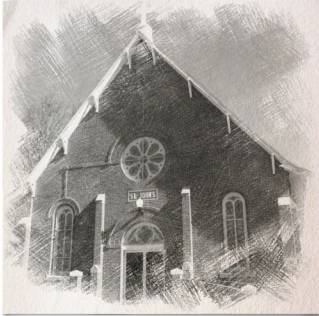


St. John Catholic Church

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

501 Adair Street, Adair, IA 50002

October 8, 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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Top reasons to Oppose Assisted Suicide

*From the United States
Conference of Catholic Bishops*

The deadly and dangerous practice of assisted suicide is now legal in five states (Oregon, Washington, Vermont, California, and Colorado) and the District of Columbia, our nation's capital. With new momentum and lots of money, assisted suicide proponents are pursuing an aggressive nationwide campaign to advance their agenda through legislation, ballot measures, litigation, and public advertising, targeting states they see as most susceptible to their message.

Some polls indicate that the public is receptive to the general concept of assisted suicide. But the same polls show that when the public learns about the dangers of assisted suicide, especially for those who are poor, elderly, disabled, or without access to good medical care, their views shift against the practice. The following dangers are among the top reasons to oppose assisted suicide.

- Some patients in Oregon and California have received word that their health insur-

ance will pay for assisted suicide but will not pay for treatment that may sustain their lives.

- Once lethal drugs have been prescribed, assisted suicide laws have no requirements for assessing the patient's consent, competency, or voluntariness.
- Elder abuse is considered a major health problem in the US, with federal estimates that one in ten elder persons are abused. Placing lethal drugs into the hands of abusers generates an additional major risk to elder persons.
- Assisted suicide laws often allow one of the two witnesses to the request for lethal drugs to be an heir to the patient's estate. Therefore, an heir or friends of the heir can encourage or pressure the patient to request lethal drugs and then be a witness to the request.
- Despite medical literature showing that nearly 95% of those

who commit suicide had a diagnosable psychiatric illness (usually treatable depression) in the months preceding suicide, the prescribing doctor and the doctor he or she selects to give a second opinion are both free to decide whether to refer suicidal patients for any psychological counseling. Per Oregon's official annual report, from 2013-2016 less than 4% of patients who died under its assisted suicide law had been referred for counseling to check for "impaired judgment."

- There is compelling evidence that legalizing assisted suicide undermines efforts to maintain and improve good care for patients nearing the end of life, including patients who never wanted assisted suicide.

There are many more reasons why legalizing assisted suicide is a bad and dangerous idea.

*For further information, visit
www.usccb.org/toliveeachday or
www.patientsrightsaction.org.*

October is Respect Life Month: How to Build a Culture of Life

The Problem

Watching the news and reading the headlines, we may feel helpless seeing the heartbreaking lack of respect for human life. How do we respond when our efforts seem small in the face of the culture of death?

Our Christian Identity

To understand more fully how to defend and protect human life, we must first consider who we are, at the deepest level. God creates us in his image and likeness, which means we are made to be in loving relationship with him. The essence of our identity and worth, the source of our dignity, is that we are loved by God: *"We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of his Son."*

We are called to divine intimacy, true communion with God, and we can grow in this closeness with him through daily prayer, reading the Scriptures, and frequent participation in the sacraments, especially Confession and the Eucharist.

Our Mission as Christians

The knowledge and realization of how deeply we are loved by God elicits a response of love that simultaneously draws us closer to God and, at the same time, impels us to share his love with others.

Embracing a relationship with God means following in his footsteps, wherever he may call. Just as Jesus invited St. Peter and St. Andrew to become his disciples, he invites us to do the same: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19).

