



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, June 25, 2023 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Schedule - All Saints, Stuart

Mass Schedule

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 Schedule

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.

Deceased: Viola Heins, Kathleen Hull

Sick: Jeanie Cook, Brad Beekin, Dan O'Biren, Bertha Fagan, John Fagan, Charles Anstey, Mary Bovee

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 this Gospel narrative, Jesus is giving his Twelve Apostles instructions for their first missionary journey. The most striking thing about these instructions is the warning. In this passage, Jesus tells them three times not to be afraid - three times! He would not say it if they did not need to hear it. But why would they need to hear it? Because as they go out in Christ's name to spread the Gospel in word and deed, they are going to run into serious difficulties. Jesus is warning his Apostles that they will meet up with persecution and hardship, just as he will, in a dramatic way, during his Passion. He is warning them that their Christian mission will demand heroic courage, perseverance, and fidelity as they constantly face suffering, calumny, mockery, and opposition. They are going to run into people who will want to destroy them, humiliate them, and even kill them, just because they bear Christ's name and are trying to spread Christ's message. In the verses immediately preceding the passage we just listened to, Jesus was explicit about this. Those same warnings apply to us too. Being a Christian is not like joining a tennis club. There is a spiritual battle going on in this fallen world. Whenever we are truly following Christ and building up his Kingdom, the powers of darkness, the devil and his minions, do not like it, and they try to make it hard for us, just as they made it hard for the Apostles. What does Jesus think about suffering? Jesus has two important thoughts about it. First, that here on earth there is no escape from it. Sometimes Christian preachers say that if we believe hard enough in Jesus, he will take away all our suffering. But Jesus never said that. Jesus told us that if we want to follow him, we will have to take up our cross every day. He told his Apostles not to be afraid of those who kill the body, but he did not say that no one would try to kill them. In fact, all of Christ's first Apostles were martyred - except Saint John the Evangelist, who miraculously survived being boiled in oil. Following Jesus will not save us from suffering in this life. That is his first thought. His second thought explains why he permits his followers to suffer. Suffering entered the world with sin, as Saint Paul reminds us in the second reading. So, to save us from suffering, Jesus would have to eliminate all sin, but that would mean eliminating all freedom, since sin is freely chosen rebellion against God. But eliminating freedom would also eliminate the possibility of experiencing and giving love - we would become God's robots, instead of his children. So instead of eliminating suffering, Jesus transformed it, turning it into a channel of grace. Being faithful to his friendship even in the midst of opposition and suffering, will make that friendship grow. 'Everyone who acknowledges me before others', he explains, 'I will acknowledge before my Father'. In other words, by choosing to bear our sufferings as Christ bore his, with trust in God, patience, courage, and love, uniting our crosses to Christ's cross, those sufferings actually become channels of wisdom, grace, and holiness, which are the fountains of happiness in this life and the life to come. God's providence is real. Nothing escapes God's all-loving, all-powerful providence. This should be a source of comfort for us. No matter how dark the tunnel of life gets, as Christians, we are always able to see a light ahead: our resurrected Lord. The reality of God's providence has another practical consequence: it gives us supernatural courage. Courage gives us strength to resist enemies and overcome obstacles. Believing in God's providence helps us do that, because it reminds us that we are never fighting alone. But courage also gives us strength to undertake worthwhile but difficult projects, to set out to do great things for God and neighbor. Believing in God's providence helps us do that too, because we know that if we are striving to do great things for God, he will, as Saint Paul once wrote, make all things work together to help us. What great thing has God put on your heart? Today, as we renew our faith in God's providence, let us claim that supernatural courage and move that project forward. After all, doing great things for Christ is what we were made for. One practical way to do this is to make better use of our crucifixes. The crucifix is meant to remind us that we are never alone in our sufferings, and that when we unite our sufferings to Christ's, they can help win blessings and graces for ourselves and those around us. It is a reminder that God's love includes our sufferings, that as Jesus said in today's Gospel, every hair on our head is counted - God is always watching over and guiding us. But is that what we think about when we see a crucifix? Probably not. Probably we have become too used to seeing the crucifix. Today, we can renew our awareness of its real meaning. And we can also ask ourselves if there is room in our lives for more crucifixes. Keeping a crucifix in our office cubicle or locker would help us unite our small, daily struggles to Christ's giant sacrifice. Keeping a crucifix on the dining room wall or in the kitchen would help us carry the crosses of family life with deeper faith and more constant love. Jesus wants us not just to understand his perspective on suffering, but to share it, because he wants our lives to overflow with supernatural joy and wisdom.



All Saints Altar and Rosary Society

All ladies of All Saints church are automatically considered members of the Altar and Rosary Society. A&R has a facebook page from which you can get information and announcements about meetings and events and photos. Please 'follow' us at All Saints Altar and Rosary Society.



