



All Saints Catholic Church and St. John Catholic Church



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Sunday, September 17, 2023 Twenty-Fourth 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.
Rosary 4.00 p.m.
Sunday 10.00 a.m.
Rosary 9.30 a.m.
Confession
Saturday 3.30 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: Harold Scholl, Charles Anstey, Richard Dolan

Sick: Roger Callahan, Shirley Arment, Matt Olson, Therese Witkowski, Jeanie Cook, Brad Beekin, John Fagan, Mary Bovee, Bertha Fagan

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!

Today's Gospel passage immediately follows Jesus' instructions to his Twelve about being good shepherds. We can imagine the disciples discussing those instructions, maybe even arguing about how many times a good shepherd should go after the same sheep, if it keeps wandering away. Rabbinic teaching in those days placed the limit of forgiveness at three times; a fourth offense was not to be forgiven. Maybe Peter was proposing to increase the limit to seven times, in light of Christ's teachings, and some of the others were sticking the traditional view. To resolve the argument, he goes to the Lord. That was the right thing to do. The buck stops with Jesus; he is the final word God has spoken to us. In him we find the answers we need for every dilemma. As we go through life, we run into problems and dilemmas; questions come to the surface; doubts and difficulties confuse us. Unfortunately, we do not always go to the right place for answers. We have a tendency - left over from original sin - to try and fix everything ourselves, to measure out these difficulties according to limited, human yardsticks. Sometimes we use our own, and sometimes we use one from a popular writer, speaker, or website. But Jesus came to earth precisely because he knew that human yardsticks are not good enough for our dilemmas. We need to learn to measure all things according to Christ's standards. Like Peter, we should bring our questions to the Lord in prayer; we should cast the light of the Church's teachings on our moral and intellectual quandaries; and then, also like Peter, we should accept Christ's solution. As a matter of fact, this conversation between Peter and Jesus is really a commentary on the fifth beatitude, which Jesus stated way back in Chapter 5 of Saint Matthew's Gospel: 'Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy'. Mercy goes against our fallen human nature. Automatically, we tend to play favorites, hold grudges, resent insults, demand our 'rights', and care much more about our own hopes, plans, and problems than about others. When we do take an interest in other people, it is usually because we like them, and not because we view them as so valued by God that he sent his Son to die on the cross for them. When we operate on this merely natural level, we always run into a limit in our ability to forgive those who offend or harm us. But Jesus is teaching us today that a Christian is called to be limitless in forgiveness: to be merciful as God is merciful. We are glad that God is gentle and patient with us, always willing to forgive us, always showering us with his blessings, always there when we need him, always ready to understand us, always ready to sympathize with us before judging us, in short, we are glad that God is merciful with us, although we know we do not really deserve it. And yet, we are often reluctant to be like that with others, just like the man in the parable. If we do not let God help us overcome that reluctance, our hearts will become so closed that eventually Christ's mercy simply would not be able to get in. If we do overcome it, they will open wider and wider, allowing the full flood of God's love to inundate them, making them an oasis for others who suffer, and a magnet for their kindness and generosity. Blessed indeed are the merciful, for showing mercy is the only way to attract it. Today's brilliant parable rightly convicts us of our repulsive, deep-seated tendency to self-righteousness, and we need to be convinced of that. But we should not therefore overlook the parable's eloquent depiction of Christ's magnanimity. Jesus himself is the King who forgives the "huge amount." In the Greek text this amount is quantified as 10,000 talents, an unimaginable, astronomical quantity of money. Likewise, Christ's compassion exceeds even the malice of his own murderers: 'Father forgive them, they know not what they do', he spoke from the cross (Luke 23. 34). At times we may not be able to show mercy to others as we are expected of and that can discourage us. But discouragement can never come from the Holy Spirit. Discouragement is giving into a kind of hopelessness. Hopelessness is lack of trust in God's all-powerful love and infinite mercy. With God, all things are possible, the Bible tells us. And through our friendship with Jesus, God is always with us, always at our side. As Saint Paul puts it in today's second reading: 'Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's'. With Jesus, then, there is no end to the amount of second chances we can have. The clearest proof of this is the unthinkable gift of the sacrament of confession - something that no other religion in the whole history of the world has ever had. Let us give Jesus the joy of renewing our faith in his goodness, in his mercy, and let us put our faith into practice, receiving God's flood of mercy by going to confession, and spreading that mercy to others by treating them as God has treated us.



