



# 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, August 21 Twenty-First 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, Lila Belden, Ann Vigon, Matt Olson, Brian Marso, Nash Clark

### 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!**

This conversation that Christ has about how many people will be saved is not easy to swallow. He is surrounded by a crowd of followers and curiosity seekers, speaking with them about God and the meaning of life. At one point, someone asks him if only a few people will be saved. We do not know who the questioner was. It was someone who believed in eternal life, but was wondering if it was as hard to attain as the Pharisees said. That few people will be saved was the opinion of the Pharisees, ancient Palestine's religious all-stars, and theirs was the prevailing view. In our culture, the prevailing view is just the opposite. It says that most people are nice guys, so most people will get to heaven. But what does Jesus say? He does not give a direct answer. He does not say, 'Only a few will be saved', as the Pharisees taught. Neither does he say, 'Many will be saved', as today's popular culture teaches. Instead, he changes the focus from general statistics to the individual. He looks at his questioner and says, 'Strive to enter by the narrow gate'. Then he tells a parable that reinforces this emphasis on individual responsibility (as opposed to general appearances) by showing that on Judgment Day there will be a lot of surprises - the first will be last, and the last will be first. Many Jews at the time of Jesus thought that salvation was based on external factors, like race and ritual. Many Jews, in fact, believed that only Jews could actually live in communion with God. The non-Jewish peoples, so they thought, were destined to be second-class citizens in the Kingdom of God. Others believed that you not only needed to be of the Jewish race to win God's favor, but you also had to follow even the most minute details of the Law of Moses, as well as the many ritual practices that had grown up around that Law. Jesus takes the opportunity of this question, about whether or not many people will be saved, to correct those wrong ideas. He explains that in God's Kingdom there will be people from all four corners of the earth. So, race had nothing to do with it. He also explains that many who 'ate and drank' with the Lord - in other words, many who followed all the many external rituals that governed Jewish eating and drinking at the time - will be excluded from God's Kingdom. So exterior rituals are not the ticket either. But if race and ritual are not the keys to salvation, what is? Salvation does not depend primarily on external appearances, but on friendship with Christ, and that is rooted in our hearts. The people in his parable who were excluded from the heavenly banquet complained that the Lord had actually taught in their streets. But the Lord answers by telling them, 'I do not know where you are from'. In other words, they are strangers to him. Maybe they did let him into their streets, but they never let him into their hearts. In order to make our way to heaven, we have to keep on doing our part. It is not enough to have a superficial knowledge of Christ - like the people who said, 'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets'. Rather, we have to have a living, lasting, growing friendship with Christ. That is what we were created for, and that is what will lead us to true life. And since friendship always involves effort, self-sacrifice, and the investment of time and energy, the same thing goes for our friendship with Christ. Salvation comes from actually following him, from striving to know him better and live out his teaching. This is what Jesus means by 'the narrow gate' that leads to salvation. To get through a narrow gate you have to leave behind all your excess baggage - you have to go through it on purpose. It is possible to be labeled a Christian on the outside without really making an effort to follow the Christian way in our hearts. It is possible to come to Mass, to be involved with parish activities, and still never really enter into a committed, life-changing, personal relationship with Christ. Jesus knows that going through the motions is not enough; we need to let his grace change our lives. What Jesus wants is clear: he wants us to take seriously the adventure of life. He wants us to be responsible for our choices. He wants to lead us to heaven, but he can only do so if we decide to follow that lead. Jesus reminds us that we have to strive to enter through the narrow gate, that we cannot take for granted our friendship with him. It is a real relationship that needs attention and effort. It is an encouraging reminder - it proves that he has not given up on us. But if we leave it at the level of a reminder, we will be missing the point. Jesus will never let us strive for the narrow gate all by ourselves. He always helps and strengthens us, especially through Holy Communion. But he needs us to decide to put that strength to work.

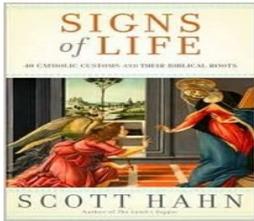
### **Faith Formation News**

**Faith Formation at All Saints begins on Wednesday, September 7, 2022**

Grades 1st through 12th meet on Wednesdays from 6.30 p.m.—7.30 p.m. to learn Catholic teachings and Jesus' love for all. Watch for registration e-mail.

**Faith Formation at St. John begins on Sunday, September 11, 2022**

Grades 1st through 8th meet 2 Sundays a month to learn Catholic teachings and Jesus' love for all. Watch for registration e-mail.



