

SAINT JOHN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY 8, 2018

Rev. Raymond J. Higgins, Parish Priest

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Parishioners, Well, dear friends, the time has come to say goodbye as your pastor and I am grateful to have shared these past ten years with you offering Mass, the Sacraments, RCIA, Religious Education for children and adults, working with the various councils, committees, and organizations; attending celebrations, offering counseling, completing renovation projects, and anything else I might have missed.

I want to again say thank you for your prayers, well wishes, cards, and letters during this past month, especially for the celebrations in both parishes for my 25th anniversary as a priest and my farewell. I am overwhelmed by your kindnesses and wonder if I will ever get to respond back to each of you, but I hope by

way of this letter of gratitude you know of my thanks and love.

Please know that the fine folks of All Saints and St. John will always have a special place in my heart. I pray to God that only the very best will be met for all of you in the years ahead. I am grateful to have served as your pastor and for your willingness to let me into the challenges and joys of your life.

There is also the reality that we may not have always agreed on matters concerning the parish, but at least we tried to communicate it and work it out as best as we can. Please remember, I am only human, I pray that you will forgive me for my shortcomings and if you have taken offense at something said or done, I am truly sorry. I pray that

the good times and the work we have done for Christ will be what lasts in our hearts and minds.

With my departure, I remind you that you are in the great care of Fr. Antony Mathew. He is a good man and a good priest, and will continue to carry on the ministry of pastoring at All Saints and St. John. Please welcome him.

I am not far from Stuart, so if you happen to miss the Sunday morning Masses, know that you are always welcome to attend St. Theresa's Sunday afternoon Mass at 4:30 pm. I hope you will come up and say hello some time! Many thanks to all of you, and I pray God will bless you and your families.

Gratefully yours,
Fr. Ray



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ADAIR, IA 50002

MASS TIMES

8AM SUNDAY
8:30AM

WEDNESDAY

CONFESSION:

7:30AM SUNDAY
W/ADORATION
& ROSARY

PARISH BUSINESS & FINANCE REPORT

July 1st Collection \$462.00

Kids: \$4.00

Building Fund Balance:

\$1,325.05

Building Fund: \$0.00

Income: \$466.00

Expenses: **\$1,756.51**

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

LOVE FOR THE UNBORN AND OUR ETERNAL REWARD

In Luke 14:12-14, Jesus tells us that the good we do for those who cannot repay us in this world is the most beneficial, because He assures us that we will “be repaid in the resurrection of the just.”

Congressman Henry Hyde, one of the greatest pro-life advocates ever to serve in Congress, expressed this idea when he said: “When the time comes, as it surely will, when we face the awesome moment, the final judgment...those in the pro-life movement will not be alone. I think there’ll be a chorus of voices that have never been heard in this world, but are heard beautifully and clearly in the next world...and they will plead for everyone who has been in this movement. They will say to God, “Spare him, because he loved us.”

The unborn are even less able to repay us than the beggars and the crippled and the lame and the blind (to whom Jesus referred). At least, these poor people know that we love them and are able to say “thank you.”

The child in the mother’s womb not only has no voice whatsoever, but cannot even tell you “thank you”. Indeed, love and action

for the unborn is the most selfless form of love. In this world, nothing comes from them in return.

Are We Observers Or “Doers” In The Abortion Debate?

Are we doing enough? The answer is an emphatic “no” as it is so easy to simply tune out and put this horror out of our minds and sight.

Yet, nearly all violence done against human beings involves three types of people: the Perpetrator, the Victim, and the Observer. This is sometimes called the “Tragic Triangle”.

With abortion, the abortionist, in collusion with the parent(s), is the perpetrator, the child is the victim, and the observers are all the rest of us. Some believe that we as observers have an equal or greater responsibility than the perpetrators because we can be more objective and, if we were really motivated, we could stop this daily slaughter of the innocents.

We can start by making sure we vote for LIFE in the forthcoming elections.

For other Pro-Life Articles, Videos, or Images visit our website:

www.pro-lifearticles.org



Please be sure to join us next weekend, July 15, in welcoming Father Antony Mathew as our new parish priest. “Fr. Tony” comes to us from the Audubon and Exira parishes.

