

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY 15, 2018

Rev. Antony Mathew, Parish Priest

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Tools for Building a Domestic Church

According to the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church: "The family, is so to speak, the domestic church." (Lumen Gentium #11) This means that it is in the context of the family that we first learn who God is and to prayerfully seek His will for us. In the following bullet points you will find some suggestions on how to build your "domestic church" through a life of prayer that can help all the members of your family.

- Begin praying as a family and reading from Scripture daily, certainly before meals, but also first thing in the morning or before bed. Find a time that works for your family. Use the liturgy of the Church as a model for prayer, and try to include heartfelt unstructured prayer as well.
- Pray a Family Rosary (each member leads a decade, and everyone shares intentions).
- Have a crucifix in a

prominent place in the home, and in every bedroom.

- Make the Sacraments a regular celebration – take the whole family to Confession and Mass!
- Begin family traditions based on the seasons celebrated in the liturgical calendar.
- Make your vacation a holy pilgrimage by visiting the shrines and saints of our land and the world.
- Make worshipping God a priority. Never miss Mass, even while traveling – go to: www.MassTimes.org . . . to find a church near you!
- Teach stewardship and charity to your children, through word and example.
- Demonstrate love for your spouse, your children, your neighbors, and the world. Remind your children that they are loved by God and have been given

gifts to serve others.

- Talk freely about the presence of God in the joys and sorrows of your life.
- Welcome into your home and support priests, brothers, sisters, deacons, and lay ministers in the Church.
- Participate in the lay ministries and activities of your parish community.
- Allow your children to witness you in private prayer. Encourage your children to pray daily on their own, to listen for God's call, and if heard, to respond.

For more ideas on how to build your home as a Domestic Church, go to: www.domestic-church.com . . . or visit *The Family Fully Alive*, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

From the usccb.org website

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stuartallsaints.org



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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 July 8th

Tithes & Offerings: \$2,404.00
Kids: \$14.18
Building Fund: \$672.00
This Week's Income: \$2,418.18
This Week's Expenses: \$3,008.99

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 6/29: \$10,462.00

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

RETHINKING THE TERM “BRAIN DEAD”

Innovative research studying the brain of a 23-year-old English woman in a coma following a traffic accident has medical experts and scientists reconsidering their definition of “brain dead.”

The woman had been unresponsive since emerging from a coma and met all the criteria for a persistent vegetative state. However, although she had been considered “brain dead”, new research using an MRI scanner clearly showed that her brain activity was the same as those of a normal conscious person.

Presented with spoken sentences, the woman had increased activity

in speech comprehension centers in the brain. When asked to imagine herself playing tennis and walking through rooms in her house, brain areas governing visual spatial and motor functions lit up on the imaging screen—again, in patterns similar to those seen in normal volunteers.

The medical experts agree that although the patient had been diagnosed as in a vegetative state, she clearly retained the ability to understand spoken commands and to respond to them through her brain activity, rather than through speech or movement. They also stated that her ability to cooperate confirmed beyond any doubt that she was consciously aware of herself and her surroundings.

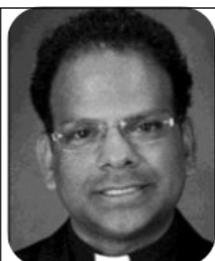
The teaching of the Church has consistently reaffirmed the im-

portance of the dignity of every human life, even when that life appears to be unresponsive. A case like this one should no doubt help to change attitudes and views of people living in so-called persistent vegetative states.

For other Pro-Life Articles, Videos, or Images visit our website:

www.pro-lifearticles.org

“To be clear: Catholics cannot provide, support or encourage abortion. Catholic political leaders have a serious obligation in this matter. Disciples of Christ do not support abortion. Period.”
-Bishop Thomas J. Tobin



Join us for sandwiches & salads following both weekend Masses as we welcome Fr. Tony to All Saints

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday July 21st

Rosary: Frank Holle

Ushers: Dave Boss & Mark Tisl

Cross Bearer: Dennis Donnelly

Altar Servers: Bailey & Zoey Dickson

Lector: Mark Tisl

Commentator: Donna Donnelly

Greeters/Gifts: Dennis & Donna Donnelly

EMHC: Mark Tisl, Donna Donnelly, Sr. Andre

Sunday July 22nd

Ushers: Neal Crawford & Wayne Nosbisch

Cross Bearer: Jason Tigges

Altar Servers: Cam Tigges, Jack & Jenna Doyle

Lector: Gary Riordan

Commentator: Harriet Gulbranson

Greeters/Gifts: Neal & Symantha Crawford

EMHC: Linda Lee O’Neel, Harriet Gulbranson, Dave Tisl

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

Parish Business Office Hours

Tuesday 9am-3pm

Wednesday 9am-3pm

Thursday 9am-3pm

**Office Phone Number:
515-523-1943**

CALENDAR

<u>Sunday 7-15</u>	<u>Monday 7-16</u>	<u>Tuesday 7-17</u>	<u>Wednesday 7-18</u>	<u>Thursday 7-19</u>	<u>Friday 7-20</u>	<u>Saturday 7-21</u>
9am Adoration 10am Mass for the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish BD: David Witkowski, Taylor Ommen	BD: Carley Schaffer	6pm Mass for George Clark BD: Amy Doud	 BDS: Denny Hohn	9am Mass (Care Center) for George Clark BD: Joanne Tiernan, Norma Tigges, Ann Vigon, Clare Kasap	8:30am Mass for Tom Kelly BD: Jerry Kuttler ANN: Wayne & Jan Gilman 1974	3:30pm Confessions 4:05pm Rosary 4:30pm Mass for Bill Sherman BDS: Jane Sherman, Kathryn Johnson

IN THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday Focus:

Amos 7:12-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13

God chose us in Him, before the foundation of the world.

