

St. John Catholic Church

Easter Sunday

501 Adair Street, Adair, IA 50002

April 16, 2017



Mass Times

- **Sunday:**
7:30am Rosary & Confessions
8am Mass
10am at Stuart
- Tuesday 6pm Stuart
- **Wednesday:** 8:30am
- **Thursday:** 6:30pm
- Friday 8:30am Stuart
- Saturday 4:30pm Stuart

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Our Easter Light

Each year at the Easter Vigil we begin our worship around 8 pm in the evening when it is dark. Once everyone has taken their place, we turn the lights out and it's completely dark. The priest lights a small fire in the back of the Church and blesses the fire and takes a flame from the fire and lights the Paschal/Easter Candle, then he extinguishes the fire. Now the only light in the room is the small light coming from the Easter Candle--then, the priest sings out: "Christ our Light!" and the congregation responds in song: "Thanks be to God!" Then, the priest moves forward (singing two more times "Christ our Light") through the people in "darkness"; and from the Easter Candle (representing Christ) people draw light from Him. Those closest will draw that light first, and then pass it on to those next to them and, in turn, they pass the light on to others until each person has lit their candle. The total darkness is not overcome, but the light that comes from each of the individuals breaks the darkness. "Light and Darkness" are terms not only to distinguish day and night perhaps, but are also used as spiritual terms in the Holy Scriptures to remind us of realities like "clarity/truth" and "confusion/lack of clarity/truth". The lit candle represents our experience of Christ even though sin and evil plague the world with darkness. Like the beginning of the Easter Night, with a single light (Christ), all eyes turn toward that light. We, too, must turn to Christ and pass our experience

onto others, lighting their faith and love. It is our Christian duty to pass on the reason for our faith to others--this is represented in the candle lighting at the beginning of the Easter Vigil/night. This light represents our experience of Christ and how He has touched our lives. Others, whether they know it or not, want that touch of God in their lives. Christ has called each one of us to dispel the darkness in our world. This light we hold proclaims that "I believe", which comes deep from within us. By our experience, we preach to others our reason for hope. Perhaps, by way of an old story, I might be able to share the significance of this "candle lighting" in the dark. This story takes place during the days when there was no electricity and the streets were very dark. There was a little boy who was being called by his mother for him to come to eat. He did not answer. So she went up to his room to see why he did not answer. She found him with his face pressed against the glass of the window. Since the streets were very dark it was the task of someone to go around to light the oil/gas lamps along the street. So, the young boy was pressing his face against the window watching the man going around lighting the street lamps. When his mother entered the room she asked why he was not answering her. He said to her, "Do you see this man? He is making holes in the dark." The lighted lamps were like "punching holes in the dark". While in this world, we can

easily get discouraged and confused because we cannot spiritually see any hope because of this spiritual darkness which touches our lives. This "veil of darkness" often keeps us from seeing God. Yet, you and I through faith, are like the man who lights the street lamps "punching holes" in the "veil of darkness" so that behind this darkness we can see "God's light". Each of us experiences suffering, but we are to "punch holes" in the darkness with our own experiences of Christ so that we may cause others to want to experience God as well. Our Christianity and the notion to evangelize is to show people how much we love which inspires those in darkness to turn their eyes toward your example. Again, we must experience God so we may pass on the light to one another so that they too will have an experience of God in their lives. When this happens there is a joy in the midst of darkness that we share together. God has taught and empowered us to overcome darkness together united to Him. This love is a true love and not a superficial one. Faith and love that is superficial does not cause others to light their faith or kindle true love. In this reality, life is full of sufferings and lack of understanding which we can call darkness, but each of us because of our experience of God can help dispel that darkness by doing what is right and good for one another--which we also call "Love".

May you have a Blessed Easter!

Fr. Ray

Passphrases

Shared by the Diocesan Safety Committee from securingthehuman.sans.org

Background

Passwords are something you use almost every day, from accessing your email or banking online to purchasing goods or accessing your smartphone. However, passwords are also one of your weakest points; if someone learns or guesses your password they can access your accounts as you, allowing them to transfer your money, read your emails, or steal your identity. That is why strong passwords are essential to protecting yourself. However, passwords have typically been confusing, hard to remember, and difficult to type. Read on to learn how to create strong passwords, called passphrases, that are easy for you to remember and simple to type.

Passphrases

The challenge we all face is that cyber attackers have developed sophisticated and effective methods to brute force (automated guessing) passwords. We recommend you use passphrases - a series of random words or a sentence. The more characters your passphrase has, the stronger it is. The advantage is these are much easier to remember and type, but still hard for cyber attackers to hack. Here are two different examples: "Sustain-Easily-Imprison" or "Time for tea at 1:23".

