

Father Tony's Corner

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beauty of a sunset, God's presence in the Eucharist, God's wisdom at work in suffering. And just as we need to exercise our natural intelligence if we want it to grow and mature, we have to exercise this gift of faith too. The hardships of every day are the best opportunities to exercise our faith. When things go our way, we do not have to exercise faith to accept them - natural intelligence is enough. When they do not go our way, then natural intelligence is not enough. We have to say: I do not know where you are taking me, Lord, but I know you are still in charge. Sickness, betrayal, accidents, money problems, rejection, being made fun of because of our Christian standards - these things make us blessed, because in them we can exercise our faith in Christ. They make us more like Christ, who saved us by suffering all these things himself. The key to a thriving and enduring plant is a deep root system, protected from adverse elements, a reliable water source, and an adequate amount of sunlight. When a plant must be moved there is an elevated risk of killing the plant, since it exposes the root system and risks damaging it. If you dig it up and discard it, it dies. Plants grow toward their source of sunlight; they seem to strain toward it. Shallow roots, an unreliable water source, and insufficient sunlight may not kill the plant, but they do make it less fruitful or unfruitful. If we turn to Our Lord, seek to live in the light of his teachings with profundity, and trust in him, we will thrive. Even in the spiritual life we can fall into routine and superficiality, but that is because we stop making an effort to go deeper in our relationship with Our Lord. That enormous source of water described by Jeremiah today is the mystery of God. We can try to plumb its depths, but we never will. It never goes dry or gets stagnant. Dryness can occur in the spiritual life when Our Lord is trying to show us that we must go deeper in our relationship with him than mere sentimentality, than an empty stomach, a diminishing bank account, or sorrow. If we indeed place our trust in him, he will help us to grow spiritually with profundity. Let us renew our faith. Let us remind ourselves that earth is not heaven. Let us ask Jesus to teach us to live by this supernatural intelligence, so that it can be a sturdy lighthouse guiding us along this earthly road to heaven.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All Saints	All Saints	St. John
<u>Saturday, February 23</u>	<u>Sunday, February 24</u>	<u>Sunday, February 24</u>
Rosary: Frank Holle	Ushers: Tom Doud & Bob Olson	Cross Bearer: Larry Drees
Ushers: Wayne & Jan Gilman	Altar Servers: Calab Arthur, Brendan Arthur & Sam Kasap	Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Paul Gettler
Altar Server: Bailey & Zoey Dickson	Lector: Wayne Nobsch	Lector: Brian Richter
Lector: Roni Wilson	Commentator: Donna Olson	Host: Dave Richter
Commentator: Jodi Bassett	Greeters: Tom & Amy Doud	Cup: Elizabeth Moreland & Sr. Andre
Greeters: Wayne & Jan Gilman	EMHC: Amy Doud, Linda Lee O'Neel & Matt Smith	Altar Servers: Belle & Carley Fagan
EMHC: Jodi Bassett, Sister Andre & Donna Donnelly		Traveling Chalice: Cody & Elizabeth Moreland

MONEY COUNTERS

Sunday, February 17 after Mass: Mark Poffenberger, Tammy Doud (sub) & Gina Ocheltree
Tuesday, February 26 @ 9am: Pat Cooper (sub), Diane Messinger & Dave Vigon

All Saints Financial Partnership

February 10, 2019

Weekly Offering: \$ 978.00
Children's Offering: \$ 3.00
Building Fund: \$ 20.00

Finance Council Members: Suzy Aubert, John Gulbranson, Anita Hilgers, Scott Lonsdale & Bob Olson

St. John Financial Partnership

February 10, 2019

Weekly Offering: \$ 259.00
Children's Offering: \$ 8.00

Finance Council Members: Monica Fagan, Larry Drees, Elizabeth Moreland, Julie Plowman & Andrew Richter

