



# 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, January 16 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### Schedule - All Saints, Stuart

#### Mass

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

Wednesday 5.30 p.m.  
Sunday 8.00 a.m.  
Confession 7.15 a.m.  
Rosary 7.30 a.m.



### REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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.

Sick - Ron and Donna Tisl, Doug and Christy Davidson, Frank Wagers, Milo Rees  
Deceased - Ralph Westre, Rick Langel, Theresa Bricks, Ron Wittrock

### 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.

## **F**ather Tony's Corner!

We have just heard the last words uttered by the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Bible 'Do whatever he tells you'. Mary does not speak often in the Sacred Scriptures, but every time she does speak, her words overflow with wisdom. Mary was filled with the Holy Spirit after the Annunciation, and from then on, she dedicated her entire life to serving Jesus and contributing to his mission. With her last words in the Bible, the Blessed Virgin Mary gives us the three keys to stay on-task in our efforts to follow Christ and discover the happiness that only he can give. Let us look at these three keys one by one and see how we can apply them to our lives. The first key is an attitude of creative service. Mary was not in charge of this wedding at Cana. In the ancient world, it was always the bride's father who was in charge. And being in charge of a wedding was not an easy task. Weddings were some of the very few occasions in ancient times when common, working-class people could take time off to celebrate and enjoy themselves. As a result, most weddings would include five to seven days of festivities. The interesting thing is that the head caterer (the 'headwaiter'), the one who was responsible for providing food and drink throughout the wedding festivities, was not the one who noticed that the wine was running short. Instead, it was the Blessed Virgin Mary. Even in a wedding feast, where she was a guest and not a hostess, she kept her attention on the needs of others. She did not become so self-absorbed in having a good time that she forgot about those around her. Instead, she recognized the potential disaster, and then she took the initiative to do something about it. That was Mary's habitual approach to life: she always fostered an attitude of creative service. She kept her eyes open for opportunities to help others, and she took the initiative to seize those opportunities. This is how she reflected in her own day-to-day life the goodness and generosity of God, who is always thinking of us and providing for us and watching over us. An attitude of creative service is the first key to being a true follower of Christ. The second key is unbounded confidence in Jesus. Mary noticed the problem, and she wanted to do something about it. But what exactly could she do? She was not a rich woman, and there was no Costco in Cana where she could go to buy a few more gallons of cheap wine. Even though she did not have the resources to solve the problem all by herself, she knew exactly who did have the resources: her son. And so she goes to Jesus, and simply puts the need before him: 'They have no wine'. She does not give Jesus a specific to-do list, as if she were trying to micro-manage God. But she is not afraid to be specific and concrete about the need itself. She knows her son very well. She knows that his heart is full of goodness, mercy, and love. She knows that he is the Messiah, the Son of God, omnipotent. And so she approaches him with total confidence and openness, knowing that the unique combination of infinite love and unlimited omnipotence will be able to solve this problem. That is how we need to approach Jesus. He is our Savior; he came to earth for our sake. He loves us without condition, and his infinite wisdom and power are at the service of that love. Even when Jesus does not answer our prayers the way we would like him to, we can be certain that he knows what he is about. In our needs, in our confusion, in our troubles and sufferings, we should make Mary's prayer our own: 'They have no wine'. Confidence in Jesus – trust in the incomparable combination of his limitless love, power, and wisdom. This is the second key to spiritual maturity. But Mary does not stop with a mere attitude of confidence in Jesus. She puts her confidence into practice. After Jesus gives her a rather ambiguous answer to her prayer, she turns to the waiters and gives them the best piece of advice that any human being has ever given anyone: 'Do whatever he tells you'. The true test of our confidence in God's goodness and power is our obedience to his will. Inspired by Mary's confidence, these waiters do exactly that. They cannot imagine why Jesus tells them to fill up these huge stone containers with water. Only Mary's confidence in Jesus, overflowing into their own hearts and minds, gave them the faith they needed to obey. And as a result, they became part of a miracle and saved the day. The same thing happens in our own lives. In the midst of life's difficulties and temptations, obeying God's commandments and the teachings of the Church often appears illogical. And yet, whenever we allow Mary's confidence in Jesus to overflow into our own hearts and minds, we too will find enough faith to obey what God, in his infinite love and wisdom, asks of us, and then we too will become part of a miracle and save the day.

**Liturgical ministry - All Saints,  
Stuart**

**Saturday, 01/15/22**

Greeters - David and Sharon Doud

Altar servers - needed

Ushers - David and Sharon Doud

Lector - Roni Wilson

Commentator - Sharon Doud

**Sunday, 01/16/22**

Greeters - Faith Formation

Altar servers - Faith Formation

Ushers - Faith Formation

Lector - Faith Formation

Commentator - Faith Formation

**Saturday, 01/22/22**

Greeters - Suzy Aubert and Pat Beaman

Altar servers - Lilah and Violet Aubert

Ushers - Suzy Aubert and Pat Beaman

Lector - Jodi Bassett

Commentator - Jodi Bassett

**Sunday, 01/23/22**

Greeters - Vince and Christy O'Brien

Altar servers - needed

Ushers - Vince and Christy O'Brien

Lector - David Witkowski

Commentator - Gary Riordan



**Liturgical ministry - St. John, Adair**

**Sunday, 01/16/22**

Cross bearer - Larry Drees

Altar servers - Reece Richter & Bailey Lillard

Ushers - Larry Drees & team

Lector - Barb Bachman

Trav. Chal. - John and Adella Vogl

**Sunday, 01/23/22**

Cross bearer - Cody Moreland

Altar servers - Joe and Belle Fagan

Ushers - Larry Drees & team

Lector - Brian Richter

Trav. Chal. - Srs. of the Imm. Heart of Mary



**Knights of  
Columbus**

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](mailto:sbovinett@gmail.com). You can also visit [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus) to get the process started and to learn more about the Knights organization.