Sunday: Mass 10am

Weekday Mass: 8:30am Wednesday

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...

From the Bulletin Editor—

I will be taking a vacation beginning July 15th through July 22nd. There will NOT be a bulletin published for the weekend of July 22nd. If there is anything that needs to be published that might be affected, please be sure to let me know so that I can include it in the bulletin for the weekend of July 15th.

Thank you!
Brenda

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday July 15

Cross Bearer: Francis Hollinrake
Greeters: Gail Brincks Family
Lector: Brian Richter
Host: Les Elgin
Cup: Sr. Andre & Elizabeth Moreland
Servers: Belle Fagan & Bailey Lillard
Traveling Chalice: Les & Theresa Elgin

CALENDAR

<u>Sunday 7-8</u>	<u>Monday 7-9</u>	<u>Tuesday 7-10</u>	<u>Wednesday 7-11</u>	<u>Thursday 7-12</u>	<u>Friday 7-13</u>	<u>Saturday 7-14</u>
7:30am Confession/ Adoration/Rosary 8am Mass for Betty Dill BDs: Rich Kennedy, Andrew Richter, Hannah Richter	BD: Grace Kennedy	6pm Mass for Clair & Pat Dickey (Stuart)	8:30am Mass for Mable E. Richter	<u>Priests' Moving Day</u>	8:30am Mass for Maynard Witkowski (Stuart) ANN: Cleon & Kaye Klemish 1963	3:30pm Confes- sions at Stuart 4:05 pm Rosary 4:30pm Mass at Stuart for Ed Ford- ham

IN THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday Focus:

Ezekiel 2:2-5; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10;
 Mark 6:1-6a
As Christians, fidelity to Christ and the gospel must be the hallmark of our lives.

At first glance our readings seem rather pessimistic. Ezekiel is entrusted with a difficult commission, Paul has a thorn in his side and Jesus is rejected by His own. But in another sense, each reading is a reminder that when our eyes are fixed on the Lord, not even the threat of danger can deter us.

Monday Focus:

Hosea 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Matthew 9:18-26

Daily Prayer enables our encounter with the Lord.

God is never too busy for us. Nothing we need or ask for is beyond His abilities. Faith allows us to reach out for God when we need Him most, and to thank Him for blessings given and mercies granted. In prayer, we encounter the living presence of God who seeks to enfold us within His love.

Tuesday Focus:

Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:32-38
If we call upon the Lord, He will heal

us. His love for us never ends.

When we read about the works of Jesus, it is tempting to believe they are all in the past. But Jesus continues to heal. He continues to be present and at work in our lives. All we need to do is call on Him, open our hearts to Him and allow Him to transform us for the good of the world.

Wednesday Focus:

Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Matthew 10:1-7
Jesus, Who commands His Apostles to take the message to the people, exhorts us to do the same.

Twelve ordinary men were called by Jesus to accompany Him on the journey and to spread His Word among the people. It is in Jesus that they, and we, become so much more. He instructed the Apostles to proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is at hand. This instruction holds for us today, as well.

Thursday Focus:

Hosea 11:1-4, 8e-9; Matthew 10:7-15
The loving care we have received from God without cost must be offered to each other in return.

As God never turned away from His people, feeding them and healing them even as they turned their backs

to worship idols, so Jesus commands the Apostles to cure the sick and drive out demons from all they meet. We, too, have received loving care from God without cost and so must offer it to each other in return.

Friday Focus:

Hosea 14:2-10; Matthew 10:16-23
The Spirit of our Father will be with us on our journey.

Time and again in the Gospels, Jesus warns of persecutions, betrayals and suffering His followers may have to endure. Still, we follow; still, we pass on our faith to our children. We know, as Jesus has promised, that the Spirit of our Father will be with us on our journey.

Saturday Focus:

Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 10:24-33
Those who acknowledge Christ before others will be acknowledged by Christ before the Father. Most of us probably have a sense that God has called us...but we are not always sure to what exactly. Today's Gospel gives us the courage to discern and explore. Jesus assures us the he will acknowledge those before the Father who acknowledge Him before others.

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.