

# St. John Catholic Church

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

501 Adair Street, Adair, IA 50002

February 5, 2017



## Mass Times

- Sunday 8am
- Wednesday 8:30am
- Thursday 6:30pm

## Confessions

- 7:30-7:55am Sundays or by appointment

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## Salt & Light

In the Old Testament reading from Isaiah this week, we are offered instruction with regard to taking care of those who are in need and our own families as well. If we do these things, "Then your light shall break forth like the dawn..."

The Gospel reading from St. Matthew, the fifth chapter, then carries on the theme of light and also adds the analogy of "salt" - "You are the salt of the earth." What does it mean to be the "salt of the earth"?

Well, what does salt

do for us? It flavors our food, preserves our food, and clears ice from our frozen paths, just to name a few things.

So, if we are the salt of the earth, how are we adding the flavor, preserving the nourishment, and clearing the paths for one another? And, are we being seen as a light for the world?

All of these things can only be accomplished when we do as we are asked by God - take care of those who are less fortunate, take care of our families,

and do all of these things for His glory. He will give us the strength that we need to carry out His commands and He promises to answer when we call on His name. Through this, we become the light that shines for others which helps them to see their path in life as well.

The "flavor" of our deeds goes to help others "taste" God's love.

-Fr. Ray

## New Bulletin Format

The bulletin format that we have been using has somewhat restricted the amount of space available for local parish input. It has been decided to go back to the four page format that had been in use prior to receiving the gift of the pre

-printed bulletin covers.

You will notice now that there is plenty of room available for you to submit news items, including photographs (if available), and other pertinent announcements each week. The deadline

to submit these items is 5pm Wednesdays in order to be published for the following weekend.

Please submit your items to: [stjohnallsaints@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnallsaints@gmail.com) or call the church office at 515-523-1943.

# Faith Formation

Prayer is such an essential part of our spiritual life. Our daily lives offer infinite opportunities to pray. Our prayers may be a "classic" prayer, a spontaneous prayer, a prayer request, a prayer of support. The important thing is...PRAY! And pray together as a family. The following comes from an article entitled, *Ways to Foster Prayer in Your Home* by Tom McGrath. Here are some of the ways to strengthen you and your family's prayer life.

Teach your children one of the classic prayers on a regular basis.

Pray spontaneously with your child at bedtime.

Say an "Our Father" or the "Act of Contrition" whenever you start a long car trip.

Keep a prayer jar for special prayer intentions or requests.

Start your day with a time of quiet prayer or meditation for both you and your children.

Pray for church leaders and your parish priest.

Find out when a family member's test or meeting is and pray for them.

Pray for people who are homeless or down on their luck.

Pray for a teacher you are grateful you had in school.

Pray for a teacher you are grateful your child has now.

Pray at bedtime for someone who did an act of kindness to you today.

Offer a prayer when you are facing an unpleasant task.

Bless your child's forehead when he or she is facing a difficult challenge or simply going out the door.

Say a prayer when you feel tempted to do something you know is not right or in the best interest of your soul.

Say a prayer of guidance when you are at wit's end and you don't know what to do next..."God help!"

## Can you help?

If anyone is able to donate snacks and drinks for our Faith Formation classes on Sunday mornings, please contact Annie Brincks or Monica Fagan. We could use more food donations such as milk, goldfish crackers, graham crackers or other low sugar items. Thank you!



## Parish Organizations

Catholic Women's Organization

Betty Ludwig, President

It is our **mission** to volunteer our time and talent to the Parish in the physical everyday upkeep of the Church and the Hall; to support the financial requirements of the Hall through fundraising efforts and dues to the Organization; and to offer to the faith community a place to worship and fellowship.

Regular **meetings** of the CWO are conducted on the first Wednesday of the month following Mass. Refreshments are served first with the business meeting immediately afterward.

Women of the Parish are assigned to **committees** with the following duties: weekly cleaning of the

Church and serving refreshments following Mass on the first Sunday of each month. \*General Spring and Fall cleaning is done in the Hall by volunteers.

**Annual Fundraisers:** Spring dinner - April and a \$25 Collection in lieu of Fall Dinner. Annual membership dues are \$5.00, due in January.

## Parish Business & Finance

**Contribution statements** are now available in the back of the church. Please be sure to pick yours up. Also there to be picked up are contribution envelopes for 2017.

### January 29 Collections

- Regular Tithes: \$419.00
- Children's Collection: \$9.00
- Building Fund: \$50.00

### 2016 ADA Balance

**PAID IN FULL**

*Thank you!*

# Help Bring Your Children Back to the Church

Are you ever experienced the frustration of watching as your children grow up and leave the Church? You raised them in the Church, taught them what they needed to know about their faith, made sure they made their Sacraments, and now they're gone. How do you approach the subject?

The book "Return" written by Brandon Vogt is a great resource for suggestions and support in the area of how to bring your children back into the Church. The methods can also be applied to anyone

who has gone away from the Church, not just your own children.

Here's an excerpt from the book:

*"Your child has drifted away from the Church because he has found no satisfying answer to the question: why be Catholic? Many Catholics have never considered that questions, especially if they were baptized and raised in the Church.*

*"Some answers are better than others. For example, being Catholic simply because that's how you*

*were raised is a poor reason. If your faith is rooted in nothing more than family custom, it's in serious danger of withering, and it won't attract anyone else."* (p. 86-87)



Go to [www.helpthemreturn.com](http://www.helpthemreturn.com) for further information on this book and other resources.

