

SAINT JOHN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JUNE 10, 2018

Rev. Raymond J. Higgins, Parish Priest

10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DEFEND ALL HUMAN LIFE By Tony Magliano

Rejoice and be glad, Jesus is calling you to be holy! Ah, but you might say "Holiness is for saintly people like the pope. But the pope says holiness is for you and me, and that everyone is called by God "to be holy and blameless before him in love" (Eph. 1:4). In his new apostolic exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate* ("Rejoice and Be Glad"), Pope Francis reminds us that the Lord has set the bar extremely high for you and me: "He wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence" (see: <https://bit.ly/2qm6f4C>). The Holy Father writes, "The important thing is that each believer discern his or her own path, that they bring out the very best of themselves, the most personal gifts that God has placed in their hearts." But common to all forms of holiness must be a deep special love for the vulnerable and poor – near and far. Pope Francis writes that the various miseries experienced by countless human beings should cause Christians to feel "a constant and healthy unease" which should inspire us to deeply pray and tirelessly work to help all those who suffer. This love must be passionate, consistent and unconditional. It cannot exclude anyone, not even our enemies. But many Catholics

and other Christians think that their one life issue – to the detriment of all other life issues – is the most important one of all. The Holy Father calls this mentality a "harmful ideological error." Rather than ranking the life issues, Francis links them. He instructs us to see them as essential parts of an integral whole. He powerfully insists that "Our defense of the innocent unborn, for example, needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development. Equally sacred, however, are the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery, and every form of rejection." Pope Francis is clearly insisting upon what the late courageous Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago coined "the consistent ethic of life" which calls for the total equal protection of the life and dignity of every human being from conception to natural death, and everyone in between – no exceptions (see: <https://bit.ly/2rfEplt>). Unfortunately,

ly, multitudes of Catholics are not committed to this centrally important teaching. I have encountered many Catholics who are deeply committed to ending abortion, but often have no hesitancy about going to war – which always involves killing countless innocent people. And on the other hand, I have encountered many deeply committed Catholic peace activists who are indifferent to the war of abortion waged against innocent unborn babies. But Pope Francis is in neither camp. Rather he is crystal clear that we are not to subjectively rank the life issues, but rather to objectively link them all together. The resurrecting of this ancient teaching of the early Catholic Church – insisting on absolutely no blood-spilling – is both the most moral and the most logical position to hold. It proclaims to governments, corporations, society and the whole world that no one is expendable! And that each person made in God's image and likeness is to be cherished and protected. Tony Magliano is an internationally syndicated social justice and peace columnist. He is available to speak at diocesan or parish gatherings. Tony can be reached at tmag@zoominternet.net.



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MASS TIMES

8AM SUNDAY
8:30AM

WEDNESDAY

CONFESSION:

7:30AM SUNDAY
W/ ADORATION
& ROSARY

PARISH BUSINESS & FINANCE REPORT

June 3rd Collection \$708.00

Kids: \$19.00

Building Fund Balance:

\$1,325.05

Building Fund: \$0.00

Income: \$727.00

Expenses: **\$386.66**

Please remember your tithes & offerings if/when you are unavailable to attend Mass. The Parish Expenses continue whether you are here or not.

Thank you!

ADA 2018 Balance Due

As Of 6/1: **\$479.24**

Trustees: Sheryl Drees, Les Elgin

Council Members: John Fagan,

Monica Fagan, Larry Drees,

Kenneth Ludwig, Marcia Gettler

Financial Secretary: Rita Rilea

Around the Diocese...

Masstimes.org Don't take a vacation from God this summer. Go to Masstimes.org and find the nearest Catholic church and Mass times while you're traveling.

Take24 Retreat Registration is open for the Take24 young adult retreat July 27-28. The retreat focuses on the question that dominates the bulk of many young adult lives: "What does God want me to do with my life?" Go to dmdiocese.org/take24.cfm or call Justin White at 515-237-5098 for more information.

Calling all Runners A new group called Catholic Runners meets the second and fourth Saturday of the month in the Des Moines area for a run, fellowship and a reflection while stretching and cooling down. All ages and paces welcomed. Get more information from the Facebook group: facebook.com/groups/448453732253735/

NEW JustFaith: Living simply, loving compassionately JustFaith is a small group program of JustFaith Ministries comprised of three phases that will help you explore today's issues through the lens of your faith, and discover how you can make a difference. Through reflection, discussion and encounter you will learn more about how to live more simply and love more compassionately. Phases can be taken separately or together. Contact the Center

for Social Ministry at centerforsocialministry@gmail.com or 515-782-3054 for more information or visit www.centerforsocialministry.org/programs/justfaithministries/justfaith.

Cathedral Concerts Mark your calendars for Tuesday, July 17 and Tuesday, Aug. 28 for the all new Cathedral Concerts, two events held on the outdoor plaza at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 601 Grand Ave. in Des Moines. Come for live music, food from places such as The Outside Scoop & Tamales Industry, and beer from Confluence Brewery. Admission is free, but you'll likely want to bring some cash for food & drink. Additionally, we'll be showcasing at these events various local artists that you won't want to miss. For more information, go to dmdiocese.org/cathedralconcerts.cfm

Catholic Tuition Organization The deadline for application for tuition assistance for the 2018-2019 school year is July 31.