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

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You never really know someone until you know what they want, what they really care about. Jesus wants us to know him. And so he begins his first homily by telling us what he cares about the most, by telling us exactly what he wants, exactly what he came to earth to give us: blessedness. He wants us to be blessed. In the Bible, this word refers to something very specific: the kind of happiness that only God can give, the kind he created us for, the kind we yearn for in the depths of our hearts and that we can never seem to find. This goes deeper than the superficial kind that comes with money or popularity. Jesus came to show us how to live like that. That is what he wants. He wants us to flourish. Everything Jesus teaches, everything he asks of us, everything the Church teaches about how to live, what to do, what to avoid -these are meant for our benefit, for our blessedness. Jesus does not want us to waste our lives; he wants us to live them to the full. The topic is happiness (being blessed), and in a total reversal of ordinary standards, Jesus links true happiness with struggle, hardship, suffering and opposition, not with the prosperity, popularity, and pleasure that we normally associate with happiness. What does he mean by this? Jesus is not saying that the good things of life are evil - not at all. They are God's gifts and we are meant to enjoy them. But he is saying that they cannot satisfy our desire for happiness. And so, if we put our trust in them, our lives will wither and harden, like tumbleweeds in the desert. No roots, and no fruits. Rather, Jesus is teaching us that the true path to happiness in this fallen world is paved with life's challenges and hardships. These remind us that this world is passing and imperfect, that the only dependable thing in life is our friendship with God. Hardships and challenges teach us to root our lives in the rich soil of knowing, loving, and serving him; then our lives will be like a flourishing tree, with strong roots and luscious fruits. This lesson has to be re-learned continually. Because of our fallen nature, we always tend to think we can find heaven on earth by putting together just the right combination of possessions, praise, and power. But we cannot, as our Lord makes perfectly clear. We are members of the Church militant for as long as we journey here on earth, and that means we need to keep our armor on and our supply lines protected, lest we fall into the enemy's traps. It takes faith to accept this teaching of Christ. Faith is for our Christian lives what natural intelligence is for our natural lives. We received natural intelligence when we were given life. It enables us to know, understand, and learn things about the world around us. It enables us to write poems and read books, unlike animals and plants, which do not have this kind of intelligence. When we were baptized, God gave a new kind of intelligence - faith. This enables us to see things from God's perspective. Faith allows us to perceive God's love behind 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 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

- **Stewardship:** Jesus calls and his call comes not as nameless people in a faceless crowd. He calls us individually, by name. Each one of us has a personal vocation. He gives us a unique role in carrying out his mission. The challenge is to understand our role, and to respond generously to that call. He calls us to a Christian way of life, or a Christian way of discipleship. Christian discipleship is a commitment of life after the model and example of Jesus Himself. It involves stewardship – meaning it requires making time for personal prayer. It means choosing to serve in parish ministries. It means planning a generous, consistent gift to the weekly offertory. Over time, as each person embraces his or her personal commitment, our parish can become a powerful witness to the abundant life that Jesus has promised. Thank you for what you are; and for what you bring to all of us through your life, gifts, and ministry.
- **Lenten Choir:** Each Wednesday at All Saints, Mass begins with music provided by a Lenten choir. You are invited to take part in this choir by joining us for rehearsals from 3:30-4:15 p.m. prior to Saturday Mass starting February 2nd. Please contact Brenda Wedemeyer at brendawedemeyer@yahoo.com for further information.
- **COMING SOON! Lenten Fish Fry at St. John, Adair:** The Men’s Club of St. John Lenten Fish Fry is coming soon! Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a good fish fry meal on Friday, March 15th, Friday, March 29th and Friday, April 12th at St. John’s Parish Hall in Adair.
- **COMING SOON! The liturgical season Lent:** Let us all be part of the season of grace and blessing. Ash Wednesday (March 6) through Holy Saturday (April 20) as we prepare for the most holy season of Lent through prayer (Holy Eucharist), doing penance (self-denial), repentance of sins (reconciliation), almsgiving (works of charity) and meditating and praying the Stations of the Cross. Please join us at 5:30pm for Wednesday evening Mass, Stations of the Cross and a soup supper at All Saints Catholic Church in Stuart during the Lenten season.
- **Looking for a Sponsor/Sponsors for 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, at three different times, singing: the Light of Christ (*Lumen Christi*), and the congregation sings in reply: thanks be to God (*Deo gratias*). And 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. We have the Easter Vigil Service at All Saints on Saturday, April 20, would you consider sponsoring that Paschal Candle this year?
- **Rescheduled Knights of Columbus Altar Server Appreciation at All Saints:** All altar servers are welcome to attend an Iowa Wild hockey game on Saturday February 23rd sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Plan to carpool from church, leaving at 3:50 p.m. stopping to eat at Pizza Ranch on the way and be in our seats before 6 p.m. game time. The Knights will cover the cost of game tickets and supper. Please sign up on the sheet in the vesting room.
- **Thank You!** We want to thank Jill Gerling, the faith formation team, and all those who had different roles in the Faith Formation Liturgy on Sunday, February 10th at All Saints. In a special way, we want to thank the parents for bringing the children even though the weather was not very cooperative. It speaks about your commitment, and dedication. Your partnership, and sacrifice is appreciated by your parish family, and together we grow spiritually as a wonderful parish family. Fr. Tony
- **Knights of Columbus Sponsored Spaghetti Dinner at All Saints:** The Knights of Columbus invite everyone to come and enjoy an Italian dinner (Spagetti dinner) on Sunday, February 24 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at All Saints Parish Hall. Free will donations only and all the proceeds will go towards supporting vocations.

