

# St. John Catholic Church

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

501 Adair Street, Adair, IA 50002

February 4, 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

Hurry! Don't miss out on the new parish directory. Jill Gerling, one of our parishioners and Youth leader and Religious Education teacher, is offering free photo sessions for our new parish directory. Pictures are beginning now and there are time slots still available. If you would like to purchase your pictures from the photo session there is a package deal for a very reasonable price of \$25. The package includes: 1-8x10, 2-5x7, and 8 wallet sized prints. I encourage everyone to participate so that we may have a more complete directory. You may also submit pictures through the email or even regular mail. Thank you for helping with this im-

portant project.

We are fast approaching the season of Lent beginning in two weeks with Ash Wednesday on February 14, which is Valentine's Day as well. Masses scheduled for Ash Wednesday will begin at 5:30pm at St. John in Adair and 7:00pm at All Saints in Stuart. We will also begin our Lenten devotions with regular Wednesday morning Mass at 8:30am Mass at St. John and also, beginning February 15, a Thursday Evening Mass at 6:30pm followed by the Stations of the Cross through the season of Lent. At All Saints in Stuart, Daily Mass times are Tuesday evening at 6:00 pm followed by Adult Education studying

"Virtuous Living", Thursday morning at the Care Center at 9:00 am, and Mass time change on Friday to 6:00pm followed with the Stations of the Cross. I will also be available for extra Confession times to be announced. This weekend I will offer the traditional blessing of the throats through the intercession of St. Blaise and the Church. Please make an effort to plan for this Lent not only for fasting and giving something up for Lent, but to make use of the extra opportunities for Mass, Stations of the Cross, personal adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Adult Ed, and Confessions.

- Fr. Ray

## From This Week's Readings

**Sunday:** *Let us strive to proclaim the Gospel by our everyday words and actions.* In the Gospel, we hear that the Good News of Jesus is spreading to many towns and villages. Jesus tells His disciples that he has come for the purpose of preaching and teaching. That is our purpose as well. Let us strive to spread the Gospel in our everyday lives.

**Monday:** *In Jesus' touch, we find healing and experience His holy presence in our lives.* Healing is one of the visible forms of evidence that God is present in our lives and in our world. We all need healing in some shape or form—healing from our sins and sinful choices, healing from our wrongful actions, and healing from our pride and failure to acknowledge the presence of God in our lives.

**Tuesday:** *Let us pray always with humility and wonder in our hearts.* When we get overly caught up in the daily minutiae of our lives, we run the risk of being oblivious to God's awesome grace. Praying throughout the day helps keep us

grounded in what really matters. Let us strive to pray as Solomon does, and remember always to thank God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us.

**Wednesday:** *Evils come from within and they defile.* Many of the Old Testament laws identify certain dietary or other practices that determine a person's cleanliness or purity. Jesus radically alters His disciples' understanding of these precepts by pointing out that we are not defiled by what we put into our bodies, but by what arises from within us. If we respond to God with our whole being, we will want to seek that which is pure, and do His will.

**Thursday:** *Jesus brings God's healing and love to all.* The strength of the Gentile woman's faith serves as a reminder to trust in God always, and have faith in His healing power. She is persistent in her pleading, and Jesus rewards her persistence. Jesus shows us that God's plan of salvation includes all people who

follow Him and do His will.

**Friday:** *Let us open ourselves to wonder at the good things God does in our lives.* The crowds who witnessed Jesus' healing of the deaf man are astonished at His actions, proclaiming, "He has done all things well." God continues to do great things in our lives and in the lives of people we know. How open are we to being astonished at the greatness of God?

**Saturday:** *When we are in need, the Lord blesses us with abundance.* Sometimes we may feel powerless and overwhelmed. We don't believe we have enough strength or wisdom to face up to life's challenges. But where we see scarcity and want, the Lord sees abundance. If we have faith in Him, the Lord will bless us with even more than we need.

