

St. John Catholic Church

Pentecost Sunday

501 Adair Street, Adair, IA 50002

June 4, 2017



Mass Times

- **Sunday:**
7:30am Rosary & Confessions
8am Mass
10am at Stuart
- **Tuesday:** Stuart No Mass
- **Wednesday:** No Mass
- **Thursday:** No Mass
- **Friday:** 8:30am at Stuart

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Dear Parishioners

Many experience in our culture a general malaise or dissatisfaction with life, and try to compensate by filling one's life with various activities: from busying their children or one's self with the extra-curricular; spending lots of time working whether at home or work; running from one form of entertainment to another; or perhaps, "dealing" or "not dealing" with issues and using some form of escape whether through the abovementioned, chemicals, gambling, or avoidance, etc.

Perhaps, each of us suffers some form of the realities of this culture, but we have an answer to our concerns and the Trinity (God) demonstrates this through revelation. From the Scriptures (Bible) we find the Father always reaching out to teach and correct us so that we might learn how to be loved and to love—to be one in communion with Him and each other. Jesus Christ, "God's Word" is God taking on our Humanity (while remaining Divine) to confront

us in our "own skin" so to speak, speaking and showing us how to be a beloved daughter and son of the Father and how to live in the midst of difficulty. The Holy Spirit continues to give us what we need in order for us to "counter a culture that doesn't need or want God." We often fall prey to and end up finding ways to cope with disappointment, depression, wondering if there is a God, and dissatisfaction despite attempts to simulate what one thinks will make them happy. I believe we have lost the ability to be taught by God and one another; maybe we have a general distrust and will figure things out on our own. Of course this leads to disaster. Yet, God wishes for our happiness and to be loved and to love and He teaches us how to have this even when there is suffering. When we love someone very much we are not looking for suffering, but comfort, happiness, good feelings, and love. Yet, there are times we suffer greatly because the other does not respond, or rejects

us; there could be a death or serious illness which causes us to suffer and maybe even causes us to pull away from God and others. It is time for us to call God for a "New Pentecost," asking God to renew the Holy Spirit's influence in our lives so that we can revisit the Scriptures with a renewed vigor for learning and doing God's will. The Holy Spirit will help us to have the very traits of Jesus Christ. These traits or gifts along with a virtuous living will help us to be one with God and in communion with those around us. We will pray for those gifts at Mass and they are: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and (proper) Fear of God. Pray for these gifts each day. This fall, I will be offering an adult class to focus on the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the Virtues, and other important aspects of our faith. I hope you will plan to join us. Also, I will be on retreat this week with the priests of the Diocese. May you have a blessed week.

Conception Abbey: A Benedictine Monastery

Conception Abbey is a Benedictine monastery located in northwest Missouri where everything accomplished is dedicated to the glory of God as St. Benedict instructs in his *Rule*. We exist to praise God in our daily cycle of prayer and work, welcome guests, educate future priests, and share the Gospel. Learn more about us and know you are always welcome at Conception

Abbey. The Conception Abbey Guest Center (AGC) provides a variety of services to meet the needs of those who wish to visit Conception Abbey. As a complete retreat center, the AGC welcomes over 8,000 people to campus each year for spiritual renewal and an

opportunity to witness Benedictine hospitality. There are many reasons to visit Conception Abbey! Whether it's to join the monks in their daily cycle of prayer, to visit the Gift Shop, or make an overnight stay in the Abbey Guest Center, the monks of Conception Abbey welcome all.



For the Freedom of the Church

Pray

That the Church would have the space to carry out her mission of service and mercy for the whole world.

Reflect

The Church is the body of Christ, the pilgrim people of God. She is not simply another charitable organization. The Church is called to carry forward the mission of Jesus Christ in all times and places. Much current work for religious

freedom asks for exemptions from the state. But we should keep in mind that the government is not granting us rights. Rather, the state is correctly acknowledging the right of the Church to fulfill her purposes. As Pope Francis, echoing Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, has said, the Church is not merely an “NGO” (non-governmental organization). The Church is empowered by the Holy Spirit to carry out the mission of Christ, and a well-functioning government will recognize its

own limits and allow the Church the space to do her work.

Act

Our freedom for mission is difficult to appreciate if it is not exercised. Get in touch with a local parish or diocese, find out what your local church is doing in your community, and see how you can get involved. Even if you don't have time to volunteer, prayer can be an important way to stay connected to the work.

What is the “Fortnight for Freedom”?

Each year dioceses around the country arrange special events to highlight the importance of defending religious freedom.

The Fortnight for Freedom is from June 21—the vigil of the Feasts of St. John Fisher and



St. Thomas More—to July 4, Independence Day.

Religious freedom has recently become one of the major focal points in the conversation on how Americans can promote the common good. Our Catholic tradition has

much to offer this conversation. In this time of **increasing polarization** in our culture, we can contribute to a **better understanding** of this issue in a way that **respects all people**. We can speak with friends and neighbors about religious freedom and work to clear up misconceptions about it.

