

St. John Catholic Church

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

501 Adair Street, Adair, IA 50002

October 15, 2017



Mass Times*

- **Sunday:**
7:30am
Rosary & Confessions
8am Mass
10am Mass at Stuart
- *Tuesday: 6pm Mass at Stuart*
- **Wednesday:**
8:30am Mass
- **Thursday:**
6:30pm Mass
- *Friday: 8:30am at Stuart*
- *1st Saturdays: 8:30am at Stuart*
*Always Check Weekly
Calendar for Any Changes

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Dear Parishioners

I was given a plaque by a gentleman who had been away from the Church for a very long time. He felt he couldn't attend Mass or participate in the Church because he had not practiced his faith or attended Mass for many years.

In conversation, the reason he left the Church was due to all the sins he has committed and some major ones he felt he could never be forgiven.

I was brought to him by a friend of his and we talked and his friend asked if I would bring up the subject of confession. To make a long story short, I did bring it up and for the next hour this "fallen away" Catholic confessed his sins and asked questions and sought advice. At the end of his confession he felt so relieved and had such a renewed sense of faith and life that his friend, who had brought me to him, noticed it right away.

Before I left, the man who confessed took off the shelf a wooden plaque that sat central in his rec room. It was positioned in an area where one could easily be drawn to see it. I noticed it right away when I came into his house. Well, the recently reconciled man took that plaque and he said, "Before you go, I want you to have this." The plaque read: "Every Saint Has A Past – Every Sinner Has A Future." The plaque sits on my desk and I see that saying each time I sit at my desk.

The man who gave that plaque, which was a center piece in his rec room, now has no need to be reminded that we are all sinners, for we call to mind our sins each time we gather for Mass and seek the Sacrament of Confession or celebrate any Sacrament for that matter. Each Sacrament offers Christ and His grace to avoid sin and evil and to do good for others in love.

In the simple gift of that plaque: "Every Saint Has A Past – Every Sinner Has A Future" I am reminded: we all have our problems, shortcomings, and sins, but we are all called to be saints—**so don't let the past keep you from your future.** The remedy has always been, acknowledge your wrongdoing (sins), seek forgiveness, as well as offer forgiveness, and then sainthood comes easily.

I invite you (everyone) to come to our Adult Ed class where we are studying, reflecting, discussing, this huge topic on the need and practice of forgiveness.

Have a great week.

-Fr. Ray

October is Respect Life Month: How to Build a Culture of Life

(cont'd from last week)

Missionary Discipleship

This doesn't necessarily mean quitting our jobs or moving to foreign countries. For most of us, our mission field is daily life: "Christ teaches us how to evangelize, how to invite people into communion with Him, and how to create a culture of witness: namely, through love. A Christian life lived with charity and faith is the most effective form of evangelization."

The first step towards living this life is allowing Jesus to meet and transform us daily. If we respond to His grace, our lives will show we have something beyond what the world offers: we follow a Person whose love changes our lives, so we want others to also experience His transforming love.

When we live in union with God, open to His prompting, we're more able to see the opportunities for witness and His guidance in responding to these opportunities. We may fear doing the wrong thing or saying the wrong thing, but we do not need to be afraid. Jesus promised His disciples, "I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20)

Identity Crisis

As a society and as individuals, we often measure ourselves by false standards: by what and how much we do, our successes or failures, how others treat us, the degree of our pleasure or independence, etc. And when these changeable substitutes prove to be insufficient, or when we are faced with challenges and suffer-

ing, we may feel helpless, alone, or abandoned; we may be tempted to feel as though our lives have decreased value or worth.

But God's love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather *Whose* we are. Because His love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives.

(To be concluded next week)

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What can we do for you?

If you would like a visit from Father:

Father Ray is available to visit the sick and the homebound generally during the week. If you would like a visit from Father, please call the Church office to set up a time: 515-523-1943.

To Request Prayer:

If you would like to request prayer for someone in need, you may call Adella Vogl (641-742-5277) for the telephone prayer chain or email the office at stjohnallsaints@gmail.com for an electronic prayer chain communication.

Need a Sacrament?

Baptisms: contact the church office to set a date; if you are first-time parents, you will need instruction prior to the Baptism.

Weddings: Be sure to contact the church office to request a date at least six months prior to the wedding. Father will need to meet with the couple for counsel/marriage prep.

Parish Business & Finance

October 8th Collection

Regular Tithes: \$582.00
Children's Collection: \$28.00
Building Fund: \$0.00
Special: \$0.00

This week's income:
\$610.00

This week's expenses:
\$1,616.35 (Reg. Checking);
\$600.00 (Repair Fund)

ADA Balance Due: \$470.00
Repair Fund Bal: \$3,570.12

From the Bishop

After the devastations of Hurricanes Harvey & Irma, we were prone to believe that the worst was over. Not so. Hurricane Maria came with its unbelievable fury and nearly totally destroyed Puerto Rico. With all this tragedy, I realize that compassion and collection fatigue set in. But this is the time we need to reach deeper than ever and perhaps our authentic compassion is tested. Since the need is so extensive, I ask that a special collection for the victims of Hurricane Maria be taken up. The need of those affected pales in comparison to our resources which admittedly have been stretched. ***We will ask for your donations over the weekend of October 28th-29th. Thank you.***

The Readings for this week...

