

September 11, 2016
24th Sunday in Ordinary
Time

Saint John Catholic Church

Mission Statement: "We envision a process of transforming all baptized Christian, clergy, and lay into maturing persons knowing themselves in community, growing in their relationship to God, lived in individual and shared ministry responses to their baptismal call."

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Dear Parishioners,

Recent news reports from our sisters and brothers in Louisiana reveal unbelievable loss due to the massive floods which have impacted that area. Stories of individuals and families who have lost everything are heart-wrenching.

We are all called to respond in every way possible as we reach out to those who are in need. It is important that we continue to hold in prayer all of those whose homes have been destroyed, all who have lost loved ones in the flooding, and the local communities of faith who are providing direct support to them. In addition, I join Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, in appealing to your generosity in offering financial support to those in need.

A special collection will be taken up in the parishes of the Diocese of Des Moines on September 24th and 25th. The need is great. As always, I know that you will respond with generous hearts to support all of those suffering the devastation of the Louisiana floods. May God bless you and all of those who will benefit from your gift of money and prayerful support.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Richard E. Pates

Bishop of Des Moines

The Eagle

It is quite interesting to read about the life of the eagle. Because of its large size, nomadic lifestyle, striking visage, and graceful flight, the bald eagle has symbolized great power, strength, freedom, elegance, and independence to many cultures throughout history. The qualities attributed to the bald eagle were particularly attractive to a young nation struggling for its independence, like the United States of America.



Besides, did you know that an eagle knows when a storm is approaching long before it breaks? The eagle will fly to some high spot and wait for the winds to come. When the storm hits, it sets its wings so that the wind will pick it up and lift it above the storm. While the storm rages below, the eagle is soaring above it. The eagle does not escape the storm. It simply uses the storm to lift it higher. It rises on the winds that bring the storm.

When the storms of life come upon us - and all of us will experience them - we can rise above them by setting our minds and our belief toward God. The storms do not have to overcome us. We can allow God's power to lift us above them.

God enables us to ride the winds of the storm that bring sickness, tragedy, failure and disappointment in our lives. We can soar above the storm. The story of the eagle helps us to remember, it is not the burdens of life that weigh us down, it is how we handle them.

- Anonymous

Parish News & Events

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This Week's Calendar w/Mass Times & Intentions	Sunday 9/11/16 8am Christine Hanley 9am Faith Formation	Monday 9/12/16	Tuesday 9/13/16	Wednesday 9/14/16 8:30am Joseph Lawlor	Thursday 9/15/16 6:30pm Felix Lawlor 7PM Adult Bible Study "Original Sin"	Friday 9/16/16	Saturday 9/17/16 <i>Myles Richter's Birthday</i>
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Annual Collection for Seminarians The diocesan-wide Special Collection for Seminarians will be conducted on September 17 and 18. Registered parishioners will be receiving a letter and brochure in the mail from Bishop Pates. Gifts to this collection support the education and formation costs associated with seminarians, which continually rise. There are 23 seminarians in the Diocese of Des Moines. They are quality individuals dedicated to discernment. Your prayers for the number to continue to increase are appreciated. The need for your support is critical so that we may continue providing for our seminarians.

Liturgical Ministers September 18th	Cross Bearer: Cody Moreland	Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Paul Gettler	Lector: Julie Plowman	Host: Matt Fagan	Cup: Adella Vogl, Dave Richter	Servers: Paxton Schneider, Logan Brincks	Traveling Chalice: John & Adella Vogl
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Holy Father's September Prayer Intentions

Universal: That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people.
Evangelization: That catechists may give witness by living in a way consistent with the faith they proclaim.

Financial Report For:	September 4, 2016	Regular Tithes \$466.00	Children's Collection \$11.00	Building Fund \$0.00	Repair Fund Balance \$2,424.63	Altar Furn. Fund \$10,810.50	ADA Balance Due: \$300.00
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Youth Conference

Students in grades 6-8 & 9-12 are invited to attend this year's Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC) coming up in October. **Registrations must be made by Sept. 25th through Jill Gerling at All Saints in Stuart.** Contact the Church Office to make your reservation at (515)523-1943.

Attention CWO Ladies!

It's time for our fall collection. We are asking for your contribution of \$25 each in lieu of the fall dinner. Please pay Wilma Fagan or your monthly chairman. **Thank you!**



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.