

October 2, 2016
27th 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 weekend we are celebrating a milestone with Deacon Fred Cornwell who was ordained in 1986. He has served several parishes in southwest Iowa for more than 30 years, including All Saints and St. John.

Deacon Fred has served the Church as a full-time minister more years than he was employed in the secular workforce. He readily admits that his 25 years as a warehouse worker, credit manager, salesman, and store manager, were merely a training ground for the life God was preparing him to take on as a deacon.

Although his early years' desire was to be ordained and serve the Lord as a priest, God had other plans for him. Disappointed with that at first, he began to conform to what he thought God was asking of him.

Not being accepted into the Diaconate Formation Program when he first applied, God pursued him and after a second attempt one year later, was accepted into the program in 1982 and was ordained in 1986. At his ordination, Fred did not have a clue as to what God was wanting him to do. So he began his journey entering into parish and liturgical life within the parishes he was assigned to.

Fred readily admits that, at times, God put up with his stubbornness, and sometimes had to use a little persuasiveness in order to get him in the right place at the right time according to God's plan. And, sometimes, God used His persuasiveness with other people to allow things to take place to get Fred just where God wanted him to be.

God has blessed Fred with the gifts of compassion, understanding, thoughtfulness, thoroughness, gentleness, "stick-to-it-tiveness", organizational skills, and lots of common sense.

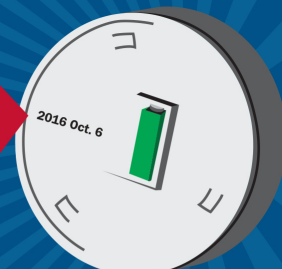
Thank you, Deacon Fred, for answering God's call.

Have a wonderful week,

Fr. Ray



Don't Wait —
Check the Date!
Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years



Fire Prevention Week
Oct. 9-15, 2016

Age matters when it comes to your smoke alarms.
Check the manufacture dates on your smoke alarms today!

Parish News & Events

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This Week's Calendar	Sunday 10/2/16	Monday 10/3/16	Tuesday 10/4/16	Wednesday 10/5/16	Thursday 10/6/16	Friday 10/6/16	Saturday 10/7/16
w/Mass Times & Intentions, Birthdays & Anniversaries	8am Lynn & Alice Elgin 9am Faith Formation <i>Quyn-ton Yunker, Ryan Richter</i>			8:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion	6:30pm Liturgy of the Word with Communion 7PM Adult Bible Study		<i>Sheryl Drees</i>



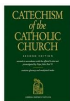
New! Bible Backpacks Now Available!

St. John's is excited to have Bible Backpacks! These are geared toward children ages 5 and under. The Bible Backpacks have some activities to help keep children content during Mass. They can be found in baskets in the back of the church, and can be returned to the baskets following Mass. Please feel free to use everything in the backpacks - that is what it's for. We will restock backpacks with new snacks each week. Some of the contents include: Children's Bible, Kleenex, Activity Coloring Book, Crayons, Stuffed Doll or Monkey, Car or Digger, Goldfish/snack, and dollar bills for the children's collection in case you forget your billfold at home!

If you have any questions, contact Elizabeth Moreland.

Liturgical Ministers	Cross Bearer:	Greeters:	Lector:	Host:	Cup:	Servers:	Traveling Chalice:
October 9th	Cody Moreland	Mr. & Mrs. Rich Kennedy	Brian Richter	Rich Kennedy	Matt Fagan Les Elgin	Carley Fagan Belle Fagan	Francis & Deb Hollinrake

Financial Report For:	September 25, 2016	Regular Tithes	Children's Collection	Flood Victims Collection	Repair Fund Balance	Altar Furn. Fund	ADA Balance Due:
		\$420.75	\$23.00	\$158.00	\$2,674.63	\$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.