

Father Tony's Corner *(continued from front page)*
 that will help us do that, that will help us keep in mind the eternal life in Christ that is waiting for us if we stay faithful to him? It could be something simple: like inviting a friend or family member who has forgotten about Christ's victory to come to Mass on Sundays and then inviting them over for brunch or lunch like watching a classic movie together as a family each Sunday between now and Pentecost – or having a special outing or get-together with friends, or taking some time each evening to re-read some of your favorite books, the ones that stir up joy in your soul. If we ask the Holy Spirit to give us some ideas, he would not be stingy. He just needs us to decide to let Easter make a difference in our lives, and to let it change the pattern of our lives. Our souls need that as much as they needed the time of penance and contrition that we lived during Lent. The Church is a wise mother in giving us six weeks of Lent and eight weeks of Easter. Today, as we receive the Risen Lord in the Holy Eucharist, let us promise him that we will find a way to experience the power and presence of the Risen Christ in our lives. Let us promise that we will profess our faith in the Risen One in the manner of the dedicated and faithful women disciples of Jesus. Let us come out of our closed doors to encounter the Crucified and Risen Lord, and allow ourselves to be transformed by Him.

Faith Formation Coordinator, Jill Gerling

CATHOLIC JEWELRY SALES

Available now through April 28



All proceeds help to send our Faith Formation Youth to the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC), as well as, other items needed for the youth program.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All Saints <u>Saturday, April 27</u> Rosary: Frank Holle Ushers: Dennis Donnelly & Dave Boss Altar Server: Jodi Bassett & Zander Dole Lector: Mark Tisl Commentator: Sharon Doud Greeters: Dennis & Donna Donnelly EMHC: Donna Donnelly, Mark & Kari Tisl	All Saints <u>Sunday, April 28</u> Ushers: Wayne Nosbisch & Pat Beaman Altar Servers: Aiden Clauson, Jackson & Jenna Doyle Lector: Gary Riordan Commentator: Wayne Nosbisch Greeters: Pat & Jo Beaman EMHC: Jo Beaman, Matt Smith & Amy Doud	St. John <u>Sunday, April 28</u> Cross Bearer: Francis Hollinrake Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Darrin Plowman Lector: Theresa Elgin Host: Sister Nesta Cup: Adela Vogl & Les Elgin Altar Servers: Luke Brincks & Belle Fagan Traveling Chalice: Cleon & Kay Klemish
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MONEY COUNTERS

Tuesday, April 23 @ 9am: Diane Messinger, Dennis Van Pelt & Dave Vigon

Tuesday, April 30 @ 9am: Donna Olson & Gina Ocheltree

All Saints Financial Partnership April 14, 2019 Weekly Offering: \$ 2,240.00 Children's Offering: \$ 24.75 Addtl Building Fund: \$ 415.00	St. John Financial Partnership April 14, 2019 Weekly Offering: \$ 690.00 Children's Offering: \$ 14.00
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Office Hours

