

St. John Catholic Church

Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity

501 Adair Street, Adair, IA 50002

June 11, 2017



Mass Times

- **Sunday:**
7:30am Rosary & Confessions
8am Mass
10am at Stuart
- **Tuesday:** 6pm Mass
- **Wednesday:** 8:30am Mass
- **Thursday:** No Mass
- **Friday:** 8:30am at Stuart

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Dear Parishioners

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Blessed Trinity. When we look at Sacred Scripture it may be difficult to understand the notion of the Blessed Trinity: One God in Three Persons. Historically, our faith as Catholics is based on the relationship God had with the Hebrew people. Moses is recognized as the author of the Torah—the first five books in the Old Testament. We also have other writings such as wisdom, historical, psalmody, and prophetic, speaking of the Father and the action of the Spirit (implied) and the promise of the Messiah (the Son of God). The New Testament is the fulfillment of the promises of the Old Testament and we see in Jesus Christ that He is the Beloved Son in whom the Father is well pleased. What is revealed and reasoned is God is One and is expressed in a relationship of Persons. In short, One God in Three Persons: a Trinity of Persons, yet One God. Thus, God is a relationship of Persons who love one another, and therefore a model for us to follow. We see this in Jesus, who

demonstrates for us our hope and purpose, which begins at His Baptism, where the Holy Spirit descends in the form of a dove and the Father from the cloud says: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." We, too, experience this at our Baptism and we are to be brought up and practice this notion that we are beloved sons/daughters of the Father. Yet we experience - as Jesus did through the temptations—whether we are truly His son or daughter. Jesus, right after His Baptism, began His public ministry by being led into the desert to be tempted. The devil tempts Jesus as he does you and I to question whether or not we are a beloved son or daughter. We find Satan saying to Jesus: "If you are the Son of God...", then do this or that. Here Satan tempts us to wonder if we can't do certain things or if we can achieve the "heights" of a relationship to which God wants us to go. Then we might be tempted to think we aren't His and He does not love us. When we think of the final temptation again with the "if", it is a subtle way for Satan to

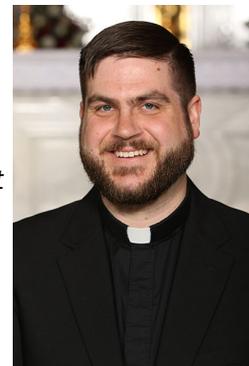
cause us to pause and look into ourselves (and mutter hopelessness) instead of addressing our concerns to our Father—for the truth. Jesus' teaching and example is that, no matter what happened, He always believed that He was Beloved Son and we should know and believe that always, as Jesus did — no matter how good or how bad we have it. Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to remind us that He sends One to help us. Jesus sends us the Holy Spirit to understand and to be filled with courage and strengthened each time we find ourselves "not worthy" and again muttering to ourselves instead of directly and out loud telling God of our concerns, criticisms, difficulties, and gratitude. When we dialogue with God instead of turning in on ourselves, then we are in a trusting relationship. Let us never be tempted as Adam and Eve were to think God does not love us; Jesus demonstrates His trust in the Father in all that happened to Him in this life and we, too, ought to follow Him in this way.

New Priest in the Family

Father Tyler Mattson, nephew of Les & Theresa Elgin, was ordained a Priest of Jesus Christ on June 2, 2017 and has been assigned to Holy Spirit Parish in Sioux Falls, SD.

In your charity, please pray for him.

Read more about Fr. Mattson on page two of this bulletin.



"The Lord has looked with mercy on my littleness."
Luke 1:48

Fr. Mattson: Why I Became a Priest

I was a freshman at the University of South Dakota when I realized that I would not be at peace if I did not follow God's call to discern the priesthood in seminary. I first felt the call in my heart when I was at O'Gorman High School, "Be a priest". Again, at USD that same pull on my heart came to me, "Be a priest." I entered St. John Vianney Seminary as a sophomore in college. It tested me in amazing ways and allowed me to fall more deeply in love with God. While I was studying in Rome for a semester as a senior in college, I had an experience in prayer in which I knew I would not be truly happy unless I belonged completely to Jesus. For me, this was an event that confirmed my call to the celibate life. Celibacy has brought so much freedom to my heart, freedom to love,

freedom to live a life of profound joy. I am so looking forward to ordination this June. The deepest desire in my heart is to be a priest; this is a desire that has made itself felt more and more strongly in my heart over my years of seminary formation. All people are called to be saints, and to be a saint, to be holy, means to be perfect in love. I know that God is calling me to be holy and perfect in love precisely through the priesthood. The beautiful thing is that a priest is ordained to help others be saints. So, I get to be a saint by helping others become saints! I cannot think of a better life. I also cannot think of a better place to serve as a priest than the Diocese of Sioux Falls. The people of this diocese have already been so abundantly generous with their support and

prayers during my time in seminary that I could not possibly repay them. I have had formative summers in the diocese where I have been able to meet a small fraction of the faithful. My encounters with the people of the Diocese of Sioux Falls have encouraged me to be a good priest for such good people. God is never out done in generosity. That is one of the primary lessons I will take into my priesthood from my time in seminary. Just when I think that the Father could not possibly have anything else to give me, He gives me even more. I hope I can share some of the "even more" of the Father's love as a priest for the Diocese of Sioux Falls.

