

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH

JUNE 10, 2018

Rev. Raymond J. Higgins, Parish Priest

10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DEFEND ALL HUMAN LIFE By Tony Magliano

Rejoice and be glad, Jesus is calling you to be holy! Ah, but you might say “Holiness is for saintly people like the pope. But the pope says holiness is for you and me, and that everyone is called by God “to be holy and blameless before him in love” (Eph. 1:4). In his new apostolic exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate* (“Rejoice and Be Glad”), Pope Francis reminds us that the Lord has set the bar extremely high for you and me: “He wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence” (see: <https://bit.ly/2qm6f4C>). The Holy Father writes, “The important thing is that each believer discern his or her own path, that they bring out the very best of themselves, the most personal gifts that God has placed in their hearts.” But common to all forms of holiness must be a deep special love for the vulnerable and poor – near and far. Pope Francis writes that the various miseries experienced by countless human beings should cause Christians to feel “a constant and healthy unease” which should inspire us to deeply pray and tirelessly work to help all those who suffer. This love must be passionate, consistent and unconditional. It cannot exclude anyone, not even our enemies. But many Catholics

and other Christians think that their one life issue – to the detriment of all other life issues – is the most important one of all. The Holy Father calls this mentality a “harmful ideological error.” Rather than ranking the life issues, Francis links them. He instructs us to see them as essential parts of an integral whole. He powerfully insists that “Our defense of the innocent unborn, for example, needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development. Equally sacred, however, are the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery, and every form of rejection.” Pope Francis is clearly insisting upon what the late courageous Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago coined “the consistent ethic of life” which calls for the total equal protection of the life and dignity of every human being from conception to natural death, and everyone in between – no exceptions (see: <https://bit.ly/2rfEpt>). Unfortunately,

ly, multitudes of Catholics are not committed to this centrally important teaching. I have encountered many Catholics who are deeply committed to ending abortion, but often have no hesitancy about going to war – which always involves killing countless innocent people. And on the other hand, I have encountered many deeply committed Catholic peace activists who are indifferent to the war of abortion waged against innocent unborn babies. But Pope Francis is in neither camp. Rather he is crystal clear that we are not to subjectively rank the life issues, but rather to objectively link them all together. The resurrecting of this ancient teaching of the early Catholic Church – insisting on absolutely no blood-spilling – is both the most moral and the most logical position to hold. It proclaims to governments, corporations, society and the whole world that no one is expendable! And that each person made in God’s image and likeness is to be cherished and protected. Tony Magliano is an internationally syndicated social justice and peace columnist. He is available to speak at diocesan or parish gatherings. Tony can be reached at tmag@zoominternet.net.



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MASS TIMES

10AM SUNDAY
6PM TUESDAY
9AM THURSDAY AT THE
CARE CENTER
8:30AM FRIDAY
3:30PM SATURDAY
CONFESSION
(OR BY APPOINTMENT)
4:05PM SATURDAY
ROSARY
4:30PM SATURDAY

Parish Business & Finance June 3rd

Tithes & Offerings: \$2,499.00
Kids: \$10.91

Building Fund: \$767.91

Garage Sale Income: \$1,222.84

This Week's Income: \$2,509.91

This Week's Expenses: \$3,219.70

Please remember your tithes & offerings if/when you are unavailable to attend Mass. The Parish Expenses continue whether you are here or not. Thank you!

2018 ADA Goal: \$29,802.00

Balance as of 6/1: \$12,827.00

Trustees: Janis Gilman,
Robert Bird

Council Members: Wayne
Nosbisch, Brenna Bird, Dave &
Barb Boss, Eric Tiernan, Tom Doud
Rita Rilea, Financial Secretary

Prayer is the greatest way to start your day...

