



# All Saints Catholic Church and St. John Catholic Church



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**Office Hours**  
**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.**

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## Sunday, May 15      Fifth Sunday of Easter

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### Schedule - All Saints, Stuart

#### Mass

**Tuesday No Mass**  
**Thursday No Mass**  
**Friday No Mass**  
**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 No Mass**  
**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.

### 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.

## **F**ather Tony's Corner!

The Church, like a good mother, is very wise. She gives us a full seven weeks of Easter season. We need this extended time to reflect on those lessons Christ taught us in his passion and resurrection. Plants have to spend time outside to gradually absorb the sunlight and transform it into nutrients. Just so, our souls have to spend time basking in the light of Christ's revelation, so that we can absorb the grace God wants to give us. Today especially, we are reminded of the New Commandment that Christ gave us the day before he suffered.

We are brought back to that Last Supper, when Jesus was gathered with his closest companions and opened his heart to them. It was the night when his heart overflowed with love as it never had before. It was the night when he revealed the secret identity of every Christian, the distinguishing mark: 'This is how all will know that you are my disciples', he said, 'if you have love for one another'. And not just any kind of love, but Christ-like love: 'I give you a new commandment... As I have loved you, so you also should love one another'. Being a Christian is much more than being a member of a club. Being a Christian means having an urgent, important mission in life. It means being another Christ in the world. Jesus gave his very life in order to fulfill his Father's will and win salvation for sinners. Each one of us is called to reproduce in the unique circumstances of our lives that exact same pattern: dedicating our lives to discovering and fulfilling God's will, and striving to help as many people as possible know, love, and follow Christ. When John in his gospel talks about glorification, he is referring to Jesus being crucified. As Judas goes out to betray Our Lord, the Lord says, 'Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him'. Death, sickness, tiredness, and effort are a part of life, but Jesus will renew everything again: not just spruced up, new again. He is always coming into our hearts to renew us with his love, and, one day, things will be as if they were brand new, forever, like a flower in the fullness of bloom that never wilts again. If we continue to love one another as he has loved us, he can continue to make all things new. Today, the Church invites us to ask ourselves if we have really decided to follow Christ's New Commandment. Sometimes we think this New Commandment is only for people who are already saints. It is the path to sanctity. Sometimes we think this commandment is too difficult to be realistic. But if it were, Christ would not have issued it. So what is holding us back? We need to make a decision. We need to decide once and for all that following Christ, striving to live as he would live if he were in our shoes, is going to be our highest priority. He can help us, teach us, strengthen us, pick us up when we fall down, and inspire us when we get discouraged - he can do all of that for us, especially through the sacraments. But there is one thing that even God cannot do for us: he cannot choose our highest priority in life, only we can do that - with the help of his grace, moving our freedom from within. Today, let us choose Christ; let us make the decision, once and for all. We all believe that - that is why we are here. But today, bolstered with his very strength in Holy Communion, let us turn that belief into a commitment, a commitment to making it our first priority every day to 'love one another as Christ has loved us'. Christ-like love can take many forms. One of them is simply going out of one's way to show an interest in someone else. This is what Jesus did with his incarnation. He left the bliss of heaven and came to this sinful world just to extend us the hand of salvation. Jesus tells us that His suffering, death, and resurrection will be His glory. Why is that? Suffering, after all, does not seem that glorious. It all comes back to love. The suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus brought us back to God. It made it possible for us to receive God's love and to love him in return in a new way. So after laying this foundation, Jesus tells his friends that he will only be with them a little longer. He is saying that when they have received the power of the Holy Spirit they will be able to go out and practice what they have seen him do. Their basic training is almost over (although they will need refresher courses throughout their lives). What is Jesus asking them to do? To love one another as He loves them. He gives them a series of intensifiers here. How does Jesus love us? He loves us to the point of laying down his life for us. And because of his power in us, we can love others in the same way. Love is meant to be our name tag as Christians. And it is not just a love of good feelings. It is a love that brings us to lay down our lives for others, just as Jesus laid down his life for us. This is our great power; this is our great privilege. God has come to earth and told us what will fulfill us. He has come to earth and told us what he is hoping for from us. 'Love one another as I have loved you'.



May devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary refer to special Marian devotions held in the Catholic Church during the month of May honoring Mary, mother of Jesus as "the Queen of May". A "May Crowning" is a traditional Roman Catholic ritual that occurs in the month of May.

In his 1965 encyclical, *Mense Maio*, Pope Paul VI identified the month of May as an opportune time to incorporate special prayers for peace into traditional May devotions. There is no firm structure as to the content of a May devotion. It usually includes the singing of Marian anthems, readings from scriptures, and a sermon. Although prayers likely include the recitation of the Hail Mary, the rosary itself is not usually a part of this particular devotion. Catholics offer Mary in May: pilgrimages, visits to churches dedicated to her, little sacrifices in her honor, periods of study and well-finished work offered up to her, and a more attentive recitation of the rosary. The last devotion on May 31 is often followed by a solemn procession, during which a statue or portrait of the Virgin Mary is carried back into the church.