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- **Mass Intentions!** The tradition of offering Masses for others, particularly the dead, originates in the very early Church. When we face the death of someone, even a person who is not Catholic, to have a Mass offered for the repose of his soul and to offer our prayers are more beneficial and comforting than any other sympathy card or bouquet of flowers. To have a Mass offered on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special need is appropriate, beneficial and appreciated. If you would like to offer Mass for a deceased family member or someone who is sick or to celebrate someone’s birthday or to celebrate a couple’s wedding anniversary, kindly contact the parish office.
- **Bible Study at St. John Catholic Church:** In the past we have enjoyed the Jeff Cavins Bible Timeline Series bible study. Annie would like to know who would be interested in starting "Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom." There are 20 total sessions and the workbook cost would be \$29 per person. This is a very in depth study into the early church and the mission of the apostles. Each class would be about an hour of watching the DVD. If interested text Annie 402-216-9488 or email annie68164@hotmail.com so we can plan days/time for the study. Thanks!

Altar and Rosary Society by Jodi Bassett, President

I’m going to do something a little different this week. I’m going to go back to last week’s second reading. One verse in particular catches my attention.

“But by the grace of God I am what I am.” We are all familiar with the common phrase ‘There but for the grace of God go I.’ We use that phrase when a trait or situation that involves someone else is perceived as less than desirable, and we realize that the grace of God protects us from the same. In contrast, in last week’s verse, God’s grace isn’t protecting us from something; rather, it is setting the stage for us. Grace is forming us to be the people we are. Our physical traits, our personalities, our intellect and all things that make us who we are, come from the grace of God.

It took a long time for me to realize that my station in life, as a professional, a wife, a step-parent and grandparent, a daughter, sister, aunt and friend was all because it is what God planned for me. Even the childhood I lived was to prepare me for what was to come. “And his grace to me has not been ineffective.” Once I had this epiphany, life became a lot easier to live. I still need to work at all those things; it isn’t a cake walk. After all, if God planned me, don’t I owe it to him to make me the best me I can be? I’m sure I still come up short, but I keep trying. As we approach Lent, perhaps it is a good time to review your station and give some thought to what made you the person you are.

Calendar with Mass Times, Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday 2/17	Monday 2/18	Tuesday 2/19	Wednesday 2/20	Thursday 2/21	Friday 2/22	Saturday 2/23
Adair 7:30am Adoration, Confession, Rosary 8am Mass for Francis Hollinrake (health) Stuart 9am Choir Practice 10am Mass for the People 2/24 Adair Mass for Joe Riesberg	BD: Creighton Suhr & Vern Tigges BD: James Maertens & Max Kasap ANN: Dennis & Donna Donnelly 1972	Stuart 6pm Mass for Ila Mae & Tony Pivonka BD: James Maertens & Max Kasap ANN: Dennis & Donna Donnelly 1972	Adair 8:30am Mass for Elizabeth Lillard (health) BD: Cole Plowman	Stuart 9am Mass (Stuart Care Center) for Claire & Pat Dickey BD: Kary Smith, Robert Klassen & Allison Smith	Stuart 8:30am Mass for Deceased members of the Tigges & Gladfelder families BD: Gina James ANN: Kenneth & Marilyn Ludwig 1955	Stuart 3:30pm Confessions 4:05 Rosary 4:30pm Mass for Claire & Pat Dickey