

St. John Catholic Church

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

501 Adair Street, Adair, IA 50002

July 16, 2017



Mass Times*

- **Sunday:**
7:30am
Rosary & Confessions
8am Mass
10am Mass at Stuart
- **Tuesday:** 6pm Mass at Stuart
- **Wednesday:**
8:30am Mass
- **Thursday:**
6:30pm Mass
- **Friday:** 8:30am at Stuart
- **1st Saturdays:** 8:30am at Stuart
*Always Check Weekly
Calendar for Any Changes

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Dear Parishioners

It is important that I bring to your attention and I ask that you also bring the matter to your family members and fellow parishioners, that we are in desperate need for each parish family to help with the expenses of our faith community. We have not been receiving the level of tithing that can sustain the expenses of our parish community. So often, folks tend to think with all the expenses they have in their household along with the extras they want to have that somehow someone else will be responsible for the expenses of their faith community. Another mindset that tends to be present is that of a consumer, that I will just pay for the service that I use at church. When I go, then if I have something, I will put something in the collection or, if I need to rent the hall, then as a parishioner, I expect to have a big discount. Yet, the very point in order for us to have such a place to worship and receive the sacraments and place to celebrate various occasions is that it takes the financial help of all its members to keep the doors open not only in the present, but we fulfill our obligations for future generations as others

have done for us. A tithe is a command of God that we give back to God as a sign of gratitude for all God has provided us. It is important that we do not approach the Church, its members, Father, with a mindset of "What can you do for me?" The attitude of a beloved daughter/son of the Father should be, "What can I do to help the family?" So often we allow pettiness to interfere with the tithe that God commands of us. We end up basically not fulfilling God's command and teaching concerning the tithe, but we use the tithe as a way to vote whether they like what is happening in our community or not. Sometimes people approach the Church and say, "You know I tithe here, but if you do not do such and such, then I won't give anymore or I will go elsewhere." Here is the problem: it is one thing if one member out of the whole community does that, but it is quite another when every member thinks this way. I believe God is saying that is how evil causes division in the family because of "can you make me happy and feel good and cater to my wishes? If not, then I will go elsewhere." How about "What is God asking of us so that we can be united as a

family?" This means we need to instruct and correct misunderstandings and we also need to remind one another that "I am doing my part for the community how about you?" As you consistently see in the yearly reporting, less than one-third of the parish gives something during the year and even far less than that do so on a regular basis. I bring this matter to your attention for your reflection because, many times, we rarely think about our responsibility to the community when you, the community, took care of our needs. Now we are the ones to be more responsible and - whether we like something or not - the tithe is never to be used to vote whether you like someone or not or some kind of direction or not. When there is a project over and above the ongoing expenses of the church, then you can decide whether you support that or not, but not the tithe. It is an expression of our gratitude to God and we offer back from all that we have received as a sign of our giving God thanks - "with no strings attached".

- Fr. Ray

Concerns

Have a son considering the priesthood?

-USCCB.org

We want him to be successful.

If you measure success by money, children, or other common goals to a secular life, then in your eyes, your son will not be successful.

If you measure success through your son's eyes, his desire to answer the call and meet the challenges of leading a life in Christ and serving people to find the same, then you will be on the same page as he is and see the possibilities.

The priesthood is an uncommon life and a few rare men are blessed with the calling and the skills to serve the Lord in this capacity.

A priest holds an indispensable role. In the sacraments, Christ acts through His priests and provides the graces needed to reach heaven: it is the priest who gives absolution for sin; it is the priest who consecrates the Holy Eucharist; it is the priest who anoints the sick and dying.

In short, it is the priest, standing *in persona Christi*, who prepares the soul for death and eternal life.

The successes of a good priest echo through all of eternity, long after this earth has passed.



Will he be happy without a family?

When God calls someone to a specific vocation such as the priesthood, it is up to that person to accept the call or not. God does not force, He only calls.

But, as many priests will tell you, if the Lord wants a man to be a priest, it will be the happiest and most fulfilling life he could possibly lead.

After all, God is the source of all joy and lasting fulfillment.

What can we do for you?

If you would like a visit from Father:

Father Ray is available to visit the sick and the homebound generally during the week. If you would like a visit from Father, please call the Church office to set up a time: 515-523-1943.

To Request Prayer:

If you would like to request prayer for someone in need, you may call Adella Vogl (641-742-5277) for the telephone prayer chain or email the office at stjohnallsaints@gmail.com for an electronic prayer chain communication.

Need a Sacrament?

Baptisms: contact the church office to set a date; if you are first-time parents, you will need instruction prior to the Baptism.

