



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Bulletin

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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.

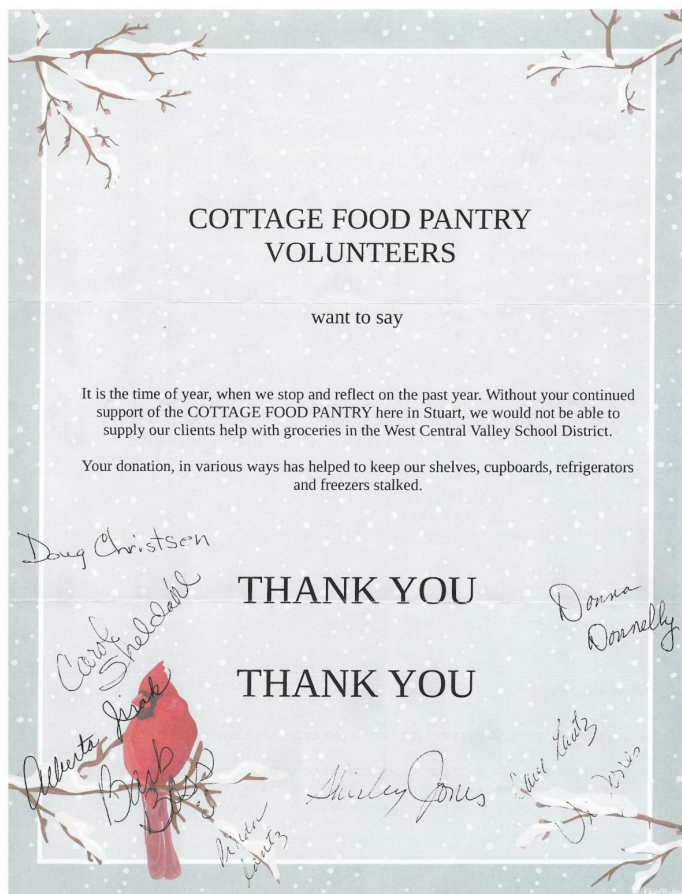
Even though office hours are posted, it is best to call first to make sure someone is there. Sometimes uncontrollable events prevent staff from being at the office.
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Thank you Knights of Columbus for organizing the live nativity scene for our Parish!

Special thanks to our actors:

Aiden Clauson, Zoey & Bailey Dickson, and Ian, Maren & Nora Hoffmann.





Pastor away from the parish office

Father Antony Mathew will be away from the parish office from Tuesday, December 29th through Thursday, January 28th.

No Daily Mass

There will not be a daily Mass from Tuesday, December 29th through Friday January 29th.

Funeral/emergency

Please check with the visiting priest whether he will be available for a funeral. If someone is in the hospital, the family needs to contact the hospital chaplain there.

Thank You!

We want to express our appreciation and gratitude to the Bassett family for the Christmas trees, Art and Environment Team for the wonderful Christmas decorations, the music ministry team for the music, David Boss and Jill Gerling for their assistance in livestreaming, and to all the others who had a role in making our Christmas celebration a wonderful experience for everyone. Your sacrifice and hard work is appreciated by your parish family. ~ Father Tony

Thank you so much for the many expressions of your friendship, love, and thoughtfulness extended to me during Christmas through your Christmas cards and gifts. I am really and truly blessed, and honored to be part of your life, and family through my priesthood and ministry. May God bless you, your family, and your loved ones with His abundant blessings in a special way during this Christmas season and in the New Year. ~ Father Tony

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 or scan this QR code:



Diocese of Des Moines



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, January 10

Upcoming:
Sunday, January 17

**All Saints' First-Sixth
Grade Classes**
2nd & 4th Wednesdays 6:30-7:30

Next Class:
Wednesday, January 13

Upcoming:
Wednesday, January 27

**All Saints' Seventh-Tenth
Grade Classes**
1st & 3rd Wednesdays 7:00-8:15

Next Class:
Wednesday, January 20

Upcoming:
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, January 10 at 7:00-8:30 at All Saints



THANKS families of St John's your giving to the A-C Food Pantry is a true act of giving this Christmas Season!

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

The Faith Formation children were given a LARGE baggy to be filled with items needed by our parish's local food pantries.

We are collecting items for the A-C Food Pantry in Casey and the Cottage Pantry in Stuart.

