



# 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, June 26      Thirteenth 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.**

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.



**REQUESTS  
FOR  
PRAYER**

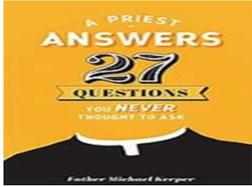
**Sick: Allen Boucher**  
**Deceased: Norbert Tigges, Jerry Carey**

### 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!

Jesus is traveling to Jerusalem for the last time. Along the way, he meets three men who have heard his call in their hearts. These encounters teach us three tough lessons about what it means to follow Christ. To follow Christ, we have to transfer our sense of security. We have to relocate it from ourselves to God. We have to unlearn the lesson we have been taught our whole life long, to rely only on ourselves for success and happiness. We have to learn to rely wholly upon God, plugging all our efforts in life into his grace. This is what Jesus means when he says that 'foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of man has nowhere to rest his head'. When we follow Christ, we have to agree to go one step and one day at a time - he refuses to give us a full-life outline in advance. When we follow him, we have to stop pretending that we can keep our lives under control by our own efforts. By accepting Christ's friendship, we agree to follow him, to put our lives under his leadership. Even foxes and birds have the security of their instincts and natural habitats, but Christians are on an unpredictable adventure. We simply do not know where God will lead us or what he may ask us to do. When we join Christ's army, we have to hand him a blank check. If we want to follow Christ, we have to expect difficulties. It is popular nowadays to focus only on the benefits of being a Christian: the sense of mission and purpose, the blessings God wants to give us, the forgiveness and the peace of heart and mind that comes with it, the strength God's grace gives to live truly noble, virtuous lives. These are real benefits. They are not to be ignored. We should desire them and be grateful for them. But they are not the whole story. We live in a fallen world. When we declare ourselves to be citizens of Christ's Kingdom, in a sense, we lose our citizenship in this world; we become aliens, refugees waiting to return home to heaven, or, as sacred Scripture often affirms, pilgrims. This earth is no longer our home, and the closer we get to Christ, the more we realize it, the more we feel its sufferings and imperfections. Christ only reached Easter Sunday by passing through Good Friday, and Christians can expect nothing less. This is the lesson Jesus teaches us with his comment about setting our hands to the plow. Once we decide to follow Christ, there will be times when we will feel like turning back, because it will be hard work. But if we do turn back, we may lose our place in the Kingdom - he loves us too much to force us to persevere. Jesus wants us to know this. He gives no false expectations. Jesus' image of setting hands to the plow would have been extremely eloquent for his listeners. They lived close to the land and knew about farming. They would have known that plowing fields by hand was no easy task. The farmer hitched the plow to oxen or cattle, or sometimes even to a donkey. As the animal made its way across the field, the farmer held the handles of the plow and pressed the blade into the ground, cutting a furrow that would later be used for planting. To make the best use of the field, the furrows had to be straight. It was slow work, and exhausting. Many times, a farmer would be tempted to take a rest or relax his grip. If the farmers did not keep their hands to the plow, their harvest would be meager. Following Christ is no different. Once we get into it, we discover how demanding it really is. And when difficulties and trials pop up, we are tempted to look back at the apparent ease and comfort of a self-centered life. But if we give in to that temptation, we lose. Only Christ's Kingdom lasts forever, only God can fill the deepest longings of our hearts - the hard work that fidelity to God's will requires pays for itself with eternal returns. Keeping our hands to the plow in daily life means being faithful to our normal responsibilities. It means doing our jobs the way Christ would do them if he were in our position. It means doing our chores the way Jesus, Mary, and Joseph did them in Nazareth - responsibly, thoroughly, and humbly. It means using our time well, not wasting it on habits of laziness and self-indulgence. It means patiently putting up with the imperfections of those around us, day after day, just as God puts up with our own imperfections. This is the bread-and-butter of Christian living. This is what it means to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. This is keeping our hands to the plow. Jesus comes to us in Holy Communion to strengthen us for the difficulties he knows will come our way. When he does, let us renew our promise to trust him, and to keep our hands to the plow until the very end.



A good opportunity for fellowship and refreshing of one's mind after almost two years of isolation due to Covid 19. Come and join your fellow parishioners on **TUESDAYS at 12.30 p.m.** in the class room in the north end of All Saints.

### **'THE IGNITE' CAMPAIGN**

This summer, All Saints and St. John will participate in the **IGNITE! A life. A Church. A Community.** Campaign. All 80 churches in our Diocese will take part in this historic \$45 million campaign, designed to benefit all Catholics in Southwest Iowa. Campaign funds will be used to increase funds for seminarian education and priest retirement, to invest in all our parishes and to improve access to Catholic education. In the coming weeks, each registered family will receive a packet of information detailing each of the campaign goals and requesting their support.

