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death, was the proclamation of a different type of leadership, one involving sincere, sacrificial service. Jesus is other-centered; the scribes are self-centered. They were extremely religious people – they knew their faith, studied it, and followed all the rules. But they had become so focused on external performance that they had forgotten what was more important: a humble, thankful heart, like the poor widow's. Yet, this still does not explain why Jesus warns us to beware of them. In this Gospel passage, Jesus is speaking to his followers, many of whom will become religious leaders; he does not want them to follow the scribes' example. But in a larger sense, every Christian, by virtue of baptism, is called to be a leader of others, an evangelizer, a prophet of the gospel to the world in word, deed, and example. And so, every single one of us is exposed to the same temptations that led the scribes into self-righteousness.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS BY CATHY HICKS, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There are Five Essentials of Catholic life: daily prayer; Sunday Mass; regular confession; keeping the commandments; and loving your neighbor.

Daily Prayer: In prayer we lift our hearts to God, and we let Him enter our lives. If we don't pray every day, our faith weakens and our love grows cold. It makes a big difference even if you set aside two or three minutes to pray. As always, pray as a family whenever you can.

Sunday Mass: Whenever we go to Mass, the Lord speaks to us through His Holy Word; we are united with Jesus in the Sacrifice he offered on the Cross for us. We also meet Jesus in Holy Communion and receive the power of the Holy Spirit. Going to Mass is an invitation from God to share in His glory.

Regular Confession: In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Jesus forgives our sins, pours out his loving mercy upon us, and begins to heal what has gone wrong in the past and helps us make a new start in our lives.

Keeping the Commandments: God has revealed to us the way to holiness through the Commandments. He guides us in our Christian lives and in moral decisions through the teaching of the Commandments.

Love Your Neighbor: Whoever these people are, you are called to love them, respect them, support them, and to pray for them (even our enemies) because all people deserve to be loved and we will not pretend they don't even exist.

May God always be at your side and forever hold you in the palm of His hand.

Altar and Rosary Society by Jodi Bassett, President

Finally, the election has passed and we can get back to our regular lives, and regular television and radio ads. During the past few months, many topics relevant to the election were discussed in homes, schools, over coffee in small town cafés, and in the media. One topic is how much money gets spent for campaign ads, especially for negative ads. Certainly, local races involve less spending than races for federal offices, but the amounts must still be over the top. Candidates have to advertise so voters know who they are and what they stand for, but it would be nice to see the candidates limit their spending.

Both this week's first reading and Gospel bring to light stories of the poorest of the poor. In the first reading from the Book of Kings, a widow was preparing to make the final meal for her son and herself, as she had reached the end of her resources. She knew that they would soon starve to death. Elijah approached and asked her to feed him first and then she could make the bread as she had planned. In her faith, she did as Elijah asked, and they were able to eat for a year.

In Mark's Gospel Jesus advises the crowd to beware of scribes who flaunt their wealth and promote themselves at the expense of others. In contrast, He shared with the disciples how the widow put into the treasury two small coins, which was all she had.

Scribes and candidates spend lots of money for power and influence. Perhaps if they spent less on promoting themselves, they and their donors would be better able to contribute to the truly needy. Perhaps if we saw their hearts as more charitable, we would be more likely to vote for them.

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Bulletin Deadline:

Noon Wednesday

**All Saints Mass Schedule**

Tuesday: 6pm

Thursday: 9am (Care Center)

