

Father Tony's Corner *(continued from front page)*

message of Divine Mercy is entrusted to the Apostles in the Upper Room: 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you. ... Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained' (Jn 20. 21-23). The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us — all of us. Through the passion and death of Jesus, an infinite ocean of mercy was made available for all of us. But God will not force anything on us, not even His mercy. We must turn from our sinfulness and ask for mercy: "Ask and it will be given to you ... for everyone who asks receives" (Mt 7:7, 8). The gospel seems to have a strange focus today. Saint John, the evangelist keeps emphasizing Christ's wounds in the gospel. As soon as Jesus walks into the room where the disciples were, he shows them his hands and his side. He shows them the wounds of his crucifixion. Unfortunately, the apostle Thomas is not with them at the moment. He returns later, and the other disciples are excited to share with him 'We have seen the Lord'! But he replies: 'I will not believe it until I see and touch the wounds'. He does see and touch the wounds, and that leads him to exclaim "My Lord and my God"! Saint John wants to remind us that God so loved the world that he gave us his only son. Jesus died for you and for me. Jesus has saved us. And his wounds are his identity card. They shout out to us that God's mercy is more powerful than death. All this is tied in with the special feast of the day - Divine Mercy Sunday. Mercy is when God's love meets our brokenness. We all need God's mercy. And we all need to see God's mercy. As Pope Francis, paraphrase "The name of God is mercy." And the wounds of Christ, visible for all eternity, are the vivid reminder of God's mercy. It is not enough to know abstractly that the name of God is mercy. We need to see it. We need to be reminded of it. So we can say that the mercy of God comes to us through Christ's wounds. *Ask for His Mercy* -God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world. *Be merciful* - God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us. *Complete trust in Jesus* - God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive. Today, let us recognize the need of mercy, and open our hearts to the Lord so that he can fill us with his gift of mercy.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All Saints	All Saints	St. John
Saturday, May 4	Sunday, May 5	Sunday, May 5
Rosary: Frank Holle	Ushers: Jason Tigges & Tom Doud	Cross Bearer: Cole Plowman
Ushers: Matt & Jen Dickson	Altar Servers: Camryn Tigges, lean Hoffman & Nora Hoffman	Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Mike Rees
Altar Server: Bailey & Zoey Dickson	Lector: Amy Doud	Lector: Brian Richter
Lector: Roni Wilson	Commentator: Wayne Nosbisch	Host: Dave Richter
Commentator: Donna Donnelly	Greeters: Jason & Jennifer Tigges	Cup: Elizabeth Moreland & Matt Fagan
Greeters: Matt & Jen Dickson	EMHC: Joyce Van Pelt, Dave Tisl & Larissa Crawford	Altar Servers: Addy Richter & Carley Fagan
EMHC: Jodi Bassett, Maria Ladwig & Brenda Wedemeyer		Traveling Chalice: Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

MONEY COUNTERS

Tuesday, April 30 @ 9am: Donna Olson & Gina Ocheltree
Tuesday, May 7 @ 1pm: Janet Bassett, Mary Morgan & Pat Hohn

All Saints Financial Partnership	St. John Financial Partnership
April 21, 2019	April 21, 2019
Weekly Offering: \$ 2,823.00	Weekly Offering: \$ 1,227.00
Children's Offering: \$ 20.28	Children's Offering: \$ 21.00
Holy Thursday: \$ 139.00	Holy Thursday: \$ 43.00
Good Friday: \$ 171.00	Good Friday: \$133.30

Staff

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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

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When Pope Saint John Paul 11 canonized Sister Faustina (making her Saint Faustina), he surprised the entire world by establishing Divine Mercy Sunday (the feast day associated with the message) as a feast day for the entire Church. The feast day falls on the Second Sunday of the Easter season. There are two Hebrew words in the Old Testament for mercy. The first word *hesed*, which means "steadfast love, covenant love." Someone who has the attribute of *hesed* is someone you can always count on, someone who never lets you down. The second Hebrew word is *rachamim*: tender, compassionate love, a love that springs from pity. It comes from a root word *rechem*, which means a mother's womb. Thus, there is a special intimacy and responsiveness about this kind of love, and a special concern for the sufferings of others. Someone who has *rachamim* is someone who feels for your plight and is moved with compassion to help you. *Rachamim* is often used in conjunction with *hesed*. *Hesed* is a masculine form of love (steadfast, dependable, righteous, being true to oneself and to one's promises), while *rachamim* is more feminine (tender, responsive, compassionate, like a mother responding in love to the sufferings of her child). In the New Testament, the Greek word *eleos* is used for mercy. It can be translated as loving kindness or tender compassion. The Greek word comes from a root word meaning oil that is poured out. Thus, when the Church sings in her liturgy the Greek words *Kyrie Eleison* and *Christie Eleison*, she is praying that the merciful love of God will be poured out upon her children, like holy oil from above. According to the ancient Fathers of the Church, the Church herself was born from the wounded side of Christ, when out of His heart there poured out blood and water, symbolic of all the graces of the two chief Sacraments, Baptism and the Eucharist (Jn 19:34). In short, *eleos* is God's love poured out upon His people. In the Latin tradition, the principal word for mercy is *miser cordia*, which literally means "miserable heart." *Miser cordia* means "having a pain in your heart for the pains of others, and taking pains to do something about their pain." The most comprehensive statement on the meaning of Divine Mercy can be found in Saint John Paul Second's encyclical letter *Dives in Misericordia* (*Rich in Mercy*). In that encyclical, the Holy Father made two very important statements about mercy. First, he wrote, 'Mercy is love's second name'. Secondly, he taught that mercy is 'the greatest attribute of God'. The image of The Divine Mercy which is venerated today represents the Risen Christ bringing mercy to the world. Jesus shows His hands and His side to the Apostles. He points to the wounds of the Passion, especially the wound in His Heart, the source from which flows the great wave of mercy poured out on humanity. The great

