

October 30, 2016
31st Sunday in Ordinary
Time

Saint John Catholic Church



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News & Views from Father Ray

Dear Parishioners,

A big reminder to everyone that All Saints' Day is observed on Tuesday November 1, and is a Day of Obligation. All Saints is a Solemn Holy Day dedicated to the saints of the Church—those who have attained heaven. The following day (Wednesday November 2,) is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven. On this day we think of everyone dear to us who have died and hopefully we pray for them always and not just on All Souls Day. We will have the privilege of Mass on both days. The Mass schedule for each day: All Saints & All Souls will be 5:30 pm at St. John in Adair and 7:00 pm at All Saints at Stuart.

The history of these days is that they were formally started by Pope Boniface IV, who consecrated the Pantheon at Rome to the Virgin Mary and all the Martyrs on May 13 in 609 AD. The choice of the day may have been intended to co-opt the pagan holiday "Feast of the Lamures," a day which pagans used to placate the restless spirits of the dead." (from Catholic Online) We ought to remember that most of the converts were pagans, and living in Rome one would have been surrounded by the pagan religion. The Church wishes to take what people are familiar with and find what is worthy and to build from there. One of the qualities of Christ's Church is the ability to take what is good among the various cultures and build on it bringing unity of peoples and orienting all of us to unity with God.

Continuing the history of these days, "following the Protestant Reformation, many Protestants retained the holy day, although they dismissed the need to pray for the dead. Instead, the day has been used to commemorate those who have recently died, usually in the past year, and to remember the examples of those who lived holy lives. The Catholic practice however, celebrates all of those who have entered heaven, including saints who are recognized by the Church and those who are not (from Catholic Online), as well as, remembering all those who died."

Please remember to add the names of your loved ones who have passed since last November to the list that will be transferred into the Book of the Dead. The sheet is in the gathering space of the church.

Have a great week,

Fr. Ray

Around the Diocese: Sponsor Couple Training Nov. 1st & 8th, from 6-8pm at St. Boniface Parish, Waukee. Couples must attend both evenings. Contact Adam Storey at 515-237-5056 or astorey@dmdiocese.org

Parish News & Events

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This Week's Calendar	Sunday 10/30	Monday 10/31	Tuesday 11/1	Wednesday 11/2	Thursday 11/3	Friday 11/4	Saturday 11/5
w/Mass Times & Intentions, Birthdays & Anniversaries	8am Mass For Bernard Goeser 9am Faith Formation	<i>The church office is closed on Mondays</i>	All Saints Day Mass 5:30pm For John W. Brincks Birthday: Dezaray Forde	All Souls Day Mass 5:30pm Birthday: Gail Brincks	6:30pm Mass In Honor of Patricia Seilhan 7PM Adult Bible Study	<i>The church office is closed on Fridays</i>	Birthday: Trinity Calhoun Sunday 11/6 For Robert Fagan

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:
November 6th	John Fagan	Cody Moreland Family	Theresa Elgin	Les Elgin	Sr. Nesta & Adella Vogl	Logan Brincks Carley Fagan	IHM Sisters

Financial Report For:	October 23, 2016	Regular Tithes	Children's Collection	Special: Seminarians	Repair Fund Balance	Altar Furn. Fund	ADA Balance Due:
		\$337.00	\$6.00	\$30.00	\$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.