**Traditional Novena, Nine Days of Prayer and Petition for Life**

The Immaculate Conception of Mary, the Birth of Jesus, the Baptism of Our Lord and the Feast of the Holy Family. Our current Catholic calendar is filled with dates that celebrate family and life. The Knights of Columbus invite parishioners to celebrate life with a *traditional novena, nine days of prayer and petition*, to celebrate life in all its forms and stages. For adults this may be a daily home rosary or turning off the car radio for prayers on the way to work. For young children extra prayers could be in order while the smallest practice mealtime prayers or the sign of the cross. *We will begin on Saturday January 22<sup>nd</sup> which is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn, and end on Sunday January 30<sup>th</sup>.* Participation/signup sheets will be available. *In conjunction with the novena a diaper collection drive will be held to benefit the LC Clinic here in Stuart. The Knights will match the first 10 large boxes of diapers donated.* Please have these to church by Sunday the 30th.

A friendly reminder to those who have forgotten about the Annual Diocesan Appeal that if we do not pay off the appeal amount by the End of February, 2022, then the balance amount has to be paid from our operating account and it will affect our parish finances. May I appeal to you that if God has blessed you, would you be gracious to share a little of that God-given blessing to spread His kingdom and mission.

You may drop your ADA contribution in the collection basket or mail it to the office:

All Saints Church P. O. Box 605 Stuart, IA 50250

All Saints' ADA Goal

\$ 31,000

Gifts received

\$ 22,290

Financial partnership - All Saints

January 9, 2022

Tithing: \$ 1504

Children: \$ 4

Building fund: \$ 405

Money counters (01/18/22)

Cindy Boucher and Dave Vigon

St. John's ADA Goal

\$ 7,803

Gifts received

\$ 5,540

Financial partnership - St. John

January 9, 2022

Tithing: \$ 495

Children: \$ 9

Money counters (01/16/22)

Sheryl Drees and Dave Richter

Bishop William Joensen invites us to take part in a brief survey that will assist our visioning process for the Diocese of Des Moines. We want to hear of your joys and disappointments, your hopes and priorities for our diocesan future. To complete the survey in English, go here: <https://forms.gle/1mp721t5b8TFcAid8> . The Bishop also invites us to pray that God will grace us with clear vision of His will for the way forward.

## Year End Contribution Statements

Year end contribution statements are ready for distribution, and they will be distributed next 2 weekends (Jan. 15/16 & Jan. 22/23) at Mass. If you are not able to pick up at Mass, and would like us to mail them to you, please let us know. Call/text/email (712-304-4836, [amathew8@sbcglobal.net](mailto:amathew8@sbcglobal.net)). Thank you for your sacrificial generosity that you have extended to us in the year 2021, and we looking forwarded to further generosity and support in the year 2022.



## Tithing Envelops for 2022

Our Tithing envelops for All Saints and St. John have not yet arrived. They will be distributed to you as soon as they arrive. Meanwhile please use loose checks or cash or if you prefer, you can pay online. Thank you so much for your understanding and patience.

While October is officially observed as Respect Life Month in the U.S. Church, our responsibility to build a culture of life extends throughout the year. This month of January provides some special opportunities to be a pro-life witness: People from around the country will gather January 18th in Washington, D.C., for the annual March for Life.



## Why is the Catholic Church such a strong voice for life?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church puts it this way: “Human life must be respected and promoted absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having rights of a person—among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life...” “Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law.” All persons, not just Catholics, can know from scientific and medical evidence that what grows in a mother’s womb is a new, distinct human being. All persons can understand that each human being merits respect. At the very least, respecting human life excludes the deliberate and direct destruction of life.

Throughout her rich tradition, the Catholic Church has always been pro-life. As Saint John Paul II reminded us, we believe that “all human life is sacred, for it is created in the image and likeness of God”. Aborting an unborn child destroys a precious human life which God has called uniquely into existence. Our faith also obliges us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, who spoke and acted strongly and compassionately in favor of the most despised and vulnerable persons in society. Jesus touched lepers, spoke with prostitutes, and showed mercy and tenderness to the sick, the poor and children. Our society has many vulnerable persons including women in difficult pregnancies as well as unborn children whose lives may legally be ended at any time during pregnancy, and for any reason. In following Jesus Christ, Catholics have a responsibility to speak and act in defense of these persons. This is part of our special care for the poor and powerless.

The church’s mission to defend human life applies over the entire course of life, from conception to natural death. And so the Catholic Church has defended human rights and conducted international relief and development efforts. The Catholic Church strives to be a prophetic voice, speaking out to protest injustices and indignities against the human person. We will continue in this work, whether our words are popular or unpopular.



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an ecumenical Christian observance in the Christian calendar that is celebrated internationally. It is kept annually between Ascension Day and Pentecost in the Southern Hemisphere and between 18 January and 25 January in the Northern Hemisphere. It is an octave, that is, an observance lasting eight days.