

**September 18, 2016**  
**25th 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,

This is Catechetical Sunday, a day set aside each year to recognize those among us who step up to the challenge of passing on the faith to our young people. Our catechists volunteer their time and talents in order that our parishes may look to the future that will be in our children's hands one day. We must also remember that passing on the faith is a shared responsibility between parents and the Church. Parents are the first line of teaching. And, in support of parents and catechists, we offer another option that may continue to bolster and increase their knowledge of the faith. There is an adult religious education program each week to increase and enhance the knowledge of the Catholic Faith. Please consider joining us for open discussion and fellowship.

By the way, registration for Faith Formation is still open, so if you haven't gotten your child registered yet, it's not too late. Please feel welcome to involve your children in this most important part of their lives.

We also recognize education goes beyond the parish to our seminarians and we certainly want them to focus on learning more about the Gospel message and the teachings of the Church so that we might share in their learning. I want to thank you for contributing to the Seminarian Fund.

The **Christ our Life Conference** is coming up this next weekend (Sept. 24-25) and tickets can be purchased at the door. The conferences have proven to be inspirational and motivational. Not only are there national speakers, but organizers try to keep the event relevant to current issues and how we might live our faith in the midst of our culture. For full details of the event or to purchase tickets, please go to: [www.christforlifeiowa.com](http://www.christforlifeiowa.com). Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for students (through college).

Thank you all so much for the time and talent you, as parents, catechists, and those who actively support passing on the faith, give back to God. May He continually bless you in your ministry!

Thank you, Fr. Ray

## A CATHOLIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR OUR SEARCHING SOULS **CHRIST OUR LIFE**

Saturday Sept. 24-Sunday Sept. 25  
Adults \$25 Students \$15 (through college)  
[www.christourlifeiowa.com](http://www.christourlifeiowa.com) for tickets,  
schedule of events & speakers



# Parish News & Events

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This Week's Calendar	Sunday 9/18/16	Monday 9/19/16	Tuesday 9/20/16	Wednesday 9/21/16	Thursday 9/22/16	Friday 9/23/16	Saturday 9/24/16
w/Mass Times & Intentions, Birthdays & Anniversaries	8am John W Brincks 9am Faith Formation <i>Blair Carney's Birthday</i>	<i>Christine Richter's Birthday</i>		8:30am Andrew Lawlor	6:30pm Betty Dill  7PM Adult Bible Study		

## IN THE DIOCESE:

**Christ Our Life Event** A Pilgrimage in your own backyard! For complete details, go to: <http://www.christourlifeiowa.com>



**Abundant Living** Come join Abundant Living, a social group with the mission of celebrating the gift of the Church's teaching on Natural Family Planning, for a Francis Fiesta and trivia night on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, the vigil for St. Francis' feast day! This event is open to all families, and is being held at St Pius X Parish, 3663 66<sup>th</sup> St, Urbandale, IA. Dinner will begin at 6 PM and childcare is available. Dinner will cost \$10 a couple, RSVPs are required and can be made with Adam Storey at [astorey@dmdioocese.org](mailto:astorey@dmdioocese.org) or 515-237-5056.

**Divorced?** *The Catholic's DIVORCE SURVIVAL Guide 12-week group begins November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at St Theresa Parish, 1230 Merle Hay Rd, Des Moines IA 50311. Cost of \$30 per person includes a "Personal Survival Guide" and all materials for 12 weeks. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. Call Bill and Ann Moore for more information, or to register, at 515-480-3314 (Bill) 641-425-0109 (Ann) or email [moorefamilysm@gmail.com](mailto:moorefamilysm@gmail.com). For more information visit [www.catholicdivorce.com](http://www.catholicdivorce.com)*

Liturgical Ministers	Cross Bearer:	Greeters:	Lector:	Host:	Cup:	Servers:	Traveling Chalice:
September 25th	Francis Hollinrake	Mr. & Mrs. Tom Gettler	Theresa Elgin	Les Elgin	Scott Suhr, Elizabeth Moreland	Carley Fagan, Cole Plowman	Les & Theresa Elgin

Financial Report For:	September 11, 2016	Regular Tithes	Children's Collection	Building Fund	Repair Fund Balance	Altar Furn. Fund	ADA Balance Due:
		\$334.18	\$10.80	\$0.00	\$2,424.63	\$10,810.50	\$300.00

### 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.