

SAINT JOHN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY 1, 2018

Rev. Raymond J. Higgins, Parish Priest

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Parishioners,
My uncle, Fr. Francis Higgins, always tried to better himself by keeping up with what is happening in the world and the latest trends of what is new out there, as well as the latest research. One way he would better himself was to learn a new word each day. He had a calendar that presented mainly uncommon words in the English language and he would study the definition and its use. I would like to introduce one of those words: *intercalate*. Without getting into etymology of the word, it basically means: "to insert (some-thing, such as a day) in a calendar" - like at "leap year". It can also mean, "to insert or position between or among existing elements or layers". (*Merriam Dictionary*) I am introducing the word *intercalate*, because we have an example of this in Mark's Gospel this weekend. The narrative style of placing one story within another is "intercalation". So, we read: "...One of the synagogue officials, named Jairus, came forward. Seeing him he fell at his feet and pleaded earnestly with him, saying..." and,

"There was a woman afflicted...she fell down before Jesus and told him the whole truth". Then, back to the synagogue official: "...Jesus said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." So, in essence there is one story "sandwiched" inside of another. As we listen to the reading in the liturgy, Mark is aware that both stories bring into prominence physical touching and being touched as integral to the manner in which the stories are told. In the first part of the Jairus story, the leader of the synagogue implores Jesus to come and "lay hands upon her so that she might be saved and live" (5:23). Then, at the conclusion of the story, Jesus grasps the hand of the child in order to resurrect her from death (5:41). In the intercalated story of the woman with a hemorrhage, the woman has faith that, if she touches the cloak of Jesus, she will be saved. In these stories the salvation offered and received is physical salvation, restoration of body and life in the new creation." (*The*

Gospel of Mark: A Liturgical Reading by Charles A. Bobertz) God wishes to restore all things as to their original intention. Although not everyone receives such a gift in this world, but we look forward to all things being restored in the world to come. Much of these "sandwiched" stories are around meals to indicate the "Lord's Supper". The Lord's Supper is everyone's call to participate in the life of Christ (God). Yet, at the time of Christ, there were strict rules who could participate in Temple worship, including those who had physical maladies. God wishes for all to heal and be united as one family. Let us ask God to bring healing to our families, communities, and parish (body of Christ), so that we may be restored to be one with God and one another - God's primary intention for us since the beginning of time. May this coming 4th of July weekend be one of refreshment with your families and friends, but let us not forget to gather for the Lord's Supper where we practice and work out the need to be one in Christ. **Happy 4th!**



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 24th Collection \$556.00

Kids: \$5.00

Building Fund Balance:

\$1,325.05

Building Fund: \$0.00

Income: \$561.00

Expenses: **\$140.00**

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

PREVENT YOUR TAX DOLLARS FUNDING ABORTION

Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion provider in America, is funded in large part by your hard earned tax dollars.

In 2012, Planned Parenthood performed 327,166 abortions while collecting well over half a billion dollars from U.S. taxpayers. That is according to its own Annual Report and works out to an average of one abortion every 94 seconds! In addition to Planned Parenthood's abortion business, it uses this money to promote, advertise and market the "benefits" of abortion, including partial birth abortion. Planned Parenthood's market share of the abortion industry continues to increase in spite of the total number of abortions declining. Planned Parenthood has reportedly spent hundreds of millions from the pockets of hard-working Americans fighting lawsuits, legislation and other efforts, which have tried to reduce the numbers of abortions. Planned Parenthood has litigated in the US Supreme Court, trying to deny a law passed by Congress that banned the hideous and barbaric partial-birth abortion procedure. Now is the time to take a stand against Planned Parenthood and this horrible misuse of public funds. Let your voice be heard! Please let your Senator know that you do not want your money spent on the abortion industry.

When Life Begins

Pro-choice advocates are invariably loathe to acknowledge the most important medical and scientific fact of all, namely that life begins at conception. Indeed, they will find no medical textbooks

or scientific reference works that say that life begins at any time other than at conception.

Many are no doubt aware that some of the world's most prominent scientists and physicians have testified at a Senate committee that life begins at conception. At these same hearings, the pro-choice lobby, though invited to do so, failed to produce even a single expert witness who would (or could) contradict or even question this accepted fact.

Moreover, pro-choice advocates often accuse pro-lifers of having no plan for all those lives "forcibly brought into being". When they say this, they often appear resentful that some lives are being saved, instead of aborted. This is surprising in that pro-choice rhetoric insists that they want abortion to be "safe, legal and rare," despite the fact that more than 3,000 abortions are carried out each and every day.