(For further info, go to: <http://www.usccb.org>)

Parish Business & Finance

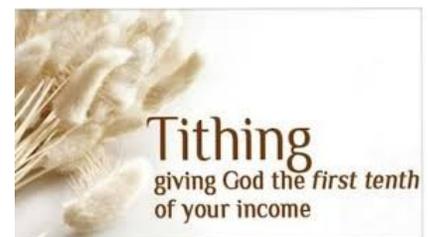
May 28th Collection

Regular Tithes: \$700.00
Children's Collection: \$5.00
Cemetery Fund: \$0.00
Building Fund: \$0.00
Repair Fund Bal: \$754.23

This week's income:
\$705.00

This week's expenses:
\$662.64

ADA Balance: \$1,330.00 to date
(Goal: \$7,245)



Diocesan Events

- **Deaf Ministry for Des Moines, Adair and Osceola Regions:** St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Student Center (on the Drake Campus) is the home of the Catholic deaf community. Sign language is available every Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. St. Catherine's is the only Catholic parish in the state to offer sign language interpreters at Mass every Sunday. For more information please contact Peggy Chicoine at dpchicoine@msn.com.
- **Catholic Charities Golf Classic** Contact Fred at Catholic Charities to register your group for the 2017 Bishop's Catholic Charities Golf Classic at Echo Valley Country Club in Norwalk on Aug. 28. Have some fun while supporting Catholic Charities programs and services. Contact Fred at 515-237-5064 or email fhollister@catholiccharitiesdm.org .
- **Priestly Ordination** Make plans now to join us at St. Ambrose Cathedral on Friday, June 23 as Bishop Pates ordains Deacon Trevor Chicoine to the priesthood. The celebration begins at 7 p.m. and all are invited.
- **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

Prayer & Thanksgiving

Mrs. Dorothy Amah

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.



Amen



Holy Father's Prayer Intention for June

National Leaders

That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimizes so many innocent people.

Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Christ Jesus, before ascending into heaven, You promised to send the Holy Spirit to Your apostles and disciples. Grant that the same Spirit may perfect in our lives the work of Your grace and love. Grant us the Spirit of **Fear Of The Lord** that we may be filled with a loving reverence toward You; the Spirit of **Piety** that we may find peace and fulfill-

ment in the service of God while serving others; the Spirit of **Fortitude** that we may bear our cross with You and, with courage, overcome the obstacles that interfere with our salvation; the Spirit of **Knowledge** that we may know You and know ourselves and grow in holiness; the Spirit of **Understanding** to enlighten our minds with the

light of Your truth; the Spirit of **Counsel** that we may choose the surest way of doing Your will, seeking first the Kingdom; Grant us the Spirit of **Wisdom** that we may aspire to the things that last forever; Teach us to be Your faithful disciples and animate us in every way with Your Spirit. Amen.

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

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.

If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, please contact Rita Rilea in the church office.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule: Sunday June 11, 2017

Cross Bearer: Cole Plowman

Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Paul Gettler

Lector: Theresa Elgin

Host: Les Elgin

Cup: Dave Richter & Sr. Nesta

Servers: Trevin Suhr & Logan Brincks

Traveling Chalice: Phyllis O'Brien

Contact Us

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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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Calendar of Activities

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

Sunday 6-4	Monday 6-5	Tuesday 6-6	Wednesday 6-7	Thursday 6-8	Friday 6-9	Saturday 6-10
PENTECOST 7:30-7:55am Rosary & Confessions 8am Mass for Robert Fagan 10am Mass (Stuart)	<i>Church offices are closed on Mondays & Fridays</i> Reg. Office Hours: 9am-3pm T-W-Th	NO 6pm MASS BD: Waylen Murphy	NO 8:30am Mass BD: Stephanie Dorsey	NO 9am Mass Stuart Community Care Center NO 6:30pm Mass	8:30am Mass Stuart for John Simons ANN: Cody & Elizabeth Moreland 2012	3:30pm Confessions at Stuart Mass 4:30pm at Stuart for the Men of All Saints BDS: Trevin Suhr, Addilynn Richter
Sunday 6-11	Monday 6-12	Tuesday 6-13	Wednesday 6-14	Thursday 6-15	Friday 6-16	Saturday 6-17
PENTECOST 7:30-7:55am Rosary & Confessions 8am Mass for Mable E. Richter 10am Mass (Stuart)	<i>Church offices are closed on Mondays & Fridays</i> Reg. Office Hours: 9am-3pm T-W-Th	6pm MASS Stuart for Maynard Witkowski ANN: Les & Theresa Elgin	8:30am Mass for Barbara Boatwright BD: Bud Dill	9am Mass Stuart Community Care Center for Bob Griffin 6:30pm NO Mass <i>(wedding rehearsal at Stuart)</i>	8:30am Mass Stuart for James Witkowski	3:30pm Confessions at Stuart Mass 4:30pm at Albert & Lucille Greubel