-Submitted by David Witkowski

Arising from Sleep O Master and holy God, who are beyond our understanding: at your word, light came forth out of darkness. In your mercy, you gave us rest through night-long sleep, and raised us up to glorify your goodness and to offer our supplication to You. Now, in your own tender love, accept us who adore You and give thanks to You with all our heart. Grant us all our requests, if they lead to salvation; give us the grace of manifesting that we are children of light and day, and heirs to your eternal reward. In the abundance of your mercies, O Lord, remember all your people; all those present who pray with us; all our brethren on land, at sea, or in the air, in every place of Your domain, who call upon your love for mankind. Upon all, pour down your great mercy, that we, saved in body and in soul, may

persevere unflinchingly; and that, in our confidence, we may extol your exalted and blessed Name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, always, now and forever. Amen

Morning Offering to the Sacred Heart O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all our associates, and in particular for the intentions of our Holy Father for this month.

Morning Prayer I adore Thee, O my God, and I love Thee with all my heart. I give Thee thanks that Thou hast created me, made me a Christian, and preserved me this night. I offer Thee the actions of this day; grant that all of them

may be according to Thy holy Will, and for Thy greater glory. Save me from sin and from all evil. Let Thy grace be always with me. Amen.

Prayers at the Day's Beginning Lord, one more day to love you!

O Jesus, watch over me always, especially today, or I shall betray you like Judas.

Lord, today is the day I begin!

Jesus, shine through me and be so in me that every person I come in contact with may feel your presence in my soul.

My God, send me thy Holy Spirit to teach me what I am and what thou art!

May the Passion of Christ be ever in our heart. And to be more with Him, more with Him, not merely with oneself.

Thoughts from Jodi...

-Jodi Bassett, President, Altar & Rosary Society

We experience a lot of conflict in our lives. There is conflict at work; conflict at home, with our spouse, or our children, our parents or siblings or in-laws; conflict in our neighborhoods and conflict with other countries. We even experience conflict within our own selves. It can often be difficult to know the right thing to do. There is even a game called "Would You Rather," in which players are to choose a preference between two difficult options.

Adam and Eve faced a difficult choice when the serpent tricked them into eating the apple from the tree. They knew the

fruit was forbidden to them, yet they caved to the allure of the serpent. If Adam and Eve, who had one rule to follow ("Don't eat from the forbidden tree!") could be tempted to break the rule, why wouldn't we be swayed by so many temptations in our world? We know many of those choices conflict with one another and with our own consciences.

Why is it sometimes so difficult to do the right thing? Why can it be so easy to succumb to the greater evil, when the "right" decision should be obvious? That is Satan at work. Satan makes the wrong desirable,

or makes the right decision difficult, or even impossible. He gives us conflict, dividing our conscience against itself, making our decision process unstable and tenuous. It is a bit of a cop-out, but in a way, "The devil made us do it."

How do we make the right decisions? We must know the pros and cons of our options; what is right vs. what feels good. See the work of Satan in our lives daily, because it's there. Make Satan rise up against himself; it is then he can't win.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday June 16th

Rosary: Frank Holle

Ushers: Mark & Kari Tisl

Cross Bearer: Mark Tisl

Altar Server: Jodi Bassett

Lector: Roni Wilson

Commentator: Carol Smith

Greeters/Gifts: Mark & Kari Tisl

EMHC: Mark & Kari Tisl, Brenda Wedemeyer

Sunday June 17th

Ushers: Neal Crawford, Jim Doud

Cross Bearer: Matt Gerling

Altar Servers: Nate Gerling, Gabe Gerling, Cam Tigges

Lector: Gary Riordan

Commentator: Daisy Nevins

Greeters/Gifts: Jason & Jennifer Tigges

EMHC: Jill Gerling, Dave Tisl, Amy Doud

Please contact Joyce Van Pelt regarding scheduling questions: joyceannvp@gmail.com

Garage Sale Proceeds

The sale was a big success! We had total proceeds of \$1,222.84. This amount was split between the Repair Fund and the Altar & Rosary Society. Thanks to all who donated and worked. Special thanks go to Connie Drake & Cindy Lonsdale.

