

St. John Catholic Church

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

501 Adair Street, Adair, IA 50002

January 7, 2018



Mass Times*

- **Sunday:**
7:30am
Rosary & Confessions

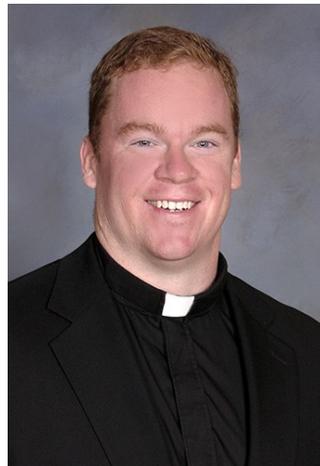
8am Mass
10am Mass at Stuart
- **Tuesday:** 6pm Mass at Stuart
- **Wednesday:**
8:30am Mass
- **Friday:** 8:30am at Stuart

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Dear Parishioners

Submitted by Fr. Ross Parker, Guest Celebrant



Dear Good People,

I wish all of you a very happy Epiphany.

Epiphany means manifestation, today we recall that Jesus is the Christ and we celebrate this manifestation of Christ who is truly God and truly man.

plate the Magi bringing gifts to the newborn king, we are reminded that God gives us great graces or gifts as well. Each one of us is given a special vocation by God. Our vocations are truly a gift.

As Catholics all of us should be open to whatever God wants to give us, and to receive that gift with joy.

If we are not already living our vocation, each one of us should be open to whatever God may be calling us to. And this call could include a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. This is just a normal thing that all Catholics should consider.

I realize that many young people may not read the

bulletin, so that is why I need your help. I would challenge you to encourage young people to be thinking about their vocation. Make it part of your discussions with your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or any young person you have regular contact with.

Studies have shown that it takes at least four points of contact to get young people to start internalizing that they may be called to a religious vocation. So thank you in advance for your help. Please continue to pray for an increase of vocations, and continue to encourage young people to think about where God is calling them.



El Dia de los Reyes Magos. *It is magical*

By Ana Rodriguez

Three Kings Day (or "El Día de los Reyes Magos") is celebrated on January 6, or the Epiphany, which marks the day when Catholics believe The Three Wise Men delivered gifts of frankincense, myrrh and gold to the baby Jesus. In Latino immigrant neighborhoods, some Christmas trees are still up, waiting for this last marker of the holiday season. On La Víspera de Reyes (the Eve of Three Kings Day) children cut grass to put in a shoe box, adorn it with flowers and place it by their bed for the camels to eat. Their "wish list" is placed on top of the grass. The Reyes only come if the child has been good all year and if the children are awake as they bypass the house. On this night, children sleep lightly listening for any strange noises, whispers, or maybe the sound of the camels' hooves, or any tale-tale signs of the Kings' arrival. Sometime during the night Los Reyes arrive and quietly leave

their gifts for the children while their camels enjoy their snack. In the morning the boxes left by their beds are now empty of grass but filled with gifts. It is a joyful day of celebration. Later in the day a holiday dinner is prepared and friends and relatives join in the festivities. That is the way that it happened throughout my childhood. When I left Puerto Rico and had my own family it was extremely important for me to keep this tradition alive for my children. The madness of the holiday rush and the continuing force of assimilation did not make it easy. According to custom, our Christmas tree went up just before Christmas and remained in place until the Solemnity of Epiphany. Throughout my children elementary school years I kept them out of school on "El Dia de los Reyes". In the morning we went to mass, during the day we played traditional tunes and read the story of Epiphany

and that night we prepared a traditional Puerto Rican dinner and invited our friends. This provided us an opportunity to share our culture and faith with others. When my son was about 7 years old he shared this tradition with our next door neighbor. He promptly asked his mom for permission to go with us to prepare a box for the Los Reyes. She played along and he became as he said "Puerto Rican for a day". As parents and guardians of our culture, one of the responsibilities we have is to educate ourselves, our children and our communities about our culture. They need to know about Three Kings Day because it is such a big part of our culture and faith.

Ana Rodriguez is Communications Manager for USCCB's Migration and Refugee Services.

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 31st Collection

Regular Tithes: \$408.00
Children's Collection: \$0.00
Building Fund: \$0.00
Special: \$0.00

This week's income:
\$408.00

This week's expenses:
\$0.00

ADA Balance Due: \$83.50

Repair Fund Bal: \$780.12



The Readings for this week...

