



All Saints Catholic Church and St. John Catholic Church



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Sunday, April 17

Easter Sunday

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

Sick – Norbert Tigges, Francis Hollinrake, Jeff and Cathy Hicks

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!

Today we consider the mystery at the heart of the Christian faith. It is simple but extraordinary and powerful. It was so mind-blowing that even the disciples and the apostles Jesus told it would happen did not believe it until they saw him. It shattered all their concepts of life. In the whole history of humanity death was the greatest fear, the curse to wish or inflict on your worst enemies. It was conquered. 'Christ is Risen', says it all. We can no longer live the same way now that death has been defeated in Christ. The Risen Christ only revealed himself to those who believed in him. Only those who believed in him were then blessed by meeting and eating and drinking with the Risen Lord. He reminds us that 'everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name': on the day of our Baptism we had an encounter with the Risen Lord that transformed us into children pleasing to Our Heavenly Father, and he continues to reveal himself to those who believe in him. An encounter with the Risen Christ in faith is always a salvific and transforming experience. When we gaze above in faith, we know the Risen Christ stands at the right hand of His Father and intercedes for us. If we do not see him, it is because our faith is not strong enough and we need to beg for more. The Resurrection banishes vanity from our lives and changes our perspective. In today's Gospel, we see that the Resurrection did not sink in for the disciples until they witnessed the results themselves. The disciples had all the facts. Christ could raise the dead. Martha saw his brother Lazarus raised after three days in the tomb. The mourners of the dead little girl's daughter mocked Jesus when he said she was sleeping, and then he 'woke' her up. Even Mary thought that the body had been stolen. The disciples walking to Emmaus had all the facts. After the Transfiguration, he told Peter not to tell anyone until he was raised from the dead and kept repeating that he would be raised from the dead on the third day. The disciples were clueless. We cannot blame them. Even today there are a lot of disciples of Christ who are clueless. All the facts are at hand, but they lack faith, and so they live as if eternal life is a fairy tale. We have many more signs that they did: the Church has testified to the Resurrection for over two thousand years, and many of her children have gone to the grave believing that someday they would rise, just as Our Lord did. Like John in today's Gospel let us look at the signs of Jesus' resurrection—an empty tomb, a suspiciously well-folded head wrapping—and simply believe. The Risen Lord did not appear to those who tortured him, imprisoned him, or executed him; he appeared to those who believed in him. The Risen Lord can be the brightest light in our lives, if only we open our eyes in faith. Christ is not only Risen. He is alive, right now. We spent Lent praying at the foot of the Cross; now, like Mary Magdalene, we can pray at his empty tomb. He will reveal himself, just as he did to Mary, in his time, but we have to believe in him, even when we do not understand. The Resurrection is the definitive watershed in the history of religions; it makes Christianity absolutely unique. In the Resurrection, reality becomes more wonderful than myth. Only the reality of the Resurrection can explain the reality of the history of the Church: A few weak, non-influential, and uneducated fishermen from Galilee, frightened out of their wits when Jesus was arrested and executed, suddenly become world travelers, phenomenally successful preachers, and valiant martyrs. And the Church they spread continues to spread after they die, holding fast to the exact same doctrine they preached, century after century, in nation after nation. Only the abiding presence of the Lord can explain this, and only the resurrection explains the abiding presence of the Lord. This is what makes us, as Christians, different. How can we let the power of Christ's resurrection seep into the depths of our minds and hearts? There is one very simple thing we can do that will make all the difference: Keep the Lord's Day Holy. Every Sunday of the year is a solemnity, a day dedicated to the cornerstone of our faith: the Resurrection. This is why the Church has made Sunday Mass obligatory - to make sure we do not forget about the Resurrection! To make sure we remember where we are going! But we need to do our part too. Coming to Mass is the essential. But if we want to live our Sundays to the full, if we want our lives to take on the rhythm of the Resurrection, we have got to use our creativity and imagination to make the whole day different. The way a Catholic lives Sunday should be different than the way a non-Catholic lives Sunday. Today, the greatest Sunday of the year, let us honor the Lord not only with our voices, but also in our hearts. Let us promise him that between now and Pentecost we will use our creativity to make our Sundays different.



