

St. John Catholic Church

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

501 Adair Street, Adair, IA 50002

February 19, 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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An Invitation From Father

Dear Parishioners,

Visiting the home-bound has always been a joy for me and I know it can be a consolation for those who are not able to get out. I have been visiting several folks from time to time, bringing the sacraments and having a nice time with each of them.

I would like to invite those who know of someone that needs a visit to let me know and I will

schedule a visit with them. I am hoping to clear my calendar for a regular visitation time, but at times my schedule and the other person's may not work out.

I am hoping to begin scheduling a regular monthly visit through our parish administrative secretary, Brenda Wedemeyer. My hope is that she will look at my calendar and try to work out the best times with those who would like a visit.

I do have many of you already that I am regularly calling, but if there is someone that has not had a visit please let Brenda know.

I do have several that I will be calling on this week, but it is greatly appreciated if you could let me know and I will schedule it.

Have a wonderful week,

Fr. Ray

Just Faith

JustFaith is an inspiring and energizing program that engages participants in Jesus' life and witness and our Gospel call to love and serve others.

In community with other participants, you'll share

a spiritual journey of faith and compassion that is life-giving.

For more information about **JustFaith** or to find out where groups are being offered in the Des Moines area this spring or fall, visit

www.centerforsocialministry.org or contact Susie Tierney at the Center for Social Ministry, 515-782-3054 or centerforsocialministry@gmail.com. Or, follow us on Facebook.

*Just*FAITH

Bishop Speaks Out on “Labor & the Common Good”

In light of the Iowa Legislature's debate on changes to the collective bargaining law for public employees, the Iowa Catholic Conference (ICC) has again released its statement on "Labor and the Common Good" issued in 2011. (See attached statement) Created in response to previous efforts to limit the collective bargaining rights of public employee unions, the statement recalls the Church's teaching on the common good and the rights of workers. The statement has been sent to all legislators and the governor and is available on the Iowa Catholic Conference's website

at www.iowacatholicconference.org. This statement reflects the teachings of the Catholic Church beginning with Pope Leo in 1891 and the writings of Pope Pius XI, St. John XXIII, Paul VI, St. John Paul II, Benedict and Francis.

While the Iowa Catholic Conference has taken a neutral position on the overall 68-page legislation, the bishops are concerned about provisions which limit the

items that can be bargained as well as what an arbitrator can award for a pay raise.

The bishops affirm unions' role in helping workers receive fair pay and benefits and improved working conditions. This can help set standards for workers in other situations.

"It's important to remember that the benefits many of us enjoy today are the result of negotiations between unions and management," said Bishop Richard Pates of the Catholic Diocese of Des Moines. "It is safe to assert, I believe, that 'compensation' today includes not just the money in the pay envelope but items like healthcare insurance, paid vacations, a 40 hour work week, a minimum wage, retirement considerations and disability insurance. The bills being proposed make substantial changes to what can be negotiated in terms of benefits and even additional dollar compensation. They are also selective in terms of whom the terms of the proposed legislation apply to."

The bishops also acknowledge the challenges the government faces in balancing its budget.

"Legislators are being called to make prudential judgments about the current economic situation we face in the state," said Bishop Pates. "Our request is that legislators carefully consider the implications of this bill and evaluate every section in terms of its impact on the common good of all and at the same time the long accepted understanding of workers' rights."

Bishop Pates is the chair of the Iowa Catholic Conference board. The Iowa Catholic Conference is the public policy voice of the Catholic bishops of Iowa. Its Board of Directors includes the Catholic bishops of Iowa and lay people, priests, deacons and religious sisters. The diocesan bishops of Iowa are Archbishop Michael Jackels of Dubuque; Bishop R. Walker Nickless of Sioux City; Bishop Martin Amos of Davenport, and Bishop Richard Pates of Des Moines.

Parish Organizations Catholic Women's Organization

Betty Ludwig, President

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



First Sunday coffee & rolls

Coffee and rolls are served the first Sunday of the month following Mass to promote fellowship. The food and

coffee are served by the monthly committees. The Committee Chairman will contact members for donations.

Rest area fruit & baked goods

Snacks and drinks are served at the Rest Areas along Interstate 80 during the following holidays: Memorial Day,

4th of July, and Labor Day. All members of the CWO are asked for donations.

Spring dinner

A Spring Dinner is served to raise money for the Church to be used for the Annual Diocesan Appeal. All CWO members help with the food, money donations, and serving the dinner.

Parish Business & Finance

Funds are running low It has come to our attention that we need to address the issue of continuing financial support of our parish. Weekly incomes are barely meeting our monthly expenses. In January 2017 we deposited \$2,274.96 in checking, but we paid out \$2,376.51 for the

regular monthly obligations. As of this date, there is a checkbook balance of \$461.63 with an outstanding bill of \$564.50 still pending. If you are at all able to increase your giving, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

February 12th Collections

- Regular Tithes: \$441.00
- Children's Collection: \$5.00
- Building Fund: \$0.00
- Building Repair Fund Balance: \$1,368.18**

Diocesan Loop

Catholic Tuition Organization

CTO is accepting online applications for the 2017-2018 school year at www.FAIRapp.com. Tax returns can also be uploaded when applying online. If your application is complete by the deadline of April 7, 2017; you will know your tuition assistance by mid-May. For questions on the application, contact Jeanne at jwells@dmdiocese.org.

Job Openings The diocese is looking for a Vocations administrative assistant and a director of Youth And Young Adult Ministry. Go to the diocesan website for details: dmdiocese.org/diocesan-jobopenings.cfm

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, helping couples develop better understanding, sensitivity and trust. Contact Adam Storey 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.

Novos Young Adults All in their 20s and 30s are invited to join Novos Young Adults for social, spiritual and service activities. Events typically happen every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, with occasional weekend gatherings. For more information on events coming up in January, visit our Facebook page or email novos@dmdiocese.org

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 Dynamic-Catholic.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 26th

Cross Bearer: Cole Plowman

Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Ludwig

Lector: Julie Plowman

Host: Matt Fagan

Cup: Scott Suhr & Les Elgin

Servers: Cade Suhr & Luke Brincks

Traveling Chalice: Matt & Monica Fagan & Family

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.

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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...

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 5-7pm.

Two-Week Calendar of Activities

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> Birthday: 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 Birthday: Madeline Richter	Saturday 2-25 3:30pm (Stuart) Confessions 4:30pm Mass (Stuart) for Gaylen Peters Birthday: Raymond Vais
Sunday 2-26 7:30-7:55am Rosary & Confessions 8am Mass for the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish 10am Mass (Stuart) for William & Marian Schultz	Monday 2-27 <i>Church offices are closed on Mondays & Fridays</i>	Tuesday 2-28 6pm Mass (Stuart) for Sr. Phyllis Kerns 6:30pm Adult Ed Class (Stuart)	Wednesday 3-1 5:30pm ADAIR Ash Wednesday Mass for Joseph Arnts 7pm STUART Ash Wednesday Mass for James Witkowski	Thursday 3-2 9am Mass (at the Stuart Community Care Center) for Bob Griffin 6:30pm Mass for Carlton Seilhan	Friday 3-3 6:30pm Mass w/ Stations of the Cross (Stuart) for Pat Cornwell	Saturday 3-4 3:30pm (Stuart) Confessions 4:30pm Mass (Stuart) for Virginia Wagner