's day, spring to help in emergent individual parishioner needs, and more. The possibilities are endless as there will always be someone in need.

As a Catholic man, you are encouraged and formally invited to join us. Join a fellowship of like-minded Catholic men actively working to better their community through faith and charity."