



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, August 14 Twentieth 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: Dianne Dell, Ray Elsner, Tom Glenn, Lila Belden, Ann Vigon

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!

In today's gospel Jesus proclaims: 'I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing'. There is a vibrant urgency to these words that must have been apparent in his voice. What does he mean? Why is he so passionate about this? In the ancient Jewish world, fire was generally associated with judgment. We usually associate judgment with punishment. Yet Christ himself said in the gospel of John that he did not come to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. So, what kind of judgment does Jesus bring? He brings the judgment of the Cross. He brings the judgment that God so loved the world that he gave his only Son for us. He brings the judgment that brought Saint Paul to exclaim that 'he loved me and he gave himself for me'. So, when we really look at the crucifix we see the judgment of God. We see the horror of sin, and the infinitely greater love of God who came to die to set us free from sin and unite us to himself. Christ reaffirms this in today's gospel when he says that there is a baptism with which he must be baptized, and that he is in anguish until it is accomplished. The Greek verb we translate as baptize is '*baptizein*', which literally means to submerge. It refers to a difficult experience, and here Christ is referring to his suffering, death, and resurrection. Christ came, then, to set the earth on fire by his death and resurrection. That brought us into a new relationship with him, setting us free to truly love him and, in him, to truly love others. And he invites us to share in that cruciform fire, to say with him: 'I also have a mission to set the world on fire with freedom and love for God'. Nothing is more important than our friendship with Christ. Why is that? We simply cannot find the fulfillment we seek in life, except through living in communion with God. Before original sin, communion with God was automatic. But original sin shattered that communion. Sin, suffering, conflict, death, and frustration invaded the human family. But God himself came to our rescue. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to rebuild the bridge that original sin had broken. Through friendship with Jesus Christ, then, we can once again live in communion with God and achieve the happiness we were created for. That is why nothing is more important than our friendship with Christ. But being Christ's friend means more than simply praying and receiving the sacraments - although those are essential. It also means following him. It means daily listening for his call and obeying it when it comes. That is the tough part. Because obeying Christ means going against the grain of this fallen world. It brings us into conflict with social trends, other people's desires, and even of our own sin-struck nature. We should not go looking for these conflicts; we should look only to discover and carry out God's plan. But Christ does not want us to be naive either. Being true to him will not always be easy. It can affect even our closest relationships - as Jesus makes clear in this Gospel passage. When he makes his will known, not even family ties should hold us back from following him. In Christ's mind, that is how much his friendship matters - it is worth sacrificing everything for. Keeping this in mind is the only way we can avoid caving into frustration and discouragement in the midst of life's tribulations. Christ is reminding us today that life on earth is not meant to be smooth sailing all the time, that we will always have problems until we reach heaven. If we are faithful soldiers in Christ's army, the Church, then we will feel the heat of battle. We should not be surprised when things do not work out as we planned. We should not be surprised when we run into difficulties that appear to be irrational. We should not be surprised that our Father in Heaven does not spoil us by surrounding us with a bubble of perfect comfort. We are not created to be God's collector's items, perfectly polished and preserved; we are created to be his friends. And friendship, in order to be real and in order to grow, has to weather storms. Keeping this in mind is the sure antidote to frustration and discouragement. Jesus wants us to choose that friendship above all other things, making it our treasure and our strongest desire. Today, when Jesus comes to us again in Holy Communion, let us give him the pleasure of renewing that choice, and promising to live it out during the week to come.



ASSUMPTION
OF MARY
AUGUST 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated on Monday, August 15th. Let us show our honor and devotion to our heavenly mother by participating in the Holy Eucharist. Following is the Mass Schedule: -

8. 30 a.m. at St. John, Adair on Monday, August 15th.
6.00 p.m. at All Saints, Stuart on Monday, August 15th.

Financial Partnership
Sunday, August 7
Tithing: \$ 1751
Children: \$ 9
Building Fund: \$ 630

Money counters (8/16/22)
Dave Vigon and Cindy Boucher
Liturgical ministry - All Saints, Stuart

Saturday 8/13/22
Greeters - Becky O'Brien and Jodi Bassett
Altar servers - needed
Ushers - Jodi Bassett and Mark Tisl
Lector - Jodi Bassett
Commentator - Roni Wilson

Sunday 8/14/22
Greeters - Jason and Jen Tigges
Altar servers - needed
Ushers - Jason and Jen Tigges
Lector - Angie McMahon
Commentator - Gary Riorden

Saturday 8/20/22
Greeters - David and Sharon Doud
Altar servers - needed
Ushers - David and Sharon Doud
Lector - Donna Donnelly
Commentator - Sharon Doud

Sunday 8/21/22
Greeters - Bob and Donna Olson
Altar servers - needed
Ushers - Bob Olson and Neal Crawford
Lector - Donna Olson
Commentator - Donna Olson



Christ our Life September 24/25, 2022 Wells Fargo Arena Des Moines

A Catholic Conference for our searching souls with well known speakers. Christ Our Life Conference will be September 24 and 25 at the Wells Fargo Arena. Many speakers are lined up for the conference weekend. Let me introduce you to one, Matt Fradd, a brilliant, witty and humorous Australian speaker, podcaster and author who is returning for the conference. Matt Fradd will be talking about two of his favorite subjects: Defending the Faith and Mother Mary. Matt is a super energetic speaker, great for all ages and connects well with the young of our church too. Matt was a very popular speaker at the 2018 Christ Our Life Conference. You can attend the conference in person as part of the livestream. To learn more about the Conference visit: ChristOurLifeIowa.com

Lost and Found (All Saints)

Can't find something that you lost while being at the Church, the item could be in the Lost and Found section below the TV in the gathering space area at All Saints.



Financial Partnership
Sunday, August 7
Tithing: \$ 1050
Children: \$ 5
Building Fund: \$ 300
Money counters (8/14/22)
Paul Gettler and Andrew Richter
Cody Moreland and Shannon Marso
Liturgical ministry - St. John, Adair

Sunday 8/14/22
Cross Bearer - Joe Fagan
Altar servers - Henry Wanie and Bailey Lillard
Ushers - Larry Drees and team
Lector - Brian Richter
Tra. Chalice - John and Kathy Fagan

Sunday 8/21/22
Cross Bearer - Carley Fagan
Altar servers - Reece and Addi Richter
Ushers - Larry Drees and team
Lector - Julie Plowman
Tra. Chalice - Matt and Monica Fagan



**Knights of
Columbus**

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.



Containers from the Funeral Luncheon (All Saints)

The containers that you brought in your side dishes for the Funeral Luncheon are waiting for you in the gathering space area at All Saints.