

Father Tony's Corner

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temptation. The more fully we understand why the Mass is so central, the more deeply we will be able to live the Mass, and the more easily we will be able to help bring back our friends and family members who have stopped coming to Mass. Since we are in the Year for Priests, and celebrating Mass is the core activity of every priest, now is the perfect time to reflect on this all-important act of worship. The Mass is the perfect act of worship, the perfect prayer - objectively perfect, because the Mass is Jesus Christ's own prayer, it is his own sacrifice on the cross, his own act of worship, really made present for us - whether or not we happen to feel any spiritual warm-fuzzies. In every Mass, Jesus opens a corridor through history, linking three things: the here-and-now of our normal, everyday lives, with all of our struggles, joys, and sorrows; the historical sacrifice of his own body and blood on the cross at Calvary, by which he repaired the damage done by Adam and Eve's disobedience to God; and his everlasting self-offering as it continues now in heaven, where he is always interceding for us, as our leader and high priest, in the presence of God the Father.

Faith Formation News by Cathy Hicks, Director of Religious Education

...Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14)

The start of the Faith Formation year is just around the corner, and here are a couple of reminders concerning Faith Formation:

- * Please make sure to register your children for Faith Formation. Forms are available today after masses and can be picked up at any time.
- * Faith Formation will begin Sept. 5th at 6:30.

Catechists needed

I am in need of **two people** to teach the 5th/6th grade class. Even though this is not a paid position, the rewards from the sharing of faith and the willingness to guide these young people is priceless. If you are interested, please feel free to give me a call (523-1947) or email at cabinmn@gmail.com.

Have a great week, and may God always be at your side and hold you in the palm of His hand.

Altar and Rosary Society by Jodi Bassett

This week's first and second reading, admonish against foolishness. Wisdom invites those who, perhaps, misunderstand to eat at her table and drink of her wine. It makes sense. If a person wants to learn something, they spend time with those who are knowledgeable in the desired topic. They ask questions and listen to the answers. You wouldn't try to learn from someone who knows less about a subject than you do. As a teacher, Wisdom asks those who in need of understanding into her home, which is perfect in knowledge demonstrated by seven columns of proverbs.

St. Paul advises the Ephesians to live carefully, to not be ignorant or foolish and to make the most of opportunities. In contrast, however, he asks that the Ephesians use moderation and not get drunk on wine. Trouble—debauchery!--comes from drinking too much wine. Rather, he encourages them to be filled with the Spirit and to be joyful in their interactions with one another. Wisdom is being metaphorical, and St. Paul is more practical.

In John's Gospel, we are again reminded of the living bread. In this passage Jesus explains to the Jews, several times in varying ways, how whoever eats His flesh and drinks His blood will have eternal life. Seven times, in seven different ways, Jesus describes how His flesh is the true food and His blood is the true drink. Seven times! This is an important point for Jesus to make.

St. John's Faith Formation

The classes for Faith Formation are posted on the Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/stjohnsfaithformation/

There is no fee for kids' ages 3+ with class running for 20 minutes. All other ages are \$20 with classes from 9-11am.

Classes will begin Sunday, September 9th at 9am.

TRI CENTER MEALS FUNDRAISER

Free will offering
Baked Potato Bar
Sunday, August 26th, 2018
United Methodist Church
11:30—1:30
Everyone is welcome!
To help deliver meals please
call Tammy B. at 515-523-2937

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Office Hours

Tuesday: 8:30am - 3pm
Wednesday: 8:30am - 3pm
Thursday: 8:30am - 3pm

Bulletin Deadline:

Noon Wednesday's



All Saints Mass Schedule

Tuesday: 6pm
Thursday: 9am (Care Center)
Friday: 8:30am
Saturday: 4:30pm
Sunday: 10am