Tuesday: 8:30am - 3pm
 Wednesday: 8:30am - 3pm
 Thursday: 8:30am - 3pm

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



Happy Easter to my parish family! The Gospel narratives at Easter seem to focus on the stone rolled away from the tomb, the buried body of Jesus missing from the tomb, and the angels who encounter the dedicated and faithful women disciples of Jesus asking 'Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised'. Three days ago, on the evening of Good Friday, apparent failure loomed large. Not only was the Lord dead and buried, but the Apostles were holed up in a locked room, fearing for their lives. Where were all the miracles now? What did the Master's beautiful words mean now? It seemed like God had abandoned their cause, exposed it for a naïve dream. But now Easter Sunday has dawned - and with it, the irreversible victory of the Resurrection. The tomb is empty. The stone is overturned. The shadow of the cross is dispelled by the bright morning light of a new creation. Christ's apparent failure has blossomed into victory, just like the seed that disappears under the ground only to rise up again in fresh, new growth. That is the basic pattern of Christian life, for the Church, for Christian communities, for individuals: apparent failures blossoming into victories; Good Fridays turning into Easter Sundays. As we follow Christ, he leads us up to the hill of Calvary, where we die to ourselves in the painful surrender to God's will - our own Good Fridays. But that death in fact gives God's grace room to work in our lives so that we sprout new shoots of wisdom, virtue, and happiness - our own Easter Sundays. Christian life is an infinite number of variations on this one theme, revealed to us by God in Christ: Good Friday - Easter Sunday; Good Friday - Easter Sunday; Good Friday - Easter Sunday. Now we know exactly what is coming. When we expect one without the other, it means we have not learned the fundamental lesson of the gospel. When, on the other hand, we accept and adapt to that rhythm of Christian life, we finally begin to speed forward along the road to wisdom, holiness, and lasting fulfillment. Today we should relish this joy of Easter, thanking God for letting us share in this victory, for giving us this hope. But let us not stop there. Let us not just enjoy Easter, let it change our lives. Christ's resurrection is not just a nice idea; it is the power of eternal life at work in us. Why not do something for the eight weeks of the Easter season to plug into that power? Almost every one of us made an effort to live Lent in a special way. Most likely we gave something up for Lent. That was a very practical way of welcoming the special graces that God intended to fill us with during the season of Lent. So, if we gave something up as a way to help us live the penitential season of Lent, why not take something up as a way to help us live the joyful season of Easter? Why don't we make an Easter resolution

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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 preparations 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

- **Annual Diocesan Appeal 2019:** Each year, every member of our diocesan faith community is asked to participate in making a gift to support the work and ministry of Bishop Pates through the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Each of the 81 parishes in the Diocese of Des Moines has a goal that is calculated based on a formula of parish income and expenses. One of the largest expenses covered by the Diocesan Appeal is support of our priests. The Diocese pays 100% of the priests health care. The Appeal also covers the priest's retirement benefits, an expense which is not absorbed by our parish. The Diocese currently supports 112 priests; 37 of those priests are retired, and 75 are active. The Appeal also covers the formation of our deacons, and education of our 21 seminarians as they study in their last years of Seminary. The ADA also covers administrative expenses for the staff of the Diocese who are dedicated to serving our parish in many ways. Bishop Pates' ministry, including housing, travel throughout the Diocese for meetings, special masses, and confirmations are all supported by the ADA. Last, but not least, a portion of our ADA dollars supports Catholic Charities in feeding and clothing those in need; providing shelter for homeless families; assisting victims of domestic violence; counseling thousands of individuals, and welcoming refugees who have fled their native lands as they settle in Iowa.

I want to thank everyone who has already participated in the 2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal, and provide a friendly reminder to those who are still thinking about responding. Your participation is very valuable to All Saints and St. John Catholic Church. We are looking forward to your support, and sacrificial generosity to share a little of our God-given blessing to spread His kingdom and mission.

All Saints, Stuart, Parish ADA Goal = \$30,035 Gifts Received: \$ 13,530.00
 St. John, Adair, ADA Goal = \$7,257 Gifts Received: \$3,245.00

- **All Saints Catholic Church Maintenance and Repair Projects:** All Saints Catholic Church has decided to take up three maintenance projects costing around \$ 54,841 dollars. As a matter of fact, all these projects are long overdue. The success of the campaign for these projects will depend upon your commitment in prayer, involvement and sacrifice of God given treasure. Our success will not come from a small group of parishioners, but rather from the participation of 100% of the parish family. I want to thank everyone who has already donated to these projects, and we are looking forward to the support, and sacrificial generosity of others so that in the spirit of the sacrifice and generosity of our founding members, we can answer our challenge today .

Gifts received - \$ 4,350.00 Parishioners Donated: 8

- **Thank you from Fr. Tony:** I want to thank the Staff, Altar and Rosary Society, Knights of Columbus, and all the others for making my birthday (April 12th) special with the receptions after the Mass, cards, and gifts. Words are inadequate to express my gratitude and appreciation to the many gestures of your love, friendship, thoughtfulness, and graciousness. I am really and truly blessed, and honored to be part of your life and family through my priesthood and ministry. Please be assured that you are always in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless you, your family, and your loved ones with His abundant blessings at Easter.
- **Thank you from St. John Fish Fry Team:** The people of St. John's Fishy Fry Team would like to extended a sincere thank you to the confirmation students who helped at the fish fry meals. The gift of your time was greatly appreciated by everyone. You all did a wonderful job!
- **Thank You to the Easter Flower Fund Raiser Team at St. John:** We want to thank Monica Fagan, Stacy Richter, Erin Carney, and Amber Steensen who worked hard to sell 123 Easter flowers this year, and to their credit, they have added \$ 1,158.79 dollars to the building fund. We thank everyone who bought the flowers. Without their cooperation, it would have been impossible to accomplish what we did. Everyone's sacrifice, and hard work is really appreciated as you make a difference in our parish family. Thank you for being a blessing to all of us.
- **Altar & Rosary Society Meeting, All Saints:** The Altar and Rosary Society will have a meeting after mass on Saturday, April 27th and Sunday, April 28th. Please contact Jodi Bassett at jodibdc@coonvalleytelco.com if you have questions. Thank you.

