

# St. John Catholic Church

Divine Mercy Sunday

501 Adair Street, Adair, IA 50002

April 23, 2017



## Mass Times

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

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## Divine Mercy

From the diary of a young Polish nun, a special devotion began spreading throughout the world in the 1930s.

The message is nothing new, but is a reminder of what the Church has always taught through scripture and tradition: that God is merciful and forgiving and that we, too, must show mercy and forgiveness. But in the Divine Mercy devotion, the message takes on a powerful new focus, calling people to a deeper understanding that God's love is unlimited and available to everyone — especially the greatest sinners.

The message and devotion to Jesus as **The Divine Mercy** is based on the writ-

ings of **Saint Faustina Kowalska**, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread. The message of mercy is that God loves us — all of us — no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. It is a message we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC.

**A** — Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

**B** — Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

**C** — Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

Source: [EWTN.com/devotionals](http://EWTN.com/devotionals)

## Flower Sales & Windows

Thank you to everyone who had a hand in the recent flower and bake sale fund raisers. A total of \$780 was raised that is going toward the expense of the cleaning and new coverings on

our stained glass windows. The contractor, Bovard, has started the work, but will be gone for several weeks to complete a previous project before returning to finish here.



## Eucharistic Miracles Display



The public is invited to view a display in the Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Parish Center this week, 105 W. 5th St., in Atlantic.

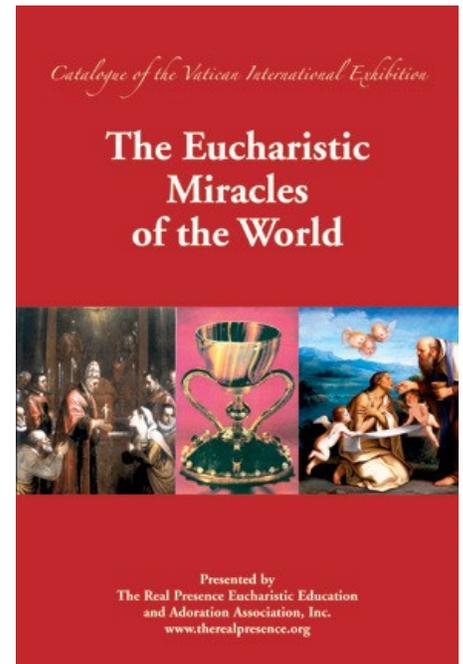
and Sunday, April 30th, 9am-2pm.

“Come browse and read about the numerous Eucharistic Miracles of the World that are approved by the Catholic Church. This is a great way to increase your faith in the real presence of the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Eucharist. Read about the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary.”

**All are welcome - including children!**

A free will offering will be taken for delivery expenses for the display and the Real Presence Association.

The “Eucharistic Miracles of the World and Apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary” display will be open Thursday, April 27th, 4-8pm; Friday, April 28th, 4-8pm; Saturday, April 29th, Noon-8pm;



## Mark your calendar: May Crowning Procession

Each year, on the last day of Faith Formation, members and friends of All Saints Catholic Church in Stuart participate in the annual May Crowning Procession.

The people gather at the Saints Center - the former All Saints Church - to hear a few words from Father before assembling outside for the one-mile walk back to the parish. During the walk, the people say the Rosary,



walk quietly, or may sing an appropri-

ate hymn. When the procession enters the church, everyone is seated while the crown is placed on the statue of Our Blessed Mother in the sanctuary. The evening is topped off with another tradition: the ice cream social.

All are welcome to join this event which begins at 6:30pm May 3rd at the Saints Center on Fremont Street in Stuart.

## Parish Business & Finance

### Holy Week & Easter Collections

Holy Thursday: \$198.00  
 Good Friday: \$119.00  
 Regular Tithes: \$1,058.00  
 Children's Collection: \$20.00  
 Dinner Money: \$5.00  
 Building Fund: \$0.00

Repair Fund Bal: \$0.00

This week's income: \$1,400.00  
 This week's expenses: \$1,759.66  
 ADA Balance: \$2,530.00 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

**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@dmdioocese.org](mailto:astorey@dmdioocese.org) or 515-237-5056.

**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](http://www.MarysMealsRun.com).

**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@dmdioocese.org](mailto:mirror@dmdioocese.org) or mail to "Ask a Priest," Diocese of Des Moines, 601 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50309.

