



All Saints Catholic Church and St. John Catholic Church



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Sunday, November 20

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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Schedule - All Saints, Stuart

Mass Schedule

Tuesday 5.30 p.m.
Thursday 9 a.m. Thanksgiving Day
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 Schedule

Wednesday 5.30 p.m. Thanksgiving Day
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

Deceased: Edward Donnelly, Lila Belden

Sick: Matt Olson, Nash Clark

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!

We are gazing at the pivotal moment of human history: Jesus Christ being crucified on the hill of Calvary. From one perspective, it is a disastrous event. It shows mankind rejecting and destroying its creator, savior and God. And yet, today is the day when the whole Church, throughout the entire world, celebrates Christ's universal Kingship. Aren't kings supposed to be powerful? Aren't kings supposed to be successful? Aren't kings supposed to be victorious? So why are we staring at a dying, helpless man hanging from a cross? Because the cross is our King's throne - Christ reigns not from velvet-covered, diamond-encrusted, gold-plated seats, like passing earthly kings, rather, he reigns from the cross. How can this sign of utter defeat also be the sign of our King's everlasting victory? This is what saint John Paul II called the 'paradox' of Christ's Kingship. Christ's Kingdom begins in this world, but it is not of this world. It begins in the hearts of Christians like us, his followers, who believe in him and obey him. The Church and the saints are living signs of this Kingdom, as buds in springtime are signs of summer. And so, since his Kingdom transcends this world, it makes sense that Christ's throne is different from earthly thrones. Christ's Kingdom is built on the unconquerable power of God's unconditional love for each one of us. On the cross Jesus reveals that love by suffering and dying for our salvation, even while we were still sinners. In the Resurrection, he will reveal that unconquerable power. And that is why our King reigns from such a throne. Christ the King is truly the Lord of the world since all things were created through him and for him. When we were lost in sin and self-alienation, our King died for us so that we could live forever with him. Christ the King remembers us. And that gives us the confident joy of the redeemed. Jesus' death on the Cross is not something trapped in the past. It is the greatest act of love in history, and God makes it present for us every day. Every Mass makes present Christ's death on the Cross. Every Mass is a living memory of Christ's tremendous love for us. So, whenever we come to Mass, we are standing at Calvary. All the power of Christ is here. All his love and all his suffering for our salvation are present, in real time. Christ remembers us; and in the Mass, we remember him. He wants to pour out his strength and healing into our hearts. The Good Thief understood this. The bad thief did not. The rulers did not. As Jesus hung on the cross, revealing God's saving love, they sneered and jeered at him. They knew that he had claimed to be the Messiah, the Savior, the King of Israel, but they could only imagine kingship in earthly terms. And so, they challenged Jesus to show that he was truly a king by coming down from the cross. If Jesus could eliminate human suffering and injustice (symbolized by coming down from the cross), so they thought, he would prove himself to be a worthy king. But Jesus did not do it. He did not even respond to them with an explanation. He simply kept suffering unfairly until the very end. And as he suffered, the Good Thief realized the truth. He realized that there is more to the human story than what we see, experience, and understand here on earth. He realized that Jesus held the key to a Kingdom much greater than any the earth would ever know. He realized that Christ's Kingdom could begin on earth, through faith, hope and obedience, but that it would only reach its fullness hereafter, and so he makes his prayer: 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom'. He asks this with trust. In fact, this is the only time in the gospels that someone addresses Jesus by his first name. Before this, it has always been 'Lord' or 'Rabbi' or 'Teacher'. Here we see just how close Christ the King has come to us by his death. And Jesus promises him something that changes our world. 'Today, you will be with me in Paradise'. To that request, Jesus responded. As a true King, he granted the favor. He did not take away the Good Thief's suffering - Christ's Kingdom is not of this world - but he gave it purpose: he made it a path to Paradise. And as the Good Thief hung on the cross, dying, tortured, in excruciating pain, he was happy, because he had placed himself under the King's protection, and the King would keep his promise. In fact, Pope Benedict XVI used to say that another name for Jesus is 'God remembers'. Christ does not forget any of us. He calls us to himself at every moment of our lives. He calls us in our moments of suffering. He calls us in our moments of joy.

ADA Reminder for All Saints Parishioners!

A big thanks to everyone who has already contributed to the Annual Diocesan Appeal, and a friendly reminder for others that if we do not pay off the appeal amount within the time frame, then the amount has to be paid from our operating account and it will affect our parish finances. May I appeal to you to share a little of the God-given blessing to spread His kingdom and mission. Thank you.

THE IGNITE' CAMPAIGN

As of November 8, 2022, All Saints has raised \$ 67, 925 dollars towards our goal of \$ 150,000 dollars, and St. John has raised \$ 20, 200 dollars toward our goal of \$ 40, 000 dollars. Thank you to a everyone who has supported our Ignite! Campaign. Today is a great opportunity for those who have not yet made a gift to join and help leave a legacy for future generations of Catholics in Southwest Iowa. The effort should not be shouldered by one family, or a few families. Rather, our goal is to have every parish family participate. Please give thanks in prayer for all our blessings and consider making a gift or pledge today!