Parishioners wanting 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!

Bags can be return any time now through January.



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.



Catholic Youth Camp
at the St. Thomas More Center

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 Panama 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!

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 was not able to have her surgery on the 16th, but it has been rescheduled. Pray for good health that she is able to have the procedure.

Prayers are requested for Marvin Winkels, father of Maria Ladwig, who will be undergoing IV treatment for lymphoma. Please pray for strength, 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 27: Sister Mary Ellen
Sunday, January 3: Sister Mary Ellen

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](https://www.usccb.org)



FATHER TONY'S CORNER



The Solemnity of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, within the Christmas octave, reminds us that our family is a bedrock of love. We count on them and we know that they count on us. That bedrock also reminds us that we can always count on the love of God as well. The Holy Family, and every holy family, is centered on Christ. He is the ultimate bedrock of our love. Simeon was promised by the Holy Spirit that he would see the Messiah before he died. He did not know when, he did not know how, but when the moment came the Holy Spirit led him to the baby Jesus in the Temple and revealed Jesus to be the Christ. Simeon did not just rejoice for his sake at finally meeting the Messiah, but for all of Israel that had been waiting for him. A whole family of faith built on love for God through love for Christ was being born. Anna's married life was short; she spent more of her life as a widow than as a wife, but all those years were full of prayer. Anna spent many years in prayer and expectation, but when the moment came, she did not shy away from giving witness as well. She was attentive to the signs of the times, helped by the Holy Spirit, and she saw that the time of redemption was at hand. Mary and Joseph were obliged to follow the Jewish law regarding their firstborn son - a law not man-made, but God-made. Because children are a gift from God, ultimately they belong to God. The Jewish law prescribed a ritual by which parents acknowledged this truth. They would offer God a gift in symbolic exchange for their child. This is highlighted in today's Gospel - Mary and Joseph 'consecrated' Jesus to the Lord. They acknowledged the very nature of human life - it comes from God and belongs to God. One of the main reasons that Christ became man was to heal and enlighten our wounded conscience with his grace. This is why a healthy prayer life is so important for learning to follow God's will. By spending time each day reading and reflecting on the Bible, praying the Rosary, or simply conversing with Christ in our hearts, we gradually learn to think as God thinks and to want what God wants. Christian obedience is the obedience of friendship. Friends do not have to force themselves to do what is best for each other. They care about each other so deeply that they want the same things and react in the same ways. That is what happens to Christians when we become spiritually mature: our friendship with Christ is so deep and natural that doing God's will becomes second nature. Avoiding anything that will harm that friendship - evil, sin - becomes easier and easier as the friendship gets deeper and deeper. And doing everything that will help that friendship - prayer, patience, kindness, self-control - also becomes easier. Avoiding evil and doing good: that is the bottom line when it comes to God's will. And if we make a habit of daily prayer, our conscience will always be able to tell us the difference. And for every one of us, this journey of discovery begins in the family. In the family we gradually learn the truth about who we are, who God is, who we are called to be, and how to use our gifts and talents responsibly. This is why the Church is always defending the family, just as God designed it from the very beginning of history. God gives us our dignity as human beings, but the family teaches us to live in accordance with that dignity. And so today, as we contemplate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, let us thank the Lord for the great gift of human life and the immeasurable dignity he has bestowed upon it. Let us thank him for the wise and beautiful design of the family, in which that life takes shape and grows to maturity, let us thank him for his personal love for each one of us and promise that we will imitate that love in the way we live out our family lives.

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

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

Find time daily to give this prayer to God.



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, December 20, 2020

Weekly Offering: **\$3,750.00**

Children's Offering: **\$ 1.00**

Building Fund: **\$ 0.00**

E-Giving: **\$ 60.55**

MONEY COUNTERS

Tuesday, December 29th @ 9:00 am

Bill Clauson
Gina Ocheltree

St John's Partnership

Sunday, December 20, 2020

Weekly Offering: **\$1,860.00**

Children's Offering: **\$0.00**

Building Fund: **\$0.00**

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 12/17/2020
\$26,405.00

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 27: Jill Hauschildt
December 29: Sister Mary Nesta
December 30: Nate Smith
December 31: Dan Hilgers
December 31: Caleb Klassen



Anniversary Blessings

Todd & Maria Ladwig
December 27, 1987

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

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