**Annual Diocesan Appeal** Please pray for the success of our Annual Diocesan Appeal. Through your support, we can provide service and ministry to thousands of individuals across our diocese in central and southwest Iowa. Annual operating expenses that cover priest medical insurance, health care and retirement benefits are funded through the ADA along with the education of 21 seminarians. Gifts of all sizes are needed to meet our parish's goal.

## Faith Formation

Our Sunday morning Faith Formation program is winding down for the 2016-17 school year.

The last session is scheduled for May 7th with a fun family activity to be announced.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with this year's program by

teaching, assisting with events, and donating the items needed for a successful program.



*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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://adairstjohn.org)

### Catholic Tuition Organization

It's tax season and it seems that everyone LIKES saving on their taxes. Donating to the Catholic Tuition Organization saves the donor significantly on their taxes AND provides much needed tuition assistance to families who want to send their children to our Catholic schools!

For more information,  
go online to

[www.CTOIowa.org](http://www.CTOIowa.org) or

call Jeanne Wells at 515-237-5010.



### Liturgical Ministers Schedule: Sunday April 30, 2017

**Cross Bearer:** Scott Suhr

**Greeters:** Mr. & Mrs. Larry Drees

**Lector:** Julie Plowman

**Host:** Dave Richter

**Cup:** Matt Fagan & Les Elgin

**Servers:** Carley & Belle Fagan

**Traveling Chalice:** Francis & Deb Hollinrake

### 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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**Director of Religious Education:** Annie Brincks [annie68164@hotmail.com](mailto: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](http://stuartallsaints.org) or [adairstjohn.org](http://adairstjohn.org)

<b>Sunday 4-23</b> 7:30-7:55am Rosary & Confessions <b>8am Mass</b> for the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish <b>9am</b> Faith Form. <b>10am Mass</b> (Stuart)	<b>Monday 4-24</b> <i>Church offices are closed on Mondays &amp; Fridays</i> <b>Reg. Office</b> <b>Hours: 9am-3pm</b> T-W-Th	<b>Tuesday 4-25</b> <b>6pm Mass</b> Stuart for Marian Schultz	<b>Wednesday 4-26</b> <b>8:30am Mass</b> for Harold Ness <b>BD:</b> Kenneth Ludwig	<b>Thursday 4-27</b> <b>9am Mass</b> Stuart Community Care Center for David Walt <b>6:30pm Mass</b> for Mable E. Richter <b>ANN:</b> Brett & Stephanie Dorsey	<b>Friday 4-28</b> <b>8:30am Mass</b> Stuart for the deceased members of the Tigges/Gladfelder Families	<b>Saturday 4-29</b> <b>3:30pm Confessions</b> at Stuart <b>Mass 4:30pm</b> at Stuart for Albert 7 Lucille Greubel
<b>Sunday 4-30</b> 7:30-7:55am Rosary & Confessions <b>8am Mass</b> for Leona Drees <b>9am</b> Faith Form. <b>10am Mass</b> (Stuart)	<b>Monday 5-1</b> <i>Church offices are closed on Mondays &amp; Fridays</i> <b>Reg. Office</b> <b>Hours: 9am-3pm</b> T-W-Th	<b>Tuesday 5-2</b> <b>6pm Mass</b> Stuart for Albert & Lucille Greubel	<b>Wednesday 5-3</b> <b>8:30am Mass</b> for Barbara Boatwright <b>CWO Meeting</b> after Mass <i>May Crowning Procession 6:30pm</i> <i>Saints Center to All Saints</i>	<b>Thursday 5-4</b> <b>9am Mass</b> Stuart Community Care Center for Francis & Virginia Wagner <b>6:30pm Mass</b> for Lynn & Alice Elgin	<b>Friday 5-5</b> <b>8:30am Mass</b> Stuart for John Simons	<b>Saturday 5-6</b> <b>3:30pm Confessions</b> at Stuart <b>Mass 4:30pm</b> at Stuart for Virginia Wagner