



[www.stuartallsaints.org](http://www.stuartallsaints.org)  
216 All Saints Drive  
Stuart, Iowa 50250

# The Solemnity of Christ the King Bulletin

All Saints / St. John's

November 22, 2020

**All Saints / St John's Church Office  
PO Box 605  
Stuart, Iowa 50250**



[www.adairstjohn.org](http://www.adairstjohn.org)  
501 Adair Street  
Adair, Iowa 50002

**Pastor:** Rev. Antony Mathew  
**Phone:** 515-523-1943  
712-304-4836 (cell)  
**Email:**  
amatthew8@sbcglobal.net

**Secretary/Bookkeeper:**  
Tammy Doud  
**Phone:** 515-523-1943  
**Email:**  
allsaintsoffice@gmail.com

**Faith Formation Coordinator:** Jill Gerling  
**Phone:** 515-523-1943  
**Email:**  
allsaintsff@outlook.com

## Weekend Mass Schedule

### Saturday

4:30pm - All Saints - Stuart

### Sunday

8:00am - St John's in Adair

10:00am - All Saints - Stuart

**Confessions** - Saturdays at All Saints: 3:30

**Monday** - No Mass

**Tuesday** - 5:30pm at All Saints - Stuart

**Wednesday** - 5:30pm at St John's - Adair

**Thursday** - 9:00am at All Saints - Stuart

**Friday** - 8:30am at All Saints - Stuart

5:30pm at St John's - Adair

**Rosary** - 4:05pm Saturdays at All Saints - Stuart & 7:30am Sundays at St John's - Adair

## Announcements

### All Saints/St John's Office Hours

Office Staff will be in the All Saints office on Tuesdays from 8:30am-3:00pm and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30am - 12:30pm.

***Even though office hours are posted, it is best to call first to make sure someone is there. Sometimes uncontrollable events prevent staff from being at the office.***  
**515-523-1943**



## TOWNHALL WITH BISHOP JOENSEN

This past week, various families from All Saints and St. John's had an opportunity to meet with Bishop Joensen and John Gaffney, the Director of Evangelization and Catechesis. Parents and children, mostly teens, were divided into two sections with one group meeting with Bishop Joensen, the other with John, and then switching. The discussion centered around thought provoking questions

about how the diocese can better support parishes and families in their efforts to put their faith first in the midst of a busy and chaotic world. This is just one of many town hall meetings the Bishop is scheduled to hold with parishes across the Diocese. There is discussion around possibly making "Town Halls" a routine practice in local parishes.

---

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am acutely aware in the State of Iowa and in our country the incidence of infection, hospitalization, and mortality due to the coronavirus that causes Covid-19 is rising significantly just as we enter the holiday and winter seasons. I conclude that it is necessary to **require face masks or coverings at all public Masses, sacramental celebrations, and other events in Church buildings in the Diocese of Des Moines, effective immediately.** This requirement extends through February 2, 2021 (The Feast of the Presentation), at which time it will be reviewed. I have taken this critical step so we may responsibly continue to gather around the Eucharistic altar – the source and summit of our faith – and worship together.

The Eucharist is the pearl of great price won at the cost of Christ's saving sacrifice on the Cross. The personal and communal sacrifice entailed in wearing a mask, while it involves for many a yielding of our will and personal preference and comfort, pales in comparison to the privilege of participating in the Mass. Our ability to continue to experience God's grace in the sacramental life of the Church is directly linked to our ability to mitigate the risk of COVID infections; therefore, a mask requirement is prudent at this time. Moreover, simple charity obliges us to take into account the physical health of all parishioners as a way to ensure that worship is relatively safe and accessible to as many parishioners as possible. None of us wants to be the cause for someone else to withdraw or refrain from Mass attendance because certain members of a congregation fail to employ this basic means of protection for our neighbor.

This diocesan requirement applies to all those over the age of five, who do not have a medical or psychological condition prohibiting mask use. A personal preference opposed to mask use, or the belief that masks are not effective, does not qualify as a condition exempting one from mask use. If parishioners are unsure whether an exemption applies to them, they should consult with their

pastor who can assist in discernment.

