

# St. John Catholic Church

1st Sunday of Lent

501 Adair Street, Adair, IA 50002

March 5, 2017



## Mass Times

- **Sunday:** 7:30am Rosary  
8am Mass
- **Wednesday:** 8:30am
- **Thursday:** 6:30pm w/  
Stations of the Cross

*(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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## 2017 Annual Diocesan Appeal

My dear friends in Christ:

As Catholics, we can identify with the sacrificial dimension of Christ's love for us. We enter with Him into prayer and fasting during Lent and we become more conscious than ever of God's rich blessings in our lives. We are also very conscious of the needs of our sisters and brothers throughout the 23 counties of our Diocese, who hunger for a sign of Jesus Christ, our hope.

The 2017 Annual Diocesan Appeal enables each of us to share in Jesus' sacrificial giving. Our theme remains "We Are One Body." It is representative of our vibrant church and reminds us that we are centered in the Eucharist which unites

us. We are called to live with gratitude, generosity, and self-sacrifice.

I invite you to share in the important ministries of our Diocese which include priest medical and health-care, priest retirement, seminarian formation, Catholic education, youth and adult programming, pastoral ministry, Catholic Charities services, and administrative support. As you reflect on God's gifts to you, it is my prayer that you will support our ministries by giving as generously as possible.

I recognize each gift constitutes a sacrifice, an offering made with gratitude. I ask you to prayerfully consider a sacrificial offering which may be made

through a pledge or one-time gift online or by submitting a pledge card or contacting our development office. All gifts, no matter the size, are greatly appreciated.

Our website provides a thorough overview of how your gift is used to serve our faith community.

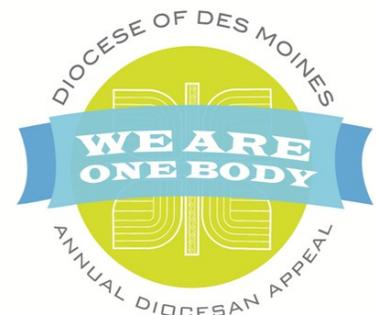
You and your family will be remembered in my prayers throughout the coming year, and I ask that you also pray for me as well as the success of this year's Annual Diocesan Appeal.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
The Most Reverend  
Richard E. Pates,  
Bishop of Des Moines

## Our Goal For 2017

Each year, every member of our diocesan faith community is asked to participate in making a gift to support the work and ministry of Bishop Pates through the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Just as we support our parish through annual tithing, our parish

supports the larger Church through an annual gift to the Diocese. We, as parishioners, are asked to help our parish by making a gift toward this cause. Our goal this year is \$7,245.



## Sacred Journey: Stations of the Cross #3 & #4

The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station. At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day. Specific prayers are recited, then the individual moves to the next station until all 14 are complete.

The Stations of the Cross are commonly found in churches as a series of 14 small icons or images. They can also appear in church

yards arranged along paths. The stations are most commonly prayed during Lent on Wednesdays and Fridays, and especially on Good Friday, the day of the year upon which the events actually occurred.

We will publish two stations each week in the bulletin for those who are not able to attend the prayer time following Thursday evening Masses.

### Station 3: Jesus Falls the First Time

“Lord, this first fall no doubt taxed you a great deal, but it also spoke of the riches you possess. You were not going to quit on us. You

would not quit on truth or love. Like gold tested in the furnace, you would be true to the very end.”

### Station 4: Jesus Meets His Mother

“Lord, mothers often seem to meet us in those hard, bitter moments of life. Perhaps fathers meet us best in triumph - *this is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased* - but mothers meet us on the way of the cross. Thank you for the grace of motherhood.”

*(Sacred Journey is being used by permission, was written by Jerry Welte, All Saints Press, St. Louis, MO. To obtain your own copy, go to [AllSaintsPress.com](http://AllSaintsPress.com))*

## The Basics of Lent

**FASTING:** Expresses our desire to find happiness in God rather than in the satisfaction of our physical needs. The control we gain over our appetites helps us recognize more deeply that all true and lasting pleasure comes from God. Knowing this we are freed to gratefully accept food and savor it, or to avoid or limit foods that we know are unhealthy for us.

Through fasting, our relationship to ourselves is reoriented toward God.

**ALMSGIVING:** Provides assistance to the poor among us and helps us recognize God as the true source of our security. Property and wealth exercise less control over us when we give away or share our wealth out of love for God and for others. Almsgiving is a way of bringing our relationship to others into the orbit of Christ's love.

**PRAYER:** Changes our relationship to God. Through prayer, we admit our need for a power that is greater than ourselves. We acknowledge our limitations and let go of the drive to control everything. In the process, we open ourselves to all that God has to offer us.

*(The Basics of Lent, All Saints Press, St. Louis, MO.)*

## Parish Business & Finance

**Funds are running low** It has come to our attention that we need to address the issue of continuing the financial support of our parish. Weekly incomes are barely meeting our monthly expenses. If you are at

all able to increase your giving, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

### February 26th Collections

- Regular Tithes: \$728.28

- Children's Collection: \$6.00
- Building Fund: \$0.00
- **Building Repair Fund Balance:** \$1,518.18
- *Ash Wednesday Collection:* \$128.15

## “Getting Along in the Workplace”

### Counselors say that recognizing behavioral patterns with family members can help you gain insight into conflict with co-workers

Positive relationships in the workplace are essential to productivity. Unfortunately, when there is disagreement between co-workers all of the energy goes toward reacting and thinking about the issue rather than the task at hand. Counselors at Catholic Charities say that being aware of our own reactions and their effect on others will lead the way to less conflict and more productivity in the workplace.

