

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

for us." Third, go for a prayerful walk in a beautiful park. God created the world. The beauties of nature are his work of art. Just as any artist reveals himself in his works, so God does too. We all want to obey the two great commandments - that's why we are here. God wants to help us. This week, let's let him - let's make a decision today, during this Mass, as we renew our faith, that we will do something, anything, to get to know God better this week, so that we can love him better. All of us here today love God, and we love our neighbor. But our love is still immature. It has room to grow; it can become stronger. And as it gets stronger, so will the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit at work in our own souls. And that's what we are all hoping for. So what can we do to strengthen our love for God, to make it grow? Like all virtues, the virtue of love grows with exercise. This week, let's go the spiritual gym; let's exercise our love for God and neighbor. We don't have to do anything crazy - just something, just something intentional. Traditionally, the Church gives us a lot of help by identifying ways we can exercise this love - they are called the Works of Mercy. The corporeal works of mercy are: feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, ransoming slaves, sheltering the homeless, and burying the dead. The spiritual works of mercy are: instructing the ignorant, counseling the doubtful, admonishing sinners, bearing wrongs patiently, forgiving offenses willingly, comforting the afflicted, praying for the living and the dead.

OUR PATRON, FEAST OF ALL SAINTS!

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven. Although millions, or even billions of people may already be saints, All Saints' Day observances tend to focus on known saints - that is those recognized in the canon of the saints by the Catholic Church. All Saints' Day is also commemorated by members of the Eastern Orthodox Church as well as some protestant churches, such as Lutheran and Anglican churches. Generally, All Saints' Day is a Catholic Holy Day of Obligation, meaning all Catholics are required to participate in the Mass on that day, unless they have an excellent excuse, such as serious illness. We have every reason to be at Mass on All Saints' Day because it is our patron of the parish. The bishops of each conference have the authority to amend the rules surrounding the obligation of the day. All Saints' Day was formally started by Pope Boniface IV, who consecrated the Parthenon at Rome to the Virgin Mary and all the Martyrs on May 13 in 609 AD. Boniface IV also established All Souls' Day, which follows All Saints. The choice of the day may have been intended to co-opt the pagan holiday 'Feast of the Lamures', a day which pagans used to placate the restless spirits of the dead. The holy day was eventually established on November 1 by Pope Gregory III in the mid-eighth century as a day dedicated to the saints and their relics. The May 13 celebration was subsequently abandoned. In Ireland, the Church celebrated All Saints' Day on April 20, to avoid associating the day with the traditional harvest festivals and pagan feasts associated with Samhain, celebrated at the same time. Following the establishment of the Frankish Empire, and following the reign of Charlemagne, the holy day, which was already celebrated on November 1, became a holy day of obligation by decree of Pope Gregory IV and Louis the Pious, who was king over a portion of Charlemagne's former empire. Following the Protestant Reformation, many Protestants retained the holy day, although they dismissed the need to pray for the dead. Instead, the day has been used to commemorate those who have recently died, usually in the past year, and to remember the examples of those who lived holy lives. The Catholic practice however, celebrates all those who have entered heaven, including saints who are recognized by the Church and those who are not. Holy day customs vary around the world. In the United States, the day before is Halloween and is usually celebrated by dressing in costumes with themes of death commonly associated. Children go door-to-door in costume, trick-or-treating, that is soliciting candy from their neighbors. The holiday has lost much of its connection to its religious origins. Although nearly everyone celebrates Halloween for the fun of the secular holiday, the following religious solemnity, is not widely practiced or acknowledged by most Americans unless they are Catholic. It is important to remember these basic facts: Halloween is a secular holiday that comes the night before All Saints' Day.

All Saints' Day is on November 1, and it is a Holy Day of Obligation. All Souls' Day is on November 2, and it is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation.

