

Father Tony's Corner (continued from front page)
 'Listen to Christ'. When we hear God's voice inviting us to make a change, we are almost always torn: one part of us wants to say yes, but another part of us is fearful. The closeness of God, even his voice in our hearts, is awe-inspiring, and, like Peter, James, and John, when we hear it, we can be 'very much afraid'. But Jesus is well aware of this. When his disciples were face down on the mountaintop, trembling with fear, Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Rise, and do not be afraid'. Today he will do the same thing for us. He will come to us in the Holy Eucharist, and touch us - really, truly - and say to our hearts: 'Rise, and do not be afraid'. Only by keeping in mind that God wants to bless us, and to bless others through us, can we find the strength we need to listen to him, to obey him. Following Christ is always demanding. Christ's passion, crucifixion, and death are the pattern of Christian living. Every Christian has to share in Christ's cross in order to share in Christ's resurrection. We have to die to ourselves, to our selfish desires, in order to be able to live for God and for others, which is where true happiness lies. We have to learn to put ourselves in third place, others in second place, and God in first place. That is not easy. It requires self-sacrifice, self-denial, self-giving. Our selfish tendencies want pleasure, comfort, ease, popularity, and visible success at all costs. But God asks us to sacrifice those passing, empty realities for a higher purpose and a more lasting happiness - just as Jesus did. We can only do that if we are deeply convinced that living life God's way is the only path to real blessing. Most of us can probably hear exactly what Jesus is asking of us right now. He is always calling to our hearts, inviting us to follow him more closely. May be he is asking some of us to come to him in the sacrament of confession, so that he can help us break down a debilitating, sinful habit that is holding back our spiritual maturity. May be he is asking us to reconcile with a friend or family member we have not spoken to in years - to forgive someone who does not really deserve to be forgiven. May be he is asking us start living more for others and less for ourselves.

All Saints Faith Formation Coordinator, Jill Gerling



A great part of our children's faith development is the weekend Mass obligation. During the Faith Formation program year there are Faith Formation Family Masses. These are meant for all of the Faith Formation families and parishioners of All Saints. At these Masses the children are given various liturgical roles to perform with the guidance of their parents and catechists. Please mark your calendars to attend these Masses:

Sunday, May 3 at 10:00am (also Graduate Recognition Mass)
 Sunday, May 31 at 10:00am (Confirmation Mass with Bishop Joenson)

Calendar with Mass Times, Birthdays and Anniversaries

<u>Sunday 3/8</u>	<u>Monday 3/9</u>	<u>Tuesday 3/10</u>	<u>Wednesday 3/11</u>	<u>Thursday 3/12</u>	<u>Friday 3/13</u>	<u>Saturday 3/14</u>
<u>Adair</u> 7:30am Rosary & Confession	BD: Francis McGinnis & Jeri Pieper	<u>Stuart</u> 6:00 pm Mass	<u>Adair</u> 8:30 am Mass for Gail Seilhan (health)	<u>Stuart</u> 9:00am Mass Stuart Care Center	<u>Stuart</u> 8:30am Mass	<u>Stuart</u> 3:30pm Confessions 4:05pm Rosary 4:30pm Mass
8am Mass for Patricia Seilhan (health)		BD: Harriet Gulbranson	BD: Diane Messinger	BD: Rosie Tisl		
3/15 Mass for Genevieve De Souza (health)			5:30pm Stations of the Cross followed by soup supper sponsored by the Knights of Columbus			
<u>Stuart</u> 10am Mass						
BD: Bob Bird						

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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



In Saint Matthew's Gospel, God the Father speaks from heaven only twice - in this passage of the Transfiguration, and in the passage when Jesus is baptized. Both times he says essentially the same thing - just to emphasize how important it is. He says that Jesus is his beloved Son and we should listen to him. Listening to Christ means getting to know him and following his lead. When parents instruct their children to listen, they want the kids both to hear and to heed what they are saying. God the Father does the same thing. Jesus Christ is God's own Son, sent by the Father to be our guide to fulfillment, to the meaning and happiness we all long for. Christ alone is the answer, the secret to a life lived to the full. He is not just one great philosopher in history's Hall of Fame. He is not just a wise teacher. He is the fulfillment of the long history of salvation that God traced throughout the Old Testament, represented in the Transfiguration by the appearance of Moses and Elijah. He is God made man, whose glory is way beyond anything we can imagine. The Lord's closest disciples - Peter, James, and John receive a glimpse of his divinity and glory on the mountain top to strengthen them for the trials to come. They see what the fulfillment of the Lord's promises will look like. Peter would be entrusted with Christ's flock in a special way. James would be the first apostle martyred. John would write some of the most sublime words of Sacred Scripture. Our Lord's face, like sunlight, represents his person and, at this moment, his divinity. Moses and Elijah converse with Jesus. Our Lord is at the center. The Law (represented by Moses) and the Prophets (represented by Elijah) point to him. If a transfigured Christ flanked by the greatest exponents of the Law and the Prophets is not enough, a theophany occurs as well: God the Father identifies Jesus as his son, and how pleased he is with him. If Peter, James, and John had not believed in Christ, they would not even be on this mountain. Their faith necessitated a glimpse of the promise that would prepare them for the trials and tragedy to come. Fulfillment, lasting happiness, wisdom, maturity, the joy of a life well-lived - that is what God wants, for each one of us, and for the whole human family. That is why he stays involved in this world that rejected him and continues to reject him. Only God can bless us, because only God can remove from our lives and our world the obstacles that keep us from living as we are meant to live: selfishness, greed, lust, sloth, arrogance - in short, sin in all its forms. To receive God's blessing more abundantly, and to spread it to those we love, we just have to do what the Father told Peter, James, and John:

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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



• **St. John's Rosary Making Event:** St. John's rosary makers will meet on Wednesday, March 11 at 5:00 p.m. at St. John's parish hall. Instructions will be available for anyone who was not able to attend the first session. All supplies have been donated by Brenda Wedemeyer. Just bring yourself! Contact Theresa Elgin at 515-250-8165 with any questions. All are welcome. Here are fellow parishioners from the first session having fun during assembly.

