

St. John Catholic Church

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

501 Adair Street, Adair, IA 50002

September 24, 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

-Fr. Ray Higgins

I just like talking about God! More importantly, I like talking with God. God is hoping we allow Him into our lives fully. Too often we settle for less in our relationship with God - maybe we feel a sense of unworthiness, or we could be too angry with God, or maybe the relationship never developed, or a person may simply be indifferent to God. It is our mission as God's people to encourage others to pray and talk with God even if they tell you they don't want you to talk about it. *Why shouldn't I mind my own business?*

Because too often we pass up the opportunity to inspire someone that just needed to hear a "good word" even though they say they don't want it. It is amazing at times to realize "those who protest the most, need it the most". Since we are loved by God, we are "moved" out of love to share it with others. Love always does the "good" and "right thing" regardless of how others respond or how you feel about it. C.S. Lewis once said, **"Everyone thinks forgiveness is a lovely idea—until he has something to forgive."** In our Adult Ed class this past week, we continued to delve into the topic of forgiveness. Love compels us to forgive. Yet,

it is easy to come up with situations where it is difficult not only to love that person, but to even forgive them. Sometimes, we can speak with enthusiasm the reasons to forgive: "God reminds us that we are to always forgive," or, "I always found it easy to forgive or ask forgiveness," (Did someone say: "reality check"?), still others may quote a host of "self-help gurus" who suggest ways to seek peace and forgiveness. If you ask me, I know that I am to forgive and seek forgiveness, but in some cases it is no easy task.

God makes it clear that if we do not forgive others, then we cannot expect forgiveness from Him. That seems hard to swallow. Why? I can think of many situations where people do not want to be forgiven or continue to do great harm. Yet we are given the divine command and taught by our Savior to pray: "Our Father,...forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us..." Not only is forgiveness part of divine law, but we have too few energies to waste on "not forgiving". Lack of forgiveness controls our ability to be free in our relationships with God and one another. Ultimately, we find no peace.

We can also find it difficult to ask forgiveness. Why? Several reasons: Although we may have objectively done a wrong, we still might say to the offended: "I don't feel I did anything wrong."; We might not seek forgiveness for simple reasons like shame or a sense of unworthiness; or we are in no mood to forgive because we are too hurt, too angry, or for a host of other personal reasons. Last week's Gospel referred to a Genesis account of a "taunt" from Lamech (who was a really a bad guy). He wrote a song he sang to his wives: if someone should harm Cain, then seven times retaliation shall come to that person, but if someone should harm me (even an infant), then seventy-seven times revenge shall come upon them [paraphrase]. Last week, Jesus turned that around and said not to take revenge always, but to forgive always.

Join us for class on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm right after the 6 pm Mass. When you have a moment, check out the video of Fr. Vincent Serpa from a radio interview. Fr. Serpa explains that "feelings" do not determine whether or not we are forgiven, the Holy Spirit forgives us. It's a "done deal". (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?>

Work Day at the Cemetery

Thank you to
Darrin Plowman for
heading up the clearing of
the trees at the cemetery.

Also thank you to everyone
that showed up to help or
brought food to eat.

It is all appreciated and it
looks great.



The reason Darrin has
such a nice smile in this
shot is because he just
used his backhoe to
prevent a snake from
slithering somewhere it
wasn't wanted!

Hint: ask Julie & Sheryl!

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 par-
ents, 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

September 17th Collection

Regular Tithes: \$444.00
Children's Collection: \$11.00

Building Fund: \$0.00

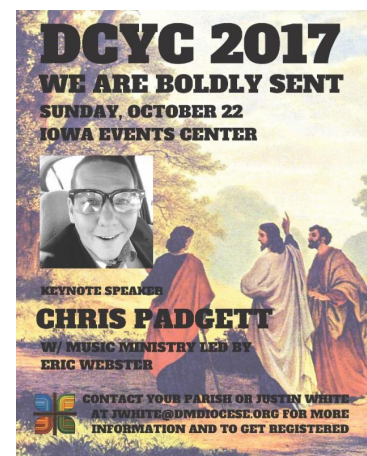
Special: \$0.00

This week's income:
\$455.00

This week's expenses:
\$1,660.07

ADA Balance Due: \$520.00
(\$6,725 pd/ \$7,245 goal)

Repair Fund Bal: \$2,700.12



The Readings for this week...

