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is like the blossoms on a cherry tree. They bloom quickly and fill our souls with a sweet aroma, but then the long summer comes. We have to persevere patiently, following an intelligent plan of spiritual and apostolic work, before the fruit matures. Love, even the lasting love that comes from friendship with Christ, is often born amidst intense emotions, but it matures through sweat and suffering. Following Christ is more than following a whim. It is a long-term project that deserves and engages the whole person. One area where we often fail to utilize our reason and creativity is our own growth in holiness. Too many of us, unfortunately, are satisfied with what we have already achieved in the area of holiness. But Christ has so much more for us to discover and become. He just challenges us to do our part. And that means using our intelligence and creativity to identify the habits of mind, heart, and body that are inhibiting our spiritual growth. We have to work on replacing them with habits that will spur our spiritual growth. One tool for this purpose that spiritual writers and directors have developed over the centuries is called the 'program of life'. It's like having a customized game plan for spiritual growth. It has three parts. First, we identify the root of most of our sins and failings. Second, we identify the most common manifestations of that root sin in our daily lives. Third, we choose particular habits to form that will reverse those manifestations and gradually loosen our root sin's grip. The program of life is one tool, not the only one. The point is that the Lord does not want to do all the work for us. He wants us to do our part too. Today, when he comes once again to do his part in Holy Communion, let us promise him that we will apply our intelligence and creativity to being a better Christian.

Faith Formation by Jill Gerling, Coordinator

A friendly reminder: All Saints Faith Formation classes begin in one week: Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 pm. Everyone is invited to join our Faith Formation team and children as we begin our new academic year with a Mass. Jill will still be taking registrations that evening.



Everyone, including parents, will be in the sanctuary for a kick off Mass and blessing. After the Mass and blessing, the catechists will be introduced and the children will go with them for class until 7:30.

Parents will have a mandatory meeting with Father Tony and Jill after Mass to go over the plan for the 2019-2020 Faith Formation year.

A lot of important details about the year will be given that evening.

Please have at least one parent attend, but both are encouraged to be there.

If you have questions or concerns please contact Jill Gerling at 523-1943 or allsaintsff@outlook.com.

We are looking forward to the new Faith Formation season!!!

Calendar with Mass Times, Birthdays and Anniversaries

<u>Sunday 9/8</u>	<u>Monday 9/9</u>	<u>Tuesday 9/10</u>	<u>Wednesday 9/11</u>	<u>Thursday 9/12</u>	<u>Friday 9/13</u>	<u>Saturday 9/14</u>
<u>Adair</u> 7:30am Rosary & Confession 8am Mass for Francis Hollinrake (health)	ANN: Francis & Ardis McGinnis 1972 BD: Eric Gerling, Jessica Johnston & Grayson Nims	<u>Stuart</u> 6pm Mass BD: Mark Tisl	<u>Adair</u> 8:30am Mass ANN: Eric & Jenni Nixt 2004	<u>Stuart</u> 9:00am Stuart Care Center BD: Laura Weber	<u>Stuart</u> 8:30am Mass	<u>Stuart</u> 3:30pm Confessions 4:05pm Rosary 4:30pm Mass
<u>Stuart</u> 10am Mass BD: Anita Hilgers, Mia Ocheltree & Jeanne Richter						

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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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Perhaps it is important to keep the context in mind in order to understand this gospel narrative. At this point in Luke's Gospel, Jesus is steadfastly making his way to Jerusalem. He knows that he can expect nothing but betrayal, condemnation, humiliation, torture, and death, and on the third day he will rise again. He also knows that everyone who wants to be his follower will have to follow the same fate. Everyone who wants the incomparable meaning and deep joy of his Kingdom will have to embrace the same path of his journey. Hence, he makes a categorical statement: 'Whoever does not carry his

own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple'. Every Christian has to die with Christ in order to rise with him. Death in this sense will not necessarily take the form of physical crucifixion, although for many of his closest followers (the martyrs) it has. But whatever form the cross does take in a particular Christian's life, it will always require a painful renunciation of something dear to us. Christ's exhortation to hate father and mother and brothers and sisters simply points out that a true Christian can prefer nothing to Christ. These demands may sound harsh, but they flow from Christ's love. His invitation is directly contrary to the invitations that the devil gives us - invitations which are rightly called temptations. The devil tempts us by saying that one particular course of action will be easier - more profitable or pleasurable than another. But he fails to tell us that the pleasure and profit will be passing, but the damage lasting. The devil wants us to forget that we are fallen and live in a fallen world, so that he can convince us never to try and get back up. Jesus reminds us from the very start that following him will be demanding, because he knows that real friendship is always built on the truth. Jesus is making two things clear to us today. First, he wants us to have no illusions about following him. His path is a hard path. Our nature is fallen, and to get back up again, even with his grace helping us, is going to be hard. It will involve self-sacrifice and suffering. We can never let ourselves forget it. But there is another lesson too, equally worth our attention. Jesus is teaching us that following him involves more than feelings and vague inspirations. We are supposed to use our minds, to put our creativity and intelligence to work in the adventure of following Christ. This is clear from the examples Jesus uses. The builder and the warring king had to channel their enthusiasm through the cool filter of reason. Christians must do the same. The emotional excitement that comes from a retreat or a pilgrimage or a special grace-filled encounter with the Lord