## In the works...

### Today's the First Sunday

Please join us in the parish hall for some goodies and fellowship.

### Adult Religious Education

The class is continuing the study of the Covenants of the Old Testament with Fr. Ray. Each week Father presents a fresh new aspect

on Biblical passages, many of them familiar to us from our childhood.

"We're adults now, and it's good for us to look at these stories as adults. We may now be able to understand the deeper aspects of their meaning at this point in our lives, more than what we were

able to grasp as children," according to Father. The class meets at 6:30pm each Tuesday at All Saints and is free and open to any adult wishing to learn more about our faith.



"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope."  
1 Peter 3:15

## Area Events & Announcements

### Post Abortive Support Group begins in February

Women suffering emotionally or spiritually after an abortion often feel alone. Inner Visions Health Care is beginning another 8 week support group in February. It is normal to grieve after any preg-

nancy loss. You matter to us and we believe you deserve healing and support. To inquire confidentially - call 515-779-9347 and talk to Jenny.



**InnerVisions HealthCare**  
An unPlanned Pregnancy and STD Medical Clinic

**Christ the King Parish** is hosting a healing retreat for any couple who has experienced any type of pregnancy or infant loss on March 11th from 9am to 4pm in the Parish Pastoral Center, 820 Porter Avenue, DSM. Free. Contact Deacon Joel Schmidt at [schmidt.joel@gmail.com](mailto:schmidt.joel@gmail.com).

Bulletins, prayer requests, and other announcements are sent via email through **Constant Contact**. If you are not receiving these emails, please be sure the Church Office has your address. Also be sure to check your "spam" folder as it may be going there. Bulletins are also posted to our website each Friday afternoon.

**adairstjohn.org**

**Liturgical Ministers Schedule: Sunday February 12th**

**Cross Bearer:** Francis Hollinrake

**Greeters:** Mr. & Mrs. Cody Moreland

**Lector:** Brian Richter

**Host:** Adella Vogl

**Cup:** Les Elgin & Dave Richter

**Servers:** Luke Brincks & Cole Plowman

**Traveling Chalice:** John & Kathy Fagan

**Contact Us**

**Rev. Raymond J. Higgins, Pastor**

Church Office: 515-523-1943

To request a Baptism or other Sacrament, to join the Church, or if you have any other questions, please contact the Church Office.

**Parish Administrative Assistant:**

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**Parish Bookkeeper:** Rita Rilea allsaintsoffice@gmail.com

**Director of Religious Education:** Annie Brincks annie68164@hotmail.com

**Music:** Deb Hollinrake **Liturgical Minister Schedule:** Les Elgin 742-3854

**Prayer Request Phone Line:** Adella Vogl 641-742-5277

**St. John's Men's Club:** Francis Hollinrake 742-5016

**CWO:** Betty Ludwig 742-3812

**Planning ahead...**

**Retirement Celebration** for Dennis Donnelly at All Saints Feb. 12, 12-3pm **Everyone is invited!**

**"Fat" Saturday** is February 25th - Mardi Gras style celebration - at All Saints in Stuart

**Ash Wednesday** is March 1st - Mass will be at 5:30pm in Adair and 7pm at Stuart

**During Lent:** Friday Stations of the Cross & Fish Fry Fridays March 10th, March 24th, and April 7th.

# Two-Week Calendar of Activities

Sunday 2-5	Monday 2-6	Tuesday 2-7	Wednesday 2-8	Thursday 2-9	Friday 2-10	Saturday 2-11
<b>7:30-7:55am</b> Confessions <b>8am Mass</b> for Betty Dill <b>10am Mass</b> (Stuart) for the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish	<i>Church offices are closed on Mondays &amp; Fridays</i>	<b>6pm Mass</b> (Stuart) for Bernard Hilgers <b>6:30pm</b> Adult Ed Class (Stuart)	<b>8:30am Mass</b> for Felix Lawlor  <b>Birthday:</b> Amy Sorensen	<b>9am Mass</b> at the (Stuart Community Care Center) for Bob Griffin  <b>Birthday:</b> Barb Bachman  <b>6:30pm Mass</b> for Mable E. Richter	<b>8:30am Mass</b> (Stuart) for Karen Donnelly Krogh	3:30pm (Stuart) Confessions <b>4:30pm Mass</b> (Stuart) for William & Marian Schultz

Sunday 2-12	Monday 2-13	Tuesday 2-14	Wednesday 2-15	Thursday 2-16	Friday 2-17	Saturday 2-18
<b>7:30-7:55am</b> Confessions <b>8am Mass</b> for Joanne & Ed Littler <b>10am Mass</b> (Stuart) for the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish	<i>Church offices are closed on Mondays &amp; Fridays</i>	<b>6pm Mass</b> (Stuart) for Pat Cornwell <b>6:30pm</b> Adult Ed Class (Stuart)	<b>8:30am Mass</b> for Helen Daume	<b>9am Mass</b> at the (Stuart Community Care Center) for Albert & Lucille Greubel  <b>6:30pm Mass</b> for Bernard Goeser	<b>8:30am Mass</b> (Stuart) for John Simons	3:30pm (Stuart) Confessions <b>4:30pm Mass</b> (Stuart) for Ila Mae & Tony Pivonka  <b>Birthday:</b> Creighton Suhr