

# St. John Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent

501 Adair Street, Adair, IA 50002

December 24, 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

The 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve fall on the same day, and that creates a bit of confusion for some folks. I have been asked if attending Mass in the evening for Christmas Eve fulfills the Sunday obligation. Unfortunately, it does not. One still must fulfill the Holy Day of Obligation when it comes to Sundays and other designated days throughout the calendar year. What I would recommend is attending Saturday evening for the Sunday obligation and then Sunday evening for the Christmas obligation, or Monday morning whichever is convenient.

gift buying. Might I suggest we bring ourselves and our significant others to a calm and focus on this special Solemnity.

I remember, in my younger years, cleaning the house and setting out numerous candles, eventually lowering the lighting, and Christmas music playing in the background for a sacred ambience. It truly set the tone when it came to the specialness of the Christmas Eve Day. The young need impressionable moments like a special ambience in the home to draw their minds to something other than themselves or their phones or tablets.

Homes are an extension of God's house where it is a place of community, reverence, quiet, and the sacred. Our homes are a sanctuary where we pray, read God's word as well as ask God's blessings for the various occasions in the home,

i.e. blessings at meals.

Furthermore, to demonstrate our homes as extensions of God's home (sanctuary), we tend to have religious items in our homes such as: Crucifixes, Crosses, Rosaries, Devotional Prayer Books, Bibles, Pictures of our Lord and Blessed Mother as well as the Saints, and other Sacramentals. With that being said, one can truly imagine the home as the extension of God's dwelling reminding ourselves who we are (God's beloved) and that we belong to the family of God.

May your homes not only be filled with the sacred items, prayers and blessings, may it also, be filled with God's presence, peace, and love.

Merry Christmas to all of you!

# Merry Christmas Everyone!



## 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](mailto: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 17th Collection

Regular Tithes: \$937.00  
 Children's Collection: \$63.00  
 Building Fund: \$0.00  
 Special: \$0.00  
 This week's income: \$1,000.00  
 This week's expenses: **\$1,516.74**

We used \$3,000 from the Building Repair Fund and \$7,247.15 from our Savings account to pay off our outstanding loan at the bank for our stained glass window repairs.

**Balance in Savings is now:**  
**\$11,929.92**

**ADA Balance Due: \$83.50**

**Repair Fund Balance:**  
**\$780.12**

# The Readings for this week...

<u>Monday 25th</u>	<u>Tuesday 26th</u>	<u>Wednesday 27th</u>	<u>Thursday 28th</u>	<u>Friday 29th</u>	<u>Saturday 30th</u>	<u>Sunday 31st</u>
<b>Holy Day Of Obligation</b>	Feast of Saint Stephen, The First Martyr	Feast of Saint John, Apostle & Evangelist	Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs	5th Day Within The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord	6th Day Within The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord	Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Isaiah 52:7-10	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59	1 John 1:1-4	1 John 1:5-2:2	<i>Opt. Memorial of St. Thomas Becket, Bishop &amp; Martyr</i> 1 John 2:3-11	1 John 2:12-17	Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3
Psalms 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6	Psalms 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17	Psalms 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12	Psalms 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8	Psalms 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6	Psalms 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10	Psalms 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
John 1:1-18	Matthew 10:17-22	John 20:1a, 2-8	Matthew 2:13-18	Luke 2:22-35	Luke 2:36-40	Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 Luke 2:22-40

## Resource Websites

### Catholic Devotional and Bible Studies

Catholic Scripture Study

[www.catholicscripturestudyinc.org](http://www.catholicscripturestudyinc.org)

Magnificat [www.magnificat.net](http://www.magnificat.net)

U.S. Conference of Catholic

Bishops [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

The Word Among Us [www.wau.org](http://www.wau.org)

### Reliable Catholic News Sources

Catholic Culture

[www.catholicculture.org](http://www.catholicculture.org)

Catholic News Agency

[www.catholicnewsagency.com](http://www.catholicnewsagency.com)

EWTN News [www.ewtnnews.com](http://www.ewtnnews.com)

Ignatius Insight

[www.ignatiusinsight.com](http://www.ignatiusinsight.com)

National Catholic Register

[www.ncregister.com](http://www.ncregister.com)

Our Sunday Visitor [www.osv.com](http://www.osv.com)

Zenit [www.zenit.org](http://www.zenit.org)

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

Catholic Answers [www.catholic.com](http://www.catholic.com)

The Holy See Inside the Vatican

[www.insidethevatican.com](http://www.insidethevatican.com)

Pope2You [www.pope2you.net](http://www.pope2you.net)

US Conference of Catholic Bishops

[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

Vatican News [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)

## Save the date...

- If you have any upcoming community events, please let us know by contacting the Church office at 515-523-1943 or email us at: [stjohnallsaints@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnallsaints@gmail.com)
- Faith Formation will resume on January 7th, 2018.

- The parishioners of St. Patrick Church in Imogene, IA, are pleased to announce their forthcoming Heritage Garden. They would like to share the Heritage Garden with everyone. "When our Garden is completed, we hope to see many people from our Diocese

and beyond walking our Rosary path and enjoying the beauty and serenity of God's creation in our little town." They are asking for support in prayer and through the sale of engraved bricks. Details may be found at: [www.stpatrickchurchimogeneiova.weebly.com](http://www.stpatrickchurchimogeneiova.weebly.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](mailto: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](http://adairstjohn.org)

**Liturgical Ministers Schedule: Sunday December 31, 2017**

**Cross Bearer:** Cole Plowman

**Greeters:** Mr. & Mrs. Gail Brincks

**Lector:** Julie Plowman

**Host:** Matt Fagan

**Cup:** Adella Vogl & Scott Suhr

**Servers:** Luke Brincks & Belle Fagan

**Traveling Chalice:** John & Adella Vogl

**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



**Special Mass Times**

**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.

*All Saints' Christmas Eve Mass begins at 7pm with music 30 minutes prior to Mass. Christmas morning Mass will be at 9am - Stuart only.*

**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](http://stuartallsaints.org) or [adairstjohn.org](http://adairstjohn.org)*

Sunday 12-24	Monday 12-25	Tuesday 12-26	Wednesday 12-27	Thursday 12-28	Friday 12-29	Saturday 12-30
7:30-7:55am Rosary & Confessions 8am Mass for the Lvg & Dec'd Mbrs of the Parish 10am Mass (Stuart) <i>Faith Formation Music Prior to Mass</i> 4:30pm Christmas Eve Mass for Robert Fagan BD: Gina Gettler	9am Mass at Stuart	6:30pm Mass (Stuart) for Donato Cianciaruso	8:30am Mass for Mable E Richter	<b>Thursday Evening Masses are cancelled until further notice</b>	BD: Sr. Mary Nesta	(Stuart) 3:30pm Confessions Mass 4:30pm for Albert & Lucille Greubel  BD: Cade Suhr
Sunday 12-31	Monday 1-1	Tuesday 1-2	Wednesday 1-3	Thursday 1-4	Friday 1-5	Saturday 1-6
7:30-7:55am Rosary & Confessions 8am Mass for John W. Brincks 10am Mass (Stuart)	<b>2018</b> 9am Mass at Stuart  <i>Father Out of Town</i>	NO Mass (Stuart) BD: Darrin Plowman  <i>Father Out of Town</i>	No Mass  <i>Father Out of Town</i>	ANN: Tom & Nita Fagan 1975  <i>Father Out of Town</i>	BD: Nita Fagan  <i>Father Out of Town</i>	(Stuart) 3:30pm Confessions Mass 4:30pm for <i>Fr. Ross Parker, Guest President</i>  <i>Father Out of Town</i>