St. John's Mass Schedule

Wednesday: 8:30am
Sunday: 8am

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Before the Ascension, Jesus Christ promised to remain with his Church 'until the end of the age' (Matthew 28: 20). The most remarkable way in which he has fulfilled this promise is through the institution of the Holy Eucharist. To keep our human nature alive, we need natural food; to go without eating is to languish and die. But by our baptism we are no longer merely children of natural parents; we are also sons and daughters of God himself, sharers in His divine life. To sustain that supernatural life, we need supernatural food. Christ himself is that food. Just as children receive life and existence from their parents' flesh and blood at the moment of conception, so we receive Christian life and existence from Christ's flesh and blood in the Holy Eucharist. During the Mass, when the ordained priest, in obedience to Christ's own command to 'do this in remembrance of me', pronounces the words of consecration ('this is my body... this is my blood') over the bread and the wine, those humble substances are changed into Christ's own body and blood. This change is known by theologians as 'transubstantiation', the transformation of the substance of bread and wine into the substance of Christ's body and blood. And since Christ is alive today, residing physically in heaven, wherever his body and blood are really present, he himself must also be present. Thus, the Church has always taught, and the faithful have always believed, that in the Holy Eucharist, under the appearances of bread and wine, our God is truly and sacramentally present in his body, blood, soul, and divinity. When Jesus tells us that he is 'the living bread that came down from heaven', he is not just being poetic. He is talking about the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, by which he becomes truly present - body, blood, soul, and divinity - under the appearance of bread and wine. The other sacraments give us God's grace, but the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist gives us God himself as our nourishment. This is what Jesus means when he says, 'My flesh is real food, my blood is real drink'. Seven times in these seven verses Jesus repeats this message - he wants to make sure we get it. The Holy Eucharist is the supernatural food that keeps us going along the difficult path towards salvation and lasting happiness: 'Whoever eats my flesh... has eternal life'. This short speech by our Lord, in which he emphasizes the centrality of the Holy Eucharist in the life of every Christian, helps us understand more deeply the Church's commandment to attend Mass every Sunday and holy days of obligation. It is easy to think that this precept is arbitrary or old-fashioned, as if the Church were on some kind of meaningless power trip. Nothing could be further from the truth: Mass is the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, and the Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life on earth. Mass is the anchor of our spiritual and moral life; it holds everything else in place. If we let that anchor go loose, sooner or later the rest of our lives will drift off course, dragged away by the powerful currents of selfishness and

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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

- Priest's Residence Updating** Our homes and offices, especially the appliances and furniture, need an updating after several years of use. The priest's residence belongs to the parish, and it is the responsibility of the parish to maintain and upkeep the residence. Whatever is bought by the parish for the priest's residence stays there for the use of the current pastor and his successors. The appliances and furniture at the priest's residence are very, very old. Perhaps the most appropriate time for an updating is when a new pastor occupies the residence. Therefore, your kind and generous support is essential for updating the residence of your pastor. 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 and generous sharing for our residence updating project. **We are really and truly blessed by your love, kindness, support and generosity . Through your generosity and support, we are able to move forward with our project.** Rev. Antony Mathew **Contributions to date: \$3,960.00**
- Ice Cream For Everyone** The All Saints Knights of Columbus will be scooping up a sweet ice cream treat for everyone attending Masses over the weekend of August 25th-26th.
- Invitation to the Retirement Party** Brenda Wedemeyer (August 15th), and Rita Rilea (August 29th) have both decided to retire from their positions at All Saints/St. John's Catholic Church in the month of August. In appreciation, and gratitude of their service/ministry to our parishes, all are invited to a retirement party on Sunday, August 19th at 11.00 a.m. at All Saints Catholic Church parish hall.
- Birthday Celebration** - Joan Brooking would like to invite you to join in celebrating Maxine Nelson's 96th birthday on Sunday, August 19th from 1:30 - 4 at the Community Care Center. Come enjoy cake and ice cream while wishing Maxine a HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!
- Sunday Choir Practice Begins September 9th** Attention Choir members and those interested in joining the choir this year. Our first choir practice will be **Sunday, September 9th at 9am.** I am delighted to announce that Dave Tisl will be directing this year. We will practice in the classroom east of the Church Hall. This is a good time for people who are thinking about singing with us, to get acquainted and share in fellowship. For more information, call Norma Tigges at 515-789-4334.

All Saints Financial Partnership

August 12, 2018

Weekly Offering: \$2,868.00

Children's Offering: \$9.30

Building Fund: \$240.00

ADA 2018 Goal: \$29,802.00

ADA Balance Due: **\$10,112.00**

Finance Council: Rev. Antony Mathew, Wayne Nosbisch, Brenna Bird, Dave Boss, Barb Boss, Eric Tiernan, Tom Doud

Trustees: Janis Gilman, Robert Bird

St John's Financial Partnership

August 12, 2018

Weekly Offering: \$738.00

Children's Offering: \$16.00

Building Fund: \$50.00

ADA 2018 Goal: \$7,029.00

ADA Balance Due: \$0 **—THANK YOU!!**

Finance Council: Rev. Antony Mathew, John Fagan, Monica Fagan, Larry Drees, Kenneth Ludwig, Marcia Gettler

