

Third Sunday of Advent Bulletin

All Saints / St. John's

December 13, 2020

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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



Christmas Vigil Mass and Christmas Day Mass Times

Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord Thursday, December 24 St. John's at 4:00 pm All Saints at 6:00 pm

The Nativity of the Lord Wednesday, December 25 All Saints at 9:00 am





Diocese of Des Moines

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 or scan this OR code:





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, January 13

Upcoming:

Wednesday, January 27 Wednesday, February 10

All Saints' Seventh-Tenth Grade Classes

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

Next Class:

Wednesday, December 16

Upcoming:

Wednesday, January 20 Wednesday, February 3

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



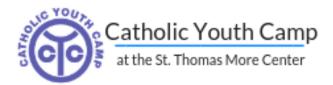
All Saints/St John's Faith Formation Families Service Project

The Faith Formation children will be coming home with a LARGE baggy to be filled with items of need a the our parishes local food pantries. We would like the bags return by December 20 but will take them anytime.

We are collecting items for the A-C Food Pantry in Casey and the Cottage Pantry in Stuart. Parishioners wanted to do the same, can find a bag with a note on the Faith Formation bulletin board near the North exit of All Saints. St John's, please reach out to Monica Fagan for a bag or instructions!



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.



Registration for Catholic Youth Camp 2021 is currently open!

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!

Need an Advent Study check out this one by the Diocese of Des Moines



Pope Francis proclaims "Year of St Joseph"

With the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from today, 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021.



WITH A FATHER'S HEART: that is how Joseph loved Jesus, whom all four Gospels refer to as "the son of Joseph"

Click here to read more

Prayers for our Parishioners & Families



Prayers are requested for Cathy Hicks who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer and walking pneumonia. Cathy will undergo surgery on December 16th, provided she is well enough.

Prayers are requested for Marvin Winkels, father of Maria Ladwig, who will be undergoing IV treatment for lymphoma. Please pray for strenth, peace and comfort for Marvin for all those who love him.

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, December 13: Uriel Javes Wednesday, December 16: Gary Seilhan (health)

All Saints

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.

USCCB.org



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, <u>click here</u>.



FATHER TONY'S CORNER



The third Sunday of Advent is celebrated as 'Gaudete Sunday'. The word 'gaudete' is Latin for 'rejoice', and in the Latin version of today's Mass, it is the very first word. The third Sunday of Advent has been 'Gaudete Sunday' ever since the time of Pope St. Gregory the Great, in the sixth century. It is the reason for the rose-colored vestments and Advent candle. One thing that can inhibit our experience of Christian joy is wrong expectations. The joy that comes from Christ goes deeper than passing emotions. It is a joy that comes from knowing that Christ is always with us, guiding us, and loving us, even amidst life's trials. If we are expecting Christ to bring us heaven on earth, we simply would not be able to recognize his action in our lives, because that is not what he came to do. Something like that happened in today's Gospel passage. John the Baptist tells the priests, Levites, and Pharisees that he is not the Messiah, but that the Messiah has arrived and he is heralding him. The amazing message of John that should fill any believing Jew with awe was that, unlike the prophets before him, he was telling them the Messiah was already 'among' them. The Messiah was not coming. He was already here and just had not 'gone public' yet. But the priests, Levites, and Pharisees who came out to investigate John the Baptist are the same leaders from Jerusalem who later rejected Christ and arranged his execution. When they hear rumors that John the Baptist is attracting huge crowds and preaching to them about the Messiah, they get suspicious. Since he did not come from their inner circle, they assumed that he could not be a true messenger of God. And so when he answers their questions, they pay no attention to what he says. And as a result, they were not ready to welcome Christ later on. They were expecting a political Messiah, not a Messiah who would redeem the world from sin. They listened to John the Baptist's message only through the filter of their personal agendas, and they missed the point. Their own preconceived notions impeded their acceptance of God's word spoken through John. They heard the prophecy, but it did not help them at all. To be fair, it would take some time for the Jews to process, because for them the Messiah would come in power and glory to 'clean house' for them. The Gospel is apt for Advent because now we remember Our Savior in Mary's womb, about to be born. He is already among us, but hidden, waiting to be revealed. In a way this week we can celebrate the moment of salvation history when Mary becomes pregnant and Jesus' birthday draws near. Why is the Church inviting all believers to rejoice at the midpoint of Advent? Because Christ's coming to earth, which Advent looks forward to, is the only source of the true, lasting joy. Joy is the deep satisfaction experienced whenever we come into possession of something good. But all the good things in this world, apart from God, are temporary and fragile. Money, success, health, even friendship and being in love all these things are limited. If circumstances change or enough time passes, we either become tired of them, or they go away. And so, the joy that comes from possessing them is only a temporary joy. But our hearts are thirsty for a joy that will never go away, because that is what we were created for. Our deepest desire is to be known and loved completely, unconditionally and everlastingly, by another person. Only God can fulfill that desire. But original sin cut this world off from friendship with God, and so the human heart was stranded. On Christmas Day, two thousand and twenty years ago, God came to our rescue. And now, because of Christ, the true, lasting joy that each one of us desires more than anything else, is possible.

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 t he 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 many 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

St John's Partnership

Sunday, December 6, 2020

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Weekly Offering: \$ 3,118.00 Weekly Offering: \$ 447.00 Children's Offering: \$ 0.25 Children's Offering: \$0.00

Building Fund: \$ 180.00

E-Giving: **\$ 925.55**

180.00 Building Fund: **\$0.00**

MONEY COUNTERS

After Sunday Mass

Dave Richter Sheryl Drees

MONEY COUNTERS

Tuesday, December 15th @ 9:00 am

Bill Clauson Gina Ocheltree

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 12/9/2020 \$21,405.00

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 ~ thank you



Birthday Blessings

December 13: Elizabeth Moreland
December 13: Brecken Johnston
December 16: David Doud
December 16: Luis Huerta
December 17: Chantal Tigges
December 18: Norine Marlowe
December 18: Allen Boucher



Anniversary Blessings

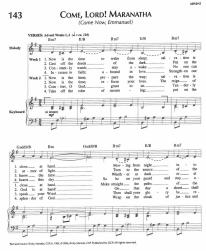
Francis & Deb Hollinrake December 12, 1981

> Bob & Brenna Bird December 13, 2014

All Saints Music for the Advent Season





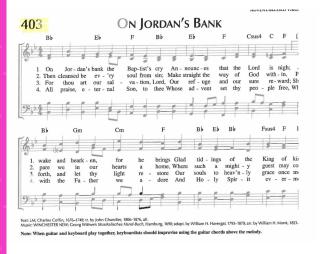


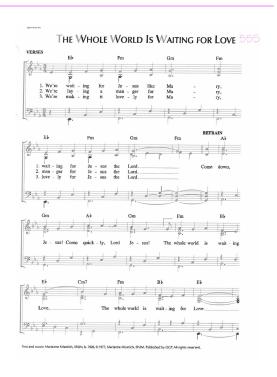




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If you have things that would be helpful to see in the Bulletin, please email Tammy at <u>allsaintsoffice@gmail.com</u> with your suggestion.

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