Friday: 8:30am

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 10am

St. John Mass Schedule

Wednesday: 8:30am

Sunday: 8am

Father Tony's Corner

There are two ways of being generous: the way of the scribes, and the way of the widow. The scribes were the experts in interpreting the Law of Moses, and the Law of Moses was the core of Jewish culture. And so the people of ancient Israel respected and revered the scribes. But Jesus was unhappy with them. Without a doubt, they worked long, hard hours; they were always busy with worthy projects. But, unfortunately, their natural intellectual gifts and elevated social function had gone to their heads. Instead of exercising their leadership as a service to the nation and to their neighbors, they were flaunting it to stoke their vanity, increase their comfort, and enhance their reputation. The higher they climbed, the more they looked down on everyone else. They considered themselves superior because they gave more time, talent, and treasure to the Temple than anyone else. But this was a one-dimensional view of generosity. The scribes were forgetting that all those external things were actually gifts God had given them in the first place. What God truly wants from us is something more, something deeper: he wants our love; he wants us to trust in him. This is what the poor widow gave to him. She did not just share some of her abundance; she handed over to God all of her wealth, saying to him: 'Lord, you are my good shepherd, and I will follow wherever you lead'. That was a prayer the scribes never prayed. They considered that they were doing God a favor by serving him; the widow understood that God was the one doing the favors. That is the kind of generosity God wants to see flourish in each one of us: the generosity by which we give to God not just our stuff, but our heart. Unless we gradually transform our self-centered, scribe-like tendencies into a Christ-centered, humble generosity like that of the widow, we will never be able to attain true Christian wisdom or experience true Christian joy. We can do two things to foster this transformation. First, we can ask God, every day, to purify our hearts, because without his grace we can do nothing. Second, we can practice. True, life-transforming virtue can only be developed by conscious effort. It does not come from pills or feelings; it comes from exercise. Virtues, in this sense, are like muscles: the more we use them, the stronger they get. And the best place to exercise heart-felt, selfless generosity is at home. In fact, family life is designed by God to be a gymnasium for all Christian virtues. It is easy to put on the appearance of generosity, like the scribes, when we are interacting with people outside our family circle, because they only see us every once in a while. At home, our family members see us all the time, and so they know the good, the bad, and the ugly. And so, finding creative ways to serve our family members is a sure path to purify our hearts of selfish motives; they simply would not be impressed with our efforts - they know us too well. Christ's entire life, and especially his

*(continued on the back page)***Sacraments:**

Reconciliation:
3:30pm Saturday in Stuart;
7:30am Sunday in Adair;

or by Appointment
Anointing of the Sick:
Call Fr. Tony before/after
hospitalization

Baptism: Call the office
during pregnancy for
preparation class

Marriage: Call the office at
least nine months to one
year ahead to plan marriage
preparation. Wedding Date
should not be set until pre-
parations have begun

Annulment/

Marriage Validation:
Call Fr. Tony to learn more
about this process with
Diocesan Tribunal if you are
divorced and remarried or
never married in the
Catholic Church.

RCIA: Call Fr. Tony if you are
interested in learning more
about the Catholic Church
or the RCIA process.

Membership/Registration:
If you are new, welcome to
our parish. Please register
by calling the office. If you
are moving away, please
contact the office to notify
us before moving.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Priest's Residence Updating:** We are in the process of updating our pastor's residence, since it is the responsibility of the parish to maintain and upkeep the residence. Your kind and generous financial support is essential for this much needed project. Your contributions are tax deductible, and all the appliances and furniture bought with your financial contribution will remain at the residence. If you are willing to support this much needed project, *Kindly, make your generous contribution to All Saints Catholic Church, and mark on the memo (residence updating).* Thank you so much for your love and support of your pastor. We are really blessed by your love, kindness, and generosity. *Contributions to date: \$ 6,085.*
- **St. John Harvest Mass in Adair:** Our Faith Formation kids are very excited for the November 18th Harvest Mass. Traditionally the kids walk up with the congregation with non-perishable food and participate in the Mass. Again this year we will have a fundraiser in the hall after Mass with bracelets, necklaces, hot chocolate, treats and St. John church t-shirts. All proceeds will go to the Adair and Casey food pantries. Please help us with this effort by bringing a non-perishable item before Mass and "shopping" at the fundraiser afterward. This has been such a fun and rewarding experience for our Faith Formation kids!
- **THANK YOU!!** The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all those who provided baked goods and helped serve at the chicken dinner on October 28th. We are blessed to have such wonderful bakers and generous parishioners. This years chicken dinner was a big success and we couldn't have done it without the help of everyone. Thanks again and we look forward to next years dinner.
- **Knights of Columbus:** Meetings are held the second Sunday of each month at 6pm in the church hall. The next meeting date is November 11th. All men of the parish are encouraged to attend.
- **Knights of Columbus Soup Supper:** The Knights will be hosting a soup supper on Saturday, November 17th after 4:30 mass. A variety of soups will be offered. Free will donation with all proceeds benefiting the local LC Clinic in Stuart.
- **Volunteers Needed:** Catholic Charities Food Pantry needs volunteers to pick up and transport donated food supplies. Three volunteers are needed on Friday of each week. We need a person or persons to pick up at Jordan Creek Hy-Vee. This is a large donation and a pickup truck would be needed. The second volunteer is needed to pick up from Panera Bread on 86th and Hickman. Please respond to Leslie Van Der Molen at LVanDerMolen@catholiccharitiesdm.org.
- **St. Patrick's Parish Center Feather Party in Audubon:** Join us on Sunday, November 11th at 4:30 for Soups, Sandwiches, Bars with Bingo beginning at 5:30. Adults are \$15.00, includes 2 bingo cards & meal; children under 7 are \$10.00, includes 1 bingo card & meal. Enter to win a turkey or ham for the holidays!

