



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, October 16 Twenty-Ninth 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.



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.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Deceased: Ann Doles, Sue Plagman, Christiana Ezeanya

Sick: Ann Vigon, Matt Olson, Nash Clark, Ida Griffin, Bertha Fagan, Ed Donnelly, Marvin Bassett

Parish Mission

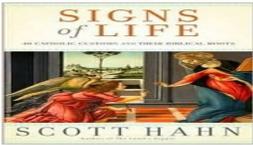
Rejoicing with gratitude in God's blessings, we invite and welcome all to share in the fullness of the Catholic faith. We live our baptismal call through worship, teaching and serving one another.

Father Tony's Corner!

Jesus politely tells us that we are weak in praying. And he gives us the remedy for our weakness. The parable that we hear today, comes after a conversation he had with some Pharisees. In that conversation, they asked him when the Kingdom of God would finally come. Jesus probably detected impatience behind that question, as if they were criticizing God for being careless or lazy. Perhaps we can relate to that impatience. We approach God with less confidence than this determined widow had in approaching a crooked judge. Behind the words of our prayer lurks a subtle tendency to doubt God. We think that just because he does not answer us in the way we expect him to, he is not answering us at all. That shows a lack of faith, a truncated vision of God. Jesus is reminding us that we should have unlimited faith and confidence in God. No prayer that we utter goes unheard. God is never out of his office; he is never on vacation. He is longing for us to bombard him with our prayers. He is eagerly searching for hearts that trust him enough to ask him unceasingly for everything they need. He always answers our prayers, even when the answer is 'no'. Because God is our Father, all-wise, all-loving, and all-powerful, there should be no limit to our confidence in him. And so, as Saint Luke tells us, we should 'pray always without becoming weary'. Being constant in our prayer, just like the widow with her petitions to the judge, constant in thanksgiving, constant in repentance, constant in praise, and constant in bringing to God every need that comes our way. Constancy built on confidence – that is the path to becoming better in praying. Our culture is secular. The triumphs of technology have created an unlimited confidence in science and human ingenuity. As a result, that same culture tends to depict religion as a sign of weakness, because it involves depending on God for things that we are not supposed to need anymore - things like forgiveness, grace, miracles, sacraments, prayer, and spiritual gifts. None of us consciously agree with this view. But because we live in this secular culture, that distorted view of God and Jesus can seep into our minds without our realizing it, subtly affecting our life of prayer. The parable about the widow and the judge corrects this vision. The judge in the parable, though an unworthy man, has real authority. He can issue a decision that will have actual repercussions both for the widow and for her adversary. This is an image of Christ, who also has real authority – 'all authority in heaven and earth', as a matter of fact. Jesus is the ruler of the universe, and so he can influence things. And he has chosen to put this influence at our disposal. Just as the judge would not have acted unless the widow had pleaded with him, God also has decided to make his graces depend (at least in part) upon our prayers. Secular culture ignores Christ because he has refused to be a dictator, but the Christian delights in Christ by treating him like the generous and responsive King that he truly is. The obvious lesson is that we need God's help to fight life's battles, but we often do not trust God enough to keep praying for that help (we are less insistent than the determined widow). After declaring that God will certainly answer humble and persistent prayers, Jesus says, 'But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth'? What does Jesus mean by posing this rhetorical question? Jesus is simply baring his heart to us. He has just promised that God will never abandon us, but he knows that some of us will abandon God. And this saddens him. He hopes, by expressing his concern, to confirm our decision to persevere in our trust, to follow him through thick and thin. It is no coincidence that Jesus' rhetorical question comes at the end of this parable about prayer. Prayer is our secret weapon. Prayer is what keeps us online, connected to the flow of grace that alone is able to strengthen our weakness, enlighten our ignorance, and defend us from temptation. All of us pray, but prayer is like everything else in life, if we are not getting better at it, we are getting worse at it. The devil does not usually separate us from Christ by instigating total rebellion. Instead, he tries to draw us away little by little, and one of his first tactics is to make us cut corners on our prayer life. It is not that hard to give God a few minutes each day in prayer: ten minutes in the morning, five in the middle of the day, and ten more at night. We give our favorite music that much time, and our favorite TV shows, and our favorite Internet sites. But somehow, when it comes to prayer, the devil makes us think that it is just too demanding. Today, Jesus is going to prove his commitment to us once again, by giving himself to us in Holy Communion. When he does, let us renew our commitment to him, by promising that we will never let a day go by without spending at least a few minutes in heartfelt prayer - the secret weapon for staying faithful to Christ.

*Thank
You!*

Thanks are due to Joyce Van Pelt, Nancy Johnson, Adella Vogl and others who assisted them in coordinating and making our New Pictorial Directory a reality. Thanks also to everyone who participated in the pictorial directory, without your participation, it would have been an endeavor in vain.



