

Father Tony's Corner

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ourselves about all that the Catechism teaches, and that means, sometimes, honestly facing difficulties. But those doctrines are not optional; they are part of the deposit of faith, part of what God has revealed to us for our salvation. He is the doctor; we are only patients; and our health and happiness depends on following the doctor's orders. Today Jesus will renew his commitment to us in the Holy Eucharist. When he does, let us renew our commitment to him by telling him how strongly we desire to live as heart-first Catholics, dependable, truthful, conscious followers of Christ, not pharisaical hypocrites.

Faith Formation News by Cathy Hicks, Director of Religious Education

It's hard to believe we will be starting Faith Formation this Wednesday, September 5th. If you have not registered your child for classes, you may do so that night. Cost is \$30 per student; not to exceed \$90. Once again, this year, there will be a light supper provided for those students who do not get to eat before class because of practices or other commitments. The Knights of Columbus has donated money for these meals, and Wayne Nosbisch will be preparing the meals on Wednesday evenings. If WCV has an early out, a light snack will be prepared instead of a meal. Also, if anyone would like to provide a meal some Wednesday, please let Wayne know ahead of time.

Anyone who has received Communion and would like to be an altar server, Father Tony will have a training session for anyone who is interested on Sept. 12th during faith formation classes. Also, anyone who has received their Confirmation may be trained as a Eucharistic Minister. Once again, Father Tony will provide a training session. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to call me at the church or email me 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 Jan Gilman

The Altar and Rosary Society is a service organization, and every woman of the parish is a member. One of the main projects that we do is to serve funeral luncheons.

Every member is assigned to a group with two chairmen. When a luncheon is necessary, the chairmen call upon the group members for salads and desserts. If everyone participates, and the new grouping works as anticipated, you will only be asked to contribute every fourth funeral. When a salad is requested of you, please make it large enough to serve 8 people and desserts large enough to serve 15-16 people. As an added help for those working in the kitchen, please put your name on all pieces of the containers that you provide food in.

Enclosed in the bulletin you will find your name listed in your group. Please call your first listed chairman and provide your current contact information (even if you think it is already current). It might also be helpful, for you, to enter both of your chairmen's contact information in your phone so that you recognize their number when they call.

If you have any questions, please call Jan or Wayne Gilman at 515-523-1407.

Thank you — your participation is sincerely appreciated.

Jan and Wayne Gilman, Harriet and John Gulbranson, Becky O'Brien and Jodi Bassett

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.

ADOPT A NEIGHBOR

Do you know someone who could use some help around the house? