

SAINT JOHN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JUNE 17, 2018

Rev. Raymond J. Higgins, Parish Priest

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DEAR PARISHIONERS

A heartfelt thank you to all those who came to my farewell and 25th Anniversary reception after Mass on Sunday. I appreciated the opportunity to go to each and thank you for my time here at St. John. I am truly grateful for the women of the St. John CWO and others who helped put the special occasion together along with the great food and decoration. The Sisters of the Immaculate of Heart of Mary beautifully sang to us; thank you Sisters. Once again, to all those involved in helping to put the gathering together, a big sincere thank you and I pray God bless you.

This weekend we also honor our fathers on this occasion of Father's Day, as well as, to those who are like fathers to us.

In a world where many children grow up without one parent or the other, there is a growing push to think a fa-

ther's presence, care, and influence is not as important as a mother's. Research tells us that fathers are just as important. I can't get into statistics or research in this bulletin, but you can research that on your own. On this special weekend where we honor fathers I know many of you are blessed to have a father or someone who has been like a father to you. I am blessed because of my father and all the other men (father-like) who have influenced or inspired me. I bet you could think of several too.

7 Facts About American Dads was a Pew Research Center article written by Kim Parker and Gretchen Livingston. The article says fathers are just as likely to identify parenting as central to their life as mothers do (according to 2015 Pew Research Center 57% of Dads and 58% Moms say parenting is extremely im-

portant to their identity). Increasing amount of research also shows that couples who have children need to be attentive to each other because it can impact the raising of their children positively or negatively. Let's pray that all moms and dads commit themselves to deepen their relationship and see each other and parenting as central to their identity.

Now that I have said that, let us also remember all those who grew up without parents, or only one parent, or whose parent died, and for those who have been harmed by one or both of them. This too is a reality for some and is not ideal. We pray for healing and the ability to see past the hurts and pains to appreciate the ideal and work toward being a good parent themselves should they become a mother or father.

Again,

Happy Father's Day!



501 ADAIR ST.
ADAIR, IA 50002

MASS TIMES

8AM SUNDAY
8:30AM

WEDNESDAY

CONFESSION:

7:30AM SUNDAY
W/ADORATION
& ROSARY

PARISH BUSINESS & FINANCE REPORT

June 10th Collection \$562.00

Kids: \$10.00

Building Fund Balance:

\$1,325.05

Building Fund: \$0.00

Income: \$572.00

Expenses: **\$957.35**

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 6/8: **\$479.00**

Trustees: Sheryl Drees, Les Elgin

Council Members: John Fagan,

Monica Fagan, Larry Drees,

Kenneth Ludwig, Marcia Gettler

Financial Secretary: Rita Rilea

Around the Diocese...

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/](https://www.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

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 Muhlnickel, 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.

Lend a Hand at Catholic Charities Food Pantry Catholic Charities Outreach Center has re-opened as a choice food pantry. Call Brooke at 515-262-7290 to learn how you can volunteer to feed the hungry. Mass Interpretation

Counseling Services Struggling with how to handle personal challenges? Contact Catholic Charities receptionist, Cheryl Thorp at 515-237-5045 for more information or to set up a professional counseling appointment. Most major insurance is accepted, and a sliding fee scale is available for those without insurance.

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!

Faith Formation:

Beginning next fall...

- Faith Formation classes will include kids ages 3 & 4.
- This class will be shorter than our usual classes.
- Further details to come...

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday June 24

Cross Bearer: Cole Plowman
Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. John Vogl
Lector: Brian Richter
Host: Sr. Rose Maura
Cup: Elizabeth Moreland & Scott Suhr
Servers: Madison Suhr & Trevin Suhr
Traveling Chalice: Les & Theresa Elgin

CALENDAR

<u>Sunday 6-17</u>	<u>Monday 6-18</u>	<u>Tuesday 6-19</u>	<u>Wednesday 6-20</u>	<u>Thursday 6-21</u>	<u>Friday 6-22</u>	<u>Saturday 6-23</u>
7:30am Confession/ Adoration/Rosary 8am Mass In Honor of Ben Anderson		6pm Mass <i>for Betty Beaman</i> <i>(Stuart)</i>	8:30am Mass for Mable E. Richter BD: Jason Calhoun	9am Care Center Mass for Patricia Miller (Stuart)	8:30am Mass <i>for Donato</i> <i>Cianciaruso</i> <i>(Stuart)</i> BD: Maria Peck	3:30pm Confessions at Stuart 4:05 pm Rosary 4:30pm Mass at Stuart for JoAnn Dickey Roth

IN THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday Focus:

Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10;
 Mark 4:26-34

Even small works can bear fruit in growing the kingdom of God.

The psalmist urges us to give thanks to the Lord and to sing of His kindness and faithfulness. For His loving presence is like a great cedar tree giving shade to those in need and fruit to those who hunger.

Monday Focus:

1 Kings 21:1-16; Matthew 5:38-42
Righteousness is obtained through grace, prayer and service to others.

Throughout Scripture, we are given examples of justice and injustice. We see how individuals and communities react, and how God intervenes. The law was the basis for obtaining justice, and Jesus—as the fulfillment of the law—taught us how we are to embody righteousness. This can be very challenging at times, but can be realized through grace, much prayers, and possessing a mindset of serving others, rather than ourselves.

Tuesday Focus:

1 Kings 21:17-29; Matthew 5:43-48
We love our enemies best when we pray for them.

God's love for us is unconditional, and He challenges us to fulfill His will for us by loving all others as He does, even our enemies. Love, in this respect, is not concerned with affectionate feelings but with outward actions such as repentance and prayer.

Wednesday Focus:

2 Kings 2:1, 6-14; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
We are given our share of the gifts of the Spirit, depending on what God calls us to do.

Today we see some remarkable miracles. The Spirit enables both Elijah and Elisha to create dry land through the river, and Elijah leaves earth on a flaming chariot. But Jesus calls us to a quieter approach: performing prayer, fasting and works of charity in private.

Thursday Focus:

Sirach 48:1-14, Matthew 6:7-15
Our Father knows what we need before we ask.

The pagans worshipped many gods and so recited long lists of divine names, hoping one of them would be listening. As Christians, we do not need to babble in such a way, for the one true God knows what we need before we even ask. Jesus taught us the Lord's Prayer, and the words of

that simple prayer contain the summary of the whole Gospel.

Friday Focus:

2 Kings 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Matthew 6:19-23
God has never forsaken us, and awaits us with heavenly treasures far greater than any earthly ones.

God is near to us each waking moment of our day, and He has never forsaken His covenant with us. He empowers us with His grace and through Him, we can be a light in the darkness and build His kingdom. The heavenly treasures we obtain will be far greater than any fragile earthly ones we may desire.

Saturday Focus:

2 Chronicles 24:17-25; Matthew 6:24-34
Resolve not to worry and put your cares in God's hands.

We have a choice about where we place our trust. When we trust tangible but limited resources, we are vulnerable to anxiety because people and things can let us down. God's love has no limits. When we trust Him, place our cares in His hands and follow His plan for us, we have no need for worry.

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 (tiggescnorma@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.