

St. John Catholic Church

Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

501 Adair Street, Adair, IA 50002

June 18, 2017



Mass Times

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

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Dear Parishioners

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, the mystery of Christ continuing to give Himself to us under the appearances of bread and wine. The challenges most people face in our world today concern the reality, trust, and worthiness of God. First of all, it is in vogue to question the existence of God. As I get older, I begin to realize how many people simply dismiss the existence of God, including my own family and friends. I believe a lot of this is simply laziness of parents not nourishing or practicing at home and at Church a faith life. I say this because we as a culture have grown to be a people of convenience. There are days it is convenient to speak to God or about God and other times simply to be indifferent - I believe we tend to treat our loved ones this way at times. If a person acknowledges that God exists, then that person - who is truly mature in the area of faith and spirituality - should have cause to investigate and live according to what has been revealed and what is reasonable. The next two issues are trust and worthiness in trying to believe and understand God. God reminds us through the example of Jesus that we are beloved sons and daughters through Baptism. After Jesus' Baptism he was immediately led out to the desert to be tempted. After 40 days' fast, Jesus is hungry, tired, and a bit out of sorts

because of His suffering. Jesus is tempted to disbelieve He is the beloved Son of God because why would His Father let Him suffer. So, the devil tries to tempt Jesus to begin to doubt His Sonship by putting into His head "if" questions: "if" you are the Son of God and you are hungry, then prove you are His Son, by turning these stones into bread; or, "if" you are the Son of God, then throw yourself down from the parapet of the temple because "if" you are God's Son, then He will not let you be harmed and make His angels keep you safe. In other words, we too have our questions about trusting whether God would even care about us and our suffering. God reminds us that we may have to suffer in this world, but to trust that you are still His beloved child. When we suffer out of love for another—the experience of suffering becomes a blessing because we learn something from it. This is the idea behind the Beatitudes: when we suffer, others would say from a place of wisdom: "Good for you, you learned something from it." How do we know we love God or another person? It is by suffering for that person that we find the depth and sincerity of love for that person. Finally, when we think of worthiness, we find it in the bread and wine we offer at Mass. Truly these meager gifts are nothing and not worth much either, yet we bring them before God because they repre-

sent us. We often say, "who am I? I am nobody and I don't have much to offer to help anyone or I don't have the gifts or talents to do what I am called to do" — God says, as he said to the disciples when he wanted to feed the multitudes of people and all they had were five loaves and two fish — that is enough. I can work with that. In other words, He can take what little we can offer and make something great out of that. In the same way, you and I may feel unworthy, but if we offer ourselves to God, He can truly make something great out of us. What a wonderful reminder as to God's love for us, that no matter who we are and what little we think we can offer, we are his children and we trust that He loves us and we simply say yes to whatever He asks of us and wonderful things can happen, especially being loved and loving in return. The Body and Blood of Christ reminds us He is still with the Church and each and every one of us. Parents and fathers, on this day we honor you. Please honor your Heavenly Father and the duty that your role as a father prescribes of teaching and practicing these simple reminders because in the end, your children need to remember they are your sons and daughters and ought to trust you and feel worthy to change and grow to greatness after your own example.

A Christian Prayer in Union with Creation

Father, we praise you with all your creatures. They came forth from your all-powerful hand; they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love.

Praise be to you!

Son of God, Jesus, through you all things were made. You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother, you became part of this earth, and you gazed upon this world with human eyes. Today you are alive in every creature in your risen glory.

Praise be to you!

Holy Spirit, by your light you guide this world towards the Father's

love and accompany creation as it groans in travail. You also dwell in our hearts and you inspire us to do what is good.

Praise be to you!

Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love, teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of you. Awaken our praise and thankfulness for every being that you have made. Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is.

God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth,

for not one of them is forgotten in your sight. Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live. The poor and the earth are crying out.

O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty.

Praise be to you!

Amen.

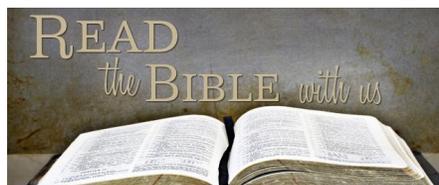
Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*

Bible Reading Marathon

We have been invited through the Stuart Ministerial Association to take part in the Guthrie County "Bible Reading Marathon" that will take place on the Courthouse lawn (Guthrie Center) on July 17-18.

Volunteers are scheduled for half-hour reading sessions until the entire Bible has been read. This is the second year for the Iowa 99

County campaign which Gov. Terry Branstad proclaimed - and continues to support - for the strengthening and encouragement of all Iowa families.



For more information, please contact Brenda in the church office.
515-523-1943.

Given that this campaign is sponsored by Protestant churches, we can adjust the schedule of reading to include the books of the Old Testament which are not included in Protestant bibles, but are included in our Catholic Bible.