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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
St. John, Adair, ADA Goal = \$7,257

Gifts Received: \$ 14,530.00
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 - \$ 5,350.00 Parishioners Donated: 9

- **Air-conditioning of St. John Parish Hall:** We have decided to fulfill a long cherished dream of our parishioners of having an air conditioning system installed at St. John Parish Hall at a cost of \$ 6050 dollars. The success of the campaign for this project 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 this project, 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: \$ 1,635.00 Parishioners Donated: 8

- **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.
- **Wedding Anniversary Celebration:** Please join us in celebrating Norbert and Phyllis Tigges 70 years of marriage at All Saints Parish Hall, Sunday, May 5th from 2-4pm.
- **Knights of Columbus meeting notice:** The Knights of Columbus will not meet in the month of May. The next meeting will be Sunday, June 2nd at 5:30pm.

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- **Pastor Away from the Office:** Father Antony Mathew will be away from the parish office from Tuesday, May 7th through Thursday, June 6th on vacation spending time with his family in India.
- **NO DAILY MASS:** There will not be a daily Mass from Tuesday, May 7th through Friday June 7th.
- **Substitute Priest :** Rev. Lawrence R. Hoffmann, a retired priest of the Diocese of Des Moines, will cover the weekend Masses at All Saints and St. John during Fr. Tony's absence.
- **Funeral/emergency while Fr. Tony gone:** Call Rev. Lawrence R. Hoffmann (515-343-6040), and see whether he will be available for a funeral. If someone is in the hospital, the family needs to contact the hospital chaplain there; Rev. James Ahenkora (641-745-7362), pastor of St. John Catholic Church, Greenfield may be able to help in the event of an emergency.
- **Ragbrai Fund Raiser!:** Ragbrai will pass through Adair and Stuart on Monday, July 22, 2019. We believe that it is a golden opportunity for our parishes to raise money by serving simple items to the Ragbrai riders. If you would like to assist us, please contact (Erin Carney at St. John,) or (Tammy Doud at All Saints; allsaintsoffice@gmail.com or 523-1943). We are looking forward to taking advantage of this wonderful, and rare, opportunity.
- **St. John Bible Study:** For those who have committed to "Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom" we will plan on starting Thursday May 30th at 6pm in the parish hall. The cost is \$29/book per person; couples could share if they wanted. The DVD set has been donated, I'll be ordering soon, 1 book per person, so please make sure to confirm your participation if you haven't already. There are 20 total sessions. We are so excited to start back up! Please contact Annie 402-216-9488 or email annie68164@hotmail.com if you have any questions. Thank you!

Faith Formation Coordinator, Jill Gerling



Congratulations to our First Communicants: Carly Dickson, Tai Roirdan, Carson Tigges and Gage Trichel. As they receive their first Holy Communion, Sunday, April 28th, we pray they will forever be blessed and continue to trust in God and grow in His grace.

Special thanks to Brenda Wedemeyer and Ann Vigon for preparing our first communicants to receive the most holy sacrament of our Lord. We pray that the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be upon them now and forever.

Calendar with Mass Times, Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday 4/28	Monday 4/29	Tuesday 4/30	Wednesday 5/1	Thursday 5/2	Friday 5/3	Saturday 5/4
Adair		Stuart	Adair	Stuart	Stuart	Stuart
7:30am Adoration, Confession, Rosary		6pm Mass for Deceased members of the Bird Family	8:30am Mass for Tiago De Souza (health)	9am Mass (Stuart Care Center)	8:30am Mass for	3:30pm Confessions
8am Mass for Angela Faga (health)		BD: Kahl Schneider	BD: Doug Jirak & Julie Plowman	BD: Jayne Whetstone	BD: Mitchell Doud, Josi Ocheltree & Madeline Lewis	4:05pm Rosary
5/5 Mass for Jeanette Wittrock						4:30pm Mass for the People
						BD: Wayne Gilman, Emily O'Brien & Paul Gettler
Stuart						
9am Choir Practice						
10am Mass for Deceased members of the Bird Family						
BD: Mary Doud & Lori Kuttler						