

September 25, 2016
26th 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,

Next weekend we will celebrate Deacon Fred Cornwell's 30th Anniversary as a Deacon. Deacon Fred will offer the homily next weekend and perhaps share with us some memorable moments during the last 30 years of ministering as a Deacon. We will have a reception after each of the Masses and hope you will congratulate him for his dedication and service to God and His Church.

Vocations to the diaconate, priesthood, and religious life are essential to help in planting seeds of faith, and most importantly, parents are the first teachers of the ways of faith for their children. Moms and dads should never underestimate their influence in their child's development especially when it comes to faith. If mom and dad are afraid to pray and form their children to love God, then it would be logical that the children would grow up also distant and find no need to speak to God or ask for His love and help.

If that is the case, it is no wonder we see folks turning inward to themselves for answers and not seeking the help of their parents, extended family, friends, the Church, or even God. A relationship with God is vital to living a "true life".

It is never too late to embrace an all loving God who wishes to assist us to navigate through the "realities" of life - both the good and the bad that happens. Certainly, it seems effortless to us to enjoy the good times God gives us - often without being thankful or even acknowledging Him; but we run away from Him or place blame on Him when we experience the bad times. Yet, it is by the grace of God and our cooperation that we work through life - the good and the bad - and we can and should assist others as well. What an opportunity for us to "truly live" if we would listen to our Lord and act upon His Word.

Deacon Fred, we thank you for answering the call to the diaconate. We appreciate your love and pastoral care for the people of God.

May God bless you as you continue to minister.

Fr. Ray

O God, Father of all Mercies,
Provider of a bountiful Harvest, send Your Graces upon those
You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor;
preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of you.

Open the hearts of Your children
that they may discern Your Holy Will;
inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves
to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ.

Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life
guided by Your Divine Word and Truth.
Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary,
all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers
and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Parish News & Events

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This Week's Calendar	Sunday 9/25/16	Monday 9/26/16	Tuesday 9/27/16	Wednesday 9/28/16	Thursday 9/29/16	Friday 9/30/16	Saturday 10/1/16
w/Mass Times & Intentions, Birthdays & Anniversaries	8am For the People 9am Faith Formation Wade Geary's Birthday	Deb Richter's Birthday	Raymond & Betty Vais 1958	8:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Joseph Fagan's Birthday	6:30pm Helen Daume 7PM Adult Bible Study Andrew & Stacie Richter 2012		

Coming up!

"Vender Blender"

9am-1pm

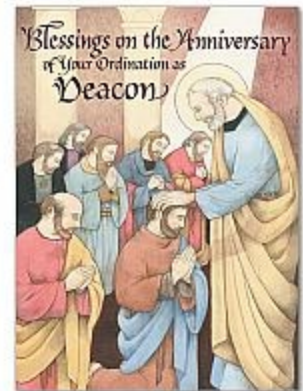
Saturday October 1st at All Saints in Stuart

- Bake Sale, Raffle, Breakfast & Lunch
- More than 20 Vendors scheduled for this annual fund raising event.
- Proceeds benefit the Cottage Pantry

You are invited...

Please join us after Mass next weekend to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Deacon Fred's ordination.

There will be refreshments following Sunday's Mass.



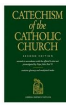

Liturgical Ministers	Cross Bearer:	Greeters:	Lector:	Host:	Cup:	Servers:	Traveling Chalice:
October 2nd	Dave Richter	Mr. & Mrs. Francis Hollinrake	Scott Suhr	Dave Richter	Adella Vogl, Les Elgin	Cade Suhr, Trevin Suhr	John & Kathy Fagan

Financial Report For:	September 18, 2016	Regular Tithes	Children's Collection	Seminarian Collection	Repair Fund Balance	Altar Furn. Fund	ADA Balance Due:
		\$463.00	\$31.00	\$297.00	\$2,424.63	\$10,810.50	\$300.00

Adult Faith Formation

The Adult Faith Formation class meets at 7pm each Thursday for fellowship and discussion. Please join us this week!

The topic this week is: Continuing last week's discussion; the Church

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.