

St. John Catholic Church

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

501 Adair Street, Adair, IA 50002

February 12, 2017



Mass Times

- **Sunday:** 7:30am Rosary
8am Mass
- **Wednesday:** 8:30am
- **Thursday:** 6:30pm

*(Stuart Mass Times Are Included On
The Church Calendar on Page 4)*

Confessions

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

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National Marriage Week

National Marriage Week: Every February 7-14, is an opportunity to promote, celebrate and strengthen marriage

Amoris Laetitia: Pope Francis's exhortation *"The Joy of Love,"* (April 2016) about marriage and family life

"The word of God tells us that the family is entrusted to a man, a woman and their children, so that they may become a communion of persons in the image of the union of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit" (no. 29).

- "Every family should

look to the icon of the Holy Family of Nazareth" (no. 30).

- "No one can think that the weakening of the family as that natural society founded on marriage will prove beneficial to society as a whole" (no. 52).
- "The sacrament [of marriage] is a gift given for the sanctification and salvation of the spouses" (no. 72).
- "The Church is a family of families, constantly enriched by the lives of all

those domestic churches" (no. 87).

- "In our families, we must learn to imitate Jesus' own gentleness in our way of speaking to one another" (no. 100).
- "Love opens our eyes and enables us to see, beyond all else, the great worth of a human being" (no. 128).

For more resources on **Amoris Laetitia**, visit www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/amoris-laetitia.cfm

Beginning Experience

What if the worst thing you think could happen does and you are widowed, separated, or divorced? What if life changes in the blink of an eye? How do you cope? How do you deal with the grief, loss and pain? Beginning Experi-

ence can help, you do not have to suffer alone. We know how you feel, we have gone through the same things you are going through. Questions? Contact Dana Reed at 515-975-3745 or Mike Losee at 515-360-8268.



Faith Formation

Valentine's Day

The following is information taken from the *Catholic Company* regarding this saint.

Saint Valentine of Rome (c.270) was a priest during the time of severe Christian persecution. According to legend he gave aid to Christian prisoners awaiting their martyrdom.

One account has it that the emperor banned all marriages in Rome believing



this was the reason men were unwilling to serve in the army. Valentine defied this decree and continued to perform marriages in secret

but was arrested. While in prison he restored the sight of the jailer's daughter, causing the jailer and his family to convert to Christianity. The emperor ordered Valentine's execution, and Valentine left a farewell note to the jailer's daughter which read, "From

your Valentine." He was beheaded on February 14th, and to this day his feast is celebrated by loved ones around the world. St. Valentine is the patron saint of bee keepers, engaged couples, happy marriages, and young people.

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

St. John's Turkey dinner will be March 12th



St. John's Fellowship Hall

Members of St. John's Parish are

invited to reserve our Hall for weddings, family reunions, parties, or meetings.

Rental fee is \$40. Rental of the Hall by non-members is welcomed and encouraged. The fee for non-members is \$70.00.

Contact Betty Ludwig at 641-742-

3812 for further information or to reserve the Hall.

- Hall capacity is 100
- Hall Kitchen is completely furnished
- Church capacity is 275 plus balcony overflow area

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.

February 5th Collections

- Regular Tithes: \$464.00
- Children's Collection: \$9.00
- Building Fund: \$1,092.48

Building Repair Fund Balance:
\$1,368.18

2016 ADA Balance

PAID IN FULL

Thank you!

Diocesan Loop

Cantor Workshop

The Office for Worship is presenting a Cantor Workshop for cantors, psalmists, music ministers and anyone interested in learning about the Role of a Cantor. The Cantor has a long history in worship. Found in Jewish temple worship, the cantor was the “animator” of the Word of God. The cantor’s responsibility was to “breathe” life into the Word of God, making it come alive on the ears of the worshipers. As the cantor, how do you “breathe” life into the words that you sing? How do you animate the words of the psalm? Please prepare a psalm to proclaim. Affirming and con-

structive criticism will be offered to those who volunteer to sing for the group.

Takes place on Saturday, February 18 at St. Mary’s Parish, 1510 Highland Avenue, Red Oak 9 a.m. - noon.

The Third Option

Want to strengthen your marriage? Then join our new marriage enrichment ministry, The Third Option, which meets the first and third Monday of each month from 7-9 p.m. in the Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines. The Third Option is an ongoing support group for marriages, help-

ing couples develop better understanding, sensitivity and trust. Contact Adam Storey for details at 515-237-5056 or astorey@dmdiocese.org.