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
	<i>Optional</i> <i>Memorial of</i> <i>Sts. Cosmos</i> <i>and Damian,</i> <i>Martyrs</i>	Memorial of St. Vincent De Paul, Priest Ezra 9:5-9 Tobit 13:2, 3-4A, 4BEFGHN, 7-8 Luke 9:1-6	<i>Optional</i> <i>Memorials of</i> <i>St. Wences-</i> <i>laus, Martyr;</i> <i>St. Lawrence</i> <i>Ruiz and Com-</i> <i>panions, Mar-</i> <i>tys</i> <i>Haggai 1:1-8</i>	Feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rev- elation 12:7- 12AB Psalm 138:1- 2AB, 2CDE-3, 4-5 John 1:47-51	Memorial of St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church Zechariah 2:5- 9, 14-15A Jeremiah 31:10, 11- 12A, 13 Luke 9:43B- 45	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ezekiel 18:25- 28 Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 6A Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1- 5 Matthew 21:28-32
Ezra 1:1-6 Psalm 126:1B -2AB, 2CD-3, 4-5, 6 Luke 8:16-18	Ezra 6:7-8, 12B, 14-20 Psalm 122:1- 2, 3-4AB, 4CD- 5 Luke 8:19-21		Psalm 149:1B -2, 3-4, 5-6A, 9B Luke 9:7-9			

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...

- **Attention All C.W.O Women**
It is time for the fall \$25 collection. This replaces our fall dinner. Please pay either your chairman or Wilma Fagan. Thank you.
- Faith Formation classes are scheduled for Oct. 1st & 15th.

- Tuesday Night Adult Religious Ed with Fr. Ray follows 6pm Mass at Stuart. All are welcome!



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 October 1, 2017

Cross Bearer: Francis Hollinrake

Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Matt Fagan

Lector: Barb Bachman

Host: Elizabeth Moreland

Cup: Scott Suhr & Les Elgin

Servers: Madison & Trevin Suhr

Traveling Chalice: Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

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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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

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 9-24	Monday 9-25	Tuesday 9-26	Wednesday 9-27	Thursday 9-28	Friday 9-29	Saturday 9-30
7:30-7:55am Rosary & Confessions 8am Mass for the Deceased & Living Members of the Parish 10am Mass (Stuart)		STUART: 6pm Mass for Bernard Hilgers Adult Ed Class at Stuart following Mass BD: Deb Richter	8:30am Mass for the Living & Deceased Members of the Vogl Family ANN: Raymond & Betty Vais 1958	6:30pm Mass for Mable E. Richter BD: Joseph Fagan	STUART: 8:30am Mass for the Deceased Members of the Tigges/Gladfelder Families ANN: Andrew & Stacy Richter 2012	STUART: 3:30pm Confessions Mass 4:30pm for Louis & Isabel Waltz
Sunday 10-1	Monday 10-2	Tuesday 10-3	Wednesday 10-4	Thursday 10-5	Friday 10-6	Saturday 10-7
7:30-7:55am Rosary & Confessions 8am Mass for Christine Hanley 10am Mass (Stuart)	BDs: Ryan Richter, Quyn-ton Younker Father Out Of Town	STUART: 6pm No Mass NO Adult Ed Class at Stuart following Mass Father Out Of Town	8:30am No Mass Father Out Of Town	6:30pm No Mass Father Out Of Town	STUART: 8:30am Mass for Donato Cianciaruso	STUART: 8:30am 1st Saturday Mass for Martin G. Lydon 3:30pm Confessions Mass 4:30pm for Albert & Lucille Greubel