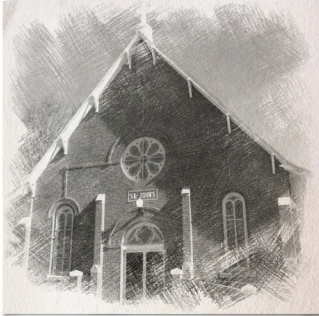


St. John Catholic Church

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

501 Adair Street, Adair, IA 50002

January 14, 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

-By Brenda Wedemeyer, Bulletin Editor

The Ministerial Association of the Stuart area churches gathered this past week for their usual monthly meeting. It turned out to be what perhaps was one of the lengthiest meetings in recent memory. Discussions went from the usual “how was Christmas?” and “what’s the balance in the checkbook?” to “what can be done to bring people back into participating in the church and other church-related activities?”

This was a Stuart area meeting, but the discussion reaches across all communities, especially those of us in rural areas.

Churches are struggling. Attendance is down, therefore giving is down. This is being seen in all denominations, not just one in particular.

Is this a generational

problem? Maybe.

Is this a problem that “social media” has brought on? Maybe.

People seem to be more in tune to their commitments to phone and internet service providers than anything else.

Where is the commitment to support their church?

Again, this is an across-the-board issue, not a Catholic or Baptist or Methodist or whichever denomination you can name problem.

Do we as a people really feel the need to be a part of the local church? Do we really feel the need for God at all?

What have we taught our young people when it comes to dependence on God? What do we personally feel as far as how much we depend on Him?

Do we understand what a church—a faith community, if you will—should be? What it should do? What

it should provide for its members? Or do we only regard church involvement in the same frame as being a member of a social club?

Do we understand that, yes, we need to support the church and its works with finances, but do we also understand that we need to put our feet into the process as well?

What would happen if Olympian athletes signed up to compete, but only bought the uniforms? They call themselves athletes, yet they do nothing to achieve a goal. How would these athletes fare?

If we claim to be Christians in name but don’t apply ourselves to its work, then how do we reach the goal—any goal? We are to feed the hungry, care for the widows and orphans, and spread the Good News.

Tough questions for us all.

From Today's Readings

Focus: The Lord continually calls us—do we have ears to hear?

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

Samuel does not recognize God's voice, but he is alert and obedient, listening and ready for action. We hear that he ran when called, and another time he rose. Eli gives Samuel the correct response: Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. We live in a world of noise and distraction. Are we ready to answer? Can we even hear?

1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul declares the body is to be used,

not for sin, but to glorify God as a temple of the Holy Spirit.

John 1:35-42

In today's Gospel, Andrew and Simon Peter begin to follow Jesus.

Later this week...

Focus on Monday's readings:

Are we attentive to the ways in which the Lord speaks to us?

Focus on Tuesday's readings:

God cares for us.

Focus on Wednesday's readings:

God works in his own way and in his own time.

Focus on Thursday's readings:

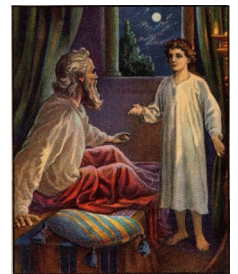
We are called to make Jesus known to others.

Focus on Friday's readings:

We are called to use our God-given gifts to help build up the kingdom of God on earth.

Focus on Saturday's readings:

Trust in the Lord's plan.



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

January 7, 2018 Collections

Regular Tithes: \$281.91
Children's Collection: \$5.00
Building Fund: \$0.00
Special: \$0.00

This week's income: \$286.91
This week's expenses: **\$0.00**
ADA Balance Due: \$83.50
Repair Fund Bal: \$730.12



The Readings for this week...

Monday 15th	Tuesday 16th	Wednesday 17th	Thursday 18th	Friday 19th	Saturday 20th	Sunday 21st
Monday of the 2nd Week in Ordinary Time	Tuesday of the 2nd Week in Ordinary Time	Memorial of St. Anthony, Abbot	Thursday of the 2nd Week in Ordinary Time	Friday of the 2nd Week in Ordinary Time	Optional Memorials of St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr; Blessed Virgin Mary	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Samuel 15:16-23	1 Samuel 16:1-13	1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51	1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7	1 Samuel 24:3-21	2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27	Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalms 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23	Psalms 89:20, 21-22, 27-28	Psalms 144:1b, 2, 9-10	Psalms 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13	Psalms 57:2, 3-4, 6, 11	Psalms 80:2-3, 5-7	Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Mark 2:18-22	Mark 2:23-28	Mark 3:1-6	Mark 3:7-12	Mark 3:13-19	Mark 3:20-21	1 Corinthians 7:29-31
						Mark 1:14-20

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:
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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 14, 2018

Cross Bearer: Larry Drees

Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Scott Suhr & Family

Lector: Theresa Elgin

Host: Scott Suhr

Cup: Matt Fagan & Dave Richter

Servers: Carley Fagan & Cash Suhr

Traveling Chalice: Matt & Monica Fagan

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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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 1-14	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
Sunday 1-21	Monday 1-22	Tuesday 1-23	Wednesday 1-24	Thursday 10-25	Friday 1-26	Saturday 1-27
7:30-7:55am Rosary & Confessions 8am Mass for Betty Dill BD: Shirley Wheatley 10am Mass (Stuart)			8:30am Mass for Joseph Vogl BD: Sr. Chinweze	BD: Natalie Suhr		ANN: Larry & Betty Ludwig 1962 STUART: 3:30pm Confessions Mass 4:30pm for Ila Mae & Tony Pivonka