CALENDAR

<u>Sunday 6-10</u>	<u>Monday 6-11</u>	<u>Tuesday 6-12</u>	<u>Wednesday 6-13</u>	<u>Thursday 6-14</u>	<u>Friday 6-15</u>	<u>Saturday 6-16</u>
<p>9am Adoration</p> <p>10am Mass for the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish</p> <p>BDs: Mary Ellen Simons, John Wilson</p> <p>K of C Mtg. 6pm</p>	<p>BDs: John Gulbranson, Tanya Boyle</p> <p>ANN: Eric & Laura Weber 2005</p>	<p>6pm Mass for Ruby Waltz</p> <p>BD: Dave Tisl</p>		<p>9am Mass for Clair & Pat Dickey (<i>Care Center</i>)</p> <p>BD: Jenna Becker</p>	<p>8:30am Mass Sr. Phyllis Kernz</p>	<p>3:30pm Confessions</p> <p>4:05pm Rosary</p> <p>4:30pm Mass for Bernadine Burke</p> <p>BD: Steve McAndrews</p>

IN THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday Focus:

Genesis 3:9-15; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

Jesus, our path to salvation, calls us brother and sister and commands that we do the will of God.

From the beginning, God gas promised His people redemption. His love is stronger than sin and prevails over evil. Jesus comes to us to embody that love and set an example for us to follow. In doing God's will, He shows us the way to the Father and calls us to do the same on our journey to eternal life.

Monday Focus:

Acts 11:21b-26, 13:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

Let us use our gifts for God's glory.

Barnabas, whose name means "son of encouragement," used his spiritual gifts for God's glory. Just as Barnabas used his gift to bless the whole Church, let us strive to use the gifts God has given us each day to love one another and follow in Jesus' footsteps.

Tuesday Focus:

1 Kings 17:7-16; Matthew 5:13-16

Trust God and step out in faith.

In God, there is hope and as faithful followers of Christ, we need to be His light to the world. How can we shine God's light in a world filled with darkness? By spreading hope and charity to all whom we meet.

Wednesday Focus:

1 Kings 18:20-39; Matthew 5:17-19

Jesus is the fulfillment of the law.

Anyone can blindly follow rules, or live by the law. Living by the law of love is more challenging. This is the life that Jesus embodied, and commands us to follow. If someone were to look at our lives and listen to the way we talk, would they be convinced that God is at our center?

Thursday Focus:

1 Kings 18:41-46; Matthew 5:20-26

Let us strive to enter the kingdom of God.

We are given the keys to the kingdom in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the fulfillment of God's promises. Let us heed the instructions

He gives us on what we need to do to enter the kingdom.

Friday Focus:

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-16; Matthew 5:27-32

Be attentive to the many ways God is present in our lives each day.

We have many opportunities to be aware of the presence of God in our daily lives. Let us pause throughout the day to give thanks to God: for life, food, family, nature and the many other ways that God offers us His gifts.

Saturday Focus:

1 Kings 19:19-21; Matthew 5:33-37

The Lord calls His disciples to follow Him in a way that sets them apart to live by a higher standard.

God called Elisha to a life of service through Elijah, and Elisha responded radically. Jesus continues calling us to holiness, setting a higher standard than the old Mosaic law. Both require a wholehearted "yes" to God.

WHO'S WHO?

Parish Priest Rev. Raymond J. Higgins is our current Pastor. He will officially be leaving us July 11, 2018. Our new priest will be Fr. Antony Mathew who is currently serving the parishes in Audubon and Exira.

Parish Office PO Box 605, 216 All Saints Drive, Stuart 50250 *Serving Both Parishes* Rita Rilea (allsaintsoffice@gmail.com) is our **Financial Secretary and is responsible for all matters dealing with the finances** at both All Saints in Stuart and St. John in Adair. She is also the person who publishes donation statements, sets up electronic donations, and is the secretary/treasurer of the Altar & Rosary Society. Rita is in the office Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday from 9am-3pm. Brenda Wedemeyer (stjohnallsaints@gmail.com) is our bulletin editor, communications coordinator, and pastoral assistant. She manages the websites and email correspondences and assists Father as needed by attending meetings in his place or taking care of general requests. Brenda is in the office on a limited basis, but generally on Thursdays from 9-5, with some hours at other times during the week as needed.

