

St. John Catholic Church

2nd Sunday of Lent

501 Adair Street, Adair, IA 50002

March 12, 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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Feast of St. Joseph is Next Week

Next weekend, March 19, we will observe the Feast of St. Joseph. We would like to have an altar set up in the parish for this observance. If you can help with putting this together, please let Father or the church office know. Items that will be needed for the altar include candles, flowers, baked goods, wine, carpenter's tools, and fruits, all of which will be for display purposes only. We would also like to have biscotti (Italian cookies) to distribute after Mass for each parishioner to enjoy in observance of the Solemnity of St. Joseph.

This is what the United

States Conference of Catholic Bishops has to say about Saint Joseph:

March 19: Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Silence is golden... St. Joseph, the model of humility, and one of the world's greatest saints, is often mentioned as being silent. This silence speaks volumes. In it, the Church realizes his faithfulness, his love and his acceptance of the Holy Will of God. St. Joseph was not a man of many words: he was a man of action. We have only one direct statement about his personality: in Matthew's Gospel, he is described as "a righteous man" (Matthew 1:19). His actions alone reveal everything else we know about him. He brings Mary and the Child she bears into his home when, in the sight of

the world, he would be justified in divorcing her. He leads the expectant Mary into Bethlehem, and flees with her and her Child into Egypt. When it is safe, he returns with the two into Galilee. He does all of this, because God asks it of him. He never hesitates. Each time we read that the angel spoke to Joseph, the following sentence begins with the action St. Joseph took. "Joseph awoke," "Joseph rose," "He went." Each time he received a summons, his reaction was to follow the call immediately. Never once did he hesitate. (More info is available at www.usccb.org)

Reminder:
Please remember to complete your pledge cards to support our 2017 ADA goal of \$7,245.

Thank you!

St. Patrick's Day Dispensation

Bishop Richard Pates has given a dispensation from Lenten abstinence from meat and fasting on Friday March 17th for the Diocese of Des Moines. This is a tribute to St. Patrick, patron of Ireland. "May the day be blessed for all," he said, adding,

"Some have indicated that a superb fish fry at one of our parishes would also be a marvelous way to commemorate this feast."



Patrick was a humble, pious, gentle man, whose love and total devotion to and trust in God should be a shining example to each of us. So complete was his trust in God, and of the importance of his mission, he feared nothing - not even death.

Sacred Journey: Stations of the Cross #5 & #6

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 5: Simon of Cyrene Helps Jesus Carry the Cross

"Lord, why is it that we so often have to be asked, even forced, to help those in need? Open our eyes to see those who suffer and give us willing hands to help carry their

crosses gladly. May no one ever have to carry a cross alone."

Station 6: Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus

"Lord, you began your ministry in a desert and it seems that you end it in one too. Veronica's simple act is like cool water to quell the heat and dryness of human hatred. May we too be the water of compassion for those who walk the desert of the cross."

(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)

Supportive Care Iowa

The Iowa Bishops' "Supportive Care Iowa" project is available to help people seeking guidance on making decisions about end-of-life health care that is aligned with Catholic values. Often we cannot foresee situations that will arise in regard to our health. Therefore it may be important, in advance, to choose a person who

knows us and can speak on our behalf if we are not capable of doing so.

There are now trained volunteers, called "Catholic Advanced Care Planning Consultants," that can help individuals with the completion of documents that designate another person with power of attorney for health care in the event of

incapacity. It is our parish's goal to help Catholics have guidance in completing advance directive forms in alignment with Catholic moral principles. This service is available without charge.

Please contact the parish office if you are interested in this service. (515-523-1943)

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!