**You are invited to join a Book Study on TUESDAYS at 12.30 p.m. at All Saints  
Beginning on Tuesday, September 6, 2022  
(Signs of Life - 20 Catholic Customs and their Biblical Roots).**

### **THE IGNITE' CAMPAIGN - A Unique Approach**

**Common Questions about the Ignite! Campaign**

***How will the Ignite! Campaign be an investment in our parish?***

**Our parishes are the cornerstones of our faith communities. Part of the funds raised through the campaign will be returned to parishes so they can further advance their missions and make capital improvements. Bishop Joensen is calling on the entire parish to make a gift to the Ignite! Campaign. Your support to this campaign will impact the future of the Church in Southwest Iowa and our parish for years to come. Thank you!**

**All Saints Goal: \$150,000**

**Parish Share: \$75,000**

**Paid: \$ 15,500**

**We will use funds from the campaign to replace the roof of the church and the parish hall.**

**St. John's Goal: \$40,000**

**Parish Share: \$20,000**

**St. John has designated these funds to update the parish hall and kitchen.**

### **Annual Diocesan Appeal Corner**

**Each year, every member of our diocesan faith community is asked to participate in making a gift to support the work and ministry of Bishop Joensen through the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Each of the 81 parishes in the Diocese of Des Moines has a goal that is calculated based on a formula of parish income and expenses. One of the largest expenses covered by the Diocesan appeal is for support of our priests. The Diocese pays 100 percent of the health care. The appeal also covers the priest's retirement benefits, expenses which are not absorbed by our parish. The appeal covers the formation of our deacons, and education of our seminarians as they study in their last years of Seminary. The ADA also covers administrative expense for the staff of the diocese who are dedicated to serving our parish in many ways. Bishop Joensen' ministry, including housing, travel throughout the Diocese for meetings, special Masses, and confirmations are all supported by the ADA.**

**A big thanks to everyone who has already participated in the Annual Diocesan Appeal for the financial year 2022, and a friendly reminder and request to others that if God has blessed you, would you be kind enough to share a little of that God-given blessing to spread His kingdom and mission by supporting the ADA.**

**Parish Goal - All Saints - \$ 36,555**

**Paid: \$ 22,263**

**Due: \$ 14,292**

**Parish Goal - St. John - \$ 8,498**

**Paid: \$ 9,943**



**All are welcome to join Bishop William Joensen in a Eucharistic Procession on Sunday, August 28. Bishop Joensen will celebrate the 10:30am Mass at the Basilica of St. John in Des Moines, followed by a Eucharistic Procession to St. Ambrose Cathedral. After the procession, all are welcome to join us at the Catholic Pastoral Center across the street for light refreshments, fun, fellowship and games in the outdoor plaza.**

**Financial Partnership**

Sunday, August 14

Tithing: \$ 2032

Children: \$ 5

Assumption: \$ 262

Money counters (8/23/22)

Bill Clauson and Gina Ocheltree

**Liturgical ministry - All Saints, Stuart****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

**Saturday 8/27/22**

Greeters - Mark and Kari Tisl

Altar servers - needed

Ushers - Mark and Kari Tisl

Lector - Mark Tisl

Commentator - Roni Wilson

**Sunday 8/28/22**

Greeters - Tom and Amy Doud

Altar servers - needed

Ushers - Tom and Amy Doud

Lector - Dave Witkowski

Commentator - Amy Doud

**Financial Partnership**

Sunday, August 14

Tithing: \$ 480

Children: \$ 6

Money counters (8/21/22)

Paul Gettler and Andrew Richter

Cody Moreland and Shannon Marso

**Liturgical ministry - St. John, Adair****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

**Sunday 8/28/22**

Cross Bearer - Belle Fagan

Altar servers - Carley Fagan and Ruby Marso

Ushers - Larry Drees and team

Lector - Theresa Elgin

Tra. Chalice - John and Adella Vogl

**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](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.

**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](http://ChristOurLifeIowa.com)

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Sessions**

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program is oriented towards those who want to embrace a Catholic way of life from other denominations, or for those who have no religion at all, or for those who desire to revive one's Catholic faith. We are planning to begin a session soon, if you are interested in participating in the sessions, please contact Rev. Antony Mathew at the parish office (phone: 515-523-1943; e-mail: [amathew8@sbcglobal.net](mailto:amathew8@sbcglobal.net)).