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

THE IGNITE' CAMPAIGN - A Unique Approach

Thank you for your support of the Ignite! Campaign. Thank you to our volunteers and parishioners who are working to make the Ignite! Campaign a success. If you have not yet made a gift, you can always do so by calling the parish office or online at: dmdiocese.org/giving/ignite/give-now.

All Saints Goal: \$150,000

Parish Share: \$75,000

Pledged: \$ 52,800

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

Pledged: \$ 19,700

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



World Mission Sunday, October 23, 2022

In 1926 Pope Pius XI instituted Mission Sunday for the whole Church with the first worldwide Mission Sunday collection taking place in October 1927. The Mission Sunday is celebrated in all the local Churches as the feast of catholicity and universal solidarity so Christians the world over will recognize their common responsibility with regard to the evangelization of the world. We recall with gratitude all those men and women who by their testimony of life help us to renew our baptismal commitment to be generous and joyful apostles of the Gospel. Let us remember especially all those who resolutely set out, leaving home and family behind, to bring the Gospel to all those places and people athirst for its saving message. To be on mission is to be willing to think as Christ does, to believe with Him that those around us are also my brothers and sisters. May His compassionate love touch our hearts and make us all true missionary disciples. There will be a special collection on Sunday, October 23rd to support the proclamation of the Gospel, the celebration of the sacraments, and service to the poor in mission dioceses.



Flowers in the Church at All Saints

The beautiful flowers that were in the Church at All Saints this past weekend was sponsored by Diane and Mike Caufield. Thanks to the Caufield family for being a wonderful blessing to all of us. Following the foot steps of the Caufield family, if you would like to sponsor flowers for the Altar, please contact the parish office.



October, Respect Life Month

Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. "Our Church understands that parents, children, and families need help not just during pregnancy, but throughout the whole of life's journey because millions of Catholics already accompany their neighbors in such circumstances" says Archbishop Lori.



October, the month of Holy Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. Our Lady of the Rosary is credited with victory in a number of the battles, and chief among them is the Battle of Lepanto (October 7, 1571), in which a Christian fleet defeated a superior Ottoman Muslim fleet and stopped the westward expansion of Islam in the Mediterranean. In 1883, when Pope Leo XIII officially dedicated the month of October to the Holy Rosary.

Financial Partnership

Sunday, October 9

Tithing: \$ 2794

Children: \$ 12

Building Fund: \$ 1320

Faith Form.: \$ 120

Money counters (10/18/22)

Diane Messinger and Bill Clauson



**All Saints accepts
Automatic withdrawal/
online giving
(credit/bank card accepted)**

Easy, convenient, and secure way of giving.
Consider the advantages, and sign up for automatic withdrawal/online giving. Inspired, please contact the parish office: 515-523-1943.

Liturgical ministry - All Saints, Stuart

Saturday 10/15/22

Greeters - Gene and Mary Ellen Simons

Altar servers - needed

Ushers - Marty and Julie Doud

Lector - Jodi Bassett

Commentator - Sharon Doud

Sunday 10/16/22

Greeters - Neal and Symantha Crawford

Altar servers - Evelyn and Lilly Barrett

Ushers - Neal and Symantha Crawford

Lector - Dave Witkowski

Commentator - Dave Witkowski

Saturday 10/22/22

Greeters - Matt and Jen Dickson

Altar servers - needed

Ushers - Matt and Jen Dickson

Lector - Roni Wilson

Commentator - Roni Wilson

Sunday 10/23/22

Greeters - Jeff and Nancy Johnson

Altar servers - Evelyn and Lilly Barrett

Ushers - Jeff and Nancy Johnson

Lector - Angie McMahon

Commentator - Angie McMahon

Financial Partnership

Sunday, October 9

Tithing: \$ 459

Children: \$ 17

Money counters (10/16/22)

P. Gettler, A. Richter, C. Moreland

Francis Hollinrake and Matt Fagan

Liturgical ministry - St. John, Adair

Sunday 10/16/22

Cross Bearer - Francis Hollinrake

Altar servers - Addi Richter and Ruby Marso

Ushers - Larry Drees and team

Lector - Brian Richter

Tra. Chalice - Matt and Monica Fagan

Sunday 10/23/22

Cross Bearer - Cody Moreland

Altar servers - Henry Wanie and Belle Fagan

Ushers - Larry Drees and team

Lector - Barb Bachman

Tra. Chalice - John and Adella Vogl



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.



All Saints Catholic Church Annual chicken Dinner on Sunday, October 30, 2022

10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Featuring Staley's Chicken

Mashed Potatoes/Gravy/Vegetables/Salad/Dinner Roll/Pie/Desserts

Carry Out Available

Adults: \$ 12 Children 6-12: \$ 5 Children 5 and Under: Free

Pie Auction at Noon to benefit LC Clinic