The Diocese asks parishes to communicate this requirement to all parishioners, and to ensure observance by the faithful. Again, the one thing needful is to be able to place ourselves at Jesus' feet, to heed his command to take, eat, and drink his Body and Blood. We are consoled and revived in our belief that Jesus continues to meet us in the Eucharist; we continue to support each other as the family of God, and we remain in God's providential care. As Cardinal Robert Sarah has reminded us in his letter, Let us Return to the Eucharist with Joy, "The Church will continue to cherish the human person as a whole. She bears witness to hope, invites us to trust in God, recalls that earthly existence is important, but much more important is eternal life: sharing the same life with God for eternity is our goal, our vocation."

The Sunday Mass obligation remains suspended. For those who do not attend Mass during the pandemic, God's infinite grace and mercy remain abundantly available.

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Rev. William M. Joensen, Ph.D.  
Bishop of Des Moines

**CIVILIZE IT**  
DIGNITY BEYOND THE DEBATE



## Civilize It

**Do you want to help heal the divisions we see in our country? If so, check out Civilize It Iowa, a diocesan campaign that is inviting all of us to pray, fast, and give alms for the sake of charity in your own hearts, and in our country. To check out this simple invitation to pursue holiness in our own lives, and charity in our country, visit [civilizeitiowa.com](http://civilizeitiowa.com) or scan this QR code:**

Diocese of Des Moines



## **Plenary Indulgences which surround All Saints and All Soul's Day**

The Plenary Indulgence applicable for visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead between November 1-8 is extended through the entire month of November. The Plenary Indulgence is applicable for visiting a Church on All Souls Day and praying for the dead by recitation of the Lord's Prayer and Creed is extended through the entire month of November. The aged, the sick, and those who cannot leave their homes, or those who do not wish to visit these places due to the practice of social distancing, may, instead of visiting these places, obtain these indulgences by praying in front of a sacred image in their homes, with the intent to fulfill the usual obligation for an indulgence as soon as possible, and reciting a prayer of their choice, reading from scripture, or offering their present sufferings to God as a spiritual sacrifice.



## **All Saints & St. John's Faith Formation**

**Face masks are REQUIRED during all Faith Formation classes**

### **St John's Classes**

meet after Mass until about 10:15

Next Class:

Sunday, December 13

Upcoming:

Sunday, December 20

Sunday, January 10

### **All Saints' First-Sixth Grade Classes**

2nd & 4th Wednesdays 6:30-7:30

Next Class:

Wednesday, December 9

Upcoming:

Wednesday, January 13

Wednesday, January 27

### **All Saints' Seventh-Tenth Grade Classes**

1st & 3rd Wednesdays 7:00-8:15

Next Class:

Wednesday, December 2

Upcoming:

Wednesday, December 16

Wednesday, January 20

## **St John's & All Saints' Life After Confirmation Class**

*This group is for Confirmed Youth through the age of 25. Classes will focus on real life Catholic issues, topics such as dating, relationships, discernment, being catholic and politics, college life and living a full life. Bring a friend and your mask!!!*

Next Session: Sunday, December 13 at 6:30-8:00 at All Saints



If you have not done so, please sign up for reminders on the GROUPME app, this app will be used to quickly get out information about **Faith Formation Classes**. Emails were sent out with a link to the group to sign up with, if you did not receive an email, please email Jill Gerling at [allsaintsff@outlook.com](mailto:allsaintsff@outlook.com).



## Catholic Youth Camp

at the St. Thomas More Center

### **Registration for Catholic Youth Camp 2021 opens at noon on Sunday, Nov. 15th!**

The staff at Catholic Youth Camp are busy planning to make summer 2021 the most amazing summer ever! Campers driving up to the St. Thomas More Center in Panora next June, July and August will find new cabins, a renovated Dingman Lodge and double the number of paid summer staff hired to ensure safety procedures are followed so everyone can have a safe experience.