MIRACLES: PUBLISHED BY CATHOLIC ANSWERS

“Why should I pray for a miracle if God is unchangeable and has eternally determined what will happen?”

It is true that our prayer requests, including those for miracles cannot change God's mind. So then, what is the point of praying for a miracle if the Lord won't change? Perhaps we can shed some light on the dilemma, by understanding God's providence, involves not only willing certain effects to take place, but also the causes from which those effects will be brought about - God wills a pattern of cause/effect relationships. The eternal decree that determines which causes will bring about which effects, includes human acts. In the words of Aquinas, “[They] achieve certain effects according to the order of the divine disposition.” Consider an example. God decreed from all eternity that I would have a fried egg for breakfast one morning. However, this eternal decree also involved the egg being produced in the usual way - my wife cracking it and cooking it in a pan over a hot stove top. My wife's actions did not change God's eternal plan, but were willed by God to be a part of the cause-effect pattern. The same is true with prayer. Prayer is simply one human action, among many, that God wills

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to be a cause of certain effects of his divine plan. Prayer doesn't change God's mind, but requests from him that what he has willed from eternity, to be granted by our prayer. In other words, it is possible that God wills some events to occur, only as a result of our prayer. For example, God may have eternally decreed to heal the cancer of a loved one, but only on condition that persistent requests for a miracle are made. Whether we know if the effect is conditioned by the request or not, doesn't matter. The point is, it's possible, and some events will occur only as a result of prayer, because that is the specific way God has arranged it. God created the world in a way that our actions, including prayer, serve as real game-changers. The bottom line is this: there is nothing in the act of prayer that is incompatible with God's changeless and eternal decree. Our petitions, including those for the miraculous, are arranged by God to be part and parcel of his divine plan - a great honor God bestows upon human beings.

CALENDAR WITH MASS TIMES, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, SPECIALS

Sunday 11/11	Monday 11/12	Tuesday 11/13	Wednesday 11/14	Thursday 11/15	Friday 11/16	Saturday 11/17
Adair 7:30am Adoration, Confession, Rosary 8am Mass for Betty Dill	BD: Karsen Kautzky, Stacy Richter	Stuart 6pm Mass for Paul Heins	Adair 8:30am Mass for Mable Richter BD: Zander Dole, Roger Vais, Nichole Huitt & Lisa Poffenberger	9am Mass (Stuart Care Cen- ter) for James Witkowski BD: Kathy Fitzger- ald, Judd Schaffer, Norbert Tigges & Eric Weber	Stuart 8:30am Mass for Paul Heins ANN: Jerry & Lori Kuttler 1985	Stuart 3:30pm Confessions 4:05 Rosary 4:30pm Mass for Bill Sherman BD: Mary Klemish
Stuart 9am Adoration 9am Choir Practice 10am Mass for The People BD: Kari Tisl						

All Saints Financial Partnership

November 4, 2018

Weekly Offering: \$ 1865.00

Children's Offering: \$ 7.00

Building Fund: \$ 523.00

St John Financial Partnership

November 4, 2018

Weekly Offering: \$ 601.00

Children's Offering: \$ 24.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All Saints

Saturday, November 17

Rosary: Frank Holle

Ushers: Wayne & Jan Gilman

Altar Server: Zoey Dickson, Mitchell

Dickson & Bailey Dickson

Lector: Bob Bird

Commentator: Roni Wilson

Greeters: Wayne & Jan Gilman

EMHC: Dan Hilgers, Maria Ladwig &

Donna Donnelly

All Saints

Sunday, November 18

Ushers: Patrick & John Gulbranson

Altar Servers: Larissa Crawford, Caleb

Smith & Jenna Doyle

Lector: Harriet Gulbranson

Commentator: Gary Riordan

Greeters: Brendan, Calab & Terri

EMHC: Harriet Gulbranson, Joyce Van

Pelt & Jill Gerling

St. John

Sunday, November 18

Cross Bearer: Faith Formation

Greeters: Faith Formation

Lector: Faith Formation

Host: Adella Vogl

Cup: Les Elgin & Dave Richter

Altar Servers: Addy Richter & Bailey

Lillard

Traveling Chalice: Les & Theresa Elgin

Money Counters

Tuesday, November 13th @ 1pm: Eric Tiernan, Gina James & Donna Donnelly

Sunday, November 18th after Mass: Mark Poffenberger, Donna Olson & Gina Ocheltree