Grain Donation to the parish

If you would like to make your contribution in terms of kind by donating grain to All Saints/St. John, please know that we will be able to accept your donation in kind. For more information, please contact the parish office.



Our Art and Environment Team will be decorating the Church with beautiful poinsettia plants for Christmas. If you would like to make a donation towards Christmas decoration, please put your donation in one of the envelopes provided in the gathering space area at All Saints, and mark Christmas flowers.



Don't Miss your Tax Deduction

A tax deduction is awaiting you for the year 2022, and you don't want to miss it! Make a donation to All Saints or St. John Catholic Church before the 31st of December, and claim a tax deduction when you file your tax returns for the year 2022.



Altar and Rosary Society Corner!

The Two-Minute Homily - November 27, 2022

Greetings parishioners! I am back! Recently I found myself missing something in my life, and I felt more settled awhile back when I previewed the readings and wrote a few paragraphs to share with you. My plan is to write a week in advance, and if you find what I write to have some value, I hope you will take it with you

through the week as you spiritually prepare for the next weekend's Mass.

This week's readings heavily emphasize time, focusing on the aspect of expectation more than quantity. We have entered the season of Advent, with the anticipation of the birth of Christ. We must be ready! In our practical world, we purchase gifts, attend Christmas programs and parties, send cards and letters, make travel plans, and otherwise rush to the end of the year.

But Saint Paul and Matthew both suggest we are at a time to be alert and aware. We should ready ourselves for the coming of the Son of Man. These preparations aren't meant for the holidays, but for our salvation. We must be ready!

A lack of enough time seems to be a constant in our daily lives; it is a recurring complaint of many. It prompts us to cram as many things into 24 hours as we possibly can. I am guilty of the same. The message here seems to suggest otherwise; that we slow down, do self-assessments and make some needed changes. Perhaps cleaning our souls is better than cleaning our homes. Shining a light on our conduct is preferable to colorful lights on trees. Now is the time to take time to prepare for the Lord's coming.



The Altar and Rosary ladies will be helping with Bingo at Community Care Center on Monday, 11/28 at 2:30 p.m. We provide quarters for their prizes, and we need \$ 20 dollars towards the prizes.

*Thank
You!*

Thank You From Hannah and LC Clinic Family!

Brothers and sisters at All Saints - Thank you for the incredible opportunity to share the Lord's work through LC Clinic. Thank you for your continued support over the years! And thank you to the Knights for the wonderful PIE AUCTION and OFFERING! In Christ's love, Hannah and LC Clinic Family.

Financial Partnership
Sunday, November 13
Tithing: \$ 1585
Children: \$ 15
Building Fund: \$ 818
Money counters (11/22/22)
Dave Vigon and Cindy Boucher



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Liturgical ministry - All Saints, Stuart

Saturday 11/19/22

Greeters - Pat and Jo Beaman
Altar servers - needed
Ushers - Pat and Jo Beaman
Lector - Roni Wilson
Commentator - Roni Wilson

Sunday 11/20/22

Greeters - Dennis and Joyce Van Pelt
Altar servers - Lilly and Evelyn Barrett
Ushers - Dennis and Joyce Van Pelt
Lector - Gary Riordan
Commentator - Gary Riordan

Saturday 11/26/22

Greeters - Marvin and Janet Bassett
Altar servers - needed
Ushers - Becky O'Brien and Jodi Bassett
Lector - Jodi Bassett
Commentator - Sharon Doud

Sunday 11/27/22

Greeters - John and Harriet Gulbranson
Altar servers - Lilly and Evelyn Barrett
Ushers - John and Patrick Gulbranson
Lector - Harriet Gulbranson
Commentator - Harriet Gulbranson

Financial Partnership
Sunday, November 13
Tithing: \$ 990
Children: \$ 16
Money counters (11/20/22)
P. Gettler, A. Richter, C. Moreland
Francis Hollinrake and Matt Fagan

Liturgical ministry - St. John, Adair

Sunday 11/20/22

Cross Bearer - Belle Fagan
Altar servers - Henry Wanie and Joe Fagan
Ushers - Larry Drees and team
Lector - Brian Richter
Tra. Chalice - Les and Theresa Elgin

Sunday 11/27/22

Cross Bearer - Cody Moreland
Altar servers - Joe Fagan and Reece Richter
Ushers - Larry Drees and team
Lector - Barb Bachamn
Tra. Chalice - Phyllis O'Brien



**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. You can also visit kofc.org/joinus to get the process started and to learn more about the Knights organization.

Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November in the United States. It began as a day of giving thanks and sacrifice for the blessing of the harvest and of the preceding year. Although Thanksgiving has historical roots in religious and cultural traditions, it has long been celebrated as a secular holiday as well. As Catholics, Thanksgiving Day is a day to remember and give thanks to God for His bountiful gifts especially the gift of life, freeing us from the bondage of sin and death, and leading us into grace and everlasting life. Perhaps we are too busy to remember all of these blessings and take things for granted. We keep on doing our business as normal. We are invited to glorify the Lord from the bottom of our hearts, praise and thank Him for the gift of His love, mercy, and salvation.



Thanksgiving Day Mass Schedule
Wednesday, November 23 5.30 p.m. at St. John (Vigil)
Thursday, November 24 9.00 a.m. at All Saints