

# St. John Catholic Church

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

501 Adair Street, Adair, IA 50002

December 31, 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

As we come to the end of another year, or at any other point in life, we often pose the question: in order for me to make changes in my life, or improve my relationships within my family, at work, in my daily routine, or change habits that I don't like, should I make resolutions?

With the New Year upon us, should we make resolutions? If so, how? Let me propose one biblical text from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians which reads: (2 Th 1:11-12) ***"God chose you, and we keep praying that God will make you worthy of being his people. We pray for God's power to help you do all the good things that you hope to do and that your faith makes you want to do. Then, because God and our Lord Jesus Christ are so kind, you will bring honor to the name of our Lord Jesus, and he will bring honor to***

***you."*** [The Holy Bible: The Contemporary English Version. (1995). (2 Th 1:11-12). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.]

We ought to pray for each other that God will help us do what we are resolved to do. We make such resolutions because of our faith and trust in God, wants us to always be resolved to do what is truly good and holy. When we make a resolution, we ought to make a resolution that will benefit not only ourselves, but the ones we love, too. God loves us and wants us to understand why we ought to be motivated with resolutions and keeping them so that we might appreciate the worthy call of being His Holy people. In other words, God wants us to "walk" or to live out our lives in such a manner that shows the worth of being considered His Son or Daughter. This is not simply a matter of your own worth. In God's eyes you are

valuable to Him and that value needs to be seen in each other. I think what Paul is trying to say is that because we are his people, then we ought to desire, resolve, and live out a life that improves not only us, but our relationships with God and each other. If we are interiorly resolved to do this, then exteriorly God will give us what we need to accomplish it.

Should we make resolutions? Yes! Might I suggest that we pray with these verses throughout the year so that our resolutions might be realized.

Think and pray about what God wants you to resolve in your life, and He will help you accomplish it.

Don't give up because God does not give up on you.

Happy New Year!

-Fr. Ray

# Mary, Holy Mother of God

*What should be our focus in observance of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God?*

Let us celebrate Mary's YES to the Lord.

On Monday, January 1st, we will celebrate and honor the Holy Mother of God, Mary, whose YES to the Lord's plan allows her to bear Jesus, the salvation of the world. We join the shepherds in their amazement at the goodness of God's plan for His people.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading from Numbers, we hear the priestly blessing in which the Lord tells Moses to offer a blessing to the people. In Saint Paul's Letter to the Galatians, he reminds the early Christians that God sent His Son born of Mary so that we may receive adoption into God's family. In the Gospel, the shepherds travel to Bethlehem to find Mary, Joseph, and Jesus and to make known the message that had been told to them about the Child.



## 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 24th & Christmas Collections

Regular Tithes: \$1,833.00  
 Children's Collection: \$24.11  
 Building Fund: \$50.00  
 Special: \$0.00  
 This week's income: \$1,857.11

This week's expenses: **\$378.89**

*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 1st</u>	<u>Tuesday 2nd</u>	<u>Wednesday 3rd</u>	<u>Thursday 4th</u>	<u>Friday 5th</u>	<u>Saturday 6th</u>	<u>Sunday 7th</u>
<b>Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</b> <i>(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)</i>	Memorial of Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church	Christmas Weekday	Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious	Memorial of St. John Neumann, Bishop	Christmas Weekday <i>Opt: Memorial of St. Andre Bessette, Religious</i>	Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
Numbers 6:22-27	1 John 2:22-28	1 John 2:29-3:6	1 John 3:7-10	1 John 3:11-21	1 John 5:5-13	Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8						
Galatians 4:4-7	Psalm 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4	Psalm 98:1, 3CD-4, 5-6	Psalm 98:1, 7-8, 9	Psalm 100:1B-2, 3, 4, 5	Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20	Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Luke 2:16-21	John 1:19-28	John 1:29-34	John 1:43-51	John 1:43-51	Mark 1:7-11	Ephesians 3:2-3A, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12

## 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: [stjohnall-saints@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnall-saints@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 January 7th, 2017

**Cross Bearer:** Francis Hollinrake

**Greeters:** Dave Richter & Phyllis O'Brien

**Lector:** Barb Bachman

**Host:** Elizabeth Moreland

**Cup:** Les Elgin & Scott Suhr

**Servers:** Madison Suhr & Trevin Suhr

**Traveling Chalice:** Francis & Deb Hollinrake



**Special Mass Time**

**Solemnity of Mary, Holy  
Mother of God 9am Mass**

Monday Morning at All Saints ONLY

NO extra Mass times at St. John's  
for this Solemnity.

**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

**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)*

<b>Sunday 12-31</b> 7:30-7:55am Rosary & Confessions <b>8am Mass</b> for John W. Brincks  <b>10am Mass</b> (Stuart)	<b>Monday 1-1</b>  <b>2018</b>  <b>9am Mass</b> at Stuart  <i>Father Out of Town</i>	<b>Tuesday 1-2</b>  NO Mass (Stuart)  BD: Darrin Plowman  <i>Father Out of Town</i>	<b>Wednesday 1-3</b>  No Mass  <i>Father Out of Town</i>	<b>Thursday 1-4</b>  ANN: Tom & Nita Fagan 1975  <i>Father Out of Town</i>	<b>Friday 1-5</b>  BD: Nita Fagan  <i>Father Out of Town</i>	<b>Saturday 1-6</b>  (Stuart) 3:30pm Confessions <b>Mass 4:30pm</b> for  <i>Fr. Ross Parker, Guest Presider</i>  <i>Father Out of Town</i>
<b>Sunday 1-7</b> 7:30-7:55am Rosary & Confessions <b>8am Mass</b> for Eldon Faga  <i>Fr. Ross Parker, Guest Presider</i>  <b>10am Mass</b> (Stuart)  <i>Father Out of Town</i>	<b>Monday 1-8</b>  <i>Father Out of Town</i>	<b>Tuesday 1-9</b>  NO Mass (Stuart)  <i>Father Out of Town</i>	<b>Wednesday 1-10</b>  No Mass  <i>Father Out of Town</i>	<b>Thursday 1-11</b>  <i>Father Out of Town</i>	<b>Friday 1-12</b>  BD: Tom Fagan  <i>Father Out of Town</i>	<b>Saturday 1-13</b>  (Stuart) 3:30pm Confessions <b>Mass 4:30pm</b> for Albert & Lucille Greubel  <i>Father Out of Town</i>