

St. John Catholic Church

Second Sunday of Advent

501 Adair Street, Adair, IA 50002

December 10, 2017



Mass Times*

- **Sunday:**
 - 7:30am Rosary/Adoration & Confessions
 - 8am Mass**
 - 10am Mass at Stuart
- **Tuesday:** 6pm Mass at Stuart
- **Wednesday:** 8:30am Mass
- **Friday:** 8:30am at Stuart

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Dear Parishioners

This year we have only three weeks of Advent with the Fourth Sunday of Advent falling on Christmas Eve. Last year, on a trial basis, we introduced the idea of having a Midnight Mass as the Christmas Day Mass. This year Christmas Eve Mass falls on the 4th Sunday of Advent and the parishes will be having their normal morning Masses for that Sunday in addition to the two evening Masses for Christmas Eve, and one Mass for Christmas day. The Mass times for the **4th Sunday of Advent:** St. John (Adair) 8:00 am and All Saints (Stuart) 10:00 am. Mass times for **Christmas:** Sunday Dec. 24, St. John (Adair) at 4:30 pm; All Saints (Stuart) 7:00 pm. Monday Dec. 25, All Saints (Stuart) 9:00 am.

For the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God January 1, 2018, this Solemnity falls on a Monday. In the United States, because it falls on a Monday, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. The Mass for Mary, Mother of God will be held at All Saints in Stuart on Monday at 9:00 am. I will be leaving after Mass for a retreat with several of the priests and a few days off.

As we fast approach Christmas, each of us need to

spend time in prayer and meditation during this season of Advent. Why? So that we can enter into Christmas and the Christmas Season with a prayerful and mindful approach to God. Otherwise, by the time you get your shopping done, attend parties, and have listened to Christmas music since the beginning of November - you might literally be "done" with Christmas the afternoon of Christmas Day. We tend to forget that we are in the Season of Advent preparing our minds, heart, soul, body, and family for the celebration of Christmas. Instead of preparing our hearts for Christ, we have accepted "culturally" this time of year as dedicated to "rushing around" buying gifts and attending parties. Might I suggest you consciously take time for prayer not only personally, but with your family. You also might read the Scriptures and meditate on them together. There is a simple process that you can find on USCCB.ORG called "lectio divina." It is a simple way to enter into the spirit of meditation and reflection together with your family or even personally. In short, you read a passage and let it "sit" with you. What word or words stand out for you? You can write them down or

say them aloud. Read the passage again and pause to reflect if something else stood out for you. In a family or group setting, listening to each other is always enlightening. Finally, read the passage again and once again sit with it a bit and then share your thoughts about the passage and how it might speak to you. Here are some examples of questions to help with the meditation for the Christmas readings which can be found on the USCCB.ORG website:

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me? So they "went in haste." Do I make haste to find opportunities to love and serve? Do I hasten toward God or procrastinate about acts of prayer and charity?

"All who heard it were amazed." What amazing things has God done in my life? How am I called to witness to God's goodness?

"Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." What concerns weigh heavily on my heart? What blessings fill my heart with joy?

Mass Intentions

Fr. William Saunders, "Mass Intentions" Arlington Catholic Herald

"What does it mean to have a Mass offered for someone?"

An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical "Mirae caritatus" (1902) beautifully elaborated this point and emphasized the connection between the communion of saints with the Mass: "The grace of mutual love among the living, strengthened and increased by the sacrament of the Eucharist, flows, especially by virtue of the Sacrifice [of the Mass], to all who belong to the communion of saints. For the communion of saints is simply...the mutual sharing of help, atonement, prayers and benefits among the faithful, those already in the heavenly fatherland, those consigned to the purifying fire, and those still making their pilgrim way here on earth. These all form one city, whose head is Christ, and whose vital principle is love. Faith teaches that although the august Sacrifice can be offered to God alone, it can nevertheless be celebrated in honor of the saints now reigning in Heaven with God, who has crowned them, to obtain their intercession for us, and also, according to apostolic tradition, to wash away the stains of those brethren who died in the Lord but without yet being wholly purified."

