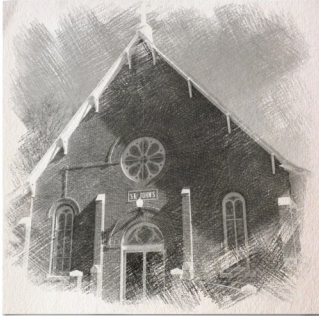


St. John Catholic Church

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

501 Adair Street, Adair, IA 50002

November 19, 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 asked at the Adult Faith Class about the trip to Israel and spoke on several areas of the trip. I believe I spent half the class doing so, even though I plan to have a "slide" (Power Point) presentation later. I am continuing to reflect about the trip to Israel and the areas we traveled and how I have been affected, as well as thought how I might appreciate those parts that seem to have no affect on me. The pilgrimage to Israel can be likened to our journey through life. It seems that there is lots of anticipation to where we want to go and who we want to be in life. Often, the dreams and the journey toward those desires are more "life-giving" than actually achieving the goal or getting to the place where we once dreamed of going. On the pilgrimage to the Holy Land, I anticipated all that I had hoped to see, feel, learn, and talk to God about. Yet, when I actually got to Israel, I was tired due to the long travel, with its weariness and inconveniences, but still I was hopeful and filled with anticipation of what would be in store for us. As the pilgrimage group traveled by bus and foot to each of the sites, it seemed I thought to myself that I would be appreciating this experience more. Perhaps, I was more overwhelmed with actually being in the Holy Land than I realized. On the other hand, I felt somewhat disappointed. While it was true I was overwhelmed - I thought I would

be "blown away" with awe. Perhaps I was and only now begin to appreciate where I was and what I saw. Why was I disappointed at the time? I had this idea of an ancient scene straight out of the Bible. I thought I would still see the places spoken of in the Scriptures untouched by time. However, I should have taken into consideration population growth and so goes the need for land. Israel is number one in the world for innovation and startup companies. So, in newer developed parts of Israel there are beautiful skylines with modern buildings one would find in any popular city. Many of the Scriptural sites had their own beauty and story, but often they were enclosed with buildings to protect the site and adorned with artwork to remind pilgrims of the place they are visiting, such as the Birth of Jesus, the place where he preached the Sermon on the Mount, the Agony in the Garden, the prison (a cistern) at Caiphas' house, the site where Jesus was crucified, where he was laid to be anointed, and the place of burial. By the way, my hope is to put together a presentation in the near future to share with all of you. What I take away from this experience is that the trip is like a mini experience of what life is like. I have many thoughts of what I would see and experience in Israel, so, too, with life. But the realities of Israel, as well as life itself, seem to be different than what I hoped and expected.

Yet nothing is lost from it all if we take the time to look back over it all. Perhaps, I will begin to truly appreciate the experience of Israel when I am relaxed and not hurried or tired. I believe the Church with all the Saints are advising us to the same, not only on a daily basis with an examination of our day, but to reflect back on our whole life. As we reflect, we can see where God has led us and holds out to us lessons about life and about Him and each other. It is a process of appreciation. Appreciating all things good or bad. Why? We learn from them and we grow because God has taught us how to do what is right and good in the good times and in the bad. We can begin to appreciate that many lessons learned came through the people we love and don't love so much; many of life's lessons are learned simply by looking back over life in the context of prayer - asking God what I have learned and how may I draw closer to you. May our pilgrimage through this life be one of reflection and thanksgiving to God who provides and allows all things.

We can't truly appreciate it unless we look back over it and ponder where we have been.

Fr. Ray

Faith Formation Students' Mass

Harvest Mass is Sunday November 19. Every student has a part to play in the Mass, so please be here by 7:45am. Also, please bring an imperishable food item.

Stop in to the hall after Mass to help Annie's class raise money for Food for the Poor by purchasing a hot chocolate or one of the many jewelry items the kids have made - everything is \$3 or less.



We've got gifts and stocking-stuffers!

**Wilma
Fagan**

*Eternal rest
grant unto her,
O Lord, and
let perpetual
light shine upon
her. May she
rest in peace.*

Amen

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

November 12th Collection

Regular Tithes: \$479.00
Children's Collection: \$4.00
Building Fund: \$0.00
Special: \$0.00

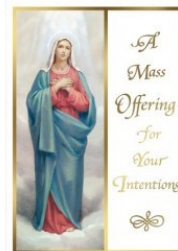
This week's income:
\$483.00

This week's expenses:
\$1,755.13

ADA Balance Due: \$470.00

Repair Fund Bal: \$3,630.12

Mass Intentions There are Mass times available for your Prayer Intentions. Please contact Rita in the Church Office at 515-523-1943, via email: allsaintsoffice@gmail.com, or by regular mail.