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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 COLLECTION for the SEMINARIANS of the Diocese of Des Moines:** The Diocese of Des Moines has 17 men seeking to lay down their lives for the Church through priestly vocation. Preparation for a priestly vocation requires a minimum of six years of study, deep prayer, and a life of sacrificial love. Such a commitment is an expression of The New Moment, in which we serve as Jesus' hands and feet in a culture that consistently rejects and denies Him. The average cost to educate a seminarian is approximately \$ 30,000 or an estimated annual cost of \$ 720,000 for class of 18 seminarians. A portion of this cost is covered by the Annual Diocesan Appeal but a special collection is necessary to provide for the needs of our seminarians without impacting current programs or ministries. In order to provide for the ever-increasing cost of educating and forming the seminarians, a special collection will be held on Saturday, September 14 and Sunday, September 15. Each registered household will receive a brochure and return envelope through the mail. They may return their gift directly to the Diocese, place the gift in the parish collection, or make a gift online at www.dmdiocese.org/giving. Heartfelt thanks for your prayers and charitable donation to support the seminarians.
- **Annual Diocesan Appeal 2019:** Each year, every member of our diocesan faith community is asked to participate in making a gift to support the ministry of Bishop Joensen through the Annual Diocesan Appeal. All 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 by covering 100% of their health care costs and providing them a retirement benefit; an expense not covered by the parishes. The Diocese currently supports 112 priests; 37 of which are retired, and 75 active. The Appeal also covers the formation of our deacons, education of 21 seminarians and administrative expenses for the staff of the Diocese who are dedicated to serving our parish in many ways. Bishop Joensen's ministry, including housing, travel throughout the Diocese for meetings, special masses, and confirmations are all supported by the ADA as well. Additionally, 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: \$ 19,567.50
Gifts Received: \$ 5,122.17

Coordinator of music ministry: I am pleased to announce that Brenda Wedemeyer has agreed to coordinate the music ministry at All Saints Catholic Church. We are blessed by her willingness to share her talents, and time with us, and we are eagerly looking forward to enjoying her skills in music and musical instruments. Norma Tigges retired (08/25/2019) from the music ministry after being the organist for quite a long time. We are grateful to her for all the blessings that she has brought to our parish family thorough the music ministry. Perhaps words are inadequate to express all of our appreciation and gratitude. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors. Father Tony

Book Study at All Saints

How to Pray Like Mary
by Sonja Corbitt



All Saints is having a fall Book Study group to read "How to Pray Like Mary" written by Sonja Corbitt. This is a newly released book that looks at how Mary prayed and the ways we can pray like Mary. You will learn a powerful practice for daily prayer as Mary models it: L-Listen, O-Observe, V-Verbalize, E-Entrust. This model is called "L.O.V.E. the Word". Sonja draws from vivid biblical texts to show you the key to loving Scripture and deepening your relationship with God.

The group will meet on Tuesday, September 17 at 9:00am at All Saints. Future sessions will be established at the first meeting. A sign up sheet is on the table in the gathering space. The fee of \$15 covers the cost of the book and will be yours to keep. For more information contact Jill Gerling at allsaintsff@outlook.com or call 523-1943.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Business Expenses:** All Saints and St. John Fiscal Year end reports will be published the last weekend of September. Your partnership is very essential to the financial wellbeing of our parish families. Please consider signing up for automatic donations. The form following may be found on the table in the gathering space at All Saints. St. John Parishioners, please call the office at 515-523-1943 if you are interested in auto withdrawals. Thank you for remembering us while you are away.
- **Automatic Withdrawal:** I want to share the information that All Saints has the capability of accepting automatic withdrawal from your bank account. Some people may have concerns about the security of such a transaction. I want to address such concerns by assuring you that it is safe and secure. It makes it easy for you in the sense that you don't have to carry your check book or cash with you all the time. It makes it easy for the parish staff for accounting purposes, and for the money counters in the sense they have less money to count. Considering all the advantages, may I ask you to think about automatic withdrawal. If you agree, we ask you to provide the requested information here below. Fr. Tony (forms are available on the table the gathering space)

Authorization for Automatic Withdrawal

Name _____
 Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
 Phone (home) _____ (Cell) _____
 E-mail _____
 Name of the Financial Institution _____
 Account Number _____ Routing Number _____
 Signature _____
 Attach a Voided Check _____
 Date of debits to be made: - 5th of the month _____ 20th of the month _____
Note: we can accept automatic withdrawal only two days (either 5th or 20th) of the month.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All Saints

Saturday, September 14

Rosary: Frank Holle

Ushers: Wayne & Jan Gilman

Altar Server: Connie Drake

Lector: Roni Wilson

Commentator: Sharon Doud

Greeters: Wayne & Jan Gilman

EMHC: Jodi Bassett, Sister Nesta & NEED

All Saints

Sunday, September 15

Ushers: Jason Tigges & Bob Olson

Altar Servers: Camryn Tigges, Aiden Clauson & Lauren O'Brien

Lector: Bob Bird

Commentator: Daisy Nevins

Greeters: Jason & Jen Tigges

EMHC: Dave Tisl, Joyce Van Pelt & NEED

St. John

Sunday, September 15

Cross Bearer: Belle Fagan

Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Mick Baudler

Lector: Julie Plowman

Host: Adella Vogl

Cup: Sister Andre & Matt Fagan

Altar Servers: Cole Plowman & Bailey Lillard

Traveling Chalice: Phyllis O'Brien

MONEY COUNTERS

Tuesday, September 10 @ 1pm: Eric Tiernan, Gina James & Donna Donnelly

Tuesday, September 17 @ 1pm: Donna Olson & Gina Ocheltree

All Saints Financial Partnership

September 1, 2019

Weekly Offering: \$ 1,306.00

Children's Offering: \$ 10.02

Building Fund: \$ 596.00

St. John Financial Partnership

September 1, 2019

Weekly Offering: \$ 472.00

Children's Offering: \$3.00