

January 29, 2017
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint John Catholic Church



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From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

I. THE BEATITUDES

1716 The Beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus' preaching. They take up the promises made to the chosen people since Abraham. The Beatitudes fulfill the promises by ordering them no longer merely to the possession of a territory, but to the Kingdom of heaven:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

*Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward is great in heaven.¹²*

1717 The Beatitudes depict the countenance of Jesus Christ and portray his charity. They express the vocation of the faithful associated with the glory of his Passion and Resurrection; they shed light on the actions and attitudes characteristic of the Christian life; they are the paradoxical promises that sustain hope in the midst of tribulations; they proclaim the blessings and rewards already secured, however dimly, for Christ's disciples; they have begun in the lives of the Virgin Mary and all the saints.



IN BRIEF

1725 The Beatitudes take up and fulfill God's promises from Abraham on by ordering them to the Kingdom of heaven. They respond to the desire for happiness that God has placed in the human heart.

1726 The Beatitudes teach us the final end to which God calls us: the Kingdom, the vision of God, participation in the divine nature, eternal life, filiation, rest in God.

1727 The beatitude of eternal life is a gratuitous gift of God. It is supernatural, as is the grace that leads us there.

1728 The Beatitudes confront us with decisive choices concerning earthly goods; they purify our hearts in order to teach us to love God above all things.

1729 The beatitude of heaven sets the standards for discernment in the use of earthly goods in keeping with the law of God.

Parish News & Events

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Sunday 1/29/2017 8am Mass For Helen Daume 9am Faith Formation	Monday 1/30 No Office Hours	Tuesday 1/31	Wednesday 2/1 Mass 8:30am For Mable E Richter	Thursday 2/2 Mass 6:30pm For Leona Drees Birthday: Cindy Baudler	Friday 2/3 No Office Hours	Saturday 2/4	Sunday 2/5 8am Mass For Betty Dill
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Financial Report For: January 22, 2017	Regular Tithes \$346.00	Children \$6.00	Special: \$0.00	Repair Fund \$9,178.70	Altar Furn. Fund \$6,100.00	ADA Balance Due: PAID IN FULL
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Liturgical Ministers February 5, 2017	Cross Bearer: Madison Suhr	Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Tom Gettler	Lector: Theresa Elgin	Host: Les Elgin	Cup: Sr. Nesta Adella Vogl	Servers: Trevin Suhr Carley Fagan	Traveling Chalice: Les & Theresa Elgin
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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



Thank You!

Bertha Fagan would like to thank everyone who came to her assistance during Mass a few weeks ago.

Retirement Celebration

for Dennis Donnelly
Sunday February 12 Noon - 3pm
All Saints Catholic Church in Stuart
Everyone is invited!



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

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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.