Trustees: Sheryl Drees, Les Elgin

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All Saints

Saturday August 25th

Rosary: Frank Holle

Ushers: Mark Tisl & Wayne Gilman

Cross Bearer: Mark Tisl

Altar Server: Jodi Bassett

Lector: Anita Hilgers

Commentator: Carol Smith

Greeters/Gifts: Janet & Marvin Bassett

EMHC: Dan Hilgers, Mark Tisl & Brenda Wedemeyer

All Saints

Sunday August 26th

Adoration: *Sacristan Sets Up*

Ushers: Bob Olson & Neal Crawford

Cross Bearer: Jason Tigges

Altar Servers: Larissa Crawford & Cam Tigges

Lector: Wayne Nosbisch

Commentator: Gary Riordan

Greeters/Gifts: Jason & Jenn Tigges

EMHC: Linda Lee O'Neel, Jill Gerling and Harriet Gulbranson

St. John's

Sunday August 26th

Cross Bearer: Cody Moreland

Greeters/Gifts: Mr. & Mrs. Tom Fagan

Lector: Julie Plowman

Host: Sister Chinweze

Cup: Dave Richter & Sister Nesta

Altar Servers: Cole Plowman & Luke Brincks

Traveling Chalice: Kaye & Cleon Klemish

CALENDAR WITH MASS TIMES, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, SPECIALS

<u>Sunday 8/19</u>	<u>Monday 8/20</u>	<u>Tuesday 8/21</u>	<u>Wednesday 8/22</u>	<u>Thursday 8/23</u>	<u>Friday 8/24</u>	<u>Saturday 8/25</u>
Adair <i>7:30am Rosary, Confession</i> 8am Mass for Eldon Faga	BD: Carly Dickson ANN: Dave & Rosie Tisl 1960	Stuart 6pm Mass for Donato Cianciaruso	Adair 8:30am Mass for Joseph Lawlor	9am Mass (Stuart Care Center) for Sr. Phyllis Kerns	Stuart 8:30am Mass for Duane Hull	Stuart 3:30pm Confessions 4:05pm Rosary 4:30pm Mass for Special Intentions
Stuart <i>9am Adoration</i> 10am Mass for the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish BDs: Maxine Nelson, Bryan Huerta & Doug Richter	BDs: Rita Wilson, Mary Morgan, Mike Livermore, Scott McAndrews, Emily Lincoln, Betty Vais	BDs: Joan Brooking, Tom Guillaume, Will Poffenberger, Olivia Lewis	BDs: Joan Brooking, Tom Guillaume, Will Poffenberger, Olivia Lewis	BDs: Tom Doud, Sonja Gonzalez, Francis Hollinrake	BD: Destiny Bruns	ANN: Scott & Sarah McAndrews 2007

IN THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday Focus:

Proverbs 9:1-6; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

We grow in wisdom as we grow in our understanding of God.

Our human understanding limits us, and so Scripture and the Church provide teachings that help us to know, love and trust in God. In Jesus, we come to know the Father; and through Jesus, as the Bread of Life, we come to have eternal life.

Monday Focus

Ezekiel 24: 15-23; Matthew 19: 16-22

If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments.

If Christian discipleship was only about checking off our successes at following the Ten Commandments each day, most of us would find it challenging, but not impossible. And while those commandments are essential to the Christian life, they are not the epitome of it: for Christ calls us to do all things out of love—which can be infinitely more difficult. But again, not impossible—with his help.

Tuesday Focus:

Ezekiel 28: 1-10; Matthew 19: 23-30

Everlasting life is given to those who place God first in their lives.

We human beings are limited by what our senses detect or what our minds can construe. We all have different gifts: wisdom, business acumen, athletic prowess. But we are all human, and ought to be humble before God. When we forsake all things for God, we find that true life comes only from Him.

Wednesday Focus

Ezekiel 34: 1-11; Matthew 20: 1-16

We enter God's kingdom not by what we do or don't do, but by the grace of God.

Today's Gospel reminds us that the laborers in the vineyard are equal in the eyes of God. It is God's limitless generosity that opens that gates of the kingdom for us, not our own stature or abilities.

Thursday Focus:

Ezekiel 36: 23-28; Matthew 22: 1-14

Allow God to purify you and give you new life.

A great verse in this passage from the Prophet Ezekiel is when God says, *I will sprinkle clean water upon you to cleanse you from all your impurities, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.* It is through

the power of God that our own freedom from sin is made possible, bringing us to conversion and new life.

Friday Focus: St. Bartholomew, Apostle—Feast

Revelation 21: 9b-14; John 1: 45-51

Christ knows us and seeks us, and invites us to follow Him.

In today's Gospel, we consider that call of Nathanael (whom the Church identifies as Bartholomew), and the invitation by Philip to *come and see.* How do we respond to the invitation to "come and see"?

Saturday Focus:

Ezekiel 43: 1-7ab; Matthew 23: 1-12

The temple was filled with the glory of the Lord.

The glory of the Lord entered the Temple of the Israelites, and chose to dwell there forever. God became man to dwell among us, and through the Holy Spirit remains with us forever. In our bodies, then, as temples of the Holy Spirit, the glory of the Lord *also* resides. Let us honor him through our service and humility, as Jesus instructs.