- **Abstinence on Fridays:** Abstinence from meat is to be observed on all Fridays of Lent by those who have celebrated their 14th birthday.
- **St. John's Lenten Fish Frys':** St. John's Catholic Church is hosting fish frys' during the Lenten season on March 20th and April 3rd at St. John's Church Hall in Adair. Serving will be from 5:00 - 7:00pm. Shrimp will be available in addition to fish. A free will offering will be taken and is open to the public.
- **All Saints Study Group:** The Tuesday Morning Study Group will meet each week starting Tuesday, March 3rd at 10:00am in the music room. The sessions last 60-90 minutes, or until we're done. The group is open to anyone wishing to go deeper into the Scripture readings for the week. The sessions are free. Please bring your Bible and a Rosary. Coffee will be provided. Contact Brenda Wedemeyer at 641-740-1079 if you have any questions.
- **THANK YOU!** We want to thank Jill Gerling, and all those who assisted in coordinating the altar server appreciation party on Sunday, March 1st at All Saints. Additionally, thank you to all those who attended. Parents, thank you for bringing your children. Your collaboration and sacrifice is appreciated by your parish family. Together we can grow as a wonderful parish family. Fr. Tony
- **Sponsor the Paschal Candle!:** At the Easter Vigil Service, a new fire is lit, blessed, and the celebrant lights the Paschal Candle from the new fire, saying: may the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds. The candle is then processed through the church, and at three different times, singing: the Light of Christ (*Lumen Christi*), with the congregation singing in reply: thanks be to God (*Deo gratias*). Then everyone lights their candle from the Paschal Candle and continue in procession until the whole church is alight. The Paschal Candle symbolizes Christ, the Light of the World.

Would you consider sponsoring the Paschal Candle for All Saints?

Would you consider sponsoring the Paschal Candle for St. John?

- **All Saints Rosary Making:** Father Tony blessed the rosaries made by members of the recent Rosary Making class led by Brenda Wedemeyer. Pictured with Brenda are Ramona Partlow, Fr. Tony, and Ann Vigon. Not pictured: Joan Brooking and Carol Knowlton.



- **All Saints Knights of Columbus:** The Knights of Columbus monthly meeting will be this Sunday, March 8th at 6:00pm in the music room.



Lenten Devotions

Sunday, March 8 - 8:00am - Mass/stations of the cross at St. John
 Wednesday, March 11 - 5:30pm - Mass/stations/soup supper at All Saints
 ~ soup supper sponsored by Knights of Columbus

Lenten Parish Mission at All Saints: Seminars

Sunday, March 22 - 6:30pm "Responding to the Spirit in the Soul"
 Monday, March 23 - 6:30pm "Responding to the Spirit in the Church"
 Tuesday, March 24 - 6:30pm "Responding to the Spirit in the World"
 Healing Prayer Service on Sunday, March 29th at 2:00pm at All Saints



Food Drive for Stuart Food Pantry in Conjunction with the Knights of Columbus

by Lasha, WCV Foreign Exchange Student



"Hi! My name is Lasha Totladze. I am a Foreign Exchange Student at West Central Valley School, working on a project to help the Stuart Food Pantry for Global Youth Service Day. My goal is to donate as much food and money as I can collect in the month of March. On Saturday, March 28th, I will come to All Saints Church to pick up collected food, and share a bit about myself and my home country. As a thank you for your donations, I will also bring some of my home country traditional foods for anyone to sample. I appreciate all monetary and food donations."

The Knights of Columbus are working in collaboration with Lasha with their 40 Cans for 40 Days initiative. Please bring non perishable items to the church. Thank you for your support of this mission.

All Saints

Saturday, March 14

Rosary: Frank Holle

Ushers: Matt & Jen Dickson

Altar Server: Zoey & Bailey Dickson

Lector: Jodi Bassett

Commentator: Roni Wilson

Greeters: Matt & Jen Dickson & Family

EMHC: Mark & Kari Tisl & Jo Beaman

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All Saints

Sunday, March 15

Ushers: Wayne Nosbisch & Jeff Johnson

Altar Servers: Olivia, Colton & Zoe Nixt & Gabe Gerling

Lector: Amy Doud

Commentator: Wayne Nosbisch

Greeters: Jeff & Nancy Johnson

EMHC: Dave Tisl, Jill Gerling & Linda Lee O'Neel

St. John

Sunday, March 15

Cross Bearer: Dave Richter

Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Francis Hollinrake

Lector: Theresa Elgin

Host: Adella Vogl

Cup: Sister Andre & Les Elgin

Altar Servers: Luke Brincks & Addy Richter

Traveling Chalice: Phyllis O'Brien

MONEY COUNTERS

Tuesday, March 10 @ 1:00pm: Eric Tiernan, Donna Donnelly & Gina James

Wednesday, March 18 @ 9:00am: Donna Olson & Gina Ocheltree

All Saints Financial Partnership

March 1, 2020

Weekly Offering: \$ 1,420.00

Children's Offering: \$ 18.90

Ash Wednesday: \$ 834.12

St. John Financial Partnership

March 1, 2020

Weekly Offering: \$ 584.00

Children's Offering: \$ 7.00