

Father Tony's Corner *(continued from front page)*
 and forget about the present. But the present is the only time we can really love. It is vital to form the habit of asking the Holy Spirit to show us where he is asking us to love right now. One specific way to do that is doing ordinary things with extraordinary love. Prayer has a unique power. It may seem ordinary, but when we pray with love, its effectiveness is extraordinary. So this week, let us set aside 15 minutes to pray for someone else. We could pray a rosary for that person. We could go to daily Mass and offer it for that person. We could make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament for that person. But whatever it is, stick to it. And then let that person know that we have been praying for the person. In the Holy Eucharist, we see how practical Christ's love for us is. He laid down his life for us in an outpouring of love, and he gives us the strength to follow his example. Let us beg Jesus, really present in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, to set our hearts on fire with love, and to give us the strength to love others as he has loved us: to the end.

All Saints Faith Formation Coordinator, Jill Gerling

ATTENTION YOUTH in grades 9 - 12 fall of 2019: Deadline Monday, May 20, 2019



The National Catholic Youth Conference is this November 21-23, 2019 in Indianapolis. Those thinking about attending, or wanting to attend, please contact Jill by May 20th.

To learn more check out <http://www.ncyc.info/>

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All Saints	All Saints	St. John
<u>Saturday, May 25</u>	<u>Sunday, May 26</u>	<u>Sunday, May 26</u>
Rosary: Frank Holle	Ushers: Patrick & John Gulbranson	Cross Bearer: Dave Richter
Ushers: Wayne & Jan Gilman	Altar Servers: Nate & Gabe Gerling & Damerica Smith	Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Paul Gettler
Altar Servers: Bailey & Zoey Dickson	Lector: Gary Riordan	Lector: Barb Bachman
Lector: Bob Bird	Commentator: Daisy Nevins	Host: Matt Fagan
Commentator: Sharon Doud	Greeters: Jill Gerling & Family	Cup: Dave Richter & Sister Andre
Greeters: Wayne & Jan Gilman	EMHC: Harriet Gulbranson, Jill Gerling & Linda Lee O'Neal	Altar Servers: Belle Fagan & Cole Plowman
EMHC: Sister Andre, Maria Ladwig & Jodi Bassett		Traveling Chalice: John & Kathy Fagan

MONEY COUNTERS

Tuesday, May 21st @1pm: Donna Olson & Gina Ocheltree

Monday, May 28th @ 9am: Diane Messinger, Dennis Van Pelt & Dave Vigon

All Saints Financial Partnership	St. John Financial Partnership
May 12, 2019	May 12, 2019
Weekly Offering: \$ 1,719.00	Weekly Offering: \$ 360.00
Children's Offering: \$ 9.00	Children's Offering: \$ 14.00

Mission Statement

"Rejoicing with gratitude in God's blessings, we invite and welcome all to share in the fullness of the Catholic faith. We live our baptismal call through worship, teaching, and serving one another."

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

Father Tony's Corner



Today, we are reminded of the New Commandment that Christ gave us the day before he suffered. We are brought back to that Last Supper, when Jesus was gathered with his closest companions and opened his heart to them. It was the night when his heart overflowed with love as it never had before. It was the night when he revealed the secret identity of every Christian, and the distinguishing mark: 'I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another'.

Being a Christian is much more than being a member of a club. Being a Christian means having an urgent, important mission in life. It means being another Christ in the world. Jesus gave his very life in order to fulfill his Father's will and win salvation for sinners. Each one of us is called to reproduce in the unique circumstances of our lives that exact same pattern: dedicating our lives to discovering and fulfilling God's will, and striving to help as many people as possible know, love, and follow Christ. Sometimes we think this New Commandment is only for people who are already saints. It is not. It is the path to sanctity. Sometimes we think this commandment is too difficult to be realistic. But if it were, Christ would not have issued it. We need to make a decision. We need to decide once and for all that following Christ, striving to live as he would live if he were in our shoes, is going to be our highest priority. He can help us, teach us, strengthen us, pick us up when we fall down, and inspire us when we get discouraged - he can do all of that for us, especially through the sacraments. But there is one thing that even God cannot do for us: he cannot choose our highest priority in life, only we can do that - with the help of his grace, moving our freedom from within. Let us choose Christ; let us make the decision, once and for all. The suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus brought us back to God. It made it possible for us to receive God's love and to love him in return in a new way. So after laying this foundation, Jesus tells his friends that he will only be with them a little longer. He is saying that when they have received the power of the Holy Spirit they will be able to go out and practice what they have seen him do. Love is meant to be our name tag as Christians. It is not just a love of good feelings. It is a love that brings us to lay down our lives for others, just as Jesus laid down his life for us. This is our great power; this is our great privilege. God has come to earth and told us what will fulfill us. He has come to earth and told us what he is hoping for from us. How does our love become practical? Our love becomes practical by doing the little things with extraordinary love. Saint Teresa of Avila said that the devil wants to get us to focus on the past and on the future, *(continued on 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 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: \$ 17,305.00
St. John, Adair, ADA Goal = \$7,257 Gifts Received: \$3,545.00