HAPPY AND BLESSED EASTER

Father Antony Mathew and the staff wish each and every member of our parish family a Happy and Blessed Easter. May the Risen Lord enable us to enjoy the gift of new life today and every day of our life. And may He make us His instruments of new life to our families, to our communities and to our world at large. It is also an appropriate time to recognize the contributions of those who make our parish family a unique one; and our celebration of the Holy Eucharist a profound

experience for those who gather to worship and praise God week after week. I want to thank all those who devote so much of their time, energy and life for the parish family day after day, and thereby bringing immeasurable blessings to all of us. Thanks to our wonderful pastoral team: Rev. Antony Mathew, Wilma Ernesti, Jill Gerling, Barb Boss, Christina Boss, Dave Boss for their commitment, sacrifice, and selfless giving to our parish family. We appreciate and express our gratitude to the pastoral council; the finance council at All Saints and St. John; the religious formation team at All Saints and St. John; catechists/substitutes, catechist aids/Scripture study groups); Liturgy Ministry Team: special thanks to Joyce Van Pelt, and Les Elgin, sacristans, lectors, greeters, ushers, altar servers, and art and environment team); Music Ministry Team (cantors, organist/pianists); the Social Ministry Team (parish social gathering ministry, bereavement ministry, Altar and Rosary Society; Knights of Columbus; St. John's Family; maintenance ministry at All Saints and St. John; money counters at All Saints and St. John, and all the others who have a role in making a difference in our parish family. My heart is filled with joy and gratitude to Almighty God, who continually blesses us with His abundant blessings, and to all our parishioners for blessing us with their unwavering dedication, commitment, support, sacrifice, and financial generosity. Happy Easter and thank you.



Easter Lilies at All Saints

In memory of - George and Barbara, Michael and Diana Marnach; Donnelly and Gilley Families; Bill and Disney Tobin, and Sherman Families; Dave Tisl, Ron and Karen Dupuy, Teresa Powell, Bob and Addy Olson, Lawrence and Caroline Lacher, Kari Cornwell, Tom Billheimer, Zimmer Family, Albert and Lucile Greubel, Curtis and Juanita Gilman, Elias Ike and Marjone Gomez, Janet Gomez Taylor

In honor of - Steve and Teresa Leonard; Tom and Joy Smull

Your support and generosity make a difference in our parish family, and we are grateful to each one of you for sharing your God-given treasure with us to beautify our sanctuary.

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'.



A Special Thank You!

We want to express our appreciation and gratitude to Christy O'Brien and Deb Hollinrake and their team of Art and Environment for the wonderful decorations. Your sacrifice and hard work is appreciated by your parish family.

Financial partnership - All Saints

April 10, 2022

Tithing: \$ 2830

Children \$ 11

Easter Flowers: \$ 110

Building Fund: \$ 155

Money counters (4/19/22)

Bill Clauson and Gina Ocheltree

Liturgical ministry - All Saints

Saturday 4/16/22 Easter Vigil

Greeters - Volunteers

Altar servers - needed

Ushers - Scott Lonsdale and Volunteer

Lectors - Jodi Bassett and Mark Tisl

Commentator - Jodi Bassett

Sunday 4/17/22 Easter Sunday

Greeters - Volunteers

Altar servers - needed

Ushers - Bob Olson and Volunteer

Lector - Donna Olson

Commentator - Donna Olson

Saturday 4/23/22

Greeters - Becky O'Brien and Donna Donnelly

Altar servers - needed

Ushers - Mark and Kari Tisl

Lectors - Mark Tisl

Commentator - Donna Donnelly

Sunday 4/24/22 First H. Communion

Greeters - Faith formation

Altar servers - Faith formation

Ushers - Faith formation

Lector - Faith formation

Commentator - Faith formation

Financial partnership - St. John

April 10, 2022

Tithing: \$ 831

Children: \$ 36

Furnace: \$ 600

Money counters (4/17/22)

Paul Gettler and Cody Moreland

Andrew Richter and Shannon Marso

Liturgical ministry - St. John

Sunday 4/17/22 Easter Sunday

Cross Bearer - Belle Fagan

Altar servers - Bailey Lillard and Adi Richter

Ushers - Larry Drees and team

Lector - Brian Richter

Tra. Chalice - Les and Theresa Elgin

Sunday 4/24/22 First H. Communion

Cross Bearer - Faith formation

Altar servers - Faith formation

Ushers - Larry Drees and team

Lector - Faith formation

Tra. Chalice - Matt and Monica Fagan

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.



Knights of Columbus

Let us keep these children in our prayers as they are getting ready to receive Jesus for the first time in their lives, and for the sacrament of Confirmation.

All Saints, Stuart

All Saints will be celebrating First Communion on Sunday, April 24 at the Faith Formation Mass.

Please join this special Mass celebration and witness the following receive the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist: Dylan Tigges, Kinnick Witte, Aiden Lewis and Matthew Huerta.

First Holy Communion at St. John, Adair on Sunday, April 24

Gauge Follmann, Toby Moreland, Avrie Wanie and Penelope Wanie

Confirmation on Sunday, May 1 at St. John, Adair

Carley Fagan and Belle Fagan

Fellowship at St. John, Adair

Everyone is invited to join for fellowship in the parish hall at St. John, Adair after the First Holy Communion Mass on Sunday, April 24th, and after the Confirmation Mass on Sunday, May 1st.