Rosary - a Catholic Devotional Prayer

The rosary is a form of prayer used by many Christians, particularly Catholics, to honor the Virgin Mary. It is composed of a set of prayers that are repeated over and over again while meditating on the mysteries of the life of Jesus Christ. The prayers are said with a set of beads or knots that help keep track of the number of repetitions. The origin of the Rosary is not known for certain, but it is believed to

have originated in the 12th century with Saint Dominic. He was said to have received a vision from Mary, instructing him to preach about the power of prayer using beads as a tool for counting repetitions. From there, the practice spread throughout Europe and eventually became an integral part of Catholic devotional life. Please come a few minutes earlier to Mass and Join us for this Catholic devotional prayer.

Looking for volunteers to lead this beautiful Catholic devotional prayer before Mass at 4. 30 p.m. (Saturday, All Saints), 8 a.m. (St. John) and 10 a.m. (All Saints).



Rediscovering the Mass

'Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst'. John 6:35

Are you seeking to rediscover your friendship with Jesus? Haven't been to Mass in a while and wondering where to start? It doesn't matter how long it's been since you have been to Mass. You are always invited to encounter Jesus in the Mass.

The Eucharistic Liturgy Gathering

The gathering for worship and the Introductory Rites emphasize our coming together as a community. From our individual lives and situations, we gather as one family. At the entrance song, we raise our voices in a united chorus. The ordained minister leads us in the Sign of the Cross, which recalls the Trinity's divine communion of persons and to which we respond with one communal voice. As we make the Sign of the Cross, we turn to God, opening ourselves to his transforming presence.

Penitential Act

During the Penitential Act, we acknowledge the sin that affects our relationship with God, ourselves, others, and the world around us. We seek Christ's healing love and forgiveness in order that we might be transformed—both as individuals and as a community, into a people of love. During the Confiteor, we ask the members of our heavenly community, "blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints," and our brothers and sisters around us to pray for us, and we for them.

Liturgy of the Word

At this time, we hear a "proclamation of God's wonderful works in the history of salvation" (Saint Paul VI, Sacrosanctum Concilium [Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy], no. 35). Through the Scriptures, we also receive teaching, correction, and training in righteousness (2 Tm 3:16). We are guided and instructed in faith and in how to live in right relationship with God, others, ourselves, and creation.

Universal Prayer or Prayer of the Faithful

As Saint John Paul II writes, "The Prayer of the Faithful responds not only to the needs of the particular Christian community but also to those of all humanity," and the Church "makes her own 'the joys and hopes, the sorrows and anxieties of people today, especially of the poor and all those who suffer'" (Dies Domini [On Keeping the Lord's Day Holy], no. 38).

(to be continued in the next week's bulletin)

Financial Partnership
Sunday, June 18, 2023
Tithing: \$ 2013
Children: \$ 30
Money counters (6/27/23)
Diane Messinger and Bill Clauson



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Liturgical ministry - All Saints, Stuart
Saturday 6/24/23

Altar servers - needed
Greeters - Mark and Kari Tisl
Ushers - Mark and Kari Tisl
Lector - Mark Tisl
Commentator - Sharon Doud
Euch. min. - Donna Donnelly

Sunday 6/25/23

Altar servers - Evelyn and Lily Barrett
Greeters - Wayne Nosbisch and Suzy Aubert
Ushers - Wayne Nosbisch and Dennis Van Pelt
Lector - Bob Bird
Commentator - Wayne Nosbisch
Euch. min. - Joyce Van Pelt

Saturday 7/1/23

Altar servers - needed
Greeters - Dan and Nancy Deluhery
Ushers - Dan and Nancy Deluhery
Lector - Roni Wilson
Commentator - Sharon Doud

Euch. min. - Jodi Bassett

Sunday 7/2/23

Altar servers - Evelyn and Lily Barrett
Greeters - Mike and Diane Caufield
Ushers - Mike and Diane Caufield
Lector - Angie McMahon
Commentator - Angie McMahon
Euch. min. - Diane Caufield

Financial Partnership
Sunday, June 18, 2023
Tithing: \$ 665
Children: \$ 5

Money counters (6/25/23)
P. Gettler, A. Richter, C. Moreland, Francis
Hollinrake and Matt Fagan

Liturgical ministry - St. John, Adair
Sunday 6/25/23

Cross Bearer - Cody Moreland
Altar servers - Toby Moreland and Reece Richter
Ushers - Larry Drees and team
Lector - Theresa Elgin
Euch. min. - Brett Brown
Trav. Chalice - Matt and Monica Fagan

Sunday 7/2/23

Cross Bearer - Dave Richter
Altar servers - Ruby Marso and Addi Richter
Ushers - Larry Drees and team
Lector - Barb Bachman
Euch. min. - Brett Brown
Trav. Chalice - Francis and Deb Hollinrake



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**Liturgical
Ministers**
Remember God always inspires us but we may not open our hearts to his inspirations. If God is inspiring you to become little more active by embracing Liturgical Ministries at All Saints or Saint John – Lector, Extra-ordinary Minister of the Eucharist, Cantor, Altar server, please contact (ALL SAINTS) Joyce Van Pelt – joyceannvp@gmail.com and (SAINT JOHN) Les Elgin – elgins2011@gmail.com. Thank you for being a wonderful blessing.