



# 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.**  
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**Sunday, March 26      Fifth Sunday of Lent**

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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: Lisa Poffenberger, Todd Ladwig**  
**Deceased: Marvin Welch**

### 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' Corner!

It is no coincidence that the Church presents this scene to us towards the end of the Lenten liturgical crescendo: two weeks ago, Christ told the woman at the well that he was the Messiah; last week he cured a man born blind, something no one had ever done before; and now he tops everything by raising Lazarus from the dead. Jesus knows that in order to fulfill the Father's plan of salvation he will soon have to suffer humiliation, torture, and death. As that moment draws near, he performs miracle after miracle to bolster his disciples' faith, so that it will survive the horrors of Calvary. And he is doing it to bolster our faith too, so that we can continue to hope and even in the midst of our crosses, which are nothing less than pieces of his Cross, which in turn was the undeniable proof that his Providence can bring good out of evil, just as it is going to bring Easter Sunday out of Good Friday. Saint John makes an important observation in this healing narrative: "Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus". Despite his love, Jesus does not rush back to Jerusalem to heal Lazarus. Nor does he heal him from a distance, as he did with the Centurion's servant. Jesus loves these friends, and yet he lets them suffer. He lets them experience their helplessness and weakness, the painful separation of death and the loss of a loved one. He let them suffer precisely because he loved them. If God protected us from all suffering, we would make the mistake of thinking that earth is heaven, that we could make ourselves truly happy just by our own efforts. But we live in a fallen world, a world in which suffering is inevitable. And God allows us to experience that suffering as a way to remind us that life on earth is a journey towards heaven – it is the path, not the goal. The goal is heaven, and the resurrection of Lazarus is an appetizer of heaven. What matters in life is not being perfectly comfortable: what matters in life is knowing, loving, and following Jesus Christ. Jesus uses our sufferings to help us to do that more and more. Our sufferings remind us that we are not God; they make us turn to God. He uses them as opportunities to act in our lives in new ways, revealing himself to us more completely, just as he did with Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. In this way, he shows that his Providence is more powerful than even life's greatest tragedies. Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days, and Jesus Christ calls his name, orders him to come out, and he does. Death itself obeys Christ the Lord. The crowd must have been stupefied, wide-eyed with disbelief, awe, and wonder that silenced them as Lazarus stepped out from the tomb, and then burst forth in a storm of joy and celebration. Martha and Mary must have been so awestruck and ecstatic that they did not know who to embrace first, their brother or their Lord. Lazarus, as soon as the clothes were removed, surely gazed into his Lord's shining eyes with the deepest love and most determined, courageous loyalty that he had ever experienced. Nothing is out of reach for Christ's redemption. Lazarus being raised from the dead did not erase the experience of pain and loss that Martha and Mary went through during his sickness and after his death. Jesus rising from the dead on Easter Sunday did not erase the indescribable pain and sorrow of Good Friday. Just so, our sufferings and struggles really are sufferings and struggles. And we must never think that our faith in Jesus will make them go away. We will always have to suffer and struggle in this life. But Jesus has given purpose to our sufferings and struggles. We know that he allows them for a reason, just as a good coach pushes his players beyond their comfort zone, no matter how much they complain. When we accept Christ's cross in our lives, even through our tears, we grow in wisdom and spiritual maturity - just like Martha in today's Gospel passage. Having purpose in our suffering also makes it possible for us to have peace in our sufferings. Christ has proven that he will bring great things out of the greatest tragedies. And so, when storms of evil rock our boats, even while we struggle to keep afloat, in our hearts we can be at peace. Jesus wants us to have confidence in him, to trust him no matter what. When we pray the creed, let us pray it from the heart, expressing our unlimited confidence in Christ the Lord. And when he comes to us in the Holy Eucharist, let us ask him to strengthen all hearts that are still seeking purpose in their sufferings.



Please accept our family's sincere thank you for the wonderful, plentiful and tasty luncheon that was provided for my father, Marvin Welch, on March 17, 2023. Everything was delicious and we are so grateful for the loving prayers and kindness of the church. Again, thank you very much.

Marcy Ostrander (Marvin Welch's daughter).



Thank You to everyone who brought food and helped with the St. John's Fish Fry's. It is great to work together as a group on this project.

## **CARAGE 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.



### **Abstinence from meat on Fridays in Lent**

Abstinence from meat is to be observed on all the Fridays of Lent by all who have celebrated their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday.