We are short seven (7) intentions for January 2018 at this time.

Usual donation per intention is \$5.

The Readings for this week...

<u>Monday 20th</u>	<u>Tuesday 21st</u>	<u>Wednesday 22nd</u>	<u>Thursday 23rd</u>	<u>Friday 24th</u>	<u>Saturday 25th</u>	<u>Sunday 26th</u>
	Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Memorial of St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr	Opt. Memorials of St. Clement I & Pope & Martyr, St. Columban, Abbot	Memorial of St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs	Opt. Mems. Of St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr; Blessed Virgin Mary	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63	2 Maccabees 6:18-31	2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31	1 Maccabees 2:15-29	1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59	1 Maccabees 6:1-13	Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
Psalm 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158	Psalm 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7	Psalm 17:1bcd, 5-6a, 8b, 15	Psalm 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15	1 Chronicles 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd	Psalm 9:2-3, 4, 6, 16, 19	Psalm 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Luke 18:35-43	Luke 19:1-10	Luke 19:11-28	Luke 19:41-44	Luke 19:45-48	Luke 20:27-40	Matthew 25:31-46

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...

- The next **Faith Formation** classes are scheduled for December 3rd and December 17th.
- **Thanksgiving Eve Mass** will be at 7pm here at St. John. Thanksgiving morning Mass will be at 9am at All Saints in Stuart.
- **Festival of Trees** will be Dec. 2

from 1-8pm and Dec. 3 from 11am-2pm at the Adair community Center Proceeds to Senior Scholarships and Community projects.

- We are beginning the project of putting together a **new Parish Directory**. Jill Gerling, Gerling Photography, will be available to take

family photos both at Stuart and here in Adair. The sessions will last 15 minutes and will be done at the church or in the hall. Dates for these photo sessions will be Jan. 20-21; Jan. 27-28; Feb.3-4; Feb.10-11; and Feb. 24-25. Sign-up and informational sheets will be available soon. You may also submit your own photograph.

**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 November 26, 2017

Cross Bearer: Scott Suhr

Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Larry Ludwig

Lector: Brian Richter

Host: Matt Fagan

Cup: Elizabeth Moreland & Scott Suhr

Servers: Cash Suhr & Madison Suhr

Traveling Chalice: Kaye & Cleon Klemish

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.

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Director of Religious Education: Annie Brincks annie68164@hotmail.com

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

Special Mass Times

Adair:

Thanksgiving **7pm Wednesday November 22nd**
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

7pm Thursday December 7th

Stuart:

Thanksgiving **9am Thursday November 23rd**
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary **7pm Friday December 8th**

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 11-19	Monday 11-20	Tuesday 11-21	Wednesday 11-22	Thursday 11-23	Friday 11-24	Saturday 11-25
7:30-7:55am Rosary & Confessions 8am Mass for Hugh Hollinrake 10am Mass (Stuart) BD: Rick Richter ANN: Rich & Grace Kennedy 2004		6:30pm Mass (Stuart) for Donato Cianciaruso Adult RE Class 6:30pm	No Morning Mass THANKSGIVING MASS 7pm in honor of Eugene Seilhan BD: Marilyn Ludwig	THANKSGIVING NO EVENING MASS		STUART: 3:30pm Confessions Mass 4:30pm for Albert & Lucille Greubel BD: Cody Moreland
Sunday 11-26	Monday 11-27	Tuesday 11-28	Wednesday 11-29	Thursday 11-30	Friday 12-1	Saturday 12-2
7:30-7:55am Rosary & Confessions 8am Mass for the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish 10am Mass (Stuart) BD: Abby Richter ANN: Blair & Erin Carney 2011		6:30pm Mass (Stuart) for Maynard Witkowski Adult RE Class 6:30pm	8:30am Mass in honor of Tiago DeSouza ANNs: Matt & Monica Fagan 2003; Ryan & Christine Richter 2008	6:30pm Mass for Mable E Richter BD: Jennifer Richter ANN: Brian & Jennifer Richter 2004		STUART: 8:30am Mass for Pat Donnelly 3:30pm Confessions Mass 4:30pm for Martin G Lydon