<u>Monday 23rd</u>	<u>Tuesday 24th</u>	<u>Wednesday 25th</u>	<u>Thursday 26th</u>	<u>Friday 27th</u>	<u>Saturday 28th</u>	<u>Sunday 29th</u>
<i>Opt. Memorials of St. John of Capistrano, Priest</i>	<i>Optional Memorial of St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop</i>				Feast of Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Romans 4:20-25	Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21	Romans 6:12-18	Romans 6:19-23	Romans 7:18-25a	Ephesians 2:19-22	Exodus 22:20-26
Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75	Psalms 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17	Psalms 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8	Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6	Psalms 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94	Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5	Psalms 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
Luke 12:13-21	Luke 12:35-38	Luke 12:39-48	Luke 12:49-53	Luke 12:54-59	Luke 6:12-16	Matthew 22:34-40

Resource Websites

Catholic Devotional and Bible Studies

Catholic Scripture Study

www.catholicscripturestudyinc.org

Magnificat www.magnificat.net

U.S. Conference of Catholic

Bishops www.usccb.org

The Word Among Us www.wau.org

Reliable Catholic News Sources

Catholic Culture

www.catholicculture.org

Catholic News Agency

www.catholicnewsagency.com

EWTN News www.ewtnnews.com

Ignatius Insight

www.ignatiusinsight.com

National Catholic Register

www.ncregister.com

Our Sunday Visitor www.osv.com

Zenit www.zenit.org

Information on the Vatican, Church Statements, Teachings, & Documents

Catholic Answers www.catholic.com

The Holy See Inside the Vatican

www.insidethevatican.com

Pope2You www.pope2you.net

US Conference of Catholic Bishops

www.usccb.org

Vatican News www.vatican.va

Save the date...

- **Attention All C.W.O Women**
It is time for the fall \$25 collection. This replaces our fall dinner. Please pay either your chairman or Wilma Fagan. Thank you.
- The next Faith Formation classes are scheduled Nov. 5th & 19th from 9-11am.

- **Tuesday Night Adult Religious Ed** with Fr. Ray follows 6pm Mass at Stuart. All are welcome!
- **Iowa Life Serve** is having a blood drive at the Adair Community Center Oct. 16th from 2 pm to 6 pm. Walk-ins are al-

ways welcome. If you have any questions you can contact Janet Askew 641-740-0200



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.*

Website: adairstjohn.org

Liturgical Ministers Schedule: Sunday October 22, 2017

Cross Bearer: John Fagan

Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Paul Gettler

Lector: Brian Richter

Host: Adella Vogl

Cup: Les Elgin & Sr. Chinweze

Servers: Cash Suhr & Carley Fagan

Traveling Chalice: John & Kathy Fagan

Contact Us

Rev. Raymond J. Higgins, Pastor

Church Office: 515-523-1943

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

Parish Administrative Assistant & Bulletin Editor:

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Music: Deb Hollinrake **Liturgical Minister Schedule:** Les Elgin 742-3854

Prayer Request Phone Line: Adella Vogl 641-742-5277

St. John's Men's Club: Francis Hollinrake 742-5016

CWO & Parish Hall Rental/Information: Betty Ludwig 742-3812

On our website:

Mass & Confession Times

Events & Activities Photos

Calendar of Events

Catholic News Sources

Bulletins (Church & Children's)

Daily Readings

Contact Information

Calendar of Activities

*Reg. Church Office Hours:
9am-3pm T-W-Th*

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

Sunday 10-15	Monday 10-16	Tuesday 10-17	Wednesday 10-18	Thursday 10-19	Friday 10-20	Saturday 10-21
<p>7:30-7:55am Rosary & Confessions 8am Mass for Robert Fagan</p> <p>9-11am Faith Formation</p> <p>10am Mass (Stuart)</p>	<p>Iowa Life Serve Blood Drive 2-6pm at the Adair Community Centre</p> <p>Call Janet Askew with questions 641-740-0200</p>	<p>STUART: 6pm Mass for Bob Griffin</p> <p>Adult Ed Class at Stuart following Mass</p>	<p>8:30am Mass for Eldon Faga</p>	<p>6:30pm Mass for Isabel Lawlor</p>	<p>STUART: 8:30am Mass for Joann Allman</p>	<p>STUART: 3:30pm Confessions Mass 4:30pm for Albert & Lucille Greubel</p>
Sunday 10-22	Monday 10-23	Tuesday 10-24	Wednesday 10-25	Thursday 10-26	Friday 10-27	Saturday 10-28
<p>7:30-7:55am Rosary & Confessions 8am Mass for the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish</p> <p>10am Mass (Stuart)</p>		<p>STUART: 6pm Mass for Albert & Lucille Greubel</p> <p>Adult Ed Class at Stuart following Mass</p>	<p>8:30am Mass for Andrew Lawlor</p> <p>BD: Tom Gettler</p>	<p>6:30pm Mass for Mable E. Richter</p>	<p>STUART: 8:30am Mass for the Deceased Members of the Tigges/ Gladfelder Families</p>	<p>STUART: 3:30pm Confessions Mass 4:30pm for George Clark</p> <p>BD: Logan Brincks</p>