

St. John Catholic Church

The Transfiguration of the Lord

501 Adair Street, Adair, IA 50002

August 6, 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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A Reflection on Today's Readings...

The readings for today, the Feast of the Transfiguration, begin in the Old Testament Book of Daniel. Daniel was an honorable man, a prophet, probably born of nobility. He was taken captive in his early teenage years along with three other young men. Each of these young men stood firm in their convictions and eventually impressed the king. These men would gain stature in the king's court but would also endure trials - you might remember the stories of the Fiery Furnace, Daniel in the Lion's Den, or even the lyrics of an old Johnny Cash ballad: "...they wouldn't bend, they wouldn't bow, they wouldn't burn." But we'll leave those stories for another day. In Daniel 7 we read about a vision he saw that depicted the "Ancient One" (God) seated on a throne, wearing bright, white clothing; the hair on his head was as white as wool; and there were countless (angels) ministering to Him. We also see three phrases which use "fire": flames of fire (purging), burning fire (judgment), and stream of fire (energy). Fire is used many times throughout Scripture to paint a mental image of the action being taken. The

second half of the vision goes on to describe the advent of Jesus Christ and how He "received dominion, glory, and kingship" from God. "His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, His kingship shall not be destroyed." There is no doubt of Jesus Christ's power. Moving along into the Epistle of 2 Peter, we are greeted as "beloved". When you speak to someone this way, you intend to tell them what is good and honest and true. What we are about to read is the eyewitness account of what Peter and the other Apostles saw for themselves at the baptism of Jesus: the declaration from God that Jesus is His beloved Son with whom He is well pleased. "We heard this ourselves when we were with Him on the holy mountain." The Gospel, then, tells us that Jesus led Peter, James, and John up a high, holy mountain and He was transfigured right before their eyes! A few lines later, Peter - stating the obvious - says, "Lord, it is good that we are here." At this time Moses and Elijah had appeared to them. The disciples offered to make a place for the three men: Moses, Elijah, and Jesus. Once again the voice from heaven

is heard, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." This scared Peter, James, and John so much so that they fell prostrate on the ground. Jesus touched them and told them not to be afraid. When the disciples opened their eyes, Jesus was the only person they saw. After all of this excitement, Jesus leads the men back down the mountain and tells them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." (One would think that would be a difficult thing to keep quiet!) So, we have read about visions, miraculous sightings, the tremendous power and kingship of our Lord, and eyewitness testimonials as to Jesus' Divinity. Daniel spoke also of His Divinity. The Holy Spirit, descended on Jesus twice, declaring His Divinity. We can have no doubt that Jesus IS the Son of God, and we need to do what He asks. Even Mary, His Mother, told the servants at the wedding at Cana: "Do what He tells you." Simple command - awesome results!

- Brenda Wedemeyer, Bulletin Editor

ABC's of Fostering Vocations

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(cont'd from last week)

Pray for the seminarians of the diocese by name if you can find out their names; you may want to "spiritually adopt" one of them.

Quiz your children and discuss with them stories of calls in Scripture (e.g., Mary's response to God in Luke 1:26-39, Jesus' calling the Apostles in Matthew 4:18-22, etc.)

Remember in prayer by name those who minister to your family and include in your family prayers petitions for those called to priesthood and consecrated life.

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Set aside a "family time" each week for kids to talk about what is happening in their lives. Let them share about their day.

Share the story of your own vocational choice with your children. Celebrate the occasion of your wedding anniversary as you share the story of your vocation to married life.

Talk about your family's ethnic or cultural heritage at supper, while driving in the car, or at some other time when family members are all together. Pass along memories of cultural aspects of holiday and other celebrations that you remember.

Talk positively and enthusiastically

about the priests, sisters, brothers, and deacons in your parish and share with your children the stories of the priests or sisters who have inspired you and how (e.g., priest at your wedding, or baptized your child, priests or religious from school, etc.).

Tell your children how you chose your particular profession. Who helped you form your decision?

Use books and videos to familiarize your children with saints who are priests or vowed religious. Use these lives of the saints as a springboard for discussion on these lifestyles.

Utilize opportunities to share your vocation as parents: what you value, how you came to that decision, and the importance of faith in your life.

