

# St. John Catholic Church

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

501 Adair Street, Adair, IA 50002

January 21, 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

We are beginning Adult Education Classes for the Spring Semester and the focus will be on virtuous living. We will be doing a bit of philosophy in our class. Sometimes, we can complicate philosophy because of how it is written or taught, but much of philosophy has to do with simple principles about life. Philosophy comes from two Greek words: "philosophy, knowledge" (12c., Modern French philosophie) and directly from Latin "philosophia" and from Greek "philosophia" "love of knowledge, pursuit of wisdom; systematic investigation," from philo- "loving" (see philo-) + sophia "knowledge, wisdom," from sophis "wise, learned;" of unknown origin. Meaning "system a person forms for conduct of life" (Online Etymology Dictionary) One of the first pursuits in a devout life is the pursuit of Wisdom. We all have inherited bits of wisdom along the way in life; from our parents and grandparents, friends and neighbors, teachers and colleagues; with some of it learned through the willingness to pursue it and much of it learned by trial and error. Whatever the case, we have learned some things in life and we continue to strive to learn more. Our first class started last Tuesday and we began with an unscientific five question test which revealed whether they have an Asian or

western mindset based on the answers they have given. This simple little test came from a comprehensive study done in 2015 in South Korea. Basically, it was discovered that a compelling number of Asian respondents gave the same answers, while the majority of Western respondents gave the complete opposite answers. So, we took the test to begin the class and it was interesting how we would look at situations and how we matched items and tallying our results gave us an idea of how we may think and look at situations. The results were interesting. Here is the very general understanding between Eastern (Asian) thinking and Western (European and American) way of thinking. The Eastern tends to take the overall harmony into account. The Western, on the other hand, tends to break down the object discussed into its various parts and looking for similarities and then draw conclusions. Another example, Western painting features realistic perspective and tends to be a copy of something they see. So, depending on the angle or viewpoint of the painter, the size of similar objects will change. Asians tend to paint things not from this type of perspective. A lot of paintings show all people with the same height. Asians tend not to imitate on canvas what they actually see in nature, but create

something from within that might have mountains, streams, and trees and they may not be proportionally correct. When it comes to determining what a person may be feeling: looking at a picture from an Asian view, the person tends to consider relationship among people and observe the people around the person you maybe looking at and determine a person's feeling based on those around them. Where as, Westerners solely focus on the individual and do not dismiss the others and what they feel around them. Eastern thinking tends to be practical, harmonious, and togetherness and conformity. One criticism of this is that a dictator will demand conformity at the cost of individuality. On the other hand, western thinking is supposed to be practical as well, but seems to have be relegated to an academic level which seems to be complicated and out of reach. Also, western thinking emphasizes individuality and one criticism about western culture is that we tend to stress individuality to the point where our culture has a tendency to create narcissists rather than well-rounded people who care about others. Since we are just getting started please consider joining us Tuesday evenings after the 6:00 pm Mass. We have plenty of cooked food so you can have supper while you learn.

## From This Week's Readings

**Sunday:** *Let us heed God's call.* How many times do we have to stumble and fall down before we realize that following God's ways, and not our own, leads to happiness and salvation? Let us not resist the Lord, but answer his call.

**Monday:** *Jesus is the source of our unity.* Division causes weakness. Let us be united in our trust of God's powerful help, so we may accompany each other through the difficulties of today's world. And may we be open to the workings of the Holy Spirit, who strengthens our bond with Jesus.

**Tuesday:** *Strive to live faithfully and virtuously to follow the will of God.* Each of us is called to follow God's will so as to become members of Christ's family. How do we know we are following God's will? If we are in relationship with Jesus and strive to be

faithful and virtuous, we can be confident that God will lead us on the path of life he sets forth.

**Wednesday:** *Let us seek direction from the Lord, and then follow when he gives it.* When we have an idea that we believe will please the Lord, or if we wonder if a certain thought might be from God, let us pray for guidance as well as seek advice and discernment from a spiritual advisor. Let us also be open to whatever the answer might be. The Lord is the one in charge.

**Thursday:** *Through conversion, we learn to see in a new way—God's way.* In the story of St. Paul's conversion, he spends time in blindness after encountering the risen Christ. When he is healed, Paul can see again—in a new way. We, too, are called to conversion throughout our lives,

called to see in a new way—God's way.

**Friday:** *Sincere faith gives us the ability and the courage to proclaim the Gospel message.* Jesus explains to his disciples the meaning of his parables that describe the powerful growth of the kingdom of God. Let us also listen to Jesus' words and seek to understand. Only then can we nurture our own seeds of faith and find the courage to work for the kingdom.

