



# All Saints Catholic Church and St. John Catholic Church



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**Office Hours**  
**Tuesday 8.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.**  
**Wednesday 8.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.**  
**Thursday 8.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.**

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## Sunday, October 23 Thirtieth 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.

**Deceased: Ann Doles, Sue Plagman, Christiana Ezeanya, Edward Donnelly**

**Sick: Ann Vigon, Matt Olson, Nash Clark, Ida Griffin, Bertha Fagan, Marvin Bassett**

### 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.

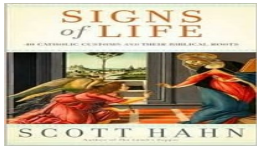
## Father Tony's Corner!

Saint Luke tells us that Jesus 'addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else'. In other words, Jesus went after the big sinners - not to destroy them, but to convert them, to win them over to his friendship. Those are big sinners, because their hearts are poisoned with arrogance. They look down on other people and consider themselves superior, which is exactly what the devil does. And what is worse, they do not even recognize their sinfulness. This is the kind of person that we usually try to avoid. But Jesus does not. He tells this parable to them specifically, in order to reel them into his heart, to make them see the folly and ugliness of their self-centered lifestyle. He reaches out to them. Jesus did not just preach to the choir. It would have been safer to do so - he would not have ruffled the feathers of powerful enemies; he would not have been put to death. And so, his eagerness to bring big sinners to the light shows how much he cared about others, and how little he worried about himself. If his priority had been comfortable self-satisfaction, he would never have gone after them. But he did go after them, and he is still going after them. Jesus wants absolutely everyone to come to his Father's house. Coming to the characters in the gospel - the first man does not recognize how much he needs God. He would not receive salvation as a gift but seems to think that he has earned it. The second man is different. He recognizes that he is a sinner, and he asks God for forgiveness. He does not even think he is worthy to raise his eyes to heaven. Instead, he prays, 'Oh God, be merciful to me, a sinner'. He does not take God's mercy for granted - he asks for it. Jesus wants to give us that attitude. He died on the Cross to heal us with his mercy and bring us to heaven. We choose whether to ask for that. Why was the tax collector's prayer better than the Pharisee's prayer? Because the tax collector actually made a connection with God, but the Pharisee only made a connection with himself. Tax collectors were despised by the Jewish community in Palestine. They were Jews who collaborated with the occupying Roman forces by collecting taxes from fellow Jews. They often collected more than the law required, pocketing the extra. The Pharisees were just the opposite. They were the most respected members of the Jewish community, the elite, the undisputed religious leaders of the nation. And yet, Jesus praises the tax collector's prayer and criticizes the Pharisee's prayer. Through the centuries, in fact, the tax collector's simple prayer, 'O God, be merciful to me, a sinner', has been taken up as a complete summary of Christian spirituality. There are even cases of monks who made this prayer the only words that they spoke and reached heights of sanctity by means of it. This prayer makes a connection with God because it recognizes two things. First, it acknowledges God's greatest quality in relation to fallen mankind, his mercy. The word 'mercy' comes from the Latin '*misericors*': miser (wretched, miserable) + cor (heart). Literally, it means to take someone else's wretchedness into one's heart. That is what God does with us. Second, the tax collector's prayer recognizes his need for that mercy. He accuses himself of being a sinner, someone who has selfishly abused God's gifts and used instead of loving his neighbor. The Pharisee's prayer shows no knowledge either of God's mercy or of his need for God; rather, it is an exercise in narcissism, in self-admiration. God wants to connect with us, but he can only do so if we let him, and we cannot let him if we do not think we need him. It is not easy to admit that we are sinners. We are all sinners - and we all need redemption. We are sinners infinitely loved by Christ, who offers us that redemption, and offers us a new life. Have we admitted to Christ that we are sinners? It is a wonderful experience, because it frees us from the burden of thinking that we have to be perfect, and that we have to have it all together. It is what allows God's power to begin to change us, fill us, and make us truly happy. This is why Jesus praised the tax collector's prayer - the tax collector knew his thimble was empty, and so he dipped it into the ocean. And this is why Jesus criticized the Pharisee's prayer - the Pharisee thought he could fill up his thimble all by himself, so he turned his back on the ocean. He loves saving big sinners. And this is one more reason why we can trust him without limits. No sin is too big for Christ's mercy. We should never doubt God's mercy. His mercy is infinite, like an ocean. Even the greatest sins are finite, like a thimble. How foolish we would be to think our thimble was too deep for his ocean. The only thing that can hold back God's mercy is when we refuse to dip our thimble into God's ocean. He will not force his way into our hearts. But as soon as we turn to him and reach out to him - he rushes towards us and floods us with his forgiveness and grace.

Thanks to Joyce Van Pelt, Nancy Johnson, Adella Vogl and others who assisted them in coordinating and making our New Pictorial Directory a reality. Thanks also to everyone who participated in the pictorial directory.

*Thank  
You!*

Thanks to Theresa and Les Elgin and all the others who had a role in the luncheon on Saturday, October 15th after the memorial Mass for Christana Ezeanya. Thanks to all those who brought food and all those who assisted at the luncheon. Thank You.



