



All Saints Catholic Church and St. John Catholic Church



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Sunday, February 5 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Schedule - All Saints, Stuart

Mass Schedule

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 Schedule

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: Tom Freestone, Dan Hilgers, Jill Gerling, Jaya Fever, Matt Olson, Joanne Tiernan, Bertha Fagan

Deceased: Lawrence Fehling, Ron Heisterkamp, Mary Lonsdale, Cleon Klemish, Maxine Hagen, Virgil Rosonke, Colleen Tiernan Otto, Pat Schaeffer

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!

Jesus chose his words carefully - including the words we just listened to. They are part of his famous Sermon on the Mount, which is like a highlight film of all his sermons. In this section, he is explaining to his followers what he expects of them. It is like a coach talking to his players before the big game - but this is Jesus talking to us about the game of life itself. It is like a general instructing his troops before a big battle - but this is Jesus talking to us about the battle of life. He is giving us our life-mission. And our life-mission is to be salt and light for the world around us. Salt had two functions in the ancient world: it gave flavor to food, and it also preserved food. They did not have refrigerators back then, so they would preserve meat by putting a thin layer of salt over it. Light had the same function then as it does now: to push back the darkness. But in the ancient world, before the advent of electricity, darkness was a much more dramatic reality than it is to us. The ancients understood how helpless they were without a lamp. We, on the other hand, because electric lighting is everywhere, rarely even have to think about our need for light. Salt and light - these are the comparisons Jesus uses to explain our life-mission. And what are the common characteristics of salt and light? They are both for something else. Their purpose is not self-centered, but other-centered. And that is the point. A Christian's mission in the world, just like Christ's mission, is to make a positive difference for others, by bringing them the power and the illumination of the gospel. If God is calling each of us to make a real, everlasting difference in the lives of others, then it must be possible for us to do it. But how? Today's first reading gives a starting list of possibilities: 'Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own'. Sometimes the devil tricks us. He distracts us from the opportunities to do good to those around us in our everyday lives by making us think of grand and dramatic projects. The problem with grand and dramatic projects is that they rarely get beyond the daydream stage. The best way to build a cathedral is by laying one stone on top of another - in fact, that is the only way to build anything. Let us build up our own spiritual cathedrals, by being salt and light for the people closest to us: the people we live within our homes, the people we work with at the office, the people who sit next to us at school. In other words, let us 'not turn our back on our own'. Treating these people with the simple kindness that they deserve, because they are created in God's image, just like us, is a simple way to advance in our life-mission, which is the only path to the happiness that each one of us desires for ourselves and for those we love. In the Gospel, Our Lord teaches us that it is not enough to have this light, or to use it for ourselves. We have to make that light shine and illuminate others as well. Christians are not just meant to glow; they are meant to shine, to provide so much illumination that they light up the world. Yet, just as not every lighting is the same, the light of Christians lights the way back to that source of light: to Christ. When a Christian shines, people do not just praise the person; they praise God who made them shine. Our Lord also reminds us that Christianity is meant to be a light on a high place or a lamp stand: it is meant to shed light on many things, even things not directly considered Christian, because ultimately the Gospel is a message of truth and goodness that contributes to every level and sector of society, directly or indirectly. There are ethical and philosophical truths that any reasonable person can consider, even if they do not believe any or some of the tenets of Christian faith, and those ethical and philosophical truths can open the door to their conversion. Instructing the ignorant is also a work of mercy. People are starved for love, but they are also starved for truth. Being a light in the world is not just satisfying material needs, but something deeper. Saint Teresa of Calcutta said, 'There is more hunger in the world for love and appreciation in this world than for bread'. The true poverty against which we must struggle is a poverty of love. As she put it, "It is not the magnitude of our actions but the amount of love that is put into them that matters". If you love, your actions will start to reflect it. This kind of "hunger" is everywhere, rich and poor. Seek to satisfy not only in what you do, but in how you do it.



Our New Offering Envelopes (2023) are expected to be here in the month of February. We will hand them out to you as soon as they arrive. Meanwhile, please continue to use LOOSE CHECKS/CASH. You can also set up for automatic withdrawal from your bank account or you can set up for online giving using your bank card/credit card. Thank you for being a wonderful blessing to us.

Annual Diocesan Appeal Reminder for All Saints Parishioners!

54 families of All Saints have contributed \$ 28, 012 dollars towards our goal of \$ 36, 555, and we are short of our goal by \$ 8, 543 dollars. If the remaining balance is not paid off, then it has to be paid from our operating account. And it will adversely impact our parish finances. May I ask you to share a little more of your blessing to spread God's kingdom.