Visit Churches and Shrines while on vacation and offer prayers together as a family.

Witness to your own vocation by telling stories about how you fell in love. Let the children see the love and care that parents have for each other.

XYZ The end of the alphabet, but certainly not the end of ways or ideas to foster vocations at home!

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 30th Collection

Regular Tithes: \$661.25
Children's Collection: \$0.00

Building Fund: \$50.00

Special: \$0.00

This week's income:
\$661.25

This week's expenses:
\$278.30

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

Repair Fund Bal: \$2,850.12

Pray for Volunteers



Volunteers are needed to drive Veterans from Adair County to appointments in Des Moines or, occasionally, to Omaha. Mileage will be paid. Please contact Rich Schaecher at the Adair County Dept. of Veterans' Affairs at 641-743-2656. Please leave a message.

Diocesan Events

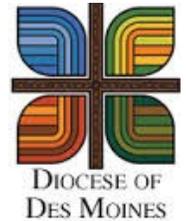
- **Anniversary Masses On the West Side** Join us for our annual anniversary Mass. On Sept. 3 during the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary Parish in Guthrie Center, Bishop Pates will be honoring those couples in our diocese who have celebrated a milestone anniversary in the last year with a reception to follow. A certificate of blessing is available with registration for couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (5-year increments and 50+ years). Reserved seating will be available for these couples and their families. This

mass is open to all families who would like to honor and celebrate marriage. To register, call or email Adam Storey at astorey@dmdiocese.org or 515-237-5056. **On the East Side** Aug. 20 during the 10 a.m. Mass at St. Augustin Parish in Des Moines.

- **Beginning Experience** Stop by our Open House at St. Augustin Parish Hall on Aug. 18 at 7 p.m. and meet others who are divorced, widowed or separated. We can help you through the grief, loss and pain you're experi-

encing after the loss of your spouse. Let us walk with you on the healing process. For more information, contact Dana Reed at 515-975-3745, Mike Losee at 515-360-8268, or Father Bob Schoemann at 515-418-1938.

- **Find a Mass** Don't take a vacation from God! While you're on vacation, check out **MassTimes.org** and find the nearest church and Mass times.



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...

- **The St. John's Men's Club** annual Family Picnic at the Vogl Park on **Aug. 6th at 5:00**. Every one in the parish is invited to come meet, visit, and support our Seminarians. Meat and drinks are provided. Please bring a covered dish and your own place servings.

- **August 14-15:** Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (*a weekday holy day of obligation*) **Monday 14th 7pm at ADAIR; Tuesday 15th at STUART**
- **Saturday September 9th** "Mass in the Grass" at Vogl Park. Mass will begin at

6:30pm with a potluck supper following.

- Annual reports for the 2016-17 Fiscal Year will be distributed with the bulletin next week.



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 August 13th, 2017

Cross Bearer: Cody Moreland

Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Doug Richter

Lector: Scott Suhr

Host: Les Elgin

Cup: Scott Suhr & Dave Richter

Servers: Luke Brincks & Cole Plowman

Traveling Chalice: Les & Theresa Elgin

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

*Reg. Church Office Hours:
9am-3pm T-W-Th*

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

Sunday 8-6	Monday 8-7	Tuesday 8-8	Wednesday 8-9	Thursday 8-10	Friday 8-11	Saturday 8-12
7:30-7:55am Rosary & Confessions 8am Mass for Linda Vais BD: Dave Richter 10am Mass (Stuart)	BD: Monica Fagan ANN: Mick & Cindy Baudler 2004 FATHER OUT OF TOWN	6pm Mass (Stuart) for Pat Cornwell FATHER OUT OF TOWN	8:30am NO MASS FATHER OUT OF TOWN	9am Prayer Service 6:30pm NO MASS FATHER OUT OF TOWN	8:30am NO MASS FATHER OUT OF TOWN	3:30pm (Stuart) Confessions at Stuart Mass 4:30pm (Stuart) for Clair Dickey
Sunday 8-13	Monday 8-14	Tuesday 8-15	Wednesday 8-16	Thursday 8-17	Friday 8-18	Saturday 8-19
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