Faith Formation Cathy Hicks (cabinmn@gmail.com) is our Director of Religious Education and is responsible for the education department at All Saints. Annie Brincks (annie68164@hotmail.com) is her counterpart at St. John. Please contact either one of these ladies to register your children for Faith Formation, to volunteer, or for further information.

Parish Maintenance Barb Boss (bbosslady@msn.com) is the head of building custodial duties. She is part time and is assisted by Christina, her daughter. Their work schedule fluctuates with the events of the parish, but generally are at the church on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Dave, Barb's husband, is the one who takes care

of our building & grounds as well as our environmental creature comforts.

Knights of Columbus—All Saints Dan Hilgers (amh50070@yahoo.com) is the current Grand Knight. Meetings are conducted on the second Sunday evening of the month at 6pm. All men—18 and older—of the parish are invited and welcome to join.

St. John's Men's Group—Adair All men—18 and older—are invited to take part in the organization which specializes in sponsoring Friday Night Fish Fries during Lent each year. Francis Hollinrake is the leader of this group. (641-742-5016)

Altar & Rosary Society—All Saints Jodi Bassett (jodibdc@coonvalleytelco.com) is the current president of the Altar & Rosary Society. The A&RS provides funeral meals as well as altar linens. All women—18 and older—of the parish are automatically members. Annual dues are \$10.

C.W.O.—Adair The Catholic Women's Organization at St. John's is lead by Betty Ludwig (bludwig50002@yahoo.com). The group meets the first of each month following Mass on Wednesday morning. Every woman of the church is a member. The group provides coffee and rolls the first Sunday of the month. The CWO hosts an annual Spring Dinner to help raise funds to help with the Annual Diocesan Appeal amount. They serve funeral lunches and are responsible for the bills of the parish hall. Annual dues are \$5 as well as a \$25 collection each fall in lieu of a dinner.

Hall Rentals Anyone wishing to rent a parish hall should contact Rita Rilea at All Saints or Betty Ludwig at St. John.

Musicians Norma Tigges (tiggesnorma@yahoo.com) is the organist, music director, and wedding coordinator for All Saints with Sharon Swartz as the Saturday organist. Deb Hollinrake (641-742-5016) is the organist, cantor, and choir

leader for St. John. Contact Norma or Deb for wedding or funeral arrangements.

Special Events Frank Hadley (8791armyvvet@gmail.com) has accepted the responsibility of heading the Special Events committee at Stuart. Please contact Frank if you'd like to volunteer to help him on any particular event.

Websites & e-Communications

<https://stuartallsaints.org>

<https://adairstjohn.org>

Mass emails are sent out through Constant Contact. If you are not receiving our electronic bulletins and other notifications (i.e., prayer requests, announcements, etc), please be sure to submit your email address to the church office. The week's bulletin is sent out at 9am each Saturday morning for your convenience.

Any items that you would like to have published in the upcoming bulletin need to be submitted to the church office by 5pm Wednesday. Thank you!

Liturgical Scheduling All scheduling of Liturgical Ministers is done through Les Elgin (elgins2011@gmail.com) for St. John and through Joyce Van Pelt (joyceannvp@gmail.com) at All Saints. Please keep these folks informed of your ability to serve as well as your current contact information.

Sacraments If you are in need of any Sacrament or if you wish to join the Church, please contact the Church office at 515-523-1943.

RCIA The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is offered during the regularly scheduled Faith Formation year.

Prayer Requests For St. John's contact Adella Vogl at 641-742-5277; for All Saints, contact Viola Heins at 515-789-2029 or call the Church Office 515-523-1943.