Another fact that is often ignored is that there are more than 3,000 crisis pregnancy centers in the United States staffed almost entirely by pro-life volunteers. These centers, unlike abortion clinics, offer expectant mothers a real "choice" other than abortion, and provide post-pregnancy medical and other assistance free of charge. So where as the abortion industry has raked in hundreds of millions of dollars since abortion was legalized in 1973, the motive of pro-lifers, in offering their time and money to support women in problem pregnancy situations, is entirely selfless.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend experience is being offered August 25-26 at St. John's Catholic Church in Greenfield, IA. Sign up now at iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305 or Christine Rubio at 641-343-7065 at the church to take advantage of this special opportunity!

Habitat for Humanity is requesting volunteers with experience in the installation of vinyl siding as well as general labor to lend a hand July 14th and July 21st. There are work sites in Guthrie Center and Bagley in need of volunteers. In addition to installing siding, the association is also

building a porch/deck on the back entry to a home.

Please contact Jeff Lamoureux at 515-386-3093 (office) or at 515-370-5326 (cell). Jeff is the Associate Director for the Heart of Iowa Habitat for Humanity group.

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...

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!

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday July 8

Cross Bearer: Dave Richter

Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Mick Baudler

Lector: Theresa Elgin

Host: Elizabeth Moreland

Cup: Les Elgin & Adella Vogl

Servers: Luke Brincks & Carley Fagan

Traveling Chalice: Phyllis O'Brien

CALENDAR

<u>Sunday 7-1</u>	<u>Monday 7-2</u>	<u>Tuesday 7-3</u>	<u>Wednesday 7-4</u>	<u>Thursday 7-5</u>	<u>Friday 7-6</u>	<u>Saturday 7-7</u>
7:30am Confession/ Adoration/Rosary 8am Mass For Harold Ness		6pm Mass for <i>Ruby Waltz</i> <i>(Stuart)</i> BD: Ethan Richter	8:30am Mass In Honor of Elizabeth Hollinrake	9am Care Center Mass for Bill <i>Sherman (Stuart)</i>	8:30am Mass for <i>Addy Olson</i> <i>(Stuart)</i>	3:30pm Confes- sions at Stuart 4:05 pm Rosary 4:30pm Mass at Stuart for Bernard <i>Hilgers</i> BD: Allen Thelen

IN THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday Focus:

Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24; 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mark 5:21-43

Approaching Jesus with great faith allows Him to be at work in our lives.

Today we hear of the woman who had such faith that she wanted only to touch Jesus' cloak. Because of her faith, her brief encounter with Jesus was transformative in her life. It is her faith, and His divine power, that allowed her to be healed and changed. Jesus wants us to be healed as well—let us approach Him with great confidence and faith, knowing that He can transform lives.

Monday Focus:

Amos 2:6-10, 13-16; Matthew 8:18-22

Jesus offers the path to salvation.

When we consider the redemption of humanity, and each of our individual moral struggles, we can only marvel at how profound a blessing it is that Christ unfailingly raises us to heaven through His offer of Divine Mercy. Let us heed God's commandments and commit ourselves to following Christ.

Tuesday Focus:

Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29

Today we honor Saint Thomas, the Apostle, who shows us that we are blessed by our faith in Jesus.

Thomas had the courage to tell Jesus exactly what he needed Jesus to do in order to believe in Him. He was blessed with Jesus' response, and so are we when we go in faith to the One whom we have not seen and ask for what we need.

Wednesday Focus:

Amos 5:14-15, 21-24; Matthew 8:28-34

The Lord desires justice over sacrifice.

God continues to call us into right relationship with Himself as well as with others. He asks much of us, but also gives us the grace we need to respond. In asking us to make conscious decisions about following Him and doing His will, God wants the best from and for us. Through Word and sacrament, God liberates us to be fully alive, and transforms us to be His instruments of goodness and justice in the world.

Thursday Focus:

Amos 7:10-17; Matthew 9:1-8

The Lord responds to the faith of His people.

No one is without sin. Yet the Lord re-

sponds to our sins with forgiveness and healing when we are mindful of what we have done wrong and repent. We have been shown the path to eternal life, we need only to choose to follow it.

Friday Focus:

Amos 8:4-6, 9-12; Matthew 9:9-13

Jesus has come to call sinners back to God, even those who have turned away.

The Lord God may have condemned those who did not live in righteousness, but blesses those who do choose the way of truth. It is to sinners that Jesus has been sent, for He offers mercy to those in need of His kindness and compassion.

Saturday Focus:

Amos 9:11-15; Matthew 9:14-17

God will restore the lost and renew His people.

Today we consider the encouragement God offers to those who mourn what is lost. God will provide abundant gifts to the people of Israel, who have lost so much. Likewise, Jesus will offer new gifts that cannot be contained in old ways of thinking or of clinging to things.

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.