Being a disciple of Jesus naturally includes sharing the Gospel with others and inviting them into a deeper relationship with God. As Christians, our identity and our mission are two sides of the same coin; like the apostles, we are called to be missionary disciples. *(to be cont'd next week)*

Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
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|  @ProjectRachel

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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

October 1st Collection

Regular Tithes: \$798.00
Children's Collection: \$19.00

Building Fund: \$0.00

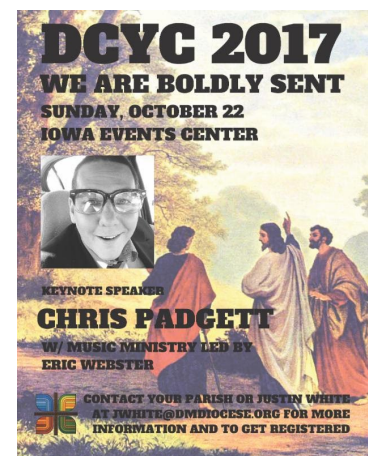
Special: \$0.00

This week's income:
\$817.00

This week's expenses:
\$0.00

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

Repair Fund Bal: \$2,750.12



The Readings for this week...

<u>Monday 9th</u>	<u>Tuesday 10th</u>	<u>Wednesday 11th</u>	<u>Thursday 12th</u>	<u>Friday 13th</u>	<u>Saturday 14th</u>	<u>Sunday 15th</u>
<i>Opt. Memorials of St. Denis, Bishop & Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest</i>		<i>Opt. Memorial of St. John XXIII, Pope</i>			<i>Opt. Memorials of St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr; Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jonah 1:1-2:2, 11	Jonah 3:1-10	Jonah 4:1-11	Malachi 3:13-20b	Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2	Joel 4:12-21	Isaiah 25:6-10a
Jonah 2:3,4,5,8	Psalms 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8	Psalms 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10	Psalms 1:1-2, 3,4,6	Psalms 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9	Psalms 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12	Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Luke 10:25-37	Luke 10:38-42	Luke 11:1-4	Luke 11:5-13	Luke 11:15-26	Luke 11:27-28	Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
						Matthew 22:1-14

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.
- The next Faith Formation classes are scheduled for Oct. 15th from 9-11am.

- **Tuesday Night Adult Religious Ed** with Fr. Ray follows 6pm Mass at Stuart. All are welcome!
- **Iowa Life Serve** is having a blood drive at the Adair Community Center Oct. 16th from 2 pm to 6 pm. Walk-ins are al-

ways welcome. If you have any questions you can contact Janet Askew 641-740-0200



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.*

Website: adairstjohn.org

Liturgical Ministers Schedule: Sunday October 15, 2017

Cross Bearer: Dave Richter

Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Tom Fagan

Lector: Scott Suhr

Host: Matt Fagan

Cup: Sr. Andre & Elizabeth Moreland

Servers: Addy Richter & 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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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 10-8	Monday 10-9	Tuesday 10-10	Wednesday 10-11	Thursday 10-12	Friday 10-13	Saturday 10-14
<p>7:30-7:55am Rosary & Confessions 8am Mass for Gene Richter 10am Mass (Stuart)</p>	<p>BDs: Angela Faga</p>	<p>STUART: 6pm Mass for Ernest Suchon Adult Ed Class at Stuart following Mass</p>	<p>8:30am Mass for Mable E. Richter BD: Brexton Schneider</p>	<p>6:30pm Mass for Felix Lawlor</p>	<p>STUART: 8:30am Mass for the dec'd members of the Tigges/Boch Families</p>	<p>STUART: 3:30pm Confessions Mass 4:30pm for David Waltz</p>
Sunday 10-15	Monday 10-16	Tuesday 10-17	Wednesday 10-18	Thursday 10-19	Friday 10-20	Saturday 10-21
<p>7:30-7:55am Rosary & Confessions 8am Mass for Robert Fagan 9-11am Faith Formation 10am Mass (Stuart)</p>	<p>Iowa Life Serve Blood Drive 2-6pm at the Adair Community Centre <i>Call Janet Askew with questions 641-740-0200</i></p>	<p>STUART: 6pm Mass for Bob Griffin Adult Ed Class at Stuart following Mass</p>	<p>8:30am Mass for Eldon Faga</p>	<p>6:30pm Mass for Isabel Lawlor</p>	<p>STUART: 8:30am Mass for Joann Allman</p>	<p>STUART: 3:30pm Confessions Mass 4:30pm for Albert & Lucille Greubel</p>