Parish Business & Finance

June 11th Collection

Regular Tithes: \$246.00
Children's Collection: \$1.00

Special: \$0.00

Cemetery Fund: \$0.00

This week's income:
\$247.00

This week's expenses:
\$0.00

ADA Balance Due: \$1,330.00
(\$5,915 pd/ \$7,245 goal)

Repair Fund Bal: \$811.23

Please note:

Checkbook Balance:
\$1,315.17

Upcoming June Expenses:
\$1,916.63

Diocesan Events

- **We want to hear from you!** The Diocese of Des Moines wants to hear from you: What are the challenges and opportunities in your parish for reaching out to those who are not active in our faith? Take this brief survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Joyofthegospel> Local representatives want to bring your perspective to a national convocation this summer at which the U.S. bishops will be asking, "Where is the Holy Spirit leading us?" The convocation has been called to make Pope Francis's document "The Joy of the Gospel" ("Evangelii Gaudium") a living document for the Church in the United States.
- **YouTube videos available** The diocese has produced a number of videos over the last few years: vocation stories of seminarians, Bishop Pates on mercy and living our faith, and more. While you're surfing the internet this summer, stop by YouTube.com/dmdiocese and see what we have to offer.
- **Center for Social Ministry Rummage Sale** Stop by this huge rummage sale at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart in Ankeny July 13-15. Proceeds benefit the Center for Social Ministry. You can help by donating, volunteering or shopping. Go to CenterforSocialMinistry.org for details.
- **Women's Events** There are still tickets available for The Summer at The Well, the women's event that fosters friendships and spirituality. The event will be held on Saturday, June 24 from 10am-8pm at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Indianola. To learn more, visit <http://www.thewelldesmoines.com/>

Prayer & Thanksgiving

Thank you!

The C.W.O. women want to thank everyone who furnished food and helped at the Rest Area.

We took in \$215.50.

Please pray:

Fr. Mario Solorzano will be here July 8-9 to make an appeal for help for the Diocese of Jackson, Mississippi.

The diocese has nine counties without a resident priest.

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.

Save the date...

- **June 19th:** Parish Finance Council Meeting 7pm
- **June 23rd:** Priesthood Ordination, 7pm, at the Cathedral of St. Ambrose
- **July 2:** Baptism of Brant Lee Irlmeier, son of Kyle & Megan Irlmeier
- **August 6th:** Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord
- **August 14-15:** Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (*a weekday holy day of obligation*)
- Coming up on Saturday September 9th we will celebrate our annual "**Mass in the Grass**" at Vogl Park. Mass will begin at 6:30pm with a potluck supper following.
- *Father Ray will be marking the 25th anniversary of his ordination on June 4th, 2018.*



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

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

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

Liturgical Ministers Schedule: Sunday June 25, 2017

Cross Bearer: Belle Fagan

Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Francis Hollinrake

Lector: Brian Richter

Host: Scott Suhr

Cup: Matt Fagan & Adella Vogl

Servers: Logan Brincks & Cash Suhr

Traveling Chalice: John & Adella Vogl

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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To view the entire calendar for both parishes, please go to stuartallsaints.org or adairstjohn.org

Calendar of Activities

Sunday 6-18	Monday 6-19	Tuesday 6-20	Wednesday 6-21	Thursday 6-22	Friday 6-23	Saturday 6-24
Corpus Christi 7:30-7:55am Rosary & Confessions 8am Mass for Leona Drees 10am Mass (Stuart)	Reg. Office Hours: 9am-3pm T-W-Th 7pm Parish Finance Council Meeting ANN: Roger & Barb Vais 2008	6pm MASS (Stuart) for Clair & Pat Dickey BD: Jason Calhoun	8:30am Mass for Kenneth Ludwig, Jr.	9am Mass Stuart Community Care Center for Donato Cianciaruso 6:30pm Mass for Mable E. Richter BD: Maria Peck	8:30am Mass Stuart for Lorraine Pawletzki	3:30pm Confessions at Stuart Mass 4:30pm at Stuart for Betty Faust
Sunday 6-25	Monday 6-26	Tuesday 6-27	Wednesday 6-28	Thursday 6-29	Friday 6-30	Saturday 7-1
7:30-7:55am Rosary & Confessions 8am Mass for the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish 10am Mass (Stuart)	Reg. Office Hours: 9am-3pm T-W-Th ANN: Darrin & Julie Plowman 1993 BD: Kennedy Plowman	6pm MASS (Stuart) for Vince Simons BD: Cash Suhr	8:30am Mass for Joseph Arnts ANN: Troy & Colleen Christensen 2005 BD: Dillon Suhr	9am Mass (Stuart) Comm. Care Center for Bob Griffin 6:30pm Mass for Mable E. Richter	8:30am Mass (Stuart) for Tigges/Gladfelder families BD: Abbigael Richter	8:30am (Stuart) 1st Saturday Mass Maynard Witkowski 3:30pm Confessions at Stuart Mass 4:30pm at Stuart for the Marnin Family