When you sign up early for CYC this summer you get:

- Your choice of any week—before any of the most popular weeks fill up.
- You can pay over 6 months! This is a good option for parents sending multiple kids.
- The knowledge that your son or daughter is about to experience the best week of their summer at Catholic Youth Camp!

To see what a week at CYC holds, watch our 2021 VIDEO HERE:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yALMAvxFjGA>

To register or apply for sponsorship, visit to [stmcenter.com](http://stmcenter.com)!

AN ADVENT REFLECTION  
SERIES

# Hope in the Midst of the Storm



*Incline a merciful ear to our cry,  
we pray, O Lord, and, casting light on  
the darkness of our hearts, visit us with  
the grace of your Son.*

(Third Sunday of Advent Opening Prayer)

Hope in the midst of the storm is a three part virtual Advent retreat. Advent is not merely a return to a historical longing and fulfillment by Jesus, but it is our own entrance into the mystery of God Incarnate. "We do not face life's tragedies alone. No matter who you are or what your storm is, Christ is with you in the midst of it all." (Jaymie Stuart Wolfe)

Held twice each day on December 3, 10, & 17:

at 2:00 to 3:00 pm

or 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Contact John Gaffney at [jgaffney@dmdiocese.org](mailto:jgaffney@dmdiocese.org)  
for the ZOOM Link



## Gathering for Mass inside All Saints & St. John's



### NOTES for ALL Mass times:

Mass will look a bit different with the following CDC Guidance & Diocese of Des Moines Guideline:

- Parishioners aged 5 and above are **required** to wear a cloth face covering or mask during Mass. If you do not have one the church has masks available
- Hand Sanitizer is also available in gather spaces and other areas of the building
- Obey the pew markings
- Social distancing must be maintained throughout parishioners'

presence on parish property. Household units should sit at least six feet apart from one another.

- When approaching communion follow these steps:
  1. Remain 6 feet away from the person in front of you, unless you are from the same household
  2. Leave mask on
  3. Bow
  4. Place your hands out in the usual manner and receive the Eucharist
  5. AFTER responding Amen
    6. step to the side
    7. lower your mask
    8. place the Eucharist in your mouth
    9. pull mask up and return to seat
- Please remember to practice social distancing before, during and after Mass

We have to protect our own health, as well as, the health of our parishioners which is the reason everyone needs to follow these guidelines.

For those who do not attend Mass during this time, God's infinite grace and mercy remain abundantly available. Sunday obligation remains suspended, and the elderly, vulnerable individuals, individuals who live with vulnerable individuals, those who are ill or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 like symptoms, should not attend Mass.

*Come and join us for Mass.*



## **Prayers for our Parishioners & Families**



**Please continue to pray for Kari Cornwell**, daughter of Jim and Norma Kloewer, as she continues to battle pancreatic cancer. May God heal Kari, body and soul. May her pain cease, her strength increase, her fears be released and may blessings, love, and joy surround Kari and her family.

**Please lift up your prayers** for all those suffering from a COVID 19 diagnosis, as well as, those who love them. Pray for the caregivers and first responders who selflessly care for those sickened with this relentless virus. May God grant them the strength and perseverance to endure the challenging journey He has placed before them.

*We know there are many who are in need of prayer while they await a diagnosis, endure medical treatments, those who quietly deal with a serious or even fatal condition, and those who are afraid to go to the doctor because they fear the worst. Please remember them as well.*

---

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **St. John's**

Sunday, November 22: Mark Richter  
Wednesday, November 25: Felix Lawlor  
Friday, November 27: Isabella Lawlor  
Sunday, November 29: Mark Richter

### **All Saints**

Sunday, November 22: Darlene Mary Hannappel  
Thursday, December 10: Darlene Mary Hannappel

---

## **Supporting our Parishioners**

**Want the daily readings? The United State Conference of Catholic Bishops website is a great resource. Click the date in the calendar on the right side to get the readings.**



---

**INFORMATION for our Families about assistance.** The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) was signed on March 18, 2020. It provides assistance for families dealing with various issues from the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States. To learn more, or to see if you could benefit from the FFCRA, [click here](#).

