

January 22, 2017  
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Saint John Catholic Church



## Parish Contact Information

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Higgins  
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## Have you updated recently?

At the start of each new year we talk about making resolutions, starting a new habit or dropping an old one. We gather financial information for the government. We make plans for the remainder of the school year and possibly vacation arrangements. One more thing that would be good to do is to make sure our contact information is up to date with the various organizations or institutions that we may belong to or work with. This includes keeping Church records up to date. Our parish staff sometimes experiences the difficulties that come with incomplete or inaccurate records.

**Why is it so important that Church records are kept current?** Church records are a very important part of being a Catholic. First of all, in order to keep everyone informed of events or other happenings in the Church, it is important that there is a current record of the names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses (if available). It is also important to make sure the Church office is aware of any status changes such as births, marriages, deaths, or other Sacramental updates (if done in a different parish). *Another application for accurate records in the case of an emergency, when it is imperative that we have accurate contact information on hand.*

**Did you know...?** Did you know that your Sacramental records are given to the parish where you were Baptized? No matter where you make your First Communion, are Confirmed, married or buried, this information is sent back to the original parish where your Baptism took place. These records can also be a great tool for use in genealogical research. By the way, the records are not open to the public - request must be made for a search and then it is done by a member of the parish staff.

**Why do they do that?** It may seem odd that this is the process, but this is done according to Canon Law. And, as in any venue, a law or set of laws is prescribed because something has happened to warrant a common understanding of how to deal with a situation. In the case of the Church, it is of the utmost importance that we keep, defend, and protect the Deposit of Faith and, in turn, pass it on to each new generation. In order to ensure that we are who we say we are, we document the Sacraments which each of us has observed. This tells the world that we have been instructed in the Faith prior to each of the Sacraments we have received - we are who we say we are. This is why, prior to making our First Communion, we need to have the certificate of Baptism on file. The same goes for Confirmation, Marriage, Holy Orders, and the Rite of Christian Burial.

**Do we have other responsibilities to the Church?** As members of the Catholic Church, we are asked to observe five precepts. The Precepts of the Church describe the minimum effort we must make in prayer and in living a moral life. All Catholics are called to move beyond the minimum by growing in love of God and love of neighbor.

The Precepts are as follows:

1. Attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation
2. Confession of serious sin at least once a year
3. Reception of Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter season
4. Observance of the days of fast and abstinence
5. Providing for the needs of the Church

You can always update your information directly through the Church office in person, by phone, or by email.

Thank you!

Brenda Wedemeyer, Parish Administrative Secretary

# Parish News & Events

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<b>Sunday</b> 1/22/2017 <b>8am Mass</b> For the People of the Parish  <b>9am Faith Formation</b>	<b>Monday</b> 1/23 <b>No Office Hours</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> 1/24 <b>Birthday:</b> Sr. Chinweze	<b>Wednesday</b> 1/25 <b>Mass</b> <b>8:30am</b> For Ed & Joanne Littler <b>Birthday:</b> Natalie Suhr	<b>Thursday</b> 1/26 <b>Mass</b> <b>6:30pm</b> For Betty Dill	<b>Friday</b> 1/27 <b>No Office Hours</b>  <b>Anniversary:</b> Larry & Betty Ludwig 1962	<b>Saturday</b> 1/28	<b>Sunday</b> 1/29 <b>8am Mass</b> For Helen Daume
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<b>Financial Report For:</b> January 15, 2017	<b>Regular Tithes</b> \$225.00	<b>Children</b> \$7.00	<b>Special:</b> \$0.00	<b>Repair Fund</b> \$9,178.70	<b>Altar Furn. Fund</b> \$6,100.00	<b>ADA Balance Due:</b> \$150.00
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<b>Liturgical Ministers</b> January 29, 2017	<b>Cross Bearer:</b> Cody Moreland	<b>Greeters:</b> Mr. & Mrs. Paul Gettler	<b>Lector:</b> Scott Suhr	<b>Host:</b> Dave Richter	<b>Cup:</b> Matt Fagan Les Elgin	<b>Servers:</b> Cash Suhr Madison Suhr	<b>Traveling Chalice:</b> John & Adella Vogl
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*It may still be January, but before you know it, we'll be planning for Lent & Easter!*

**Ash Wednesday** is March 1st

Fish Fry Fridays are scheduled for: March 10th, March 24th, and April 7th.

**Palm Sunday:** April 9th **Easter:** April 16th



Due to low collections, \$1,000 was transferred from our Savings account into our General Checking in order to meet our obligations last week. The balance in Savings is now \$19,000.



## Now What? Grief 101

6-Week Educational Grief Support Group

### Navigating life after loss can be difficult.

Join us to learn about how you grieve, discover coping tools for dealing with loss and change, and develop a new support network.

Meets Friday mornings at 10:00 AM beginning February 10th  
St. John's Catholic Church | 24043 302nd Pl, Adel

For Pre-Registration and Questions, contact  
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If anyone is interested in working with the Heart of Iowa Habitat for Humanity organization, please contact Jeff Lamoureux, Associate Director. Jeff is looking for interested people within area churches.

**Email:** ad@heartofiowahabitat.org  
**Call:** 515-386-3093 or (cell) 515-370-5326



**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.