Rite of Ordination to the Priesthood - Promises Made

There are five promises to be made by the candidate for ordination:

- 1. Promise to discharge the office of priesthood** in the presbyteral rank as a worthy fellow worker with the Order of Bishops.
- 2. Promise to exercise the ministry of the Word** worthily and wisely, preaching the Gospel and teaching the Catholic faith.
- 3. Promise to celebrate faithfully** and reverently the mysteries of Christ handed

down by the Church, especially the sacrifice of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, for the glory of God and the sanctification of the Christian people.

- 4. Promise to implore God's mercy** upon the people entrusted to their care by observing the command to pray without ceasing.

- 5. Promise to be united** more closely every day to Christ the High Priest, who offered himself for us to the Father as a pure sacrifice and to consecrate himself

to God for the salvation of all.

Promise of Obedience

After the candidate makes these five promises, he goes to the bishop and makes a promise of obedience. As he does this, he kneels before the bishop and places his hands between those of the bishop. The bishop asks him: "Do you promise respect and obedience to me and my successors?" The man to be ordained must answer yes to this question if the liturgy is to continue.

Parish Business & Finance

June 4th Collection

Regular Tithes: \$549.00
Children's Collection: \$5.00
Special: \$20 (Rel. Retirement)
 \$20 (Communications)
Cemetery Fund: \$250.00

This week's income:
 \$554.00

This week's expenses:
 \$70.00

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

Loan taken out on 6/2/2017:
 \$10,000

Final Payment on Stained Glass Window Repair/Refurbishing:
 -\$9943.00

Repair Fund Bal: \$811.23

Diocesan Events

- We want to hear from you!** The Diocese of Des Moines wants to hear from you: What are the challenges and opportunities in your parish for reaching out to those who are not active in our faith? Take this brief survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Joyofthegospel> Local representatives want to bring your perspective to a national convocation this summer at which the U.S. bishops will be asking, "Where is the Holy Spirit leading us?" The convocation has been called to make Pope Francis's document "The Joy of the Gospel" ("Evangelii Gaudium") a living document for the Church in the United States.
- YouTube videos available** The diocese has produced a number of videos over the last few years: vocation stories of seminarians, Bishop Pates on mercy and living our faith, and more. While you're surfing the internet this summer, stop by YouTube.com/dmdiocese and see what we have to offer.
- Center for Social Ministry Rummage Sale** Stop by this huge rummage sale at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart in Ankeny July 13-15. Proceeds benefit the Center for Social Ministry. You can help by donating, volunteering or shopping. Go to CenterforSocialMinistry.org for details.
- Women's Events** There are still tickets available for The Summer at The Well, the women's event that fosters friendships and spirituality. The event will be held on Saturday, June 24 from 10am-8pm at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Indianola. To learn more, visit <http://www.thewelldesmoines.com/>

Prayer & Thanksgiving

Thank you!

The C.W.O. women want to thank everyone who furnished food and helped at the Rest Area.

We took in \$215.50.



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.

Save the date...

- June 19th:** Parish Finance Council Meeting 7pm
- June 23rd:** Priesthood Ordination, 7pm, at the Cathedral of St. Ambrose
- August 6th:** Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord
- August 14-15:** Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (*a weekday holy day of obligation*)
- Coming up on Saturday September 9th we will celebrate our annual "Mass in the Grass" at Vogl Park. Mass will begin at 6:30pm with a potluck supper following.
- Father Ray will be marking the 25th anniversary of his ordination on June 4th, 2018. That gives us a year to plan!



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.

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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 18, 2017

Cross Bearer: Larry Drees

Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Tom Gettler

Lector: Scott Suhr

Host: Adella Vogl

Cup: Dave Richter & Les Elgin

Servers: Addy Richter & Cole Plowman

Traveling Chalice: John & Kathy Fagan

Contact Us

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Calendar of Activities

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

Sunday 6-11	Monday 6-12	Tuesday 6-13	Wednesday 6-14	Thursday 6-15	Friday 6-16	Saturday 6-17
Most Holy Trinity 7:30-7:55am Rosary & Confessions 8am Mass for Mable E. Richter 10am Mass (Stuart)	Church offices are closed on Mondays & Fridays 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 (wedding rehearsal at Stuart)	8:30am Mass Stuart for James Witkowski	3:30pm Confessions at Stuart Mass 4:30pm at Albert & Lucille Greubel
Sunday 6-18	Monday 6-19	Tuesday 6-20	Wednesday 6-21	Thursday 6-22	Friday 6-23	Saturday 6-24
Corpus Christi 7:30-7:55am Rosary & Confessions 8am Mass for Leona Drees 10am Mass (Stuart)	Reg. Office Hours: 9am-3pm T-W-Th 7pm Parish Finance Council Meeting ANN: Roger & Barb Vais 2008	6pm MASS Stuart for Clair & Pat Dickey BD: Jason Calhoun	8:30am Mass for Kenneth Ludwig, Jr.	9am Mass Stuart Community Care Center for Donato Cianciaruso 6:30pm Mass for Mable E. Richter BD: Maria Peck	8:30am Mass Stuart for Lorraine Pawletzki	3:30pm Confessions at Stuart Mass 4:30pm at Stuart for Betty Faust