



# 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, February 19    Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### Schedule - All Saints, Stuart

#### Mass Schedule

**Tuesday 5.30 p.m.**  
**Ash Wednesday 6.00 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

**Ash Wednesday 8.30 a.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: Jeanne Richter, Tom Freestone, 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!

The Sermon on the Mount was revolutionary not only in its ideas, but in the claims of the Lord who gave it. And this claim to have authority over divine law and therefore to actually be divine, has consequences. It means that his commands demand obedience. In the ancient world, obedience to a ruler was a familiar concept. In today's world, dominated by political democracies, it has become less so. In fact, today's critical, self-sufficient, democratic mindset (so useful for politics) can even seep into the Church (where it is much less useful). But the truth of Christ does not change with fashions and referendums. When Jesus says, 'You have learnt how it was said', he is making a clear reference to the Old Covenant, the Law of Moses. That Law gave the Jewish people their unique standing among all the nations of the world, because God himself had given it to them – God's finger had inscribed the tablets of the law. For 1500 years, Israel's prophets and rabbis had interpreted it, applied it to changing circumstances, and exhorted the people to live it out. But never in those fifteen centuries had a faithful Israelite ever claimed authority over it. After all, the Law had come directly from the Lord, so who could possibly have authority over it? So, when Jesus says, '... but I say to you...' implying an addition to the Law, his listeners are faced with something entirely new, someone who claims authority over the Law of Moses. He is requiring of them a new allegiance and making way for a New Covenant. According to Jewish custom, slapping someone on the face with the back of one's hand was twice as insulting as slapping him with the palm of one's hand. A right-handed person slapping someone else on the right cheek (the case Jesus implicitly refers to) implies just such a back-handed blow. By law, a Jew could be forced to hand over a tunic as a payment of legal recompense (even poor men of the time would have owned two tunics), but not his cloak. Most often a person had only one cloak, and it was used not only as a coat during the day, but also as a blanket at night. Palestine during the time of Jesus was under direct Roman control. The occupying forces were permitted by law to enlist natives as guides or pack-bearers for a mile of any journey they may be taking. So, what is Jesus really asking of us when he tells us to turn the other cheek, to hand over our cloak as well as our tunic, and to voluntarily go an extra mile. Jesus wants us to respond to personal insults with grace, patience, and forgiveness. He wants us to break the cycle of violence by not always insisting on getting our own way but going out of our way to do good to others, even when they do not strictly deserve it. That is what God did with us by sending Jesus to be our Savior, and that is what he wants us to do for those around us. We can all make selfless acts of generosity every once in a while. But Christ is asking each of us, as his followers, to go deeper. He wants us to form the virtue of generosity, so that our habitual mode of behavior corresponds to his own example of constant, self-forgetfulness, constant self-giving - like the sun that shines on the just and the unjust alike. This is the path to happiness for ourselves and to lasting peace and prosperity for our society. How can we go deeper in following Christ's example of generosity and self-forgetful love? We have to learn to 'go the extra mile' by doing a little more than our share of the chores, and not looking for any rewards. We have to learn to 'turn the other cheek' by being the first one to say we are sorry, even if the fault is not totally with us. We have to learn to 'give over our cloak' by giving our family members the benefit of the doubt, excusing them from their foibles as easily as we excuse ourselves. True Christian virtue begins at home, with those who are closest to us, those whom we know so well and who know us so well, those who rub us the wrong way most often. If we can learn to be self-forgetful with them, doing so with others will be a piece of cake. In our relationship with Jesus and his Church, humble obedience to legitimate authority is a virtue, not a vice. This standard is simply too high for us. We just cannot live this kind of radical, self-forgetful, Christ-like love. That is, we cannot do it if we depend solely on our own strength. But the good news of Christianity is that we do not have to do this all on our own. We are not alone in our journey. Jesus is with us; Mary is with us; the saints and the angels are with us; the entire Church is with us. They are here to teach us to love as God loves. This unlimited, transforming love is also present in the holy Eucharist, the supernatural food for our Christian souls. Jesus gives us this sacrament to supplement our weak efforts, to keep us strong as we follow his difficult path of self-forgetful love.



