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news that Jesus has shared with us. Jesus died not only for those of us who are here today, but also for those who are not. If we do not tell them the message of Christ, who will? Third, it means following Christ's example in our daily lives. Jesus was honest, courageous, gentle, patient, forgiving, humble, pure, faithful. Every single day he gives us opportunities to learn to follow his example, getting our souls ready for the great adventure of heaven. Let us thank our Lord for telling us what the future holds for us. And let us promise him that we will do our part to put that knowledge to work by living the present wisely, through a healthy God-life, a generous sharing of our faith, and a determined effort to follow in Christ's footsteps.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS BY CATHY HICKS, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**A Thanksgiving Prayer**

Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks. Thank you for all the graces and blessings You have bestowed on us: our faith, our families, our food and shelter, our health, and the love we have for one another. Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessings throughout the coming year. This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our Brother. Amen

From all of us in the Faith Formation family, here's praying for this thankful season to be a time filled with faith and family. "Give thanks to the Lord for all he has given."

Reminder: There is no Faith Formation this Wednesday, November 21st.

May God always be at your side and forever hold you in the palm of His Hand.

Altar and Rosary Society by Jodi Bassett, President

We have one more weekend of ordinary time before Advent begins. Advent, of course, is the time of prayer and preparation for the coming of the Savior. It is a happy, joy-filled time. So why do this week's readings sound more like a lead-in to Lent?

In the first reading Daniel describes a time of great distress to come where many who have died will awaken. Some will live forever and others shall eternally face torture. In the second reading the Letter to the Hebrews, not by name, speaks of Jesus himself; the one who made a single sacrifice (death on a cross) to save the consecrated. And Mark's Gospel pretty much exemplifies the earthly circumstances of the time of Jesus' death. These seem to be readings more fitting for Lent than Advent.

If such a happy time approaches, how do we make sense of such dark and serious readings? Consider that both Advent and Lent are times of preparation. And it's easy to think that we couldn't have Easter if we didn't first have Christmas, but the reality is that there would be no reason for Christmas were it not for Easter. The two seasons are not only complementary, but need each other.

I've often thought we need more than one Lenten-type season a year, more than one time to be sacrificial. Since we are entering another time of preparation, perhaps this is a good time to be penitent. Give up something, be more prayerful, or make a financial contribution to a needy family or charity. Try to extend your sacrifice throughout Advent, versus just a single event, if possible. It won't be easy; after all, it is a time of parties and celebrations. But I bet it will be worth it.

Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

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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

As we approach the end of the liturgical season, we are invited to mediate on the words of our Lord that he spoke towards the very end of his earthly life, just a few days before his crucifixion. As a matter of fact, some modern scholars and critics do not like Gospel passages like this one. They argue that passages like this were later additions to the Gospels, because Jesus was too gentle and forgiving to say such harsh things. But in fact, Jesus did say these things, and he said them precisely because of his deep love for us. Jesus does not speak about these events in order to scare us, but in order to motivate us. It is so easy to fall into a purely natural outlook on life, getting so wrapped up in our daily to-do lists that we forget the big picture, and we neglect our friendship with Christ. Jesus knows that nothing could be worse for our happiness, now and forever - and that is what interests him most. Even his predictions of the end of the world, then, are a reminder of his endless love. His main point is that with his death and resurrection the Old Covenant will end, and the New Covenant, the age of the Church, will begin. This will be the last period of salvation history. In this period, God's saving grace will gradually spread throughout the world, and the powers of evil will desperately, and unsuccessfully, battle against it. And at the end of the age of the Church, Christ will return to bring all human history to its culmination. Exactly when that will happen is shrouded in mystery, no one but the Father knows. What Jesus wants to make sure his Apostles understand is that it will occur, and he wants them to be ready for it at all times. He actually finishes the discourse by saying: 'Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come'. We do not know, because we do not need to know. God has seen fit to assure us that history has a purpose, and that it will come to an end, and that we should always keep this in mind. Through the ages, many Christians have become obsessed with the details of how and when this will occur, often neglecting the whole point of this datum of revelation. It is enough for us to know that we are part of a story that has meaning and that it will come to a definitive end, such that the sun and moon and stars will be darkened - the whole order of creation will be transformed. At that time, we will receive just recompense for how we carried out our role in the story. It is that simple, and it is that momentous. Jesus tells us that the end of history will come, but he does not tell us when, because he wants us to live each day actively, vibrantly, fully. How can we live our daily lives with God 'at our right hand' so that we too can live with interior peace, joy, courage, and wisdom? It means three things. First, it means making our personal relationship with God a true priority through daily prayer, ongoing study of our faith, and frequent reception of the sacraments. This is what we can call keeping a healthy 'God-life'. Second, it means sharing with others the

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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 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

- Thanksgiving Day:** Thanksgiving Day is an annual national holiday marked by religious observances and a traditional meal including turkey. The holiday commemorates a harvest festival celebrated by the Pilgrims in 1621, and is held in the US on the fourth Thursday in November. If you would like your Thanksgiving meal blessed, please bring it to the mass.