Arts Retreat

During these cold winter months, warm up with a day of reflection, beautiful watercolors and fun with artist Jo Myers-Walker, who is leading a one-day arts retreat based on St. Francis of Assisi and his attention to simple living, loving and care of our Earth. The retreat is Feb. 25 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Cost is \$75. Enrollment is limited. Go to theemaushouse.org for details.

Silent Directed Retreat

Ready for some quiet, rest, and an opportunity to draw closer to God? Emmaus House Spirituality Center is offering a three-day silent directed retreat March 9-12 at Creighton Retreat Center where we can take the time to step outside of our everyday life to rest in God’s love, to understand more deeply who we are, and who God

is calling us to be. Includes daily private conversations with a spiritual director and daily Eucharist. The retreat fee of \$350 includes nine meals, accommodations for three nights and daily spiritual direction. Participation is limited to 25 retreatants. To register, go to TheEmmausHouse.org and reserve your spot.



It's not too soon to start thinking about Lent...check out what DynamicCatholic.com/bestlentever has to offer!

Area Events & Announcements

Catholic Women’s Conference 2017 –

Saturday, February 25, 2017

Register now for the 2017 Catholic Women’s Conference being held Saturday, February 25th at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. Don’t miss this all-day

event. Three amazing speakers are scheduled; keynote speaker, Father Cedric, and special guest speakers Barbara Heil and Andy LaValee. The Holy Spirit is the theme of the conference. For more information and registration go to IowaCatholicRadio.com, visit us on Facebook or call 515-223-

1150. The cost is \$30 per person and includes lunch. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in your faith. Be sure to invite a friend!

Don’t miss the Friday evening talk by Father Cedric at 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. Free and open to the public!

Items to be included in the bulletin must be submitted to the office by 5pm Wednesday.

Call 515-523-1943 or email:

stjohnallsaints@gmail.com

to submit your items.

*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.*

Website: adairstjohn.org

Liturgical Ministers Schedule: Sunday February 19th

Cross Bearer: Dave Richter

Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Cleon Klemish

Lector: Barb Bachman

Host: Scott Suhr

Cup: Adella Vogl & Sr. Chinweze

Servers: Addy Richter & Belle Fagan

Traveling Chalice: Deb & Francis Hollinrake

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:

Brenda Wedemeyer stjohnallsaints@gmail.com

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!*

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

Turkey Dinner is March 12th - See Betty Ludwig for details.

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

Two-Week Calendar of Activities

Sunday 2-12 7:30-7:55am Rosary & Confessions 8am Mass for Joanne & Ed Littler 10am Mass (Stuart) for the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish	Monday 2-13 <i>Church offices are closed on Mondays & Fridays</i>	Tuesday 2-14 6pm Mass (Stuart) for Pat Cornwell 6:30pm Adult Ed Class (Stuart)	Wednesday 2-15 8:30am Mass for Helen Daume	Thursday 2-16 9am Mass at the (Stuart Community Care Center) for Albert & Lucille Greubel 6:30pm Mass for Bernard Goeser	Friday 2-17 8:30am Mass (Stuart) for John Simons	Saturday 2-18 3:30pm (Stuart) Confessions 4:30pm Mass (Stuart) for Ila Mae & Tony Pivonka Birthdays: Creighton Suhr
Sunday 2-19 7:30-7:55am Rosary & Confessions 8am Mass for John W Brincks 10am Mass (Stuart) for the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish	Monday 2-20 <i>Church offices are closed on Mondays & Fridays</i> Birthdays: Cole Plowman	Tuesday 2-21 6pm Mass (Stuart) for Bob Griffin 6:30pm Adult Ed Class (Stuart)	Wednesday 2-22 8:30am Mass for Isabella Lawlor Anniversary: Kenneth & Marilyn Ludwig 1955	Thursday 2-23 9am Mass (at the Stuart Community Care Center) for Ernest Suchon 6:30pm Mass for Ruth Henrich	Friday 2-24 8:30am Mass (Stuart) for deceased members of the Tigges/Gladfelder Families Birthdays: Madeline Richter	Saturday 2-25 3:30pm (Stuart) Confessions 4:30pm Mass (Stuart) for Gaylen Peters Birthdays: Raymond Vais