God chooses us, despite our failures and shortcomings, to be His disciples. He sends us out into the world, not on our own, but in the companionship of our brothers and sisters in community. He does not leave us to our own devices, but gives power and authority through His name.

Monday Focus:

Isaiah 1:10-17; Matthew 10:34-11:1

Listen to the instruction of our God: cease doing evil; learn to do good.

If ever we are not clear about what God is asking from us, we need only check Scripture. From the Ten Commandments to Jesus' command to love one another, the instructions are straightforward. Life is not always so simple, though, right? So we need to remember that God is all-good, and the complete absence of evil. Therefore, following His ways and relying on His grace will enable us to follow His instructions with courage and integrity.

Tuesday Focus:

Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 11:20-24

God calls us to radical trust in the midst of challenges and hardships.

At various times in our lives, we all face challenges and hardship. It is at those times that we must rely on the goodness and love of God to see us through.

Wednesday Focus:

Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16; Matthew 11:25-27

Jesus is the fullness of God's revelation of Himself.

Faith and reason are the bedrocks of our belief. It is not always just the wise and the learned who are guaranteed knowledge and understanding of God. It takes getting out of our own heads, and approaching God with childlike wonder and innocence, to allow faith and love to illuminate our knowledge and reason.

Thursday Focus:

Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Matthew 11:28-30

Take comfort in joining the mission of Christ.

In taking on the mission of Christ, we may perceive it as an arduous challenge. Yet Christ promises that uniting ourselves and

our goals to Him will give us comfort, rest and peace. He speaks to the weary and tells us that His *yoke is easy* and His *burden is light*.

Friday Focus:

Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Matthew 12:1-8

The Lord hears the prayer of the one who trusts in Him.

As Christians, we are called to be people of prayer. Yet developing and growing a life of prayer can be one of our greatest challenges. To begin we need to be honest before the Lord and to ask for divine help in our endeavors, remembering at all times that our prayer must be matched by our witness.

Saturday Focus:

Micah 2:1-5; Matthew 12:14-21

Jesus, the true God and Messiah, desires to heal us.

The same Jesus who, in today's Gospel, cures all of the people who follow Him, desires our healing as well. Let us turn to Him in prayer and ask for forgiveness and healing.

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contact Cathy to register your chil-
dren for Faith Formation, to volun-
teer, or for further information.

Parish Maintenance Barb Boss
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Knights of Columbus—All Saints
Dan Hilgers (**amh50070@yahoo.com**)
is the 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.

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

Hall Rental Anyone wishing to rent
the parish hall should contact Rita
Rilea.

Musicians Norma Tigges
(**tiggesnorma@yahoo.com**) is the
Sunday organist, music director,

and wedding coordinator with
Sharon Swartz as the Saturday
organist. Contact Norma for
wedding or funeral arrangements.

Special Events Frank Hadley
(**8791armyvet@gmail.com**) Please
contact Frank if you'd like to volun-
teer to help him plan and carry out
special events.

Websites & e-Communications

<https://stuartallsaints.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.

Liturgical Scheduling All scheduling
of Liturgical Ministers is done
through Joyce Van Pelt
(**joyceannvp@gmail.com**). Please
keep Joyce 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 reg-
ularly scheduled Faith Formation
year.

Prayer Requests Contact Viola
Heins at 515-789-2029 or call the
Church Office 515-523-1943.

Thoughts from Jodi...

-Jodi Bassett, President, Altar & Rosary Society
If you have ever tried to explain something
to someone who "just didn't get it," you
probably experienced a great deal of frus-
tration. Frustration in repeating yourself,
in trying to find other ways to explain the
concept, in questioning your ability to
teach or explain, and even in the failure of
getting your point across. If only you had
more resources, or more examples, or
maybe even someone else to help, maybe
then you could be understood. How many
times would you just shake your head and
walk away? We live in a rushed world.
Who has time to stick around to explain
such complexities as repentance to people
who don't understand? The disciples how-
ever, were instructed to minimize. They
were allowed only sandals, a single tunic
and a walking stick, and were to travel in
pairs. They had no additional resources,
and were to preach repentance to the peo-
ple. If the disciples were welcomed, they
were to stay; if they were rejected, the
disciples were to leave, shaking the dust
from their sandals. Repentance can be a
tricky concept, and all the disciples had for
assistance were each other. In compari-
son, Amos was cast away from Bethel,
identified by Amaziah as a prophet for hire.
Amos denied the label, as he was a simple
shepherd. The Lord selected Amos to
prophecy to his people in Israel. Amos did
not turn the Lord down, but in so doing,
was singled out by Amaziah as one who
exchanged the word of God for payment.
Amos probably shook his head as well.
Who was Amaziah to turn away one cho-
sen by God Himself? Probably Amaziah
just didn't get it. We extend a warm wel-
come to Fr. Tony this weekend as he be-
gins his ministry at St. John's and All Saints!