

October 23, 2016
30th Sunday in Ordinary
Time

Saint John Catholic Church



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Dear Parishioners,

November has important days that we as Catholics must observe. We have Holy Days of Obligation and a privilege day—Election Day. According to Canon Law paragraph 1246 §1. “Sunday, on which by apostolic tradition the paschal mystery is celebrated, must be observed in the universal Church as the primordial holy day of obligation.” The U.S. Bishops have stated: “In addition to Sunday, the days to be observed as holy days of obligation in the Latin Rite dioceses of the United States of America, in conformity with canon 1246, are as follows: January 1, the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God; the solemnity of the Ascension (transferred to Sunday for us); August 15, the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary; November 1, the solemnity of All Saints; December 8, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception; December 25, the solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We will be celebrating Mass at 5:30pm in Adair and 7pm in Stuart for All Saints Day November 1st and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls) on November 2nd. The Catholic bishops of the United States have a teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics entitled: **Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship**. The U.S. Bishops’ conference says, “This statement represents our guidance for Catholics in the exercise of their rights and duties as participants in our democracy. We urge our pastors, lay and religious faithful, and all people of good will to use this statement to help form their consciences; to teach those entrusted to their care; to contribute to civil and respectful public dialogue; and to shape political choices in the coming election in light of Catholic teaching.” We have copied the full document which is 42 pages in length. We have placed some copies in the foyer, but if we run out, please let Brenda know and she will make a copy for you, send you the information via email, or you can go directly to it online at www.usccb.org.

The U.S. Bishops go on to say: “The statement lifts up our dual heritage as both faithful Catholics and American citizens with rights and duties as participants in the civil order. First and foremost, however, we remember that we relate to the civil order as citizens of the heavenly Kingdom, whose reign is not yet fully realized on earth but demands our unqualified allegiance. It is as citizens faithful to the Lord Jesus that we contribute most effectively to the civil order.”

The bishops remind us that “from these great teachings we discern, for example, messages to the universal Church to attend in a special way: to the inextricable link between our witness to the truth and our service to those in need (Caritas in Veritate); to our role as missionary disciples, called forth from the sanctuary to bring Christ to the margins with joy (Evangelii Gaudium); and to the care for our common home and all who dwell in it, especially the poorest (Laudato Si’).”

There are updated statements concerning contemporary topics such as: The ongoing destruction of over one million innocent human lives each year by abortion • Physician-assisted suicide • The redefinition of marriage—the vital cell of society—by the courts, political bodies, and increasingly by American culture itself • The excessive consumption of material goods and the destruction of natural resources, which harm both the environment and the poor • The deadly attacks on fellow Christians and religious minorities throughout the world • The narrowing redefinition of religious freedom, which threatens both individual conscience and the freedom of the Church to serve • Economic policies that fail to prioritize the poor, at home or abroad; • A broken immigration system and a worldwide refugee crisis • Wars, terror, and violence that threaten every aspect of human life and dignity.”

“All of these threats, and more, speak to a breakdown in what Pope Francis has called an “integral ecology” (Laudato Si’, nos. 137-55). Without the proper ordering of relationships of persons with each other, with creation, and ultimately with God himself, sin takes hold. Pope Francis reminds us that all individuals, nations, and members of the global community have the duty to place the needs of others ahead of selfish desires to possess and exploit the good things that come from God’s hand.” Please read over this important document prayerfully as we continue to enter in the political realm on the local level, state level, and federal level.

- Fr. Ray

Parish News & Events

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This Week's Calendar	Sunday 10/23	Monday 10/24	Tuesday 10/25	Wednesday 10/26	Thursday 10/27	Friday 10/28	Saturday 10/29
w/Mass Times & Intentions, Birthdays & Anniversaries	8am Mass For the People 9am FF	<i>The church office is closed on Mondays</i>	<i>Tom Gettler's birthday</i>	8:30am Mass For Mable E. Richter	6:30pm Mass For John W. Brincks 7PM Adult Bible Study	<i>Logan Brincks' birthday</i> <i>The church office is closed on Fridays</i>	Sunday 10/30 For Bernard Goeser

Care for Coats

4th-7th grade Faith Formation members are organizing a service project to benefit anyone in need of winter items. They will be collecting new or "gently used" coats, hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, and boots to donate to the Adair County Neighborhood Center in November. Items may be dropped off at the church, Hair Unlimited, Fay Pharmacy, or Rolling Hills Bank in Adair and Casey through the month of October. If you have questions, please call Monica Fagan at 641-799-4073. They would appreciate your help with their very worthwhile project. **Thank You!**

Annual Staley's Chicken Dinner at All Saints Oct. 30th

10:30am-1pm
Menu: Fried Chicken,
mashed potatoes &
gravy, vegetables,
salad, dinner roll, drink
& homemade pie.
Adults \$9, kids 6-12
\$4, 5 & under - Free

Knights Breakfast

The Adair Knights of Columbus is hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday November 6th from 7:30-10:30am in the church hall. Your free will donation will be accepted and appreciated.



Liturgical Ministers	Cross Bearer:	Greeters:	Lector:	Host:	Cup:	Servers:	Traveling Chalice:
October 30th	Francis Hollinrake	Mr. & Mrs. Larry Ludwig	Julie Plowman	Matt Fagan	Dave Richter & Rich Kennedy	Cade Suhr Madison Suhr	Kaye & Cleon Klemish

Financial Report For:	October 16, 2016	Regular Tithes	Children's Collection	Special: Building Fund	Repair Fund Balance	Altar Furn. Fund	ADA Balance Due:
		\$478.50	\$9.00	\$200.00	\$4,318.20	\$10,810.50	\$300.00

Upcoming Special Masses:

The Solemnity of All Saints - Holy Day of Obligation
Tuesday 11-1: 5:30pm at St. John/7pm at All Saints
The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
Wednesday 11-2: 5:30pm at St. John/7pm at All Saints

*If you would like to add a loved one's name to the **Book of the Dead**, please do so on the sign up sheet in the back of the church.*

Boys & Girls Club of Central Southwest Iowa is gearing up for the holiday season and our Christmas Adoption program that supports families in need. We are looking for individuals, businesses or other groups that are willing to "adopt" a family this Christmas. Information sheets are located in the back of the church. Contact Lynn Hansen at 641-742-3119 or bgccswi@windstream.net.

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.