The Two-Minute Homily by Jodi Bassett

As we all know, Lent is a period of fasting, abstinence, and almsgiving. We are rapidly approaching Ash Wednesday, and the subtle messages are starting to appear. The first reading from Sirach says that keeping "the commandments will save you." We have the option to choose good or bad, life or death, yet no one is given justification to sin. God is watching and knows our hearts. In Paul's letter to the Corinthians, God's wisdom is the theme, where one must know God to love Him, and must love God to understand His wisdom. To understand God's wisdom is to choose to follow the commandments. Which leads us to Matthew's Gospel, which admonishes us not to break the commandments; that whoever breaks the commandments will be considered least, and whoever keeps the commandments will be revered. When we break commandments, we are acting on our own will, not on God's. As we prepare to enter Lent, it is time to focus on God's will and keeping the commandments, which will save us. And Lent is our time to prepare to be saved.



A Vincentian Parish Mission led by Rev. Robert Gielow, C.M. at All Saints (Monday, March 13, Tuesday, March 14 and Wednesday, March 15 at 6.30 p.m.)

A Parish Mission is special time in a parish community when the community gathers together to gain further insight into a faith filled life. It is a time for grace and renewal of the parish through services and talks filled with stories, examples and meaning. The Mission Service will be centered around the Eucharist as it is at the core of the parish mission experience, which is to reconnect people to their faith

and celebrate the communal dimension of what it means to be Catholic. The mission talks will occur during the Mass at the normal time of the homily with the entire service lasting no longer than an hour. The talks will be based on the selected mission theme and will be presented in such fashion to be beneficial, informative and understandable for all parishioners young and old.



The Lenten season is a time of preparation for the liturgical celebration of the suffering, Death, and Resurrection of Christ. Many Catholics spend that time on the three practices of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It is also a time to participate in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. The season of Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday until the evening of Holy Thursday. If Sundays are excluded from the count, the season lasts forty days. The forty-day length of

Lent is rooted in the biblical usage of the number forty. Forty is typically indicative of a time of testing, trial, penance, purification, and renewal. In the New Testament, forty days is the length of Jesus' time of trial in the desert in preparation for his public ministry, proclaiming the Gospel. Here are three tips to deepen your relationship with God during the 40 days of Lent.

- 1) Participate in the sacraments.
- 2) Help those in need around you.
- 3) Sacrifice something that's hard for you.

Ash Wednesday (Wednesday, February 22) Schedule: -

8.30 a.m. Mass/Distribution of ashes at St. John

6.00 p.m. Mass/Distribution of ashes at All Saints

Financial Partnership
Sunday, January 29, 2023
Tithing: \$ 1979
Children: \$ 20
Money counters (2/7/23)
Bill Clauson and Diane Messinger



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Liturgical ministry - All Saints, Stuart
Saturday 2/4/23

Altar servers - needed
Greeters - Marvin and Janet Bassett
Ushers - Jodi Bassett and Diane Messinger
Lector - Jodi Bassett
Commentator - Sharon Doud
Euch. min. - Jodi Bassett

Sunday 2/5/23

Altar servers - needed
Greeters - Neal and Symantha Crawford
Ushers - Neal and Symantha Crawford
Lector - Dave Witkoski
Commentator - Dave Witkoski
Euch. min. - Amy Doud

Saturday 2/11/23

Altar servers - needed
Greeters - Wayne and Jan Gilman
Ushers - Wayne and Jan Gilman
Lector - Roni Wilson
Commentator - Donna Donnelly
Euch. min. - Mark Tisl

Sunday 2/12/23

Altar servers - needed
Greeters - Jason and Jen Tigges
Ushers - Bob Olson and Jason Tigges
Lector - Gary Riordan
Commentator - Donna Olson
Euch. min. - Diane Caufield

Financial Partnership
Sunday, January 29, 2023
Tithing: \$ 626
Children: \$ 15
Money counters (2/5/23)
P. Gettler, A. Richter, C. Moreland, Francis Hollinrake and Matt Fagan

Liturgical ministry - St. John, Adair

Sunday 2/5/23

Cross Bearer - Belle Fagan
Altar servers - Joe Fagan and Reece Richter
Ushers - Larry Drees and team
Lector - Barb Bachman
Euch. min. - Les Elgin
Tra. Chalice - Cody and Elizabeth Moreland

Sunday 2/12/23

Cross Bearer - Joe Faagan
Altar servers - Bailey Lillard and Penelope Wanie
Ushers - Larry Drees and team
Lector - Theresa Elgin
Euch. min. - Matt Fagan
Tra. Chalice - Francis and Deb Hollinrake



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FOR THIS REASON
a Man
WILL LEAVE HIS
FATHER AND MOTHER
AND BE UNITED TO
his Wife,
AND THEY WILL
BECOME ONE FLESH.
GENESIS 2:24

National Marriage Week February 7-14

Marriage one flesh, given and received
The basic cell of society is the family, founded upon marriage. The Catholic bishops of the United States recognize the importance of promoting holy and healthy marriages. Among the many

blessings that God has showered upon us in Christ is the blessing of marriage, a gift bestowed by the Creator from the creation of the human race...It is a source of blessing to the couple, to their families and to society and includes the wonderful gift of co-creating human life.