Candidacy Mass Join Bishop Pates on Sunday, June 24 as two seminarians, Alex Kramer and Nick Smith, make a promise to study toward ordination. This is a step closer to ordination for these men. Please keep them in your prayers. The Candidacy Mass will be at the 10 a.m. Mass at St. Augustin Parish in Des Moines.

Ignatian Retreat Day Come to St. Mary of

Nazareth Parish on Saturday, July 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a discussion on becoming a discerning person. Damian Zyn-da, ThD and Bob Muhl Nickel, PhD from Rochester, New York will be our presenters. For more information about the day, our presenters, and to register, go to TheEmmausHouse.org and the upcoming events page.

Humanae Vitae 50th anniversary The Archdiocese of Dubuque is hosting an Humanae Vitae 50th Anniversary Celebration with Dr. Janet Smith on July 22 in Cedar Rapids Iowa. More information about the event can be found here: dbqarch.org/event/humanae-vitae-50th-annive Each First Friday of the month 7-7:45 a.m. will be prayer with a Scripture reading followed by 20 minutes of contemplative prayer. We will continue with spoken intentions both personal and for the mission of Emmaus House, finishing by 7:45 a.m. This is open to everyone! Join us.

World Youth Day 2019 registering now Join the Diocese of Des Moines as we undertake a pilgrimage to Panama to join millions of other young adults in a celebration of our Catholic faith. Registration and payments are open now for this January 2019 trip of a lifetime. Contact Justin White for details: jwhite@dmdiocese.org or 515-237-5098.

Prayer & Thanksgiving

To request prayer, please call the Church office at 515-523-1943, Adella Vogl at 641-742-5277, or email: stjohnallsaints@gmail.com

Reminder: Bulletin items need to be submitted to the church office by **5pm Wednesdays.**

Thanks!

Visit our Website:

adairstjohn.org

- Bulletins
- Daily Readings
- Children's Bulletins
- Mass Intentions
- Calendar
- ...and more!

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday June 17

Cross Bearer: Cody Moreland

Greeters: Roger Vais & Brian Richter

Lector: Scott Suhr

Host: Les Elgin

Cup: Matt Fagan & Sr. Chinweze

Servers: Luke Brincks & Belle Fagan

Traveling Chalice: Phyllis O'Brien

CALENDAR

<u>Sunday 6-10</u>	<u>Monday 6-11</u>	<u>Tuesday 6-12</u>	<u>Wednesday 6-13</u>	<u>Thursday 6-14</u>	<u>Friday 6-15</u>	<u>Saturday 6-16</u>
7:30am Confession/ Adoration/Rosary 8am Mass for Eldon Faga BDs: Trevin Suhr, Addilynn Richter Father's Anniversary & Farewell Party		6pm Mass <i>for Ruby Waltz</i> <i>(Stuart)</i>	8:30am Mass In Honor of Francis Hollinrake ANN: Les & Theresa Elgin 1981	9am Care Center Mass for Clair & <i>Pat Dickey (Stuart)</i> BD: Bud Dill	8:30am Mass <i>for Sr. Phyllis Kernz</i> <i>(Stuart)</i>	3:30pm Confessions at Stuart 4:30pm Mass at Stuart Bernadine <i>Burke</i>

IN THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday Focus:

Genesis 3:9-15; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1;
 Mark 3:20-35

Jesus, our path to salvation, calls us brother and sister and commands that we do the will of God.

From the beginning, God gas promised His people redemption. His love is stronger than sin and prevails over evil. Jesus comes to us to embody that love and set an example for us to follow. In doing God's will, He shows us the way to the Father and calls us to do the same on our journey to eternal life.

Monday Focus:

Acts 11:21b-26, 13:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

Let us use our gifts for God's glory.

Barnabas, whose name means "son of encouragement," used his spiritual gifts for God's glory. Just as Barnabas used his gift to bless the whole Church, let us strive to use the gifts God has given us each day to love one another and follow in Jesus' footsteps.

Tuesday Focus:

1 Kings 17:7-16; Matthew 5:13-16

Trust God and step out in faith.

In God, there is hope and as faithful followers of Christ, we need to be His light to the world. How can we shine God's light in a world filled with darkness? By spreading hope and charity to all whom we meet.

Wednesday Focus:

1 Kings 18:20-39; Matthew 5:17-19

Jesus is the fulfillment of the law.

Anyone can blindly follow rules, or live by the law. Living by the law of love is more challenging. This is the life that Jesus embodied, and commands us to follow. If someone were to look at our lives and listen to the way we talk, would they be convinced that God is at our center?

Thursday Focus:

1 Kings 18:41-46; Matthew 5:20-26

Let us strive to enter the kingdom of God.

We are given the keys to the kingdom in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the fulfillment of God's promises. Let us heed the instructions He gives us on what we need to do to enter the kingdom.

Friday Focus:

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-16; Matthew 5:27-32

Be attentive to the many ways God is present in our lives each day.