---



## FATHER TONY'S CORNER

The Solemnity of Christ the King, which every Catholic throughout the entire world is celebrating today, is a new thing. This solemnity is less than 100 years old. It was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925. He explained his reasons for doing so in an encyclical letter called 'Quas primas'. First he explained that throughout history liturgical feasts have been instituted in response to particular needs that arise in the life of the world and the Church. He explains which need this new celebration addresses. He was writing this encyclical, when the world was still trying to recover from World War I, which had devastated Europe and shattered modernity's hopes for unlimited progress based solely on human reason. 1925 was also only a few years after the Russian Bolshevik Revolution, which had given birth to the world's first explicitly atheist totalitarian regime: Soviet communism. Everywhere the pope looked, he saw human societies abandoning Christian values and trying to build paradise on earth through other means. But if humanity had been able to perfect itself without God's help, then Jesus Christ would never have come to earth. The fact is, Jesus did come. He brought his Gospel and his grace to a fallen race, and only by believing in that Gospel and accepting that grace can individuals and societies achieve true and lasting peace and prosperity. Pope Pius XI instituted today's solemnity as a way to remind the world that to reject Christ, either in private life or in public life, is to reject our only hope, and to accept him is to accept salvation. Having looked at the context of the solemnity, let us look in to the gospel narrative. When Jesus addresses the first group of people, the ones entering heaven, he says to them: 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father'. But when he addresses the second group, the ones entering eternal punishment, he says to them: 'Depart from me, you accursed'. Notice how the blessing received by the first group came from God, but the curse received by the second group did not. The second group purposely and freely chose to live their earthly lives egocentrically. They did not enter into a friendship with God, because they did not want the lifestyle of love and self-giving that goes with it. For their entire lives they resisted and rejected God's many invitations. They freely chose to live separate from God. Jesus has made it very simple for us to choose consistently to live in communion with God and not separate from God, so that we can find the happiness we desire here on earth and forever in heaven. He has done this by mysteriously hiding himself inside every person we meet. By becoming a man himself, he has identified himself with every human being. And so, whenever we find someone in need, we are face-to-face not only with that person, but also with our Lord and King, Jesus Christ. And so, to build our friendship with Christ and travel the path to eternal blessing, all we have to do is reach out and serve those around us. That is how simple Christ has made it; he has given

our smallest, everyday encounters an 'eternal weight of glory'. These actions are no longer random acts of kindness; instead, they take on eternal proportions, they increase the everlasting glory of heaven; they reverberate forever. By giving us this liturgical celebration, the Church hopes that we will not forget about our King and his Kingdom. The Church is a wise mother. She knows that we have a built-in tendency to forget about these things. The pleasures, possibilities, and worries of life in this fallen world are real. They are strong magnets that try to monopolize our attention. But Christ is stronger. And he has much more to offer - eternal life, in fact, meaning, purpose, forgiveness, wisdom, and the strength of his grace. He offers us citizenship in his Kingdom, but he leaves us free to accept or reject that offer. Today, let us renew our acceptance. Let us invite him into our hearts, that secret center of our souls where we treasure things, where our affections reside, and let him reign there by putting every natural desire in second place, behind our desire to know, love, and follow our King.

Pope Francis has released this prayer as our world battles this pandemic.

Find time daily to give this prayer to God.



Parishioners of All Saints and St John's are asked to join together every Sunday at 11:15 am to Pray this prayer to help fight the COVID-19 Pandemic

*Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of good health and peace that we have enjoyed for so many years. As we find ourselves in this time of crisis today, we ask for your divine intervention and mercy to be upon each of us. Come and guide the minds of those working to discover a treatment to the COVID-19 virus. Grant them the wisdom, knowledge, and clarity of mind, so that all peoples will be free from the threat of this ailment.*

*We also pray for the healthcare workers that are standing in the front line of this battle. Father, we thank you for their hearts of service, putting the needs of society before their own, generously responding to the cry of Your people. We ask that You will grant them strength and protection. As they give of themselves in selfless service, may You fill them with your Holy Spirit as they work to be Your healing hands and feet.*