Mass Schedule:
St. John Catholic Church, Adair
 Regular Wednesday morning Mass at 8.30 a.m. on November 21st will be celebrated as Thanksgiving Day Mass.
All saints Catholic Church, Stuart
 Mass will be celebrated at 9.00 a.m. in the Church on Thursday, November 22nd to our God.
 Let us gather around the Eucharistic Table to express our gratitude and thankfulness for His work of creation and redemption.
- 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.*
- 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!
- The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary:** The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated on Saturday, December 8. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, meaning all Catholics are obligated to celebrate the feast by participating in the Holy Eucharist. St. John Catholic Church will celebrate the feast with a vigil Mass on Friday, December 7 at 5.30 p.m. and All Saints Catholic Church will celebrate the feast on Saturday, December 8 at 4.30 p.m. (regular Mass). Let us honor our patroness, and imitate her example of discipleship.
- 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.
- All Saints Office Closed Thursday, November 22nd:** In recognition of Thanksgiving Day, the office at All Saints Church will be closed and will reopen for normal business hours Tuesday, November 27 at 8:30am. Happy Thanksgiving!
- Position Available in Stuart at Freedom for Youth:** Freedom for Youth is looking for a Program Coordinator in Stuart. This position is responsible for the overall operation of programs at the Freedom Center, including volunteer and program coordination and assistance with community relations. Compensation is negotiable based on experience and requires 10-15+ hours per week with the potential to move to full time. Interested candidates should contact Jessica Evans at jevans@freedomforyouth.org or by calling 515-282-4822.

THE EUCHARIST BY CATHOLIC ANSWERS

Have there been miracles involving the Eucharist? Although there have been no miracles involving the Eucharist that the Church has required Catholics to believe as articles of faith, there have been several reports of miracles that the Church has investigated and deemed appropriate for Catholics to accept. Here is just one of many:

- Lanciano, Italy, 8th century:** During Mass, the consecrated bread and wine became actual flesh and blood. The host and globules of blood were preserved and are on display to this very day. A team of researchers in the 1970s and '80s examined the host and determined that the flesh came from a human heart and the blood type was AB.

CALENDAR WITH MASS TIMES, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, SPECIALS

| Sunday 11/18 | Monday 11/19 | Tuesday 11/20 | Wednesday 11/21 | Thursday 11/22 | Friday 11/23 | Saturday 11/24 |
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| <u>Adair</u> 7:30am Adoration, Confession, Rosary 8am Mass for Daryl Culver | BD: Rick Richter ANN: Richard & Grace Kennedy 2004 | <u>Stuart</u> 6pm Mass for Paul Heins | <u>Adair</u> 8:30am Thanksgiv- ing Day Mass for Wilma Faga BD: James Pivonka, Margaret Tiernan | <u>Stuart</u> 9am Thanksgiving Day Mass at All Saints Church for Paul Heins BD: Marilyn Ludwig, Alexandrea Kasap & Brenda Wedemeyer | <u>Stuart</u> 8:30am Mass for Paul Heins BD: Vince O'Brien, Lucas Nims, Olivia Tigges | <u>Stuart</u> 3:30pm Confessions 4:05 Rosary 4:30pm Mass for Eugene Fitzgerald BD: Felecia Lorenzen ANN: Eric & Mar- garet Tiernan 1979 |

All Saints Financial Partnership

November 11, 2018

Weekly Offering: \$ 1,683.00

Children's Offering: \$ 11.25

St John Financial Partnership

November 11, 2018

Weekly Offering: \$ 437.00

Children's Offering: \$ 17.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All Saints

Saturday, November 24

Rosary: Frank Holle

Ushers: David Doud & Mark Tisl

Altar Server: Jodie Bassett

Lector: Mark Tisl

Commentator: Sharon Doud

Greeters: David & Sharon Doud

EMHC: Mark Tisl, Brenda Wedemeyer
& Sister Andre

All Saints

Sunday, November 25

Ushers: Vince & Christy O'Brien

Altar Servers: Lauren O'Brien, Riley
Doud & Davis Doud

Lector: Amy Doud

Commentator: Daisy Nevins

Greeters: Vince & Christy O'Brien

EMHC: Amy Doud, Dave Tisl & Linda
Lee O'Neel

St. John

Sunday, November 25

Cross Bearer: Cole Plowman

Greeters: Brian Richter & Roger Vais

Lector: Barb Bachman

Host: Dave Richter

Cup: Elizabeth Moreland & Sr. Andre

Altar Servers: Belle Fagan & Carley
Fagan

Traveling Chalice: John & Kathy
Fagan

Money Counters

Sunday, November 18th after mass: Mark Poffenberger, Donna Olson & Gina Ocheltree

Tuesday, November 27th @ 1pm: Diane Messinger, Dennis Van Pelt & Dave Vigon