What is Catechetical Sunday? As part of a 1935 initiative to recognize and celebrate the gift that catechists give to their parish communities by volunteering their time for the education of children, the Church began what we know today as Catechetical Sunday. Catechetical Sunday always takes place on the third Sunday in September. This year Catechetical Sunday will fall on September 17, 2023. The 2023 Catechetical Sunday theme is "Come to me all you who labor and are burdened" (Matthew 11:28). Catholics hear these powerful words spoken by Jesus as an invitation to follow him and have our burdens lightened.



Faith formation at Saint John, Adair

Saint John's Catholic Church in Adair will be offering faith formation. Our kickoff event will be on September 17th following the 8 a.m. Mass in the church hall. Refreshments will be provided. Bring the entire family! We will discuss how many times a month we want to meet and what structure we'd like to use for classes this year. We can't wait to see everyone! Please contact Elizabeth Moreland 515-250-8777 or Liz Lillard 712-249-1459 with any questions.

FAITH FORMATION

Lillard 712-249-1459 with any questions.



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.



Faith formation at All Saints

Faith formation classes began on Wednesday, September 13th. We want our children to be formed in their faith, and in order to achieve that we need the collaboration of the parents. There are many events planned for the coming academic year. For questions or concerns, please contact Jill Gerling (E-mail: all-saintsff@outlook.com).

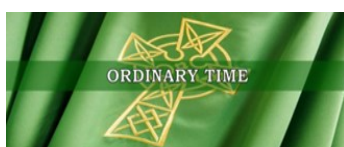


Gina Gettler's father, Harold Scholl passed away last week. We extend our prayers, sympathies and sincere condolences to Gina and to the other members of her family as they walk through the mystery of death and celebrate the gift of everlasting life. We all know that it is a very painful journey needing a lot of support and assurance. Hence, we assure them our love, support and prayers. May HAROLD SCHOLL Rest In Peace!



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.



Why is Ordinary Time Called Ordinary?

Ordinary Time is called 'ordinary' not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word 'ordinalis', which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word 'ordo', from which we get the English word 'order'. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church - the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ.

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Financial Partnership

Sunday, September 10, 2023

Tithing: \$ 1714

Children: \$ 13

Seminarians: \$ 382

Money counters (9/19/23)

Diane Messinger and Bill Clauson



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Liturgical ministry - All Saints, Stuart

Saturday 9/16/23

Altar servers - needed

Greeters - Jodi Bassett and Diane Messinger

Ushers - Jodi Bassett and Diane Messinger

Lector - Jodi Bassett

Commentator - Jodi Bassett

Euch. min. - Donna Donnelly

Sunday 9/17/23

**Altar servers - Briar and Cash Armstrong
Evelyn and Lilly Barrett**

Greeters - Tom and Amy Doud

Ushers - Tom and Amy Doud

Lector - Gary Riordan

Commentator - Amy Doud

Euch. min. - Amy Doud

Saturday 9/23/23

Altar servers - needed

Greeters - Donna Donnelly and Sharon Jirak

Ushers - Donna Donnelly and Sharon Jirak

Lector - Roni Wilson

Commentator - Roni Wilson

Euch. min. - Jodi Bassett

Sunday 9/24/23

**Altar servers - Briar and Cash Armstrong
Evelyn and Lilly Barrett**

Greeters - Neal and Symantha Crawford

Ushers - Neal and Symantha Crawford

Lector - Bob Bird

Commentator - Gary Riordan

Euch. min. - Matt Smith

Financial Partnership

Sunday, September 10, 2023

Tithing: \$ 677

Children: \$ 12

Seminarians: \$ 174

Money counters (9/17/23)

**P. Gettler, A. Richter, C. Moreland, Francis
Hollinrake and Matt Fagan**

Liturgical ministry - St. John, Adair

Sunday 9/17/23

Cross Bearer - Joe Fagan

Altar servers - Belle Fagan and Ruby Marso

Ushers - Larry Drees and team

Lector - Julie Plowman

Euch. min. - Matt Fagan

Trav. Chalice - Cody and Elizabeth Moreland

Sunday 9/24/23

Cross Bearer - Cody Moreland

Altar servers - Bailey Lillard and Penelope Wanie

Ushers - Larry Drees and team

Lector - Barb Bachman

Euch. min. - Les Elgin

Trav. Chalice - Phyllis O'Brien



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.



Saint John – Lector, Extra-ordinary Minister of the Eucharist, Cantor, Altar server, please contact (All Saints) Joyce Van Pelt – joyceannvp@gmail.com and (St. John) Les Elgin – elgins2011@gmail.com. Thank you for being a wonderful blessing.



David Witkowski has sponsored some copies of the book 'This is my Body' – a call to Eucharistic Revival authored by Bishop Robert Barron. They are available on the table in the gathering space area. This is a good book for refreshing our minds about the Holy Eucharist. We thank David for being a wonderful blessing to our parish family.