

# St. John Catholic Church

Ascension of the Lord (7th Sunday of Easter)

501 Adair Street, Adair, IA 50002

May 28, 2017



## Mass Times

- **Sunday:**  
7:30am Rosary & Confessions  
8am Mass  
10am at Stuart
- **Tuesday:** 6pm  
at Stuart
- **Wednesday:** 8:30am
- **Thursday:** 6:30pm
- **Friday:** 8:30am  
at Stuart

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## Christ Ascends, the Church Begins

In the readings for today, we begin with the opening verses of the "The Acts of the Apostles". It is written by the Apostle Luke and is his second book. The first, of course, being the Gospel of Luke.

Luke begins by addressing this work to someone called "Theophilus". We aren't sure who this person is, but the name means "loved by God". This could be a certain person or it may be referring to all people through all generations, but it may help us to put ourselves into the scene making it a more personal message or idea. Either way, Luke sets the scene by reinforcing the Resurrection, emphasizing

ing the Risen Lord and the fulfillment of the promise of His Father to make a way for us to gain eternity with Him. He seems to make a line of demarcation between the time of Jesus on earth in human form and the beginning of the time of the Church where we see Him in other forms.

We are told the story of the Ascension of the Lord in verses 9-11: "When He had said this, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as He was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside

them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen Him going to heaven.'"

Can you imagine yourself in this situation? Standing there, one moment in conversation with our Lord, the next, He is being lifted into heaven in the clouds. And to top that off, two men pop into the group and ask "why are you so amazed?" Really?

Something for us all to think about this week.

**Have a great week!**

## Remembrances

-Written & Submitted by Jodi Bassett

As the month of May quiets down somewhat, let us take some time to pause and remember those who have gone before us: family, friends and veterans. The Memorial Day holiday is a great time to relax and spend some leisure time, but it's far from 'just a three day weekend.' Go to the cemetery and pay your re-

spects. Not around your family? Visit a local cemetery and say a few prayers for those interred there. Place a few posies on graves that appear to have been forgotten, or whose loved ones don't live nearby. Search out old stones and try to read what is written on them. You'd be

surprised by what you read. You'll be touched to see stones for multiple children in the same family. When you have spent some time meditating on the deceased, be sure to put away your phone and set some time aside to enjoy your living family and friends!

# Meditations

There are as many and varied methods of meditation as there are spiritual masters. Christians owe it to themselves to develop the desire to meditate regularly, lest they come to resemble the three first kinds of soil in the parable of the sower. But a method is only a guide; the important thing is to advance, with the Holy Spirit, along the one way of prayer: Christ Jesus.

Meditation engages thought, imagination, emotion, and desire. . . . Christian prayer tries above all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ, as in *lectio divina* or the rosary. This form of prayerful reflection is of great value, but Christian prayer should go further: to the knowledge of the love of the Lord Jesus, to union with him.

—*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 2707-2708

## What is *lectio divina*?

Spiritual reading of Sacred Scripture, especially the Gospels, is an important form of meditation. This spiritual reading is traditionally called *lectio divina* or divine reading. *Lectio divina* is prayer over the Scriptures.

- The first element of this type of prayer is reading (*lectio*): you take a short passage from the Bible, preferably a Gospel passage and read it carefully, perhaps three or more times. Let it really soak-in.
- The second element is meditation (*meditatio*). By using your imagination enter into the Biblical scene in order to "see" the setting, the people, and the unfolding action. It is through this meditation that you encounter

-From the [usccb.org](http://usccb.org) website

the text and discover its meaning for your life.

- The next element is prayer (*oratio*) or your personal response to the text: asking for graces, offering praise or thanksgiving, seeking healing or forgiveness. In this prayerful engagement with the text, you open yourself up to the possibility of contemplation.
- Contemplation (*contemplatio*) is a gaze turned toward Christ and the things of God. By God's action of grace, you may be raised above meditation to a state of seeing or experiencing the text as mystery and reality. In contemplation, you come into an experiential contact with the One behind and beyond the text.

# Prayers in Time of War

## For Troops

All-powerful and ever-living God, when Abraham left his native land and departed from his people you kept him safe through all his journeys.

Protect these soldiers.

Be their constant companion and their strength in battle, their refuge in every adversity.

Guide them, O Lord, that they may return home in safety.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

## For Families and Friends Left At Home

O God, Protector of all people and nations, protect my family and friends at home from the violence and evil of others. Keep them safe from the weapons of hate and destruction and guard them against the deeds of evildoers.

Grant them your protection and care in tranquility and peace.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

## Prayer for Refugees and Victims of War

Lord God, no one is a stranger to you and no one is ever far from your loving care. In your kindness, watch over refugees and victims of war, those separated from their loved ones, young people who are lost, and those who have left home or who have run away from home. Bring them back safely to the place where they long to be and help us always to show your kindness to strangers and to all in need. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

# Parish Business & Finance

## May 21st Collection

Regular Tithes: \$479.00

Children's Collection: \$3.00

Cemetery Fund: \$0.00

Building Fund: \$50.00

Repair Fund Bal: \$754.23

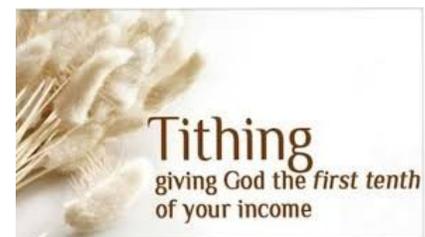
This week's income:

\$482.00

This week's expenses:

\$1,576.47

ADA Balance: \$1,430.00 to date  
(Goal: \$7,245)



## Diocesan Events

### Bishop's Memorial Day Mass

Bishop Richard Pates will celebrate the annual Memorial Day Mass on Monday, May 29 at Glendale Cemetery in Des Moines at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome. In case of rain, Mass will be celebrated at 10:15 a.m. at St. Theresa Church, 1230 Merle Hay Road in Des Moines.