**All Saints Goal: \$150,000**

**Parish Share: \$75,000**

We will use funds from the campaign to replace the roof of the church and the parish hall.

**St. John's Goal: \$40,000**

**Parish Share: \$20,000**

St. John has designated these funds to update the parish hall and kitchen.

### **Annual Diocesan Appeal Corner**

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. Each of the 81 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 for 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 appeal covers the formation of our deacons, and education of our 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' ministry, including housing, travel throughout the Diocese for meetings, special Masses, and confirmations are all supported by the ADA.

A big thanks to everyone who has already participated in the Annual Diocesan Appeal for the financial year 2022, and a friendly reminder and request to others that if God has blessed you, would you be kind enough to share a little of that God-given blessing to spread His kingdom and mission by supporting the ADA.

**Parish Goal - All Saints - \$ 36,555**

**Paid: \$ 15,475**

**Due: \$ 21,080**

**Parish Goal - St. John - \$ 8,498**

**Paid: \$ 8,108**

**Due: \$ 390**

### **Missionary Priest at All Saints and St. John**

A missionary priest of the diocese of Relenge-Ngara in Tanzania, East Africa will here at All Saints and St. John on the weekend of July 9/10 to seek our financial support for his diocese. The diocese is located in the north-western part of Tanzania, and serves a population of over a million people. Out of that 334,000 are Catholics living in 30 parishes. Many of them live on an income of under \$1 dollar a day and mostly one meal a day. The hardships that they face are lack of clean and safe water, funds to train seminarians, and funds to support children in the Orphanage Centre. Your financial support is needed to drill and construct two wells, three water reservoirs (cost \$15,000 per well), for tuition and training of seminarians (cost \$2,000 per seminarian), and for the support of the orphanage center (there are currently 168 orphans in the orphanage center). Bishop Severine Niwemugizi of the Rulenge-Ngara Diocese extends his deepest gratitude for any spiritual or financial support that you are able to provide for the diocese of Relenge-Ngara.

**Financial Partnership**  
Sunday, June 19  
Tithing: \$ 1296  
Children: \$ 35

Money counters (6/28/22)  
Bill Clauson and Gina Ocheltree  
**Liturgical ministry - All Saints, Stuart**

**Saturday 6/25/22**  
Greeters - Marty and Julie Doud  
Altar servers - needed  
Ushers - Marty and Julie Doud  
Lector - Bob Bird  
Commentator - Bob Bird

**Sunday 6/26/22**  
Greeters - Vince and Christy O'Brien  
Altar servers - needed  
Ushers - Vince and Christy O'Brien  
Lector - David Witkowski  
Commentator - David Witkowski

**Saturday 7/2/22**  
Greeters - Wayne and Jan Gilman  
Altar servers - needed  
Ushers - Wayne and Jan Gilman  
Lector - Mark Tisl  
Commentator - Mark Tisl

**Sunday 7/3/22**  
Greeters - Neal and Symantha Crawford  
Altar servers - needed  
Ushers - Neal and Symantha Crawford  
Lectors - Wayne Nobsch  
Commentator - Wayne Nobsch

**Financial Partnership**  
Sunday, June 19  
Tithing: \$ 391  
Children: \$ 16

Money counters (6/26/22)  
Cody Moreland and Shannon Marso  
**Liturgical ministry - St. John, Adair**

**Sunday 6/26/22**  
Cross Bearer - Jovey Denney  
Altar servers - Hunter Lillard and Luke Brincks  
Ushers - Larry Drees and team  
Lector - Theresa Elgin  
Tra. Chalice - John and Kathy Fagan

**Sunday 7/3/22**  
Cross Bearer - Carley Fagan  
Altar servers - Hunter Lillard and Addi Richter  
Ushers - Larry Drees and team  
Lector - Julie Plowman  
Tra. Chalice - John and Adella Vogl

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.



**Happy  
4<sup>th</sup> of July**



As we prepare to commemorate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence this July 4th, let us take a few moments for silence and appreciation for all we have in our lives, and for those who came before us who fought so that we may live in an independent country.

**Prayer for Independence Day**

God, source of all freedom, this day is bright with the memory of those who declared that life and liberty are your gift to every human being. Help us to continue a good work begun long ago. Make our vision clear and our will strong: that only in human solidarity be liberty, and justice only in the honor that belongs to every life on earth. Turn our hearts toward the family of nations: to understand the ways of others, to offer friendship, and to find safety only in the common good of all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.