March 5th Collections

- Regular Tithes: \$523.00

- Children's Collection: \$12.00
- Building Fund: \$3,470.98
(50/50 Disbursement)
- Building Repair Fund Balance: \$4,989.16

Spring Break

“A good way to look at the dreary winter months is similar to that of hibernation”, says Sharon Bandstra, Therapist with Catholic Charities Counseling Program. “People tend to cope with stress more effectively when life is predictable, when they feel in control and have outlets for frustration,” says Ruth Campbell, L.I.S.W., counselor at Catholic Charities. “Coping is also easier when you have emotional support and when you believe that conditions are improving.” Counselors offer several tips on how to best handle stressful situations: When life is predictable and consistent, people have lower stress

levels. Counselors suggest creating consistency in your life to help balance some of the unpredictability happening with the economy. Taking a look at what is predictable in your life at this time is a positive way to lower your stress levels. Focusing on what you do have control over instead of what you don't have control over can relieve stress in many situations. You may not have control over the fact that your 401K is losing money right now, but you do have control of decisions about day to day expenditures, such as how much to spend at the grocery store and where to cut corners. Create posi-

tive outlets for relieving frustration. Exercising, joining support groups and keeping connected to a social network of friends and family during times of stress are key to managing stress in a positive way. Note your perception of the events triggering the stress and ask yourself how realistic those perceptions are, then separate facts from fears. Are you worrying about the worse case scenario? Make sure you are focusing on the facts and not unrealistic fears. For further information, go to:

www.CenterforLifeCounseling.org

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

Area Events & Announcements

- Finance Council will meet at 7pm on Monday March 13th
- St. John's Men's Club Fish Fry Friday March 24 5-7pm
- We are asking for volunteers to set up a St. Joseph altar to celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph Sunday March 19th. Please let Father know if you can be of assistance.



Thank You!

SAINT JOSEPH
was a just man,
A TIRELESS WORKER,
the upright guardian
OF THOSE ENTRUSTED TO HIS CARE.
MAY HE ALWAYS
guard, PROTECT, and ENLIGHTEN
FAMILIES. - ST. JPII
catholicMYEAR.com

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 March 19th

Cross Bearer: Scott Suhr

Greeters: Brian Richter & Dave Richter

Lector: Barb Bachman

Host: Scott Suhr

Cup: Matt Fagan & Les Elgin

Servers: Logan Brincks & Carley Fagan

Traveling Chalice: Phyllis O'Brien

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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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...

During Lent:

Thursday Stations of the Cross

Fish Fry Fridays March 24th, and

April 7th 5-7pm.

Feast of St. Joseph: March 19th

Palm Sunday: 8am April 9th

Holy Thursday: 5:30pm April 13th

Good Friday: 5:30pm April 14th

Easter Sunday: 8am April 16th

Calendar of Activities

Sunday 3-12	Monday 3-13	Tuesday 3-14	Wednesday 3-15	Thursday 3-16	Friday 3-17	Saturday 3-18
7:30-7:55am Rosary & Confessions 8am Mass for the Helen Daume; 9am Faith Formation 10am Mass (Stuart) for the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish	<i>Church offices are closed on Mondays & Fridays</i> BD: Paxton Schneider	6pm Mass (Stuart) for the Men of All Saints 6:30pm Adult Ed Class (Stuart)	8:30am for Lynn & Alice Elgin 6:30-7:30pm Faith Formation (Stuart)	9am Mass (at the Stuart Community Care Center) Bob Griffin 6:30pm Mass for Mable E. Richter w/ Stations	6pm Mass w/ Stations of the Cross (Stuart) for Karen Donnelly Krogh	3:30pm (Stuart) Confessions 4:30pm Mass (Stuart) for John Simons BD: Wilma Fagan
Extra Confession Times Available During Lent Following Most Mass Times Or By Appointment						
Sunday 3-19	Monday 3-20	Tuesday 3-21	Wednesday 3-22	Thursday 3-23	Friday 3-24	Saturday 3-25
7:30-7:55am Rosary & Confessions 8am Mass for the Betty Dill; 9am Faith Formation 10am Mass (Stuart) for the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish	<i>Church offices are closed on Mondays & Fridays</i> BDs: Kaylie Plowman & Belle Fagan	6pm Mass (Stuart) for Albert & Lucille Greubel 6:30pm Adult Ed Class (Stuart)	8:30am for Felix Lawlor 6:30-7:30pm Faith Formation (Stuart) BDs: Wilma Fagan, John Fagan	BD: Kathy Fagan 9am Mass (at the Stuart Community Care Center) For William & Marian Schultz 6:30pm Mass for Leona Drees w/ Stations	6pm Mass w/ Stations of the Cross (Stuart) for Donato Cianciaruso	3:30pm (Stuart) Confessions 4:30pm Mass (Stuart) for David Waltz