St. John's will be hosting 2 fish fries this Lenten season. Mark your calendar for March 3 and March 17. Serving will be from 5 - 7 p.m. Cost is \$ 15.00 per meal. Drive up/carryout available or you may dine in the parish hall. Please check the signup sheet in the back to volunteer to help or donate cookies.



Our New Offering Envelopes (2023) are expected to be here soon. 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.

## GARAGE SALE



Altar and Rosary Society will be putting on a 2 day garage sale during the White Pole Road garage sale, June 2nd and 3rd. So, start saving/sorting out your unneeded treasures to donate to our sale (but no clothes or electronics). More details to come.

This next one is just a reminder to try and get more participation in various activities and meetings:

All ladies of All Saints church are automatically considered members of the Altar and Rosary Society. A&R has a facebook page from which you can get information and announcements about meetings and events and photos.. Please 'follow' us at All Saints

Altar and Rosary Society.



A Vincentian Parish Mission led by Rev. Robert Gielow, C.M. at All Saints

Monday, March 13

Mass and parish mission at 6. 30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 14

Mass and parish mission at 6. 30 p.m. (No Mass at 5.30)

Wednesday, March 15

Mass and parish mission at 6. 30 p.m. (No Mass at 5.30)

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

**Fast and Abstinence on Ash Wednesday, February 22**

Ash Wednesday, February 22nd is a day of both fast and abstinence. Fast and abstinence are to be observed by all those who have celebrated their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday until their 59<sup>th</sup> birthday. Abstinence from meat is to be observed on all the Fridays of Lent by all who have celebrated their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Financial Partnership**  
Sunday, February 12, 2023  
Tithing: \$ 2255  
Children: \$ 20  
Money counters (2/21/23)  
Bill Clauson and Diane Messinger

**Financial Partnership**  
Sunday, February 12, 2023  
Tithing: \$ 422  
Children: \$ 7  
Money counters (2/19/23)  
P. Gettler, A. Richter, C. Moreland, Francis Hollinrake and Matt Fagan



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**Liturgical ministry - All Saints, Stuart**

**Saturday 2/18/23**

Altar servers - needed  
Greeters - Pat and Jo Beaman  
Ushers - Pat and Jo Beaman  
Lector - Mark Tisl  
Commentator - Roni Wilson  
Euch. min. - Jodi Bassett

**Sunday 2/19/23**

Altar servers - needed  
Greeters - Suzy Aubert and Wayne Nosbisch  
Ushers - Scott Lonsdale and Mike Caufield  
Lector - Angie McMahon  
Commentator - Angie McMahon  
Euch. min. - Diane Caufield

**Saturday 2/25/23**

Altar servers - needed  
Greeters - Loretta Sloss and Becky O'Brien  
Ushers - Loretta Sloss and Donna Donnelly  
Lector - Donna Donnelly  
Commentator - Sharon Doud  
Euch. min. - Donna Donnelly

**Sunday 2/26/23**

Altar servers - needed  
Greeters - Jim and Norma Kloewer  
Ushers - Tom Doud and Wayne Nosbisch  
Lector - Amy Doud  
Commentator - Wayne Nosbisch  
Euch. min. - Amy Doud

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

**Sunday 2/19/23**

Cross Bearer - John Fagan  
Altar servers - Luke Brincks and Reece Richter  
Ushers - Larry Drees and team  
Lector - Julie Plowman  
Euch. min. - Adella Vogl  
Tra. Chalice - Les and Theresa Elgin

**Sunday 2/26/23**

Cross Bearer - Francis Hollinrake  
Altar servers - Henry Wanie and Joe Fagan  
Ushers - Larry Drees and team  
Lector - Brian Richter  
Euch. min. - Dave Richter  
Tra. Chalice - John and Adella Vogl



**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.



**Community Day of Prayer  
at  
All Saints**

**Friday, March 3, 2023 at 1 p.m.**

Each year, the Ecumenical communities of Stuart, Menlo, Dexter, Redfield and Earlham come together on the First Friday of March to observe A Community Day of Prayer. This year All Saints has the privilege of hosting the Community Day of Prayer. We invite everyone to come and spend a little time in prayer with your fellow Christian Brothers and Sisters. Looking forward to seeing everyone on Friday, March 3, 2023 at 1 p.m.