We have many opportunities to be aware of the presence of God in our daily lives. Let us pause throughout the day to give thanks to God: for life, food, family, nature and the many other ways that God offers us His gifts.

Saturday Focus:

1 Kings 19:19-21; Matthew 5:33-37

The Lord calls His disciples to follow Him in a way that sets them apart to live by a higher standard.

God called Elisha to a life of service through Elijah, and Elisha responded radically. Jesus continues calling us to holiness, setting a higher standard than the old Mosaic law. Both require a wholehearted "yes" to God.

WHO'S WHO?

Parish Priest Rev. Raymond J. Higgins is our current Pastor. He will officially be leaving us July 11, 2018. Our new priest will be Fr. Antony Mathew who is currently serving the parishes in Audubon and Exira.

Parish Office *PO Box 605, 216 All Saints Drive, Stuart 50250 Serving Both Parishes* Rita Rilea (allsaintsoffice@gmail.com) is our **Financial Secretary and is responsible for all matters dealing with the finances** at both All Saints in Stuart and St. John in Adair. She is also the person who publishes donation statements, sets up electronic donations, and is the secretary/treasurer of the Altar & Rosary Society. Rita is in the office Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday from 9am-3pm. Brenda Wedemeyer (stjohnallsaints@gmail.com) is our bulletin editor, communications coordinator, and pastoral assistant. She manages the websites and email correspondences and assists Father as needed by attending meetings in his place or taking care of general requests. Brenda is in the office on a limited basis, but generally on Thursdays from 9-5, with some hours at other times during the week as needed.

Faith Formation Cathy Hicks (cabinmn@gmail.com) is our Director of Religious Education and is responsible for the education department at All Saints. Annie Brincks (annie68164@hotmail.com) is her counterpart at St. John. Please contact either one of these ladies to register your children for Faith Formation, to volunteer, or for further information.

Parish Maintenance Barb Boss (bbosslady@msn.com) is the head of building custodial duties. She is part time and is assisted by Christina, her daughter. Their work schedule fluctuates with the events of the parish, but generally are at the church on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Dave, Barb's husband, is the one who takes care

of our building & grounds as well as our environmental creature comforts.

Knights of Columbus—All Saints Dan Hilgers (amh50070@yahoo.com) is the current Grand Knight. Meetings are conducted on the second Sunday evening of the month at 6pm. All men—18 and older—of the parish are invited and welcome to join.

St. John's Men's Group—Adair All men—18 and older—are invited to take part in the organization which specializes in sponsoring Friday Night Fish Fries during Lent each year. Francis Hollinrake is the leader of this group. (641-742-5016)

Altar & Rosary Society—All Saints Jodi Bassett (jodibdc@coonvalleytelco.com) is the current president of the Altar & Rosary Society. The A&RS provides funeral meals as well as altar linens. All women—18 and older—of the parish are automatically members. Annual dues are \$10.

C.W.O.—Adair The Catholic Women's Organization at St. John's is lead by Betty Ludwig (bludwig50002@yahoo.com). The group meets the first of each month following Mass on Wednesday morning. Every woman of the church is a member. The group provides coffee and rolls the first Sunday of the month. The CWO hosts an annual Spring Dinner to help raise funds to help with the Annual Diocesan Appeal amount. They serve funeral lunches and are responsible for the bills of the parish hall. Annual dues are \$5 as well as a \$25 collection each fall in lieu of a dinner.

Hall Rentals Anyone wishing to rent a parish hall should contact Rita Rilea at All Saints or Betty Ludwig at St. John.

Musicians Norma Tigges (tiggesnorma@yahoo.com) is the organist, music director, and wedding coordinator for All Saints with Sharon Swartz as the Saturday organist. Deb Hollinrake (641-742-5016) is the organist, cantor, and choir

leader for St. John. Contact Norma or Deb for wedding or funeral arrangements.

Special Events Frank Hadley (8791armyvet@gmail.com) has accepted the responsibility of heading the Special Events committee at Stuart. Please contact Frank if you'd like to volunteer to help him on any particular event.

Websites & e-Communications

<https://stuartallsaints.org>

<https://adairstjohn.org>

Mass emails are sent out through Constant Contact. If you are not receiving our electronic bulletins and other notifications (i.e., prayer requests, announcements, etc), please be sure to submit your email address to the church office. The week's bulletin is sent out at 9am each Saturday morning for your convenience.

Any items that you would like to have published in the upcoming bulletin need to be submitted to the church office by 5pm Wednesday. Thank you!

Liturgical Scheduling All scheduling of Liturgical Ministers is done through Les Elgin (elgins2011@gmail.com) for St. John and through Joyce Van Pelt (joyceannvp@gmail.com) at All Saints. Please keep these folks informed of your ability to serve as well as your current contact information.

Sacraments If you are in need of any Sacrament or if you wish to join the Church, please contact the Church office at 515-523-1943.

RCIA The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is offered during the regularly scheduled Faith Formation year.

Prayer Requests For St. John's contact Adella Vogl at 641-742-5277; for All Saints, contact Viola Heins at 515-789-2029 or call the Church Office 515-523-1943.