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- **Thank You to Shadow Stations of the Cross Team!** We want to thank Jill Gerling, the 7th and 8th graders, and all the others who had a role in the Shadow Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, April 17th. Thank you for inspiring and enabling us to enter in to the Easter Triduum with a profound experience of the Crucifixion of the Lord. In a special way, we want to thank the parents for bringing the children, and enabling them to have an experience as well. Everyone's partnership, and sacrifice is appreciated by your parish family, and together we grow spiritually as a wonderful parish family. Thanks again. Fr. Tony

HAPPY AND BLESSED EASTER

Father Antony Mathew and the staff wish each and every member of our parish family a Happy and Blessed Easter. May the Risen Lord enable us to enjoy the gift of new life today and every day of our life. And may He make us His instruments of new life to our families, to our communities and to our world at large.

It is also an appropriate time to recognize the contributions of those who make our parish family a unique one; and our celebration of the Holy Eucharist a profound experience for those who gather to worship and praise God week after week. I want to thank all those who devote so much of their time, energy and life for the parish family day after day, and thereby bringing immeasurable blessings to all of us. Thanks to our wonderful pastoral team: Rev. Antony Mathew, Tammy Doud, Jill Gerling, Barb Boss, and Christina Boss for their commitment, sacrifice, and selfless giving to our parish family. We appreciate and express our gratitude to the pastoral council; the finance council at All Saints and St. John; the religious formation team at All Saints and St. John (special thanks to Annie Brincks (coordinator at St. John; catechists/substitutes, catechist aids/Scripture study groups); Liturgy Ministry Team (special thanks to Joyce Van Pelt, and Les Elgin, sacristans, extra-ordinary ministers of the Holy Eucharist, lectors, greeters, ushers, altar servers, and art and environment team); Music Ministry Team (cantors, organist/pianists/choir); the Social Ministry Team (parish social gathering ministry, bereavement ministry, Altar and Rosary Society; Knights of Columbus; St. John's Men Club; maintenance ministry at All Saints and St. John; money counters at All Saints and St. John, and all the others who have a role in making a difference in our parish family. My heart is filled with joy and gratitude to Almighty God, who continually blesses us with His abundant blessings, and to all our parishioners for blessing us with their unwavering dedication, commitment, support, sacrifice, and financial generosity. Happy Easter and, again, thank you. Fr. Tony

Calendar with Mass Times, Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday 4/21	Monday 4/22	Tuesday 4/23	Wednesday 4/24	Thursday 4/25	Friday 4/26	Saturday 4/27
Adair 7:30am Adoration, Confession, Rosary 8am Mass for Gail Chancellor (health) 4/28 Mass for Angela Faga (health) Stuart 9am Choir Practice 10am Mass for deceased members of the Bird Family	BD: Blaize Dorsey	Stuart 6pm Mass for Francis Hollinrake (health) BD: Rick Rilea, Gary Lincoln, Caroline Doud & Matt Gerling	Adair 8:30am Mass for Genevieve De Souza (health) BD: Cathy Callahan, Nate Gerling & Dylan Tigges	Stuart 9am Mass (Stuart Care Center) for Elizabeth Dillard (health) BD: Harlow Witte	Stuart 8:30am Mass for deceased members of the Tigges & Gladfelder families BD: Kenneth Ludwig	Stuart 3:30pm Confessions 4:05pm Rosary 4:30pm Mass for the People BD: Kenneth Craig & Marty Doud ANN: Brett & Stephanie Dorsey 2002