Pope Pius XII in his encyclical *Ingruentium malorum*: *The custom of the family recitation of the Holy Rosary is a most efficacious means. What a sweet sight - most pleasing to God - when, at eventide, the Christian home resounds with the frequent repetition of praises in honor of the High Queen of Heaven! Then the Rosary, recited in the family, assembled before the image of the Virgin, in an admirable union of hearts, the parents and their children, who come back from their daily work. It unites them piously with those absent and those dead. It links all more tightly in a sweet bond of love, with the most Holy Virgin, who, like a loving mother, in the circle of her children, will be there bestowing upon them an abundance of the gifts of concord and family peace.*

## May crowning

In Eastern churches, crowning Mary was associated with adding ornamentation to an icon of Mary, sometimes as simple as adding additional gold trim. Perhaps in homage to this, Pope Clement VIII added two crowns to the icon of *Salus Populi Romani* in the Saint Mary Major Basilica in Rome. The crowns were eventually lost but were replaced by Gregory XVI in 1837 in a rite that was to become the standard practice for crowning.

"Images are venerated 'not because of a belief that these images themselves possess anything of divinity or power, but because the honor shown them is directed to the prototypes they represent'.

Parishes and private groups often process and crown an image of the Blessed Virgin Mary with flowers. This often is referred to as a "May Crowning." This rite may be done on solemnities and feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or other festive days, and offers the Church a chance to reflect on Mary's role in the history of salvation. In some countries, it takes place on or about May 1, however, in many United States Catholic parishes, it frequently takes place on Mother's Day.

The custom fell out of vogue in many places during the 1970s-80s, but has since made a comeback along with many other traditional Catholic practices. An image or likeness of the Blessed Virgin Mary is ceremonially crowned to signify her as Queen of Heaven and the Mother of God.

Today, May crowning occur in many Roman Catholic parishes and homes with the crowning of a statue of Mary. There is considerable flexibility regarding the rite, and it can be adapted to many different circumstances and situations depending on whether the crowning is done in a parish, a school or classroom, or even in the family. The rite may consist of hymns, prayers, and perhaps an act of consecration to Our Lady.

The climax of the celebration is the moment when the one of those present places a crown of flowers on Mary's head accompanied by a traditional hymn to the Blessed Mother. The ceremony usually takes place with young girls in dresses carrying flowers (traditionally hawthorn) to adorn the statue. One of the girls (often the youngest) carries a crown of flowers or an actual golden crown on a cushion for placement by the May Queen (often the oldest girl) on the statue. The flowers are replaced throughout the month to keep them fresh.

Money counters (5/17/22)

Dave Vigon and Cindy Boucher

### Liturgical ministry - All Saints, Stuart

**Saturday 5/14/22**

Greeters - Pat and Barbara Marnin

Altar servers - needed

Ushers - Wayne and Jan Gilman

Lector - Mark Tisl

Commentator - Sharon Doud

**Sunday 5/15/22**

Greeters - Jason and Jen Tigges

Altar servers - needed

Ushers - Jason and Jen Tigges

Lector - Angie McMahaon

Commentator - Angie McMahaon

**Saturday 5/21/22**

Greeters - Jodi Bassett and Loretta Sloss

Altar servers - needed

Ushers - Pat Beaman and Jodi Bassett

Lector - Donna Donnelly

Commentator - Donna Donnelly

**Sunday 5/22/22**

Greeters - Tom and Amy Doud

Altar servers - needed

Ushers - Tom Doud and Wayne Nosbisch

Lector - Amy Doud

Commentator - Wayne Nosbisch

### Funeral

Father Tony is away from the parish office on vacation. Please check with Rev. Lawrence Hoffmann (515-343-6040) to see whether he is available for a funeral.

### Hospital emergency

If someone is in the hospital, the family needs to contact the hospital chaplain there.

Money counters (5/15/22)

Paul Gettler, Cody Moreland, Shannon Marso, Andrew Richter

### Liturgical ministry - St. John, Adair

**Sunday 5/15/22**

Cross Bearer - Francis Hollinrake

Altar servers - Carley Fagan and Ruby Marso

Ushers - Larry Drees and team

Lector - Theresa Elgin

Tra. Chalice - Srs. of the Imm. Heart of Mary

**Sunday 5/22/22**

Cross Bearer - Cody Moreland

Altar servers - Bailey Lillard and Joe Fagan

Ushers - Larry Drees and team

Lector - Barb Bachman

Tra. Chalice - Francis and Deb Hollinrake



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](mailto:sbovinett@gmail.com). You can also visit [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus) to get the process started and to learn more about the Knights organization.



### The Holy Rosary

The Holy Rosary, also known as the Dominican Rosary, or simply the Rosary, refers to a set of prayers used in the Catholic Church and to the string of knots or beads used to count the component prayers. When referring to the prayer, the word is usually capitalized; when referring to the beads, it is written with a lower-case initial letter.