“Observing and recognizing patterns

of how you react to other people will help you to get along better with others in the workplace,” says Catholic Charities counselor Ruth Campbell, L.I.S.W. “Unfortunately, it’s not as easy as it sounds,” says Campbell. “People tend to have a ‘what’s-the-use’ sort of attitude when it comes to work issues. They don’t see how they contribute to the problem and think the issue is with the other person and not them.”

Counselors say that one way to understand your part in workplace conflict is to consider the role you play in your family. For example, if you have a leadership role in your family, you will tend to be a leader at work. If, in stressful situations at home, you

tend to get bossy, that will likely be your pattern at work as well. Other questions to ask yourself include: How does my family function under stress? Do we distance ourselves from each other or does the stress bring us closer? Do we avoid conflict or stressful issues? Do we have a way to settle disagreements? Do I take family conflict personally? Ideally, you want to recognize the patterns in your family and that can give you honest insight into your work relationships.

For further information, go to:  
[www.CenterforLifeCounseling.org](http://www.CenterforLifeCounseling.org)

**Des Moines** - 515-237-5045

**Council Bluffs** - 712-328-3086

## Easter Flowers Help “Grow” Our Building Fund

St. John’s is offering Easter Lilies, Mums, and Begonias for sale again this year.

All plants are \$15.

Please contact Monica Fagan at 641-742-3067 if you’d like to place an order.

Pick up is Friday, April 7th from 5-7pm at St. John’s Church Hall.

Payment is due at time of order.



*If you do not see a birthday or anniversary listed that should be, or if the information is incorrect, please contact the church office to make the correction. Thank you!*

*If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, please contact Rita Rilea in the church office at 515-523-1943 or email her at: [allsaintsoffice@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintsoffice@gmail.com)*

## Area Events & Announcements

**St. John’s Men’s Club**  
**Fish Fry Friday**  
**March 10 5-7pm**



**CWO Turkey Dinner**  
**March 12th**



**Carry Outs** are  
available by calling  
the parish hall at:

**641-742-5045**

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](mailto: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](http://adairstjohn.org)

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

**Cross Bearer:** Belle Fagan

**Greeters:** Mr. & Mrs. Darrin Plowman & Family

**Lector:** Brian Richter

**Host:** Adella Vogl

**Cup:** Dave Richter & Les Elgin

**Servers:** Addy Richter & Cole Plowman

**Traveling Chalice:** Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

**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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**Director of Religious Education:** Annie Brincks [annie68164@hotmail.com](mailto: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...**

**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.

**Palm Sunday:** April 9th

**Holy Thursday:** April 13th

**Good Friday:** April 14th

**Easter Sunday:** April 16th

**Calendar of Activities**

*Congratulations to the Morelands on the birth of Alice Pearl on Feb. 28th! She weighed 7lbs 10oz & was 20" long.*

Sunday 3-5 7:30-7:55am	Monday 3-6	Tuesday 3-7	Wednesday 3-8	Thursday 3-9	Friday 3-10	Saturday 3-11
Rosary & Confessions <b>8am Mass</b> for the Leona Drees <b>10am Mass</b> (Stuart) for the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish	<i>Church offices are closed on Mondays &amp; Fridays</i> <b>BD:</b> Erin Carney	<b>6pm Mass</b> (Stuart) for William & Marian Schultz <b>6:30pm</b> Adult Ed Class (Stuart)	<b>8:30am</b> for Ed & Joanne Littler <b>6:30-7:30pm</b> Faith Formation (Stuart)	<b>9am Mass</b> (at the Stuart Community Care Center) for Clair & Pat Dickey <b>6:30pm Mass</b> for John W. Brincks w/ Stations of the Cross	<b>6pm Mass w/ Stations of the Cross</b> (Stuart) for John Roth <b>5-7pm Fish Fry</b>	3:30pm (Stuart) Confessions <b>4:30pm Mass</b> (Stuart) for Albert & Lucille Greubel

Sunday 3-12 7:30-7:55am	Monday 3-13	Tuesday 3-14	Wednesday 3-15	Thursday 3-16	Friday 3-17	Saturday 3-18
Rosary & Confessions <b>8am Mass</b> for the Helen Daume; <b>9am</b> Faith Formation <b>10am Mass</b> (Stuart) for the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish	<i>Church offices are closed on Mondays &amp; Fridays</i> <b>BD:</b> Paxton Schneider	<b>6pm Mass</b> (Stuart) for the Men of All Saints <b>6:30pm</b> Adult Ed Class (Stuart)	<b>8:30am</b> for Lynn & Alice Elgin <b>6:30-7:30pm</b> Faith Formation (Stuart)	<b>9am Mass</b> (at the Stuart Community Care Center) Bob Griffin <b>6:30pm Mass</b> for Mable E. Richter w/ Stations	<b>6pm Mass w/ Stations of the Cross</b> (Stuart) for Karen Donnelly Krogh	3:30pm (Stuart) Confessions <b>4:30pm Mass</b> (Stuart) for John Simons <b>BD:</b> Wilma Fagan
Extra Confession Times Available During Lent Following Most Mass Times Or By Appointment						