## 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](mailto: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 28th Collection

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

Regular Tithes: \$539.00  
Children's Collection: \$9.00

Building Fund: \$0.00  
Special: \$0.00

This week's income:  
\$548.00

This week's expenses:  
**\$503.14**

ADA Balance Due: \$83.50  
Repair Fund Bal: \$780.12

### Finance Council Members

#### Trustees

Sheryl Drees, Les Elgin

#### Council Members

John Fagan, Monica Fagan, Larry Drees,  
Kenneth Ludwig, Marcia Gettler

*Rita Rilea, Financial Secretary*

# From The Readings This Week...

Monday 5th	Tuesday 6th	Wednesday 7th	Thursday 8th	Friday 9th	Saturday 10th	Sunday 11th
Memorial of St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr	Memorial of St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs	Ordinary Weekday	Opt. Mem's of St. Jerome Emilani & St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin	Ordinary Weekday	Memorial of St. Scholastica Virgin	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13	1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30	1 Kings 10:1-10	1 Kings 11:4-13	1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19	1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34	Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
Psalms 132:6-7, 8-10	Psalms 84: 3, 4, 5, 10, 11	Psalms 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40	Psalms 106:3-4, 35-36, 40	Psalms 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15	Psalms 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22	Psalms 32:1-2, 5, 11
Mark 6:53-56	Mark 7:1-13	Mark 7:14-23	Mark 7:24-30	Mark 7:31-37	Mark 8:1-10	1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
						Mark 1:49-45

## New Parish Directory

Jill Gerling of Gerling Photography will be here to take photographs of all parishioners during the month of February for the 2018 Parish Directory. 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. Please sign up in the gathering space to book a session time.

## Altar Furnishings

We currently have a balance of \$6,100.00 in the fund to be used for updating/replacement of the Altar Furnishings.

If anyone would like to donate to this fund or consider this as a memorial gift in honor of a loved one, please let Father or a member of the Finance Council know.

Thank you!



## Save the date...

- 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. Food, fellowship, and Mardi Gras fun for all! Everyone is welcome to attend.
- 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.
- Lenten Fish Fry Fridays:** Our annual Fish Fry Fridays are scheduled for February 23, March 9, and March 23.
- Special Mass Times:** Please refer to Father's letter on the front page.

**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 February 11, 2018**

**Cross Bearer:** Cole Plowman

**Greeters:** Mr. & Mrs. Brett Dorsey

**Lector:** Barb Bachman

**Host:** Dave Richter

**Cup:** Sr. Nesta & Adella Vogl

**Servers:** Luke Brincks & Carley Fagan

**Traveling Chalice:** Phyllis O'Brien

**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.

**Parish Administrative Assistant & Bulletin Editor:**

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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

**Special Mass Times**

5:30pm Wednesday February 14—Adair

7pm Wednesday February 14—Stuart

**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 2-4	Monday 2-5	Tuesday 2-6	Wednesday 2-7	Thursday 2-8	Friday 2-9	Saturday 2-10
<p>7:30-7:55am Rosary &amp; Confessions <b>8am Mass</b> for Betty Dill <b>Throat Blessing</b> <b>10am Mass</b> (Stuart)</p>		<p><b>6pm Mass</b> at Stuart for Ernest Suchon</p> <p><b>Adult Rel Ed Class</b> 6:30pm at Stuart</p>	<p><b>8:30am Mass</b> for John W. Brincks</p>	<p><b>9am Mass</b> for Joseph &amp; Mary Doud at the Stuart Community Care Center</p>	<p><b>8:30am Mass</b> at Stuart for Sr. Phyllis Kernz</p> <p><b>BD:</b> Barb Bachman</p>	<p><b>STUART:</b> <b>3:30pm Confessions</b> <b>Mass 4:30pm</b> for Ashton Maier</p>
Sunday 2-11	Monday 2-12	Tuesday 2-13	Wednesday 2-14	Thursday 2-15	Friday 2-16	Saturday 2-17
<p>7:30-7:55am Rosary &amp; Confessions <b>8am Mass</b> for Eldon Faga <b>10am Mass</b> (Stuart)</p>		<p><b>6pm Mass</b> at Stuart for Bob Griffin</p> <p><b>Adult Rel Ed Class</b> 6:30pm at Stuart</p>	<p><b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b></p> <p><b>5:30pm Mass</b> for Mable E. Richter</p>	<p><b>9am Mass</b> for Maynard Witkowski at the Stuart Community Care Center</p>	<p><b>8:30am Mass</b> at Stuart for Sr. Phyllis Kernz</p>	<p><b>STUART:</b> <b>3:30pm Confessions</b> <b>Mass 4:30pm</b> for Maxine Carey</p>