

St. John Catholic Church

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

501 Adair Street, Adair, IA 50002

January 28, 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

- From an article by Jimmy Akin, National Catholic Register

Pope Francis released a new document – his first apostolic exhortation - entitled *Evangelii Gaudium* late in the fall of 2013. **During this coming Lenten season, we will be exploring what this document means to us as Catholics.** So before we get started, here are nine things about the document we should know.

1) What does “*Evangelii Gaudium*” mean? It’s Latin for “The Joy of the Gospel.”
 2) What is an apostolic exhortation? It’s a papal document that, as the name suggests, exhorts people to implement a particular aspect of the Church’s life and teaching. Its purpose is not to teach new doctrine, but to suggest how Church teachings and practices can be profitably applied today.
 3) How much authority does an apostolic exhortation have? It is one of the more important papal documents—more important, for example, than a Wednesday audience or a homily. As it is of a pastoral nature rather than a doctrinal or legal nature, though, it is ranked lower than an encyclical or an apostolic constitution. As with everything

official that the pope writes, it is to be taken very seriously.
 4) What leads a pope to write an apostolic exhortation? Frequently, apostolic exhortations are written after a meeting of the Synod of Bishops. The Synod of Bishops is a group that gathers selected bishops from across the world to discuss a particular subject.
 5) Why did Pope Francis write *Evangelii Gaudium*? It was written in response to the most recent meeting of the Synod of Bishops, which took place in October, 2012. It was devoted to the subject of the new evangelization, so that is the subject of *Evangelii Gaudium*.
 6) What is Pope Francis’ main message in *Evangelii Gaudium*? As suggested by the name, the principal theme involves the need for a joyful proclamation of the Gospel to the entire world.
 7) What particularly noteworthy things does the pope have to say in the document? The following seven points, gathered together in the five chapters of the Exhortation, constitute the fundamental pillars of Pope Francis’ vision of the new evangelization:

1. *the reform of the Church in a missionary key,*
2. *the temptations of pastoral agents,*
3. *the Church understood as the totality of the People of God which evangelizes,*
4. *the homily and its preparation,*
5. *the social inclusion of the poor,*
6. *peace and social dialogue,*
7. *and the spiritual motivations for the Church’s missionary action.*
- 8) Can you give a specific example of something notable he says? Pro-lifers will be heartened to read what he has to say concerning unborn children and abortion: 213. *Among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us.*
- 9) Is there an extra significance to the document? It will take time to fully process the significance of the document, but one this is immediately clear: This document is not something that Pope Francis delegated to others and allowed to be written on auto-pilot.

From This Week's Readings

Sunday: *God's desire is to liberate his people so that they fulfill their holy destiny.* Liberation is at the heart of our Scriptures – a freedom that will liberate us from worldly anxieties and concerns, and from all that might hinder us in fulfilling our holy mission. Listening to and obeying God's Word prevents us from hardening our hearts and distancing ourselves from his presence in our lives.

Monday: *God's graces are abundant, even in the face of difficulties.* Both subjects in our reading today—David and the man with the unclean spirit—are miserable. As Christians, we wonder why there is suffering. It is not something inflicted on us by a vengeful God; rather it is a result of sin entering the world. It can be a means by which we draw closer to God as we seek his aid in enduring the many difficulties we encounter in this life.

Tuesday: *God gives us the freedom to choose between life and death.* We experience the gift of life in many forms: through the birth of a child or in the daily

graces we are given, such as the friendships we share. We experience the brokenness of death in our own physical mortality, but also as a result of poor choices that diminish our growth or damage relationships. God desires for us to choose life over death, and to live it to the fullest in Christ Jesus.

Wednesday: *A prophet is not without honor except...in his own house.* Saddened that the crowd had no faith in his words or miracles, Jesus left them to the jealousy or stubbornness that veiled their hope and diminished their faith. He traveled on. Do we find ourselves to be like some of the Nazoreans or are we more like those of faith in the nearby towns?

Thursday: *Jesus is with us each day as we strive to walk in his ways.* When Jesus sent his disciples out to preach and heal, he sent them in pairs. This meant that his disciples had each other for encouragement, and were able to strengthen one another when the jour-

ney was arduous. Although Jesus is always with us on our path, do we have a spiritual companion who can help to keep us walking in the way of the Lord?

Friday: *Let us rejoice in the presence of the Lord.* Today we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord. Simeon and Anna in the Temple recognize Jesus as the one who will carry out God's plan of salvation. Jesus is likewise in our midst today. Do we recognize his presence among us? Do we rejoice in the light of this presence?

Saturday: *We pray to the Lord for wisdom and healing.* Today, we have the opportunity to carry out one of the traditions of the Church in the blessing of throats. Following the example of Jesus, we carry out the ministry of healing to all in need. By the prayer and blessing with candles, through the intercession of Saint Blaise, we call on God to heal all afflictions of the throat.

What can we do for you?

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.

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.

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 21st Collection

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

Regular Tithes: \$621.00
Children's Collection: \$11.00

Building Fund: \$0.00

Special: \$0.00

This week's income:
\$632.00

This week's expenses:
\$814.00

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 29th	Tuesday 30th	Wednesday 31st	Thursday 1st	Friday 2nd	Saturday 3rd	Sunday 4th
Ordinary Weekday	Ordinary Weekday	Memorial of St. John Bosco, Priest	Ordinary Weekday	Feast of the Presentation of the Lord	Opt. Mem's of Sts. Blaise, Ansgar, Bishops; Blessed Virgin Mary	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13	2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b,24-25a, 30-19:3	2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17	1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12	Malachai 3:1-4	1 Kings 3:4-13	Job 7:1-4, 6-7
Psalms 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7	Psalms 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6	Psalms 32:1-2,5,6,7	1 Chronicles 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd	Psalms 24:7,8,9,10	Psalms 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14	Psalms 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Mark 1:21-28	Mark 5:21-43	Mark 6:1-6	Mark 6:7-13	Luke 2:22-40	Mark 6:30-34	Mark 1:29-39

New Parish Directory

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. 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. Please sign up in the Parish Gathering space or by calling the office to book a session time.

Kris Kopp

(Sister to Larry Drees)

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

Amen

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

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 February 4, 2018

Cross Bearer: Belle Fagan

Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Mick Baudler

Lector: Julie Plowman

Host: Les Elgin

Cup: Dave Richter & Matt Fagan

Servers: Trevin & Madison Suhr

Traveling Chalice: Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Contact Us

Rev. Raymond J. Higgins, Pastor

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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 or adairstjohn.org*

Sunday 1-28	Monday 1-29	Tuesday 1-30	Wednesday 1-31	Thursday 2-1	Friday 2-2	Saturday 2-3
7:30-7:55am Rosary & Confessions 8am Mass for the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish 10am Mass (Stuart)		6pm Mass at Stuart for Albert & Lucille Greubel Adult Rel Ed Class 6:30pm at Stuart	8:30am Mass for John W. Brincks	9am Mass for James Witkowski at the Stuart Community Care Center BD: Stephanie Drees	8:30am Mass at Stuart for Karen Donnelly Krogh BD: Cindy Baudler	STUART: 3:30pm Confessions Mass 4:30pm for Bernard Hilgers
Sunday 2-4	Monday 2-5	Tuesday 2-6	Wednesday 2-7	Thursday 2-8	Friday 2-9	Saturday 2-10
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