## **HOLY WEEK**

Holy Week is the most sacred week in the liturgical year in Christianity. Holy Week begins with the commemoration of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, marks the betrayal of Jesus on Spy Wednesday (Holy Wednesday), climaxing with the commemoration of the Mystical or Last Supper on Maundy Thursday and the Passion of Jesus on Good Friday. Holy Week concludes with Christ's rest in death and descent into Hades on Holy Saturday. Following is the Schedule for Holy Week and

Easter: -

### ***Palm Sunday, April 2***

Regular Mass schedule: Saturday 4. 30 p.m.      Sunday: 8.00 a.m. (St. John) 10.00 a.m. (All Saints)

### ***Holy Thursday, April 6***

Foot Washing and Mass of the Lord's Last Supper at 4.00 p.m. (St. John)

Foot Washing and Mass of the Lord's Last Supper at 6.00 p.m. (All Saints)

### ***Good Friday, April 7***

Stations of the Cross/Passion Service at 4.00 p.m. (St. John)

Stations of the Cross/Passion Service at 6.00 p.m. (All Saints)

### ***Holy Saturday, April 8***

Easter Vigil Service at 8. 30 p.m. (All Saints)

### ***Easter Sunday, April 9***

Regular Mass schedule: 8.00 a.m. (St. John) 10.00 a.m. (All Saints)



Shadow Stations of the Cross presented by 7th/8th Grade Class on Wednesday, April 5th at 6.45 p.m. at All Saints. We invite everyone to join us as prepare for Holy Week/Triduum and Easter.



Our art and environment team is preparing to decorate the Church with beautiful Easter Lilies, and if you wish to sponsor the Easter Lilies in memory of a loved one, in honor of your family/ a friend, or for any other purposes, please use one of the flower offering envelops in the gathering space area (All Saints).



Lent is a six-week intensive time to turn away from our sin and selfishness and turn back into the arms of our loving and merciful God. Let us make use of the God-given opportunity for individual reconciliation: -

Saturday, April 1st at 3 p.m. at All Saints

Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4.00 p.m. at St. John



Sr. Nesta Ezeanya, having been with us since September 3, 2012, has been assigned as Director of Madonna Renewal Center in Illinois. Please join us to thank Sr. Nesta and wish her all the best in her new assignment on Saturday, March 25th (All Saints) and Sunday, March 26th (All Saints).

St. John, Adair (Sunday, March 26)

As Sister Nesta is transferred to Illinois, please join us to wish her well at a breakfast following the 8:00 Mass at St. Johns on Sunday, March 26th.

**Financial Partnership**  
Sunday, March 19, 2023  
Tithing: \$ 1984  
Children: \$ 22  
Money counters (3/28/23)  
Dave Vigon and Cindy Boucher



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**Liturgical ministry - All Saints, Stuart**  
**Saturday 3/25/23**

Altar servers - needed  
Greeters - Jodi Bassett and Diane Messinger  
Ushers - Jodi Bassett and Diane Messinger  
Lector - Jodi Bassett  
Commentator - Donna Donnelly  
Euch. min. - Donna Donnelly

**Sunday 3/26/23**

Altar servers - needed  
Greeters - Mike and Diane Caufield  
Ushers - Mike Caufield and Matt Smith  
Lector - Angie McMahon  
Commentator - Dave Witkowski  
Euch. min. - Matt Smith

**Saturday 4/1/23**

Altar servers - needed  
Greeters - David and Sharon Doud  
Ushers - David and Sharon Doud  
Lector - Roni Wilson  
Commentator - Sharon Doud  
Euch. min. - Mark Tisl

**Sunday 4/2/23**

Altar servers - needed  
Greeters - Bob and Donna Olson  
Ushers - Bob Olson and Dennis Van Pelt  
Lector - Wayne Nosbisch  
Commentator - Donna Olson  
Euch. min. - Matt Smith

**Financial Partnership**  
Sunday, March 19, 2023  
Tithing: \$ 391  
Children: \$ 2  
Money counters (3/26/23)  
P. Gettler, A. Richter, C. Moreland, Francis Hollinrake and Matt Fagan

**Liturgical ministry - St. John, Adair**  
**Sunday 3/26/23**

Cross Bearer - Francis Hollinrake  
Altar servers - Luke Brincks and Bailey Lillard  
Ushers - Larry Drees and team  
Lector - Julie Plowman  
Euch. min. - Adella Vogl  
Tra. Chalice - Srs. of the Imm. Heart of Mary

**Sunday 4/2/23**

Cross Bearer - Carley Fagan  
Altar servers - Ruby Marso and Addi Richter  
Ushers - Larry Drees and team  
Lectors - Barb Bachman and Julie Plowman  
Euch. min. - Dave Richter  
Tra. Chalice - Cody and Elizabeth Moreland



**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.



**FOOD PANTRY DRIVE** sponsored by our council of Knights of Columbus  
**40 CANS FOR LENT**

Any non-perishable item can be donated NOW through EASTER SUNDAY, April 9<sup>th</sup>.



Remember God always inspires us but we may not open our hearts to his inspirations. If God is inspiring you to become little more active by embracing Liturgical Ministries at All Saints or Saint John – Lector, Extra-ordinary Minister of the Eucharist, Cantor, Altar server, please contact (ALL SAINTS) Joyce Van Pelt – [joyceannvp@gmail.com](mailto:joyceannvp@gmail.com) and (SAINT JOHN) Les Elgin – [elgins2011@gmail.com](mailto:elgins2011@gmail.com). Thank you for being a wonderful blessing.