

St. John Catholic Church

3rd 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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Dear Parishioners...

Happy Feast Day of St. Joseph!

The actual celebration for a Solemn Mass this year has been moved to Monday March 20, but is normally celebrated on March 19. We have a beautiful altar set up in honor of Joseph and we hope you enjoy the work of many contributors and "hands" as they set up and arranged the altar for this Feast Day.

Several items I would like for you to be aware: first of all, please look through the bulletin, marquee, and website for upcoming events and other important dates. Secondly, I hope you have had an opportunity to consider your pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal - I have made my pledge and fulfilled it and I hope you will, too. It is important for all of us to pitch in to help. Some will say, "I can't afford it because I have other things I need to

buy." Yes, we all do, but if everyone pitches in - even if it is small amount, it all adds up. Young or old, we are all to help each other and do our part to ensure the existence of diocesan wide programs and other important works of the Diocese. We do receive benefits from these programs. Please do not say to yourself "someone else can do it", or "I'm not giving to that because they will put monies into something I disagree with." Did you know, that you can designate all or a part of your pledge to one or several areas that you want to support? For example, if you want all of your pledge to go to vocations, then that is where it will all go. If you want to help with education, again you place that statement on your pledge and it will go directly there. Another example is priest retirement or health care. Again, every pledge helps us to get to our goal. I truly

appreciate your consideration and pledge.

Coming up on April 7, everyone is invited to the Chrism Mass held at St. Ambrose Cathedral in Des Moines. There will be no evening Mass or Stations of the Cross that Friday. It would be wonderful to have a large showing from our Parish.

On a final note, please consider joining one of the many committees in the parish or if a particular need is not being met at this time, please let me know what it is and if you are interested in getting others to help you. We can always have various groups to bring life and activity into our parish.

God Bless you all during this Holy Season of Lent.

Fr. Ray

Faith for the Journey Men's Conference

Register now for "Faith for the Journey," the 2017 Catholic Men's Conference being held on Saturday, March 25 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in West Des Moines. Music begins at 8 AM, Mass at 8:30 AM and the conference begins at 9:30 AM.

This is an opportunity to strengthen your faith and confidence in God's mercy for you, to become a true leader in your family and to become a strong champion for the Lord in the world. Four exciting speakers are lined up; Karlo Broussard, Matt Halbach, Jon Leonetti

and Fr. Rick Wendell. For more information and registration go to: IowaCatholicRadio.com, visit us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/IowaCatholicRadio) or call (515) 223-1150. The cost is \$30 per person and includes lunch.

Be sure to invite a friend!

Sacred Journey: Stations of the Cross #7 & #8

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 7: Jesus Falls the Second Time

"Lord, when I feel down or defeated, there is often no logic to it. Sometimes, life just gets to be too much for me. By falling, you have shown us how to be human. Show

us also how to be God-like in rising to our feet and going on.

Station 8: Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem

"Lord, the smallest hurt sometimes causes me to close in on myself and shut others out. How remarkable it is that, in the midst of your passion, you thought of others before yourself. Grant me the miracle of such a generous heart and spirit."

(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)

Chrism Mass Musicians & Pastoral Representatives

This year's Chrism Mass is scheduled to take place at 7pm on Friday April 7th at St. Ambrose Cathedral.

The Chrism Mass an annual celebration by our gathered local Church of the priesthood of Jesus-the-Anointed-by-the-Spirit. His priesthood is shared by the baptized/confirmed and the ordained.

His priesthood is exercised in the sacraments, especially the sacraments most closely associated with the Eucharist: the sacraments of initiation and of orders, as well as the sacrament of the sick.

We, the priestly people of God in the Church, are not just blessing the oils and consecrating chrism, but we are praying for everyone

and everything who will be anointed with the holy oils in the coming year.

If you would like to attend, be a part of this very special Mass as a musician or as someone who receives the oils on behalf of the parish, please contact our parish office at 515-523-1943.

Parish Business & Finance

March 12th Collections

- Regular Tithes: \$198.00
- Children's Collection: \$2.00
- Building Fund: \$0.00
- Repair Fund Bal: \$4,989.16

Turkey Dinner Proceeds:

Amt. Collected: \$1,839.00
Expenses: -538.91
Profit: \$1,300.09

This amount will be applied to the 2017 Annual Diocesan Appeal balance.

March Income To Date:

\$863.15*
March Expenses To Date:
\$2,663.03*
Deficit of: **\$1,799.88***

**These figures do not include any fundraising amounts.*

Catholic Youth Camp 2017

From the St. Thomas More Center

Registration for Catholic Youth Camp 2017 is underway and spots are filling quickly! Catholic Youth Camp (CYC) is a sleep away summer camp for students entering 3rd grade through high school graduation. Every summer, more than 1,500 young people will come to CYC to pray, learn about the Catholic faith, and have fun in the outdoors. The CYC has updated many "camp" activities along with constructing a high ropes course and a crate stacker. Both create challenges that campers must work through and are designed to build self-esteem and strengthen team skills. CYC is lo-

cated just outside Panora, IA.

Don't let your kids miss out on this awesome opportunity - register soon! Sponsorships are available. To find out more and to register, visit www.stmcenter.com or call 515-309-1936.

- Fr. Joe Pins will be again serving as Camp Chaplain. He will be ministering to the staff and campers and celebrate Mass daily.
- We will have a great group of young Catholics working on our Summer Staff. The group of eleven includes two semi-

narians (Dylan Crawley & Alex Kramer) along with nine college students. They will run our camp curriculum and programs.

- Our theme this year is the Prodigal Son. Each day we will have an hour-long Faith Formation program that focuses on the three main characters of the parable. Our campers will have activities (which vary by age) that will help them understand the meaning of the parable and learn how reconciliation is always possible with a merciful Father.

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

- St. John's Men's Club Fish Fry Friday March 24 5-7pm
- Thank you to everyone who helped with the 1st Fish Fry of the Lenten season and with the Annual Spring Dinner.
- Thanks also to everyone who attended & supported these special events!
- Ask a Priest: Our diocesan newspaper, The Catholic Mirror, has brought back the Q & A that so many readers missed. Send your questions for the "Ask a Priest" column to mirror@dmdiocese.org or mail to "Ask a Priest", Diocese of Des Moines, 601 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50309.
- Msgr. Frank Bognanno is on WOI-TV each weekday at 6:59am with a "Thought for the Day".

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 26th

Cross Bearer: Madison Suhr

Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Doug Richter

Lector: Julie Plowman

Host: Matt Fagan

Cup: Sr. Andre & Adella Vogl

Servers: Cade Suhr & Cash Suhr

Traveling Chalice: Cody & Elizabeth Moreland 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.

Parish Administrative Assistant:

Brenda Wedemeyer stjohnallsaints@gmail.com

Parish Bookkeeper & Mass Intentions: 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...

During Lent:

Thursday Stations of the Cross

Fish Fry Fridays March 24th, and

April 7th 5-7pm.

Special Speakers: April 9th 6-9pm at All Saints (see today's bulletin insert for details)

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 3-19	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	Church offices are closed on Mondays & Fridays 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
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Extra Confession Times Available During Lent Following Most Mass Times Or By Appointment