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**Office Hours**

Tuesday: 8:30am - 3pm

Wednesday: 8:30am - 3pm

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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

Jesus makes a surprising link in the conversation we just heard in the Gospel Reading. He links forever the commandment to love God with the commandment to love one's neighbor as oneself. When asked for the greatest single commandment, he actually answers by naming two commandments - loving God and loving neighbor; they necessarily, intrinsically go together. In Jesus' time, this answer was surprising because it put love for neighbor on par with love for God. No one had ever done that before; everyone simply agreed that loving God came first. Loving one's neighbor was good, they thought, but it was secondary - the primary thing was loving God. Jesus challenges those assumptions: true love for God, he teaches, cannot exist apart from true love for neighbor. If someone claims to love God, that invisible love can be verified in the visible way they treat their neighbor. In our day, on the other hand, perhaps the more surprising aspect is the priority Jesus gives to loving God. Our post-modern world has, in many ways, given up on the idea of God. The sheer quantity of religions and denominations and their inability to agree on doctrines has created a cynical indifference to God. Government and popular culture have almost succeeded in keeping God in the closet - at best. What the seculars do agree about, however, is the importance of loving one's neighbor - toleration, diversity, random acts of kindness, paying it forward... These are things we can sink our teeth into, so they say. And yet, is it really possible to make the sustained effort necessary for truly Christian love of neighbor, without staying connected to the reason why our neighbor ought to be loved? In other words, if I don't love the God in whose image my neighbor is created, how long and how deeply can I really, truly love my neighbor? There is an old philosophical dictum that says you cannot love what you do not know. And that's true. To love something, we have to know it. And so, if we want to grow in our love for God, which is the surest way to grow in our love for neighbor, the best thing to do is to get to know God better. This week, let's do that. Here are three things we can do to know God better. First, spend fifteen minutes a day this week reading the Bible. The Bible is God's Word - he reveals himself there. Read through the Letters of St. Paul, or one of the Gospels, or even one of the books from the Old Testament (though these are not always easy to interpret). Second, come and do a holy hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. When we spend time with him, there near the Tabernacle, in silence, in prayerful reflection or even in prayerful reading, he speaks to our hearts. He reveals himself to us. After all, he wants to be known - as the YOUCAT puts it (#7): "Yet because God would very much like to be known, he has revealed himself... In him [Jesus] God has poured out his heart to us and made his inmost being visible

*(continued on the 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 prep-

arations 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

- **Priest's Residence Updating:** We are in the process of updating our pastor's residence, since it is the responsibility of the parish to maintain and upkeep the residence. Your kind and generous financial support is essential for this much needed project. Your contributions are tax deductible, and all the appliances and furniture bought with your financial contribution will remain at the residence. If you are willing to support this much needed project, *Kindly, make your generous contribution to All Saints Catholic Church, and mark on the memo (residence updating).* Thank you so much for your love and support of your pastor. We are really blessed by your love, kindness, and generosity. *Contributions to date: \$ 6,085.*
- **SUBSTITUTE PRIEST for the weekend and Solemnity of All Saints:** Rev. Lawrence R. Hoffmann (515-343-6040), who is retired from active ministry will cover the weekend Masses, and the solemnity of All Saints (Wednesday, October 31, Vigil Mass at 5.30 p.m. at St. John Catholic Church, Adair; and Thursday, November 1, Mass at 7.00 p.m. at All Saints Catholic Church, Stuart). Please call Rev. Lawrence R. Hoffmann, 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 contacted for emergency.
- **BKODJ** players present "Away From a Manger" at the Casey Visitors Center; November 3rd at 7pm and November 4th at 2pm. Tickets are available at Fay Pharmacy in Adair, as well as, Insurance Store and Rolling Hills Bank in Casey. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door.
- **St. John Harvest Mass in Adair:** Our Faith Formation kids are very excited for the November 18th Harvest Mass. Traditionally the kids walk up with the congregation with non-perishable food and participate in the Mass. Again this year we will have a fundraiser in the hall after Mass with bracelets, necklaces, hot chocolate, treats and St. John church t-shirts. All proceeds will go to the Adair and Casey food pantries. Please help us with this effort by bringing a non-perishable item before Mass and "shopping" at the fundraiser afterward. This has been such a fun and rewarding experience for our Faith Formation kids!
- **Knights of Columbus:** Meetings are held the second Sunday of each month at 6pm in the church hall. The next meeting date is November 11th. All men of the parish are encouraged to attend.
- **FATHER TONY AWAY FROM THE OFFICE:** Rev. Antony Mathew will be away from the parish office from Monday, October 22nd through Friday, November 9th 2018 for continuing education. There will not be a daily Mass from Tuesday, October 23rd through Friday, November 9th.
- **Knights of Columbus Soup Supper:** The Knights will be hosting a soup supper on Saturday, November 17th after 4:30 mass. Free will donation with all proceeds benefiting the local LC Clinic in Stuart. More details to come.
- **Volunteers Needed:** Catholic Charities Food Pantry needs volunteers to pick up and transport donated food supplies. Three volunteers are needed on Friday of each week. We need a person or persons to pick up at Jordan Creek Hy-Vee. This is a large donation and a pickup truck would be needed. The second volunteer is needed to pick up from Panera Bread on 86th and Hickman. Please respond to Leslie Van Der Molen at LVanDerMolen@catholiccharitiesdm.org.
- **St. Patrick's Parish Center Feather Party in Audubon:** Join us on Sunday, November 11th at 4:30 for Soups, Sandwiches, Bars with Bingo beginning at 5:30. Adults are \$15.00, includes 2 bingo cards & meal; children under 7 are \$10.00, includes 1 bingo card & meal. Enter to win a turkey or ham for the holidays!

