

The Mission of St John's parish is to love God, love our neighbors, share the Gospel and build the kingdom of God.

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Bulletin items should be emailed to the office by Tuesday at 11 am.

ST. JOHN'S



CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 5th, 2021
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Regular Mass Schedule

Tuesday Mass: 5:30 pm
Wed., Thursday, & Friday: 8:30 am
Saturday Mass: 4:30 pm
Sunday Mass: 9:00 am

Reconciliation is offered on Saturday from 3:30 to 4 pm in the lower level hall.

Eucharistic Adoration is held on Thursdays from 9 am to 9 pm.

Join us for the Rosary 30 minutes prior to weekend Mass.

Please call the office if you would like to **schedule a Baptism**, a class may be required if you have not attended one in the last 3 years.

Please call at least 6 months in advance to **make Marriage arrangements**.

Gospel Meditation

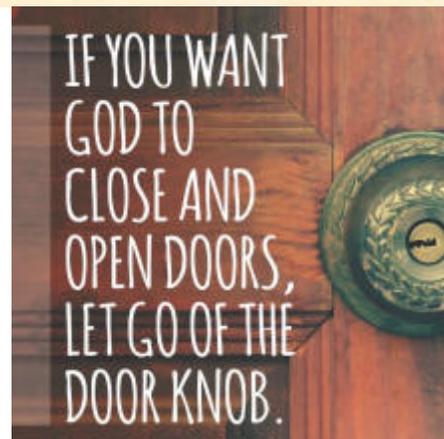
From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are "supposed" to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, "be opened!" Be healed and allow your stories to change. ©LPi

Live the Liturgy

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. We face brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. For no apparent reason, life can quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar is gone and something we relied upon is taken away. We are left sitting with our incompleteness and swimming in the pools of our sadness. Be strong! Fear not! These admonitions flow from the mouths of prophets and are echoed by Jesus. It is difficult to trust that restoration, healing, and rejuvenation will one day come, and remain steadfast in our faith. But we are here because of a God who loves us, not as the result of a random occurrence. When we reach for that truth about who we are and who God is, life changes for us. We are healed from our old distorted way of seeing things. Our eyes, heart, and soul are opened to the beauty and magnificence of life. The pulse of our loving Creator is felt in all things and we can't wait for God to come and touch us again. God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. He has done all things well. ©LPi



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Go to www.stjohnsadel.org for more information, Catholic News and parish links!

Saturday, September 4th, 4:30 pm **Elaine Parlman**
Sunday, September 5th, 9:00 am **Dorothy Hoffman**
Tuesday, September 7th, 5:30 pm **Special Intentions for Joey Berkshire**
Wednesday, September 8th, 8:30 am **Faye Fisher**
Thursday, September 9th, 8:30 am **Special Intentions for Katie Cook**
Friday, September 10th, 8:30 am **St. John's Parish**
Saturday, September 11th, 4:30 pm **Special Intentions for Marshall Cook**
Sunday, September 12th, 9:00 am **Special Intentions for Mike and Connie Cooper**

Please contact the office to schedule Mass Intentions the suggested stipend is \$5.



Mass Intentions

We welcome all who come to worship with us today!

If you are new to St. John's and would like to know more about becoming a member please contact the office or pick up a welcome packet in the entry.

Do you have Prayer Requests for the Prayer Chain? They can be emailed or called in to the office during office hours Monday - Thursday 9 am to 4 pm, Friday 9 am to Noon office@stjohnsadel.org or 515-993-4482. Contact Lori if you would like to join the email prayer chain.

Thank you to our Prayer Chain Members!



Please join us for coffee and donuts after Sunday Mass. If you would like to help out by hosting, sign up on the clipboard in the kitchen, contact Lori with questions.

Attention Liturgical Ministers! We have begun assigning ministers (Lectors, Ushers, and Communion Ministers) for weekend Mass via Ministry Scheduler Pro. If you sign in to the software you can use it to find subs and set reminders. For more information contact the office! **If you would like to sign up for minister training there is a sign-up in the entry.**

Adults (50+) are invited to join us Thursday, October 7th for a Potluck and Fellowship. We will begin meeting the 1st Thursday of the month at 11:30 am in the parish hall. Sign up on the clipboard in the church entry to bring a main dish, side dish or dessert.

The Works of Mercy team invites you to join our team! We meet the 3rd Monday of every month (no meeting in September because of the parish mission). Please let the office know if you are interested and we'll be in touch or join us at our next meeting October 18th.

We are looking forward to our 2021-2022 RCIA year! If you, or anyone you know, are interested in learning about the Catholic faith, please call the St. John's office at 993-4482.



America at the Crossroads: Conversations All Americans Need to Have

Dr. Lewis Brogdon is the featured speakers at the Sept. 14 annual fundraiser for the **Center for Social Ministry**. In June 2021, Dr. Lewis Brogdon wrote an **op-ed** in the *Louisville Courier-Journal* that continues to gain national attention, where he addresses the soul of America, the undercurrent and common thread of hate animating the American crisis and reestablishing its moral character. He reminds us as divided as we are, we are citizens of one nation. Join us to be a part of this national conversation and learn what part you can play in the fight for the soul of America. Visit the Center for Social Ministry at centerforsocialministry.org for more information.

The St. Anthony Respect Life Ministry invites St. John's parishioners to our **Respect for Life Memorial Mass** for the Unborn on Saturday, September 25th at St. Anthony's Grotto at Noon. At this Mass we will pray for the millions of babies whose lives were lost through abortion. Feel free to bring your lawn chair. Please invite family and friends.