*Father, we also surrender to You all those who have been afflicted with the virus. Grant them Your healing grace, merciful Father, so that they may recover swiftly and continue to be witnesses of Your love in their lives.*

*Mother Mary, we ask for your intercession in this great time of need. Cover each of us with your blue mantle of protection, so that we may be preserved in good health to continue to glorify your son, Jesus Christ. We make this our prayer through Christ, our Savior and Redeemer. Amen.*

## Financial Partnership

**Thanks to all who are continuing to tithe to the parish!**  
If you would like to donate electronically, please click [-All Saints website](#)

All Saints / St John's Church Office, PO Box 605, Stuart, Iowa 50250  
Money that is received for St John's will be deposited into St John's account.

**We are grateful to you for your unwavering support, thank you!**

### All Saints Partnership

Sunday, November 15, 2020

Weekly Offering: **\$ 2,070.00**  
Children's Offering: **\$ 2.86**  
Building Fund: **\$ 40.00**  
E-Giving: **\$ 85.55**

### St John's Partnership

Sunday, November 15, 2020

Weekly Offering: **\$ 542.00**  
Children's Offering: **\$0.00**  
Building Fund: **\$0.00**

### MONEY COUNTERS

Tuesday, November 24th @ 9:00 am

Dave Vigon  
Cindy Boucher

### MONEY COUNTERS

After Sunday Mass

Dave Richter  
Sheryl Drees

## **2020 Annual Diocesan Appeal**

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. We are part of a much larger church community – the Church of the Diocese of Des Moines which encompasses 23 counties in Iowa, 80 parishes, 17 schools and more than 35,000 registered Catholic households. The total goal for this year's appeal is \$ 4,488,968 million. Each of the 80 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 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 Diocese currently supports 88 priests, 36 of which are retired and 52 active. The appeal also covers the formation of our deacons and education of 15 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's ministry, including housing, travel throughout the Diocese for meetings, special masses, and confirmations are all supported by the ADA. Last, but not least, a portion of our ADA dollars support Catholic Charities in feeding and clothing those in need; providing shelter for homeless families; assisting victims of domestic violence; counseling thousands of individuals, and welcoming refugees who have fled their native lands as they settle in Iowa. Your gift has significant impact on the how we live out our faith. Thank you to those of you who have already mailed in your ADA Appeal and a friendly reminder to others to please do so. You may send your ADA appeal to the office at: **All Saints, P.O. Box 605, Stuart, IA 50250**

*Thank you for your generous financial support.*

---

### **All Saints**

ADA Appeal Goal \$ 30,397  
Gifts Received as of 11/19/2020  
\$21,355.00

### **Saint John's**

ADA Appeal Goal \$ 7,377  
Gifts Received \$7,577.00  
**GOAL REACHED!**  
**Thank you!**

---

*The office staff uses information found in the church records management software, ParishSoft, for both All Saints and St. John's to make the birthday and anniversary notes. That information can be incomplete and inaccurate but when an error or missing information is found, the staff corrects the information. If you have celebrations not listed, please kindly notify the office by calling or emailing [allsaintsoffice@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintsoffice@gmail.com) ~ thank you*



### **Birthday Blessings**

November 21: Margaret Tiernan  
November 21: James Pivonka  
November 22: Marilyn Ludwig  
November 22: Brenda Wedemeyer  
November 22: Nicholas Richter  
November 22: Alex Kasap  
November 22: Ian Hoffmann  
November 23: Vince O'Brien  
November 23: Lucas Nims  
November 23: Olivia Tigges  
November 25: Cody Moreland



### **Anniversary Blessings**

**Eric & Margaret Tiernan**  
**November 24, 1979**

**Marvin & Janet James**  
**November 26, 1960**

**Blair & Erin Carney**  
**November 26, 2011**

November 25: Larissa Crawford  
November 25: Davis Doud  
November 25: Kelsie Steensen  
November 26: Evelyn Richter

---

***If you have things that would be helpful to see in the Bulletin,  
please email Tammy at [allsaintsoffice@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintsoffice@gmail.com) with your suggestion.***

All Saints Catholic Church & St. John's Catchlic Church