- 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 - \$ 5,475.00 Parishioners Donated: 11

- 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: \$ 1,735.00 Parishioners Donated: 9

- 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.

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- Garage Sale:** The Altar & Rosary Society needs more items and grocery sacks for the White Pole Road garage sale. Drop them off when the church is open (T-Th 8:30am to 3:00pm) in the NW classroom. We will start setting up Tuesday, May 21st at 9 am. Volunteers are needed to make this a successful sale so please sign up in the gathering space.
- 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 can share if they like. There are 20 total sessions. Please contact Annie 402-216-9488 or email annie68164@hotmail.com to confirm your participation if you haven't already, or if you have any questions. We are excited to start back up! Thank you!
- Message from Father Tony:** Father Tony writes from home saying that he had a safe and enjoyable trip home. He does appreciate the prayers, and thoughtfulness of every one. My family is doing well, and they send their love and prayers to everyone. Rev. Antony Mathew
- REMINDER:** The Knights of Columbus Centennial Celebration will be held after mass on June 9th, but RSVPs need to be in by May 31st. If you have not RSVP'd please do so today by calling the church at 515-523-1943 or contacting Dan Hilgers.
- Meeting:** The Knights of Columbus will meet at 5:30pm on Sunday, June 2nd in the parish hall.
- RAGBRAI:** The RAGBRAI committee met Wednesday evening to begin discussing needs for the event on July 22nd. The church will need roughly 40 to 50 people to work the day of the event. The committee would like to know who is willing to help in any capacity; from donations, to organizing, to helping the day of. Sign- up sheets are available in the gathering space; so if you can help in some way, please include your name and how you can assist the committee. Donations of food, drinks and even equipment will be needed. If you have questions, please call the office.
- Thank you:** The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who contributed to the food pantry during the Lenten season. As a result of your generosity, they were able to deliver 205 items, which was well above the goal. Thank you!
- 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](mailto:James.Ahenkora@parish.org) (641-745-7362), pastor of St. John Catholic Church, Greenfield may be able to help in the event of an emergency.

Calendar with Mass Times, Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday 5/19	Sunday 5/19	Tuesday 5/21	Wednesday 5/22	Thursday 5/23	Friday 5/24	Saturday 5/25
Adair		Stuart	Adair	Stuart	Stuart	Stuart
7:30am Rosary & Confession	ANN: Pat & Mary Doud 1956; Matt & Suzy Aubert 2007	NO MASS	NO MASS	NO MASS	NO MASS	Confessions by Appointment
8am Mass for Jeanette Wittrock		BD: Thomas Ladwig, Cleon Klemish & Brian Richter	BD: Nathan Lorenzen & Marcia Gettler	BD: Amy Bassett, Timothy Young & Erin Schwery	BD: Barb Vais	4:05pm Rosary
5/26 Mass for Jeanette Wittrock					ANN: Jerrid & Jessica Denney 2008	4:30pm Mass
	Monday 5/20		ANN: John Ward & Jodi Bassett 1993			BD: Tai Riordan
Stuart	BD: Patrick Gomez					
9am Choir Practice						
10am Mass	ANN: Allen & Alvina Thelen 1972					
BD: Daisy Nevins, Evie Boyle & Brogan Johnston						
ANN: John & Roni Wilson 1979						