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."

IN NOVEMBER, WE AS CATHOLICS WILL HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE

The publication "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, in its introduction states "As a nation, we share many blessings and strengths, including a tradition of religious freedom and political participation. However, as a people, we face serious challenges that are both political and moral. This has always been so, and as Catholics we are called to participate in public life in a manner consistent with the mission of our Lord, a mission that he has called us to share."

Catholics have a moral obligation to help stop abortion. We can help in a big way by using our consciences to vote in elections. Catholics make up approximately 25% of our National Electorate.

Source: <https://pro-lifearticles.org/>

CALENDAR WITH MASS TIMES, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, SPECIALS

Sunday 11/4	Monday 11/5	Tuesday 11/6	Wednesday 11/7	Thursday 11/8	Friday 11/9	Saturday 11/10
Adair 7:30am Adoration, Confession, Rosary 8am Mass for Leona Dress	BD: Trinity Calhoun ANN: Pat & Barb Marnin 1960	BD: Wynne Johnson	BD: Dennis Van Pelt ANN: Tom & Amy Doud 1992	BD: Jason Bruns & Janice Stein ANN: John & Adella Vogl 1958		Stuart 3:30pm Confessions 4:05 Rosary 4:30pm Mass for Maynard Witkowski
Stuart 9am Adoration 9am Choir Practice 10am Mass for the people						

All Saints Financial Partnership

October 28, 2018

Weekly Offering: \$ 1,496.00

Children's Offering: \$ 8.00

Additional Building Fund: \$50.00

St John Financial Partnership

October 28, 2018

Weekly Offering: \$ 579.00

Children's Offering: \$ 34.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All Saints

Saturday, November 10

Rosary: Frank Holle

Ushers: Marty & Julie Doud

Altar Server: Connie Drake

Lector: Anita Hilgers

Commentator: Carrol Smith

Greeters: Marty & Julie Doud

EMHC: Maria Ladwig, Jodi Bassett & Brenda Wedemeyer

All Saints

Sunday, November 11

Ushers: Faith Formation children

Altar Servers: Faith Formation children

Lector: Faith Formation children

Commentator: Faith Formation children

Greeters: Faith Formation children

EMHC: Faith Formation children

St. John

Sunday, November 11

Cross Bearer: Dave Richter

Greeters: Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Lector: Theresa Elgin

Host: Les Elgin

Cup: Sister Nesta & Adella Vogl

Altar Servers: Cole Plowman & Luke Brincks

Traveling Chalice: Phyllis O'Brien

Money Counters

Wednesday, November 7th @ 1pm: Janet Bassett, Mary Morgan & Pat Hohn

Tuesday, November 13th @ 1pm: Eric Tiernan, Gina James & Donna Donnelly