Go to: <http://www.catholiceducation.org/en/culture/catholic-contributions/mass-intentions.html> for the complete article.

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

December 3rd Collection

Regular Tithes: \$504.00
Children's Collection: \$13.00
Building Fund: \$0.00
Special: \$0.00

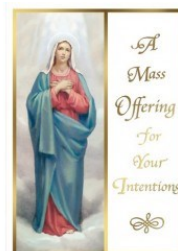
This week's income:
\$517.00

This week's expenses:
\$293.36

ADA Balance Due: \$83.50

Repair Fund Bal: \$3,680.12

Mass Intentions There are Mass times available for your Prayer Intentions. Please contact Rita in the Church Office at 515-523-1943, via email: allsaintsoffice@gmail.com, or by regular mail.



We are short seven (7) intentions for January 2018 at this time.

Usual donation per intention is \$5.

The Readings for this week...

<u>Monday 11th</u>	<u>Tuesday 12th</u>	<u>Wednesday 13th</u>	<u>Thursday 14th</u>	<u>Friday 15th</u>	<u>Saturday 16th</u>	<u>Sunday 17th</u>
<i>Opt. Memorial of St. Damasus I, Pope</i>	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe	Memorial of St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr	Memorial of St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church	Advent Weekday	Advent Weekday	3rd Sunday of Advent GAUDETE SUNDAY
Isaiah 35:1-10	Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab	Isaiah 40:25-31	Isaiah 41:13-20	Isaiah 48:17-19	Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11	Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54
Psalms 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14	Judith 13:18bcde, 19	Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10	Psalms 145:1, 9, 10-11, 12-13ab	Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6	Psalms 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Luke 5:17-26	Luke 1:26-38	Matthew 11:28-30	Matthew 11:11-15	Matthew 11:16-19	Matthew 17:9a, 10-13	John 1:6-8, 19-28

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 next **Faith Formation** class is scheduled for December 17th.
- Christmas Eve Mass** will be at 4:30pm on Sunday December 24th. The Faith Formation students will offer three musical selections prior to Mass.
- Stuart Christmas Eve Mass** will be at 7:00pm on Sunday December 24th. Special seasonal music will be offered beginning at 6:30pm.
- Stuart Christmas Morning Mass** will be at 9am Monday December 25th.
- There will be a Mass at Stuart at 9am on Monday, January 1, 2018, for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. No other Mass times are scheduled. It is a Holy Day, but it is not a Day of Obligation.
- Father will be on retreat in Jan.

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 December 17, 2017

Cross Bearer: Dave Richter

Greeters: Brian Richter

Lector: Theresa Elgin

Host: Dave Richter

Cup: Matt Fagan & Sr. Nesta

Servers: Luke Brincks & Carley Fagan

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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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



Special Mass Time

Christmas Eve 4:30pm Mass

Faith Formation students will be singing
three songs prior to Mass, so be sure to
get here early Sunday December 24th.

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 12-10	Monday 12-11	Tuesday 12-12	Wednesday 12-13	Thursday 12-14	Friday 12-15	Saturday 12-16
7:30-7:55am Rosary & Confessions 8am Mass for Linda Barber 10am Mass (Stuart)		6:30pm Mass (Stuart) for Sr. Phyllis Kerns ANN: Deb & Francis Hollinrake 1981	8:30am Mass in Honor of Angela Faga BD: Elizabeth Moreland	Thursday Evening Masses are cancelled until further notice		(Stuart) 3:30pm Confessions Mass 4:30pm for Albert & Lucille Greubel BD: Troy Christensen
Sunday 12-17	Monday 12-18	Tuesday 12-19	Wednesday 12-20	Thursday 12-21	Friday 12-22	Saturday 12-23
7:30-7:55am Rosary & Confessions 8am Mass for Betty Dill 10am Mass (Stuart) BD: Heather Schneider		6:30pm Mass (Stuart) for Maynard Witkowski BD: Toby Moreland	8:30am Mass in Mable E Richter BD: Bertha Fagan ANN: Dave & Abby Richter 1975	Thursday Evening Masses are cancelled until further notice		(Stuart) 3:30pm Confessions Mass 4:30pm for Betty Beaman