You are invited to join a Book Study on TUESDAYS at 12.30 p.m. at All Saints  
(Signs of Life - 20 Catholic Customs and their Biblical Roots).

### THE IGNITE' CAMPAIGN - A Unique Approach

Thank you for your support of the Ignite! Campaign. Thank you to our volunteers and parishioners who are working to make the Ignite! Campaign a success. If you have not yet made a gift, you can always do so by calling the parish office or online at: [dmdiocese.org/giving/ignite/give-now](http://dmdiocese.org/giving/ignite/give-now).

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

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

**Pledged: \$ 52,800**

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**

**Pledged: \$ 19,700**

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



### World Mission Sunday, October 23, 2022

In 1926 Pope Pius XI instituted Mission Sunday for the whole Church with the first worldwide Mission Sunday collection taking place in October 1927. The Mission Sunday is celebrated in all the local Churches as the feast of catholicity and universal solidarity so Christians the world over will recognize their common responsibility with regard to the evangelization of the world. Let us remember especially all those who resolutely set out, leaving home and family behind, to bring the Gospel to all those places and people athirst for its saving message. To be on mission is to be willing to think as Christ does, to believe with Him that those around us are also my brothers and sisters. There will be a special collection on October 22/23rd to support the proclamation of the Gospel, the celebration of the sacraments, and service to the poor in mission dioceses.



### Replacing the roof of the Church/Parish Hall at All Saints

Good News! Catholic Mutual, our insurance company, is going to cover the expenses for the replacement of the roof of the Church and Parish Hall at All Saints. We are working with Schafer Roofing for the work, and they are expected to begin the work this week.



### October, Respect Life Month

Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. "Our Church understands that parents, children, and families need help not just during pregnancy, but throughout the whole of life's journey because millions of Catholics already accompany their neighbors in such circumstances" says Archbishop Lori.



### October, the month of Holy Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. Our Lady of the Rosary is credited with victory in a number of the battles, and chief among them is the Battle of Lepanto (October 7, 1571), in which a Christian fleet defeated a superior Ottoman Muslim fleet and stopped the westward expansion of Islam in the Mediterranean. In 1883, when Pope Leo XIII officially dedicated the month of October to the Holy Rosary.

**Financial Partnership**  
**Sunday, October 16**  
**Tithing: \$ 1061**  
**Children: \$ 6**  
**Money counters (10/25/22)**  
**Diane Messinger and Dave Vigon**



**All Saints accepts  
Automatic withdrawal/  
online giving  
(credit/bank card accepted)**

***Easy, convenient, and secure way of giving.***  
**Consider the advantages, and sign up for automatic withdrawal/online giving. Inspired, please contact the parish office: 515-523-1943.**

**Liturgical ministry - All Saints, Stuart**

**Saturday 10/22/22**

**Greeters - Matt and Jen Dickson**  
**Altar servers - needed**  
**Ushers - Matt and Jen Dickson**  
**Lector - Roni Wilson**  
**Commentator - Roni Wilson**

**Sunday 10/23/22**

**Greeters - Jeff and Nancy Johnson**  
**Altar servers - Evelyn and Lilly Barrett**  
**Ushers - Jeff and Nancy Johnson**  
**Lector - Angie McMahon**  
**Commentator - Angie McMahon**

**Saturday 10/29/22**

**Greeters - Pat and Barb Marnin**  
**Altar servers - needed**  
**Ushers - Loretta Sloss and Donna Donnelly**  
**Lector - Donna Donnelly**

**Commentator - Sharon Doud**

**Sunday 10/30/22**

**Greeters - Knights of Columbus**  
**Altar servers - Evelyn and Lilly Barrett**  
**Ushers - Knights of Columbus**  
**Lector - Knights of Columbus**  
**Commentator - Knights of Columbus**

**All Saints Catholic Church Annual chicken Dinner on Sunday, October 30, 2022**

**10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Featuring Staley's Chicken**

**Mashed Potatoes/Gravy/Vegetables/Salad/Dinner Roll/Pie/Desserts**

**Carry Out Available**

**Adults: \$ 12 Children 6-12: \$ 5 Children 5 and Under: Free**

**Pie Auction at Noon to benefit LC Clinic**

**Financial Partnership**  
**Sunday, October 16**  
**Tithing: \$ 821**  
**Children: 9**  
**Money counters (10/23/22)**  
**P. Gettler, A. Richter, C. Moreland**  
**Francis Hollinrake and Matt Fagan**

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

**Sunday 10/23/22**

**Cross Bearer - Cody Moreland**  
**Altar servers - Henry Wanie and Belle Fagan**  
**Ushers - Larry Drees and team**  
**Lector - Barb Bachman**  
**Tra. Chalice - John and Adella Vogl**

**Sunday 10/30/22**

**Cross Bearer - Joe Fagan**  
**Altar servers - Bailey and Hunter Lillard**  
**Ushers - Larry Drees and team**  
**Lector - Julie Plowman**  
**Tra. Chalice - Cody and Elizabeth Moreland**



**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.**



**Need help with desserts for the chicken dinner, also assistance to cut and dish up desserts, please sign up at the gathering space area. Thank You.**