**Saturday:** *Jesus calms the winds and waves of the storms and seas of our lives.* A life of discipleship does not mean a life free from suffering and trials. However, our faith in Jesus assures us that he is the sovereign Lord who can calm the storms of our lives.

## 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

### January 14th Collection

\*Year-end statements for 2017 are in the back of the church for you to pick up.

Regular Tithes: \$418.00  
Children's Collection: \$10.00

Building Fund: \$0.00  
Special: \$0.00  
This week's income: \$428.00  
This week's expenses: **\$2,352.08**  
ADA Balance Due: \$83.50  
Repair Fund Bal: \$780.12

The power cord that belongs with the TV in the Parish Hall is missing.

Please return the cord as soon as possible as we need this for Faith Formation.

Thank you!



## From The Readings This Week...

Monday 22nd	Tuesday 23rd	Wednesday 24th	Thursday 25th	Friday 26th	Saturday 27th	Sunday 28th
<b>Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</b>	<i>Optional Memorials of St. Vincent, Deacon &amp; Martyr</i>	<b>Memorial of St. Francis De Sales, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b>	<b>Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle</b>	<b>Memorial of Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops</b>	<i>Optional Memorials of St. Angela Merici, Virgin; Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<b>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10	2 Samuel 6:12b -15, 17-19	2 Samuel 7:4-17 Psalm 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30	Acts 22:3-16 Psalm 117:1bc, 2	2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5 Psalm 96: 1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10	2 Samuel 12:1-7a. 10-17 Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17	Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Mark 1:21-28
Psalm 89: 20, 21-22, 25-26	Psalm 24:7, 8, 9	Mark 4:1-20	Mark 16:15-18	Mark 4:26-34	Mark 4:35-41	

## 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](mailto: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...

- **The St. John Catholic Men's Club** in Adair will hold a breakfast Sunday, January 28 from 7:30 to 10:30 at St. John's Catholic Hall. A free will donation will be taken and the public is invited to attend.
- **Blessing of Throats** Father will carry out one of the traditions of the Church in the Blessing of Throats at all weekend Masses Feb. 3rd & 4th
- **Fat Saturday** Continuing on with a new tradition begun last year at All Saints, the events committee is sponsoring another "Fat Saturday" event on Feb. 10th following Mass. More details to follow.
- **Ash Wednesday** Masses will take place on Feb. 14th in Adair at 5:30pm and Stuart at 7pm.
- **Stuart Knights of Columbus** Spaghetti Dinner/Lunch February 24th & 25th. More details to follow.

**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 28, 2018**

**Cross Bearer:** John Fagan

**Greeters:** Mr. & Mrs. John Vogl

**Lector:** Brian Richter

**Host:** Adella Vogl

**Cup:** Les Elgin & Sr. Chinweze

**Servers:** Belle Fagan & Cash Suhr

**Traveling Chalice:** Kaye & Cleon Klemish

**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

## Breakfast

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## 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 1-21	Monday 1-22	Tuesday 1-23	Wednesday 1-24	Thursday 1-25	Friday 1-26	Saturday 1-27
<b>7:30-7:55am</b> Rosary & Confessions <b>8am Mass</b> for Betty Dill <b>9-11am</b> Faith Formation <b>BD:</b> Shirley Wheatley <b>10am Mass</b> (Stuart)		<b>6pm Mass</b> at Stuart for Donato Cianciaruso  <b>Adult Rel Ed Class</b> 6:30pm at Stuart	<b>8:30am MASS</b> for Joseph Vogl  <b>BD:</b> Sr. Chinweze	<b>9am Mass</b> for James Witkowski at the Stuart Community Care Center  <b>BD:</b> Natalie Suhr	<b>8:30am Mass</b> at Stuart for Zachary Terry & Family	<b>STUART:</b> <b>3:30pm Confessions</b> <b>Mass 4:30pm</b> for Ila Mae & Tony Pivonka  <b>ANN:</b> Larry & Betty Ludwig 1962
Sunday 1-28	Monday 1-29	Tuesday 1-30	Wednesday 1-31	Thursday 2-1	Friday 2-2	Saturday 2-3
<b>7:30-7:55am</b> Rosary & Confessions <b>8am Mass</b> for the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish <b>10am Mass</b> (Stuart)		<b>6pm Mass</b> at Stuart for Albert & Lucille Greubel  <b>Adult Rel Ed Class</b> 6:30pm at Stuart	<b>8:30am Mass</b> for John W. Brincks	<b>9am Mass</b> for James Witkowski at the Stuart Community Care Center  <b>BD:</b> Stephanie Drees	<b>8:30am Mass</b> at Stuart for Karen Donnelly Krogh  <b>BD:</b> Cindy Baudler	<b>STUART:</b> <b>3:30pm Confessions</b> <b>Mass 4:30pm</b> for Bernard Hilgers