

May 29, 2016
Corpus Christi Sunday

Saint John Catholic Church

Masses
Sunday:8am ~ Wednesday:8:30am ~ Thursday:6:30pm



Parish Contact Information

Rev. Raymond J. Higgins
Pastor
Rev. Mr. Fred Cornwell
Deacon

Church Office

Phone: 515-523-1943
Website: adairstjohn.org

Parish Business Manager
Deacon Fred Cornwell
cornwellfritz@gmail.com

**Secretary &
Communications**
Brenda Wedemeyer
stjohnallsaints@gmail.com

Bookkeeping
Rita Rilea
allsaintsoffice@gmail.com

Adella Vogl
Prayer Chain Requests
641-742-5277

Annie Brincks
Religious Education
Coordinator
annie68164@hotmail.com

Les Elgin
Liturgical Minister Scheduling
elgins2011@gmail.com

Mailing Address:
St. John Catholic Church
c/o All Saints Church
PO Box 605
216 All Saints Drive Stuart, IA
50250

Dear Parishioners,

Each year on Memorial Day, my mother and I would visit the graves of our loved ones. My uncles on my mother's side served in the army, one uncle on my dad's side served in the air force, and I have offered chaplain services at the Air National Guard for 19 years. Although I did not serve in the Air Guard itself, I have come to appreciate those who must place their lives on the line and to deal with the violence of the world including our local law enforcement, fire and rescue personnel. Two of my veteran uncles have died, but our visits to the cemeteries are not limited to them. We also visit the graves and pray for all of our family members who have died.

Another reason each Memorial Day is significant for us is the presence of a large gathering of people we always see who stand around the grave of a man who was murdered. I have not experienced directly the murder of a loved one, but the presence and devotion that was being offered to that man was and is one of the highlights of our Memorial Day visits. Many people die by violence and war each day and those who have fallen by such tragedies ought to be remembered in a special way.

Memorial Day invites an opportunity to consider what this day is about. It was the Civil War that first brought about a remembrance day for those who have fallen in battle. Although there was a "winning side" to this war, everyone who had a loved one die due to the violence of that war felt a great loss. That war was the event that sparked the desire for Memorial Day which has since progressed over the years to stand for all those who have fallen in battle. We must remember, these fallen soldiers are people who matter to someone and who had a duty to perform regardless of whether they agreed with it or not. It may be true that the military have no choice in the performance of their duties, but most do so with the intention of bringing about a greater good and peace.

Memorial Day's original significance seems to have been lost. We seem to use the holiday for other reasons than was its original intent. Picnics and parades take place. We go on vacations and that seems to be what is important. That is not what this day is all about. All people who have died matter and Memorial Day is a time to remember them, their family, and their friends who love them.

Just like the folks who gather each year to remember their loved one who died by a violent act, we too must pause and reflect on those who have been placed in harm's way and have died for things reasonable as well as unreasonable. Wouldn't it be great if we had a memorial day where we remember the end to all wars and violence?

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM: Preparation class for parents and godparents is required. Please contact the church office to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Preparation for marriage must begin at least six months before the anticipated date of the wedding. Please contact the church office to set up an appointment to speak with Father.

Parish News & Events

May 29, 2016
Corpus Christi Sunday

Mass Schedule

Sunday 5/29 8:00am For Carol Lengel
Wednesday 6/1 8:30am In Honor of George Holland Jr.
Thursday 6/2 6:30pm For JoAnne & Ed Littler Jr.
Sunday 6/5 8:00am For John W. Brincks

*If you would like to have a Mass said for someone,
please contact Rita in the Church Office at 523-1943.*

Liturgical Ministers for June 5

Cross Bearer: Scott Suhr

Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Ludwig

Lector: Kennedy Plowman

Host: Les Elgin

Cup: Adella Vogl, Matt Fagan

Servers: Logan Brincks, Quynon Younker

Traveling Chalice: Rich & Grace Kennedy

Birthdays

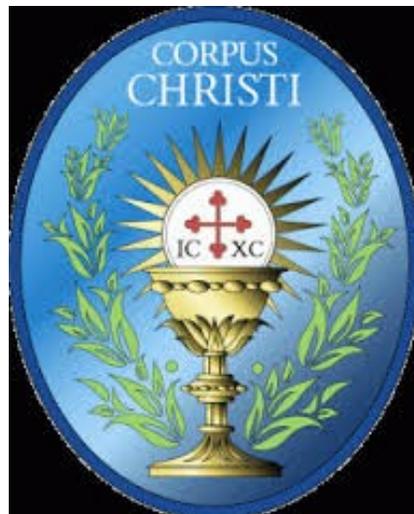
5/29: William Littler

5/31: Reece Richter

Financial Report for the week of May 22nd

Regular Tithes
\$487.00
Children's Collection
\$12.00
Building Fund \$0.00
Repair Fund Balance
5/11: \$2,180.67
ADA Balance Due:
\$373.90

*Thank you for your
generosity!*



FAQs about Marriage & Annulments

Is a divorced Catholic excommunicated?

No, civil divorce does not mean a person is excommunicated. A civil divorce in itself does not damage a person's communion with the Church. Divorced persons can participate in the entire sacramental life of the Church.

Can a Catholic who has been divorced marry again? Yes, once an annulment has been issued by a tribunal.

Why does the Church require an annulment for a person to be married a second time in the Church? The Church believes that once a valid marriage is entered into, only death can end the marriage, and all marriages are assumed valid until shown to be otherwise. Therefore, a civil divorce does not change the Church's view of a couple's marital status. The Church acknowledges that divorces happen, and people often desire to marry again after a divorce. In these cases the Church can study the details of the first marriage to see if a valid marriage actually did occur in the eyes of the Church. This study is meant to be an act of justice and mercy, and not meant to impart guilt or invalidate all aspects of the former relationship. This has no effect on the status of children.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

For June 2016

Universal: That immigrants and refugees may find welcome and respect in the countries to which they come.

Evangelization: That the personal encounter with Jesus may arouse in many young people the desire to offer their own lives in priesthood or consecrated life.

