

St. John Catholic Church

4th Sunday of Lent

501 Adair Street, Adair, IA 50002

March 26, 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...

Tithing is the practice, established by God in the Old Testament, of returning 10% of your blessings to God. Tithing is absolutely still necessary in the Catholic Church today. When God introduced the concept of the tithe, this contribution was necessary to support the work of the Levites (priests) and the poor in the community. Today our Church still needs our support to pay the expenses and financial obligations it incurs as it operates in a commercial society.

Without a constant flow of income through tithes given freely in the Offering, a parish must appeal for funding for every activity or ministry it

wishes to undertake. Parishioners get tired of the constant talk about money and the demands on their time that this kind of approach takes. If only folks would bring their tithe to God's altar first, and teach their young to do the same.

Our Lord exempted no one from giving. In the story of the "Widow's Mite" it is important to note that He did not reach into the Offering box and give the widow back her two small coins. Even priests are not exempt from the tithe.

If you wait until you feel that you are financially comfortable enough to tithe, you will never take the step. If you are ever

going to tithe, you will have to step back from your endless list of wants and believe that our generous and abundant God will always provide you with all that you need and even with enough to give back a generous share.

"Tell the rich in the present age not to be proud and not to rely on so uncertain a thing as wealth but rather on God, who richly provides us with all things for our enjoyment. Tell them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous, ready to share, thus accumulating as treasure a good foundation for the future, so as to win the life that is true life." - 1 Timothy 6:17-19

Ecology Advocate at DCCW Convention

All women are members of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and are invited to the annual convention Saturday April 1 at Sacred Heart Parish in West Des Moines. Come hear Franciscan Sister Lucy

Slinger, a well-respected ecological advocate, professor and author, talk about "**Beatitudes: What we are called to do today as Jesus did.**"

Cost is \$30 at the door.
Space is limited.

Questions? Contact Marilyn Alferts at 712-485-2043, malfers1@wiaw.netm or Lin Brinker at 712-744-3206, ladyb@fmctc.com to register or for further information.

Sacred Journey: Stations of the Cross #9 & #10

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 9: Jesus Falls the Third Time

"Lord, some onlookers may have rejoiced to see You fall once more. At times we seem to celebrate downfall. We look on like spectators of sport and perhaps some

part of us cheers. Help us not to glory in defeat, but to uphold each other toward victory in You."

Station 10: Jesus is Stripped of His Garments

"Lord, this moment signifies the totality of Your gift to us. Once the soldiers tore off Your clothes, all remnants of Your divinity appear stripped away and Your utter humanity is laid bare. Because of such unreserved love, now it is we who seek to put on Christ."

(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)

Special Speakers Event at Stuart on Palm Sunday

You are invited to participate in a unique and dynamic Palm Sunday event featuring Bo Bonner and Dr. Bud Marr, Catholic Radio hosts of "The Uncommon Good" plus Katie Patrizio,



Faith Formation Director, St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Ames.

"Pivoting towards Holy Week: How Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving Prepare Us to enter Holy Week"



"Jesus turns his face toward Jerusalem"

What does the Lenten practice of prayer teach us about Holy Thursday? What does the Lenten practice of Fasting teach us about entering into Christ's death? What insight does Almsgiving give us into God raising Jesus from the dead on Easter Sunday?

Parish Business & Finance

March 19th Collections

- Regular Tithes: \$513.00
- Children's Collection: \$22.00
- 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.

This week's income:

\$535.00

This week's expenses:

\$217.27

These figures do not include any fundraising amounts.

Diocesan Events



Help us to support the Church's Initiative on marriage! Couples who attend Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends not only re-discover the joy, intimacy & ro-

mance in their relationships but also become more active in their parish. Together, we are making marriages, families and our Church stronger & healthier. Learn how to live your Marriage Sacrament as God intended.

Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Event

For information, dates and to register go to iowa-wwme.org or call [563-608-3305](tel:563-608-3305).

Upcoming Dates:

April 7-9 @Dubuque

Oct. 27-29 @Cedar Falls

Mary's Meals Run

Join fellow Catholics for the Mary's Meals Run on Saturday, May 13 at 9am in West Des Moines' Historic Valley Junction. The race includes a 10K and 5K with an after party at Railroad Park. Your registration - whether 10K or 5K, walking or running - will feed one child in desperate need of food for an ENTIRE school year, oftentimes the child's only meal of the day. Bishop Emeritus Joseph Charron will lead the opening prayer and bless the runners and walkers before the start of the race. Go to:

www.MarysMealsRun.com.

Easter Egg Hunt

Easter's coming very soon! And we are planning our annual Easter Egg Hunt for that morning after Mass.

If you are able to donate plastic eggs and/or the candy to fill them, please bring them to the church and leave them in the back for our Confirmation class. Thank you!



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 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.

- Last St. John's Men's Club Fish Fry Friday April 7, 5-7pm
- **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 April 2nd

Cross Bearer: Francis Hollinrake

Greeters: Jeanne Richter & Phyllis O'Brien

Lector: Julie Plowman

Host: Dave Richter

Cup: Scott Suhr & Adella Vogl

Servers: Cole Plowman & Cash Suhr

Traveling Chalice: Kaye & Cleon Klemish

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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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 & Parish Hall Rental/Information: Betty Ludwig 742-3812

Planning ahead...

During Lent:

Thursday Stations of the Cross

Last Fish Fry Friday April 7th 5-7pm.

CHRISM MASS at St. Ambrose April 7th, 7pm

Special Speakers: April 9th 6-9pm at Stuart

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 3-26 7:30-7:55am	Monday 3-27	Tuesday 3-28	Wednesday 3-29	Thursday 3-30	Friday 3-31	Saturday 4-1
Rosary & Confessions 8am Mass for the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish; 9am Faith Formation 10am Mass (Stuart) for Dec. mbrs. Tigges/ Gladfelder Fam.	<i>Church offices are closed on Mondays & Fridays</i> BD: Adella Vogl	6pm Mass (Stuart) for Albert & Lucille Greubel 6:30pm Adult Ed Class (Stuart) BD: Annie Brincks	8:30am for Helen Daume 6:30-7:30pm Faith Formation (Stuart) ANN: Jason & Jennifer Calhoun 2003	9am Mass (at the Stuart Community Care Center) For Darlene O'Brien 6:30pm Mass for Joseph Lawlor w/ Stations BD: Sophie Dorsey	6pm Mass w/ Stations of the Cross (Stuart) for John Simons	3:30pm (Stuart) Confessions 4:30pm Mass (Stuart) for Virginia Wagner
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Extra Confession Times Available During Lent Following Most Mass Times Or By Appointment						