Monday 8th	Tuesday 9th	Wednesday 10th	Thursday 11th	Friday 12th	Saturday 13th	Sunday 14th
The Baptism of the Lord	<i>First Week in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Optional Memorials of St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or 55:1-11	1 Samuel 1:1-9	1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20	1 Samuel 4:1-11	1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a	1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a	1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
Psalms 29:1-2, 3-4, 5 9-10	Psalms 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19	Psalms 40:2, 5, 7-a, 8b-9, 10	Psalms 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25	Psalms 89:16-17, 18-19	Psalms 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7	Psalms 40:2, 4, 7-8, 9-10
Acts 10:34-38 or 1 John 5:1-9	Mark 1:14-20	Mark 1:29-39	Mark 1:40-45	Mark 2:1-12	Mark 2:13-17	1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
Mark 1:7-11	Mark 1:21-28					John 1:35-42

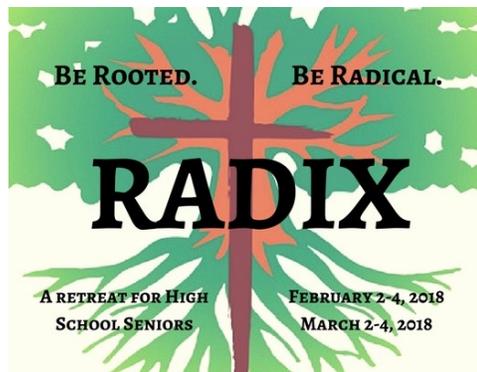
New Parish Directory Photography

Jill Gerling of Gerling Photography will be here to take photographs of all parishioners of All Saints and St. John's during the month of February for the 2018 Parish Directories. Everyone needs to sign up for a 15 minute slot to have their photograph taken. If you have recently had a family photograph taken and would like to submit that digital file photograph, those can be sent to stjohnallsaints@gmail.com and it will be added to the directory. There will also be a special offer to receive prints from this session but, other than that fee, this offer is FREE to all members of All Saints and St John parishes. Please sign up in the Parish Gathering space or by calling the office to book a session time.



Save the date...

If you want to announce an event in the bulletin, please contact the church office at 515-523-1943 or send an email to: stjohnallsaints@gmail.com. Items must meet the 5pm Wednesday deadline to ensure publication in the next issue.



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 January 7, 2018

Cross Bearer: Francis Hollinrake

Greeters: Dave Richter & Phyllis O'Brien

Lector: Barb Bachman

Host: Elizabeth Moreland

Cup: Les Elgin & Scott Suhr

Servers: Madison & Trevin Suhr

Traveling Chalice: Deb & Francis Hollinrake

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

Parish, Dates, Times Available for Photographs for New Parish Directory

At All Saints:

Sunday Feb 4: 11:30-4:30

Monday, Feb 5: 9:30-12:30/4:00-8:00

Thursday, Feb 8: 10:00-12:00/4:00-8:00

Saturday, Feb 10: 11:00-4:00

Sunday, Feb 11: 11:30-4:30

At St. John's:

Saturday, Feb 24: 9:30-5:00

Sunday, Feb 25: 9:30-4:00

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 1-7	Monday 1-8	Tuesday 1-9	Wednesday 1-10	Thursday 1-11	Friday 1-12	Saturday 1-13
7:30-7:55am Rosary & Confessions 8am Mass for Eldon Faga 9-11am Faith Formation 10am Mass (Stuart) Father out of Town	Father out of Town	Father out of Town NO MASS	Father out of Town NO MASS	Father out of Town NO MASS	Father out of Town NO MASS BD: Tom Fagan	STUART: 3:30pm Confessions Mass 4:30pm for Everett & Margaret Sherman
Sunday 1-14	Monday 1-15	Tuesday 1-16	Wednesday 1-17	Thursday 10-18	Friday 1-19	Saturday 1-20
7:30-7:55am Rosary & Confessions 8am Mass for Linda Barber 10am Mass (Stuart)			8:30am Mass for Wilma Fagan		BD: Treyton Schneider	STUART: 3:30pm Confessions Mass 4:30pm for Bob Draman