

St. John Catholic Church

Palm Sunday

501 Adair Street, Adair, IA 50002

April 9, 2017



Mass Times HOLY WEEK

- **Sunday:**
7:30am Rosary
8am Mass
- **Wednesday:** 8:30am
- **Holy Thursday:**
5:30pm (7pm Stuart)
- **GOOD FRIDAY:**
5:30pm (7pm Stuart)
- **Easter Vigil** - Stuart - 8pm

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Entering into Holy Week

Palm Sunday is often characterized by the use of palm branches which are blessed and processed down the aisles of the church. The palms are waved as reminders of an important event in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ - when He entered Jerusalem as King, riding on a donkey (sign of humility), less than a week before He was crucified. Thus, Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, an especially solemn and important week in the Christian calendar that focuses on the last days of Jesus' life and anticipates Easter, the most important holiday in Christianity.

Jesus is our true hope and True King. Our True King provides for His people and guides and protects them, and above all loves

what is His own. We acknowledge our King through our "Hosannas", as the people did 2,000 years ago to welcome their king. You and I share a lot in common with the very people of 2,000 years ago, who not only welcomed God into their lives, but also abandoned and betrayed Him later. It is a pattern seen throughout history and we certainly need to be aware of the pattern in our own lives. Jesus loves us so much that His love is demonstrated in His willingness to suffer and die for us as a way of showing at "what lengths" He is willing to go (and did go) to reconcile us back to Himself. God wants us to be one with Him. In the beginning, on the 7th day of Creation, God rested and

wants all of Creation to rest in Him. God wants all of Creation to be totally united to Him in love.

I invite you to our Palm Sunday event tonight to hear three speakers who will help to inspire us to make this journey of Holy Week a more meaningful one. Please join us at All Saints from 6 pm to 9 pm for an evening promising that something will touch you as you and I begin this Sacred Week.

Let us ask God to be a True King to us by giving us what we truly need, and that we may know His mercy and love for us, and that we may be united to our King forever.

- Fr. Ray

Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the **Pontifical Good Friday Collection**, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious educa-

tion. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection

provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. **Thank you!**

Sacred Journey: Stations of the Cross #13 & #14

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 13: Jesus is taken down from the Cross

"Lord, the utter joy of cradling a newborn child is one day matched by the crushing sadness of holding the lifeless body of one you love. Give us the heart of Mary so that

we may embrace death as faithfully as life and so be witnesses to the resurrection."

Station 14: Jesus is laid in the tomb

"Lord, we have buried our dead and we know what it is to be entombed ourselves - abandoned, defeated, or violated. By the power of your cross, may the dead find eternal life and may we too come forth from the dark places where we have been buried."

(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)

Facts Concerning the Paschal Triduum

1. The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday.
2. No other Mass may be celebrated on Holy Thursday.
3. Normally the Good Friday celebration of the Lord's Passion should take place at about 3pm to enable people to assemble more easily, however, pastoral direction may indicate a time shortly after midday, or in the late evening, though never later than 9pm.
4. After the showing of the Cross on Good Friday, the priest may carry the Cross to a suitable place. The first person to adore the Cross is the priest celebrant.
5. The Easter Vigil, by its very nature, must take place at night - after sunset. It is not begun before nightfall and should end before daybreak on Easter Sunday. The Easter Vigil begins and ends in darkness, retaining the ancient character of vigilance and expectation, as the people await the Lord's Resurrection.

Parish Business & Finance

April 2nd Collections

- Regular Tithes: \$776.00
- Children's Collection: \$6.00
- Building Fund: \$50.00
- Repair Fund Bal: \$4,952.23

This week's income:

\$776.00

This week's expenses:

\$237.05

ADA Balance: \$4,535.00 to date
(Goal: \$7,245)

Thank You!

Don't forget...you can always set up an automatic bank transaction for your weekly tithe. It's easy to do - just call the church office to make the arrangements.
515-523-1943



Diocesan Events

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.

End-of-life Health Care

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 who 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 these faith-filled discussions with friends and family in advance of a crisis and to provide guidance in completing advance directive forms in alignment with Catholic moral principles. This service is available without charge.

Please contact our parish office if you are interested in this service.

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

Do you like to walk? Do you like to walk for a good cause? If so, you might be interested in gathering your friends to help raise funds for Ruth Harbor. All Sponsored walkers will receive a Walk t-shirt!

When you support Ruth Harbor in



this walk, you will be helping to provide food, housing, transportation, professional counseling, coor-

dated healthcare, education, spiritual guidance, parenting training and/or adoption assistance, life skills assessment and training, and job interest assessment and consultation for young women with an unplanned pregnancy. Go to: www.RuthHarbor.org for further details and to register.

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

Planning ahead...

During Lent:

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

Palm Sunday: 8am April 9th

Holy Thursday: 5:30pm April 13th or 7pm at All Saints

Good Friday: 5:30pm April 14th or 7pm at All Saints

Easter Sunday: 8am April 16th

Liturgical Ministers

Schedule:

HOLY THURSDAY

Cross Bearer: Larry Drees

Greeters: Gail Brincks Family

Lector: Theresa Elgin

Host: Matt Fagan

Cup: Adella Vogl & Sr. Chinweze

Servers: Carley & Belle Fagan

Liturgical Ministers

Schedule:

GOOD FRIDAY

Cross Bearer: Cody Moreland

Greeters: John & Adella Vogl

Lector: Scott Suhr

Host: Adella Vogl

Servers: Cade & Madison Suhr

Liturgical Ministers

Schedule:

EASTER SUNDAY

Cross Bearer: John Fagan

Greeters: Blair Carney Family

Lector: Brian Richter

Host: Scott Suhr

Cup: Adella Vogl & Sr. Andre

Servers: Logan Brincks & Trevin Suhr

Contact Us

Rev. Raymond J. Higgins, Pastor

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

Calendar of Activities

To view the entire calendar for both parishes, please go to stuartallsaints.org or adairstjohn.org

Sunday 4-9 7:30-7:55am Rosary & Confessions 8am Mass for Ed & Joanne Littler 9am Faith Form. 10am Mass (Stuart) for the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish	Monday 4-10 <i>Church offices are closed on Mondays & Fridays</i> Reg. Office Hours: 9am-3pm T-W-Th	Tuesday 4-11	Wednesday 4-12 8:30am for Mable E Richter 7pm Presentation: Shadow Stations of the Cross Open to the public at All Saints	Thursday 4-13 5:30pm HOLY THURSDAY Mass for the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish 7pm at Stuart: HOLY THURSDAY Mass	Friday 4-14 5:30pm GOOD FRIDAY Mass for the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish 7pm at Stuart: HOLY THURSDAY Mass	Saturday 4-15 8pm EASTER VIGIL Mass at Stuart for the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
Sunday 4-16 7:30-7:55am Rosary & Confessions 8am Mass for the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish 9am Faith Form. 10am Mass (Stuart) BD: Kathleen Fagan	Monday 4-17 <i>Church offices are closed on Mondays & Fridays</i> Reg. Office Hours: 9am-3pm T-W-Th	Tuesday 4-18 6pm Mass Stuart for Albert & Lucille Greubel BD: Maxwell Carney	Wednesday 4-19 8:30am Mass for Ed & Joanne Littler	Thursday 4-20 9am Mass Stuart Community Care Center for Bob Griffin 6:30pm Mass for Andrew Lawlor	Friday 4-21 8:30am Mass Stuart for Joe Lemar	Saturday 4-22 3:30 Confessions at Stuart Mass 4:30pm at Stuart for the dec'd mbrs. of the Tigges/Boch families BD: Blaize Dorsey