The Respect Life Committee would like to thank everyone who has helped with the Memorial Garden for the Unborn!



We are off to a great start on the garden! If you are able to help in the form of physical labor - especially the high school age with strong backs and need of service hours please let Chris Oberreuter 707-0444, Paul Tauke 783-2300, or Mike Mensen 669-1385 know.



If you would like to set up **Online Giving** visit our website at www.stjohnsadel.org and click Give Online or pick up a postcard in the entry! If you would like help please contact the parish office. July Online Giving was 44% of our total!

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Knight Life



The Mary Garden and Rosary path work continues. Labor Day workday is planned starting at 8 AM on Spt. 6th. We have a lot of work to do make this ready for the Bishop in October.

Parish Mission - Knights will be providing Set up and Clean up support for the Parish Mission. September 19, 20, and 21. Our duties will not start until after the mission is complete, so you and your family are encouraged to attend the Mission, then pop out and help with a little clean up and set up for next day! Sign up genius is coming soon.

The InnerVisions fall dinner is September 18th. We have purchased a table with the Waukee council. Let Mike Dayton know if you want to attend.

September Meeting is the 16th. Rosary at 6:15, Meal by Elmer at 6:30, Meeting at 7 pm.

Man-Up West, September 2021:

Meet some of our newly Ordained Priests Friday, September 10th at Noon/St. Francis of Assisi Parish, West Des Moines. Come and meet (some of) our recently ordained priests and hear their unique journeys to the priesthood. You may think you know their stories but come and learn for yourself! This event will inspire you to make an even stronger commitment to our One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. Lunch from Chick-fil-A/Fellowship/Program: High Noon, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 7075 Ashworth Rd, West Des Moines, IA 50266. Please register for this event at <https://www.iowacatholicradio.com/events>

Join us to learn about grief, discover tools for dealing with loss, and develop a new support network. **Journey Through Grief will meet the 3rd Thursday of the Month**, now through December 2021 at the Adel Public Library, 303 S 10th St., Adel. Coffee and light refreshments provided. For registration and questions contact Anne Alesch, Bereavement Counselor, at Anne.alesch@unitypoint.org or 515-782-6149. Sponsored by Unity Point Hospice and St. John's.



THE THIRD OPTION

We make marriage VOWS, not promises or wishes... A free marriage enrichment program is for all couples whether they are facing obstacles in their marriage or just trying to make a good

thing better!

The Third Option will meet **every 2nd and 4th Monday** on **"IN PERSON"** at All Saints Catholic Church on 650 NE 52nd Ave. in Des Moines, 50313. The workshop is held from 7-9 p.m. **A new session begins September 13th**; however, participants are welcome to join anytime.

If you have questions, or would like to register contact Adam Storey at astorey@dmdiocese.org or 515-237-5056. You can also contact Barb Berenguel at 515-229-0535 or barbberenguel@yahoo.com.

Faith Formation begins September 29th with an at home lesson and will begin meeting at church on Wednesday, October 6th. Fees are due at material pick up on Wed. Sept 8th from 9:30-5:30 and Thurs. Sept. 9th from 9:30-4 in the parish office. Classes meet most Wednesday's: grades K-5 from 5:30 to 6:30, 6-8 from 6:45- 7:45, HS Youth Ministry will meet 7:15-8:30 in the parish hall. Confirmation students grades 9 & 10 meet on Sunday's/schedule varies (year 1) 5-6:30 pm, (year 2) 6:30-8 pm.

"Book Buddy – Book Buddy is a 1:1 reading program that pairs each volunteer with preschoolers for regular reading. The caring adult reads aloud to the same student once or twice a week for 40 minutes. Book Buddy reaches children in the critical year before kindergarten, helping them build the pre-reading skills they need for a strong start in school. Using an engaging curriculum and library of 25 books developed in collaboration with Des Moines Public Schools, volunteers read the book and do activities to teach a specific literacy skill. This year, 100 Acre Woods Child Development Center in De Soto is participating and is in need of volunteers! If you are interested in being a Book Buddy, please visit here to sign up: https://volunteer.unitedwaydm.org/aem/general/need/?doc_id=6139&need_id=606663. Email bookbuddy@unitedwaydm.org for more information."



Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life

Take some time for you this fall by taking part in spiritual exercises compiled by St. Ignatius Loyola. The 32-week transformative journey begins in September through Emmaus House, theemmaushouse.org/spiritual-exercises for more information.

All are welcome to join us for St. John's Parish Mission! "To The Heights!" with Katie Patrizio. Come hear this fast-paced retelling of the Scripture story and discover your unique role in salvation history. Join us in our mission to refresh our minds and hearts with new insights.

Learn more about our presenter at katiepatrizio.com.

Sunday, September 19th - 5:30 Dinner & Speaker

Monday, September 20th - 6:30 Speaker & Reflection

Tuesday, September 21st - 5:30 Mass, Fellowship, Speaker & Adoration

Please pray for success of our parish mission!

Holy Spirit,

Help us to open our minds and hearts to your presence.

Increase our desire to spend more time with Jesus.

Bless this coming mission to aid us in refreshing our minds and hearts with new insights.

Bring us together as companions on our journey of faith

Setting us on fire to spread God's love in this world.

Amen.

If you are interested in serving on the Works of Mercy Team or Fellowship Committee please contact the office!

Be sure to visit our website for upcoming events! www.stjohnsadel.org

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