What makes these passphrases so strong is not only are they long, but they use capital letters and

symbols. (Remember, spaces and punctuation are symbols.) At the same time, these passphrases are also easy to remember and type.

You can make your passphrases even stronger if you want to by replacing letters with numbers or symbols, such as replacing the letter "a" with the "@" symbol or the letter "o" with the number zero. If a website or program limits the number of characters you can use in a password, use the maximum number of characters allowed.

For further information on this and many other topics, you can subscribe to the "OUCH!" security awareness newsletter monthly in your own email inbox. Subscribe at <https://securingthehuman.sans.org/ouch>

Online Catholic Resources

Catholic Scripture Study

www.catholicscripturestudyinc.org

Magnificat www.magnificat.net

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops www.usccb.org

The Word Among Us www.wau.org

Catholic Culture

www.catholicculture.org

Catholic News Agency

www.catholicnewsagency.com

EWTN News www.ewtnnews.com

Ignatius Insight

www.ignatiusinsight.com

National Catholic Register

www.ncregister.com

Our Sunday Visitor www.osv.com

Zenit www.zenit.org

Catholic Answers

www.catholic.com

The Holy See www.vatican.va

Inside the Vatican

www.insidethevatican.com

Pope2You www.pope2you.net

Vatican News www.vatican.va

Parish Business & Finance

April 9th Collections

- Regular Tithes: \$329.00
- Children's Collection: \$36.00
- Building Fund: \$0.00
- Repair Fund Bal: \$4,952.23

This week's income:

\$329.00

This week's expenses:

\$0.00

ADA Balance: \$2,530.00 to date

Goal: \$7,245 - we're almost there!

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

Divorced Survival Guide

Divorced? The Catholic's DIVORCE SURVIVAL group begins May 15. This 12-week session runs Mondays at St. Augustine Church in Des Moines. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. Contact Deacon Tony Valdez for details, 515-979-2301 or t.valdez@me.com for details.

Job Openings

The diocese has job openings: an administrative assistant for the Vocations office and executive director for the St. Thomas More Center. Get details here: dmdiocese.org/employment.

Abundant Living Social

Come join Bishop Pates for a wine and cheese social hosted by Abundant Living, a social group with the mission of celebrating the gift of the Church's teaching on natural family planning. The event will be at St. Augustine Parish on May 4, from 6-8 p.m. Childcare is free and available upon request, RSVP to Adam Storey at astorey@dmdiocese.org or 515-237-5056.

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.

Thought for the Day

Msgr. Frank Bognanno, pastor of Christ the King Parish in Des Moines, is on WOI-TV each weekday at 6:59 a.m. with a Thought for the Day.

Respect Life

This year's first 40 Days for Life campaign has begun. We have many hours still in need of being filled. Go to our local campaign page and sign in: <https://40daysforlife.com/localcampaigns/des-moines/>.

Has your child left the Church?



In RETURN, you'll discover the powerful concept of "seed gifts" which you subtly plant in your child's life. Many people who

return to the Church point to a DVD, book, or CD that sparked their journey back. But which are the best resources to give your child? Now you don't have to worry.

For your own free copy of the book and further information, go to: <https://helpthemreturn.com>

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

New Catholic Television Program

Be inspired by a new Catholic television program for every day living that will motivate you to achieve your hopes and dreams as you live a life of power, impact, freedom and purpose. It provides practical ways of living life to the fullest and helping you make faith a part of your daily life. Bruce Downes The Catholic Guy television program is seen by millions of people whose lives have been changed by his down-to-earth approach. For more information go to: BruceDownesTheCatholicGuy.com where you can watch the program daily.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule: Sunday April 23rd

Cross Bearer: Cole Plowman

Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Brett Dorsey & Family

Lector: Barb Bachman

Host: Matt Fagan

Cup: Les Elgin & Sr. Chinweze

Servers: Addy Richter & Belle Fagan

Traveling Chalice: John & Adella Vogl

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 & 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 4-16 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
Sunday 4-23 7:30-7:55am Rosary & Confessions 8am Mass for the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish 9am Faith Form. 10am Mass (Stuart)	Monday 4-24 <i>Church offices are closed on Mondays & Fridays</i> Reg. Office Hours: 9am-3pm T-W-Th	Tuesday 4-25 6pm Mass Stuart for Marian Schultz	Wednesday 4-26 8:30am Mass for Harold Ness BD: Kenneth Ludwig	Thursday 4-27 9am Mass Stuart Community Care Center for David Waltz 6:30pm Mass for Mable E. Richter ANN: Brett & Stephanie Dorsey	Friday 4-28 8:30am Mass Stuart for the deceased members of the Tigges/Gladfelder Families	Saturday 4-29 3:30pm Confessions at Stuart Mass 4:30pm at Stuart for Albert 7 Lucille Greubel