Memorial Day is a federal holiday when we remember the men and women who died in military service to the United States.

### Corpus Christi Procession

The parish of St. Augustine is having its second annual Corpus Christi procession on Sunday, June 4th, at 3pm.

St. Augustin's is located at 545 42nd Street in Des Moines.

Dinner will follow the procession.



COME ADORE OUR LORD  
IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SAINT AUGUSTIN  
CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

545 42ND STREET  
DES MOINES, IOWA

SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH, 2017  
3:00 PM

DINNER TO FOLLOW

### NCYC Opportunity

If you will be in 9th-12th grade this coming fall, you qualify to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Indianapolis November 16-18.



Email [jillgerling@gmail.com](mailto:jillgerling@gmail.com) for more information.

*Catch  
the  
fire!*

### Holy Father's Prayer Intention for June

#### National Leaders

That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimizes so many innocent people.

### National Shrine Trinity Dome Project

The Bishops of the United States have approved a one-time special collection focused on the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Completing the Trinity Dome of the Basilica will finalize the original plans for the Shrine which began with the laying of the foundation for it in

1920. The collection in the Diocese of Des Moines is scheduled for the weekend of June 3rd & 4th.

The National Shrine is often called "America's Catholic Church" because it welcomes more than one million people from around the country and the world each year. It

is the largest Catholic Church in North America and one of the ten largest churches in the world.

It is hoped that the dome will be dedicated on December 8 of this year, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

*The Most Reverend Richard E. Pates*

Items to be included in the bulletin must be submitted to the office by 5pm Wednesday.

Call 515-523-1943 or email:

[stjohnallsaints@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnallsaints@gmail.com)

to submit your items.

*Bulletins, prayer requests, and other announcements are sent via email through **Constant Contact**. If you are not receiving these emails, please be sure the Church Office has your address. Also be sure to check your "spam" folder as it may be going there. Bulletins are also posted to our website each Friday afternoon.*

Website: [adairstjohn.org](http://adairstjohn.org)

*If you do not see a birthday or anniversary listed that should be, or if the information is incorrect, please contact the church office to make the correction.*



*If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, please contact Rita Rilea in the church office.*

### Liturgical Ministers Schedule: Sunday June 4, 2017

**Cross Bearer:** Dave Richter

**Greeters:** Mr. & Mrs. Tom Fagan

**Lector:** Julie Plowman

**Host:** Dave Richter

**Cup:** Adella Vogl & Matt Fagan

**Servers:** Cash Suhr & Madison Suhr

**Traveling Chalice:** Kaye & Cleon Klemish

### Contact Us

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To request a Baptism or other Sacrament, to join the Church, or if you have any other questions, please contact the Church Office.

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## Calendar of Activities

To view the entire calendar for both parishes, please go to [stuartallsaints.org](http://stuartallsaints.org) or [adairstjohn.org](http://adairstjohn.org)

Sunday 5-28	Monday 5-29	Tuesday 5-30	Wednesday 5-31	Thursday 6-1	Friday 6-2	Saturday 6-3
<b>7:30-7:55am</b> Rosary & Confessions <b>8am Mass</b> for the living & deceased members of the Parish <b>10am Mass</b> (Stuart)	<i>Church offices are closed on Mondays &amp; Fridays</i>  <b>Reg. Office Hours:</b> 9am-3pm T-W-Th	<b>6pm Mass</b> Stuart for Bob Griffin	<b>8:30am Mass</b> for Mable E. Richter  <b>BD:</b> Reece Richter	<b>9am Mass</b> Stuart Community Care Center for Louis Waltz  <b>6:30pm Mass</b> for Barbara Boatwright	<b>8:30am 1st Friday Mass</b> Stuart for Zachary Terry & Family	<b>8:30am 1st Saturday Mass</b> for Marilyn Simons Hoy  <b>3:30pm Confessions</b> at Stuart <b>Mass 4:30pm</b> at Stuart for Albert & Lucille Greubel
Sunday 6-4	Monday 6-5	Tuesday 6-6	Wednesday 6-7	Thursday 6-8	Friday 6-9	Saturday 6-10
<b>PENTECOST</b> <b>7:30-7:55am</b> Rosary & Confessions <b>8am Mass</b> for Robert Fagan <b>10am Mass</b> (Stuart)	<i>Church offices are closed on Mondays &amp; Fridays</i>  <b>Reg. Office Hours:</b> 9am-3pm T-W-Th	<b>NO 6pm MASS</b>  <b>BD:</b> Waylen Murphy	<b>NO 8:30am Mass</b>  <b>BD:</b> Stephanie Dorsey	<b>NO 9am Mass</b> Stuart Community Care Center  <b>NO 6:30pm Mass</b>	<b>8:30am Mass</b> Stuart for John Simons  <b>ANN:</b> Cody & Elizabeth Moreland 2012	<b>3:30pm Confessions</b> at Stuart <b>Mass 4:30pm</b> at Stuart for the Men of All Saints  <b>BDS:</b> Trevin Suhr, Addilynn Richter
<b>Father will be out of town Sunday afternoon through Thursday evening.</b>						