Weddings: Be sure to contact the church office to request a date at least six months prior to the wedding. Father will need to meet with the couple for counsel/marriage prep.

Parish Business & Finance

July 9th Collection

Regular Tithes: \$365.00
Children's Collection: \$8.00

Building Fund: \$961.23

Special: \$282.25 for the Diocese of Jackson, MI - *Thank you!*

This week's income:
\$373.00

This week's expenses:
\$0.00

ADA Balance Due: \$1,230.00
(\$6,015 pd/ \$7,245 goal)

Repair Fund Bal: \$961.23

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<https://catholicfoundationiowa.org>



Diocesan Events

- Survey Open for Youth & Young Adults** The bishops of the world are planning to meet in October 2018 for the 15th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. In preparation for this major synod on youth, Pope Francis wants to gather input from youth and young adults whether they are practicing the faith or not. The diocese has made available a survey questionnaire to gather information on the current state of the young in our diocese that will be included as part of the pre-synod discernment document. All are invited and encouraged to participate by going here: http://www.dmdiocese.org/survey_youth-and-young-adult-vocational-discernmente.cfm.
- 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.
- Mass times** Don't take a vacation from God this summer.
- Bishop's Golf Classic** The 2017 Bishop's Catholic Charities Golf Classic is Monday, Aug. 28 at Echo Valley Country Club in Norwalk. Get your colleagues, parish members, families and friends to form a team or sign up on your own. Together, we can support the work of Catholic Charities. For more information, contact Fred Hollister at 515-237-5064 or fhollister@catholiccharitiesdm.org.

Resource Websites

Catholic Devotional and Bible Studies

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

Reliable Catholic News Sources

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

Information on the Vatican, Church Statements, Teachings, & Documents

Catholic Answers www.catholic.com

The Holy See Inside the Vatican

www.insidethevatican.com

Pope2You www.pope2you.net

US Conference of Catholic Bishops

www.usccb.org

Vatican News www.vatican.va

Save the date...

- 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.
- Bishop's Anniversary Masses September 3rd during the 10:30 am mass at St. Mary's Parish in Guthrie Center.
- Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, and the highlights of Spain. November 3-13 hosted by veteran pilgrimage leader Father John Vakulskas Jr. For a brochure and more information contact Fr. John at PO Box 347, Okiboji, IA 51355, 712-490-8047, or johnvakulskas@gmail.com

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

Liturgical Ministers Schedule: Sunday July 23, 2017

Cross Bearer: John Fagan

Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Darrin Plowman

Lector: Brian Richter

Host: Adella Vogl

Cup: Dave Richter & Sr. Chinweze

Servers: Cade & Cash Suhr

Traveling Chalice: Matt Fagan Family

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.

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St. John's Men's Club: Francis Hollinrake 742-5016

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

On our website:

Mass & Confession Times

Events & Activities Photos

Calendar of Events

Catholic News Sources

Bulletins (Church & Children's)

Daily Readings

Contact Information

Calendar of Activities

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

Sunday 7-16	Monday 7-17	Tuesday 7-18	Wednesday 7-19	Thursday 7-20	Friday 7-21	Saturday 7-22
7:30-7:55am Rosary & Confessions 8am Mass for Barbara Boatwright 10am Mass (Stuart)	Reg. Office Hours: <i>9am-3pm T-W-Th</i> ANN: Rich & Barb Bachman 1976	6pm Mass (Stuart) NO MASS - Father Gone	8:30am Mass NO MASS - Father Gone	9am Mass (Stuart Comm. Care Center) NO MASS - Father Gone 6:30pm Mass NO MASS - Father Gone	8:30am Mass (Stuart) NO MASS - Father Gone	3:30pm (Stuart) Confessions at Stuart Mass 4:30pm (Stuart) for Albert & Lucille Greubel
Sunday 7-23	Monday 7-24	Tuesday 7-25	Wednesday 7-26	Thursday 7-27	Friday 7-28	Saturday 7-29
7:30-7:55am Rosary & Confessions 8am Mass for the living and deceased members of the parish 10am Mass (Stuart)	Reg. Office Hours: <i>9am-3pm T-W-Th</i>	6pm Mass (Stuart) for Pat Cornwell	8:30am Mass for Betty Dill	9am Mass (Stuart Comm. Care Center) for Bob Griffin 6:30pm Mass for Mable E. Richter	8:30am Mass (Stuart) for dec'd mbrs of the Tigges/Gladfelder families	3:30pm (Stuart) Confessions at Stuart Mass 4:30pm (Stuart) for Dick Simons