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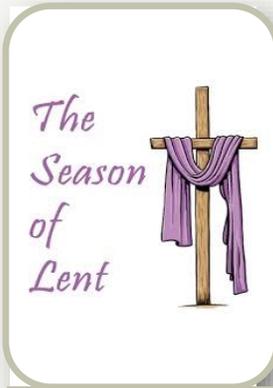
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501 Adair Street, Adair, IA 50002

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Rev. Raymond J. Higgins, Parish Priest

When "Someone Offends Me..."



MASS TIMES
8AM SUNDAY
8:30AM WEDNESDAY
6:30PM THURSDAY

The article at right is borrowed and modified from an anonymous, original post on a social media website.

On Prayer...

As a follow up to last week's note about our prayer ministry, I thought it might be nice to talk further about prayer. But honestly, the saints have done a far better job than I could ever do. Enjoy their insight into prayer as I have. Descriptions of prayer are abundant throughout Christian history. "True prayer," wrote St. Augustine, "is nothing but love." Prayer

When someone offends me, I can either:

Tell people ALL about it OR
Go DIRECTLY to God in prayer

I can make my listeners begin to think less of my offender OR I can listen to God & hear what I really should think of my offender

I can make them join me in speaking negatively about my offender OR I can feel at PEACE and not "need" to vent to others

I now have succeeded in: causing others to sin; creating division in relationships; made myself more upset by re-hashing the details; deliberately disobeyed God OR I have honored God by valuing unity over the (very) temporary pleasure of gossiping and gaining sympathy from others.

Which options do you choose?

-Submitted by David Witkowski

should arise from the heart. "Prayer," said St. John Vianney, "is the inner bath of love into which the soul plunges itself." "Everyone of us needs half an hour of prayer each day," remarked St. Francis de Sales, "except when we are busy—then we need an hour." Definitions of prayer are important, but insufficient. There is a huge difference between knowing about

prayer and praying. On this issue, the Rule of St. Benedict is clear, "If a man wants to pray, let him go and pray." Pray for the living, pray for the dead, pray for those we love, pray for what we need, pray for friends, pray for enemies. But by all means, pray to the One who created it all, for who but God can help us with what we need.

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EASTER LILIES, MUMS, BEGONIAS

Sold By St. John's Catholic Church

Please Contact Monica Fagan @ 641-742-3067 if you'd like to order.

Pick up is Friday, March 23rd from 5-7pm at St. John's Church Hall.



Money due at time of order.
Thank you!



PRAYER & THANKSGIVING

- ◆ For all those who are suffering with the flu and in the extreme weather we are experiencing
- ◆ *To request prayer, please call the Church office at 515-523-1943, Adella Vogl at 641-742-5277, or email: stjohncatholic@gmail.com*

Mary Ann Gettler

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

Liturgical Ministers Sunday March 4

Cross Bearer: Scott Suhr

Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Matt Fagan & Family

Lector: Brian Richter

Host: Matt Fagan

Cup: Elizabeth Moreland & Scott Suhr

Servers: Cash & Madison Suhr

Traveling Chalice: John & Adella Vogl

PARISH BUSINESS & FINANCE REPORT

February 18th Collection \$748.00 Kids: \$11.50

Building Fund Balance as of 2/14: \$52.34 Special Collection: \$0.00

This Week's Income: \$759.50 This Week's Expenses: **\$1,705.98**

2017 ADA Balance As of 2/5/22018: \$0.00 *Thank You!*

Trustees: Sheryl Drees, Les Elgin

Council Members: John Fagan, Monica Fagan, Larry Drees, Kenneth Ludwig, Marcia Gettler

Financial Secretary: Rita Rilea

CALENDAR & DAILY READINGS

<u>Sunday 2-25</u>	<u>Monday 2-26</u>	<u>Tuesday 2-27</u>	<u>Wednesday 2-28</u>	<u>Thursday 3-1</u>	<u>Friday 3-2</u>	<u>Saturday 3-3</u>
<p>7:30am Confession/ Adoration/ Rosary</p> <p>8am Mass for the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish</p> <p><i>BD:</i> <i>Raymond Vais</i></p>		<p>6pm Mass for <i>Kathleen Doud Lewin (Stuart)</i></p> <p>6:30pm Adult RE Class (Stuart)</p>	<p>8:30am Mass for Dean Kopp</p> <p><i>BD:</i> <i>Alice Moreland</i></p>	<p>6:30pm Mass for Ray & Rosemarie Metzger</p>	<p>6pm Mass for Ernest Suchon w/ Stations of the Cross (Stuart)</p>	<p>3:30pm Confessions <i>(Stuart)</i></p> <p>4:30pm Mass for Ila Mae Pivonka <i>(Stuart)</i></p>
<p>Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Romans 8:1b-34; Mark 9:2-10</p> <p><i>God's love for us is limitless.</i></p> <p>Today, we hear the familiar pas- sage from Saint Paul when he says, <i>If God is for us, who can be against us?</i> Since we have been called by name, by virtue of our baptism, we know that we are God's chil- dren; we are his instruments in the world.</p>	<p>Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38 <i>The need for God's mercy.</i></p> <p>It can be easy to grow complacent as we progress in Christian virtue, treating our rela- tionship with God like a check- list of activities to be completed. The life of faith is transcendent of mere observa- tion of the law, however, and that is why we need God's love and mercy to grow in the disci- plesh of love.</p>	<p>Isaiah 1:10, 16- 20; Matthew 23:1-12 <i>God is merciful and full of com- passion.</i></p> <p>Every year we cycle through the liturgical seasons follow- ing the mystery of the life and ministry of Jesus. In the Lenten season, we hear the call of Jesus to turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel. Through our Lenten disci- pline of prayer, fasting and alms- giving, we empty ourselves of sin and fill ourselves with God's mer- cy.</p>	<p>Jeremiah 18:18- 20; Matthew 20:17-28 <i>Jesus gave his life willingly as a ransom for many.</i></p> <p>Rejection and opposition are part and parcel of the Christian life because the Gospel often goes against cul- tural norms. Let us work to em- brace the life of servant leader- ship to which Jesus refers, and do our part to build up his king- dom on earth.</p>	<p>Jeremiah 17:5- 10; Luke 16:19- 31 <i>Let us turn our focus away from material goods, and toward God.</i></p> <p>God has told us through Old Tes- tament prophets and through Je- sus that our eter- nity is in our own hands. How we live on earth will determine what our eternal life will be like. Every action, every word, every thought and eve- ry reaction cre- ates the mosaics of our lives. Let us ask Jesus to help us make them pleasing to the Father.</p>	<p>Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matthew 21:33- 43, 45-46 <i>Let us pray for the grace to be at peace with one another.</i></p> <p>In both Scripture readings today, we see conflict and killing. These are brothers and fellow citizens who are definite- ly not at peace with one another. In God's king- dom, we can both find and engender peace. Since God's king- dom is now—not somewhere down the road – let us pray for the grace to be at peace with one another.</p>	<p>Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1 -3, 11-32 <i>The Lord wel- comes us with mercy and com- passion.</i></p> <p>None of us is without sin. While the Lord condemns wrongful actions, he longs for us to return to him. He desires reconcili- ation. This is pos- sible when we humble our- selves, admit our guilt and sincere- ly express re- morse. The lov- ing Father wel- comes our re- pentance with mercy and com- passion, and invites others to join the celebra- tion.</p>

DIOCESAN NEWS



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www.dmdiocese.org

FUNDRAISING FOR NIGERIANS

This Lent, we will be once again raising funds to help support a high school seminary in Nigeria led by the Congregation of the Holy Spirit. This seminary has given our diocese four priests who are currently serving here, and anything we can do to help support their work and the work of the future priests of our universal Church is much appreciated! For more information, talk to your religious education leader or Catholic school administration.

NEW DIOCESAN DIRECTOR OF STEWARDSHIP

Angela Hilbert, of St. Pius X Parish, will be the new diocesan Director of Stewardship effective Feb.8. She holds a degree in communications from the University of Northern Iowa. She received her Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) accreditation in 2005. In service to the fundraising profession, she most recently served as president of Central Iowa Chapter of Association of Fundraising Pro-



fessionals and has also served as president of the Mid-Iowa Planned Giving Council.

JOB OPENING

Our Catholic Foundation of SW IA is currently recruiting for a newly created position. This position is the Director of Planned Giving. Please go to our website <http://www.dmdiocese.org/diocesan-job-openings.cfm> for more information about the position including how to apply.

PRIEST SUSPENDED FOLLOWING ALLEGATION

A priest of the Diocese of Des Moines has been suspended indefinitely following an allegation of a serious violation of boundary issues related to unwelcome advances toward an adult.

Immediately after hearing of the allegation early Tuesday morning, Bishop Richard Pates had law enforcement notified in Council Bluffs. He also suspended Father Carlos Pineda Gomez, who serves as parochial vicar of Corpus Christi Parish in Council Bluffs. While suspended, Father Pineda may not engage in public ministry including celebrating Mass or sacraments, nor may he go to the parish office, St. Albert Catholic Schools or the parish religious education program.

Before further action is taken with Father Pineda, an investi-

gation into allegations will be taken by appropriate authorities.

The diocese encourages anyone with allegations of abuse by clergy to contact their local police department or diocesan Victim Assistance Advocate Sherry Knox at advocate@dmdiocese.org, sherry.knox@polkcountyiowa.gov or 515-286-2028.

She can assist the person with making a complaint, receiving support and counseling services.

"On behalf of the Diocese of Des Moines, I wish to extend my prayers and sincere apology to any person who has been victimized," said Bishop Richard Pates. "During this Lenten season, I ask you to keep in your prayer all victims of abuse, the Corpus Christi Parish community, and Father

Pineda."

Father Pineda was ordained by Bishop Pates in December 2016. Before ordination, he served a pastoral year at St. Patrick Church in Council Bluffs and as a transitional deacon was assigned to Christ the King Parish in Des Moines. After ordination, he was assigned to serve Corpus Christi Parish in Council Bluffs.



The Diocese of Des Moines includes 80 parishes in 23 counties in central and southwest Iowa.

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SAVE THE DATE...

Adair Lenten Ecumenical Service

◆ March 7th
7pm

Fish Fry Fridays

◆ February 23
◆ March 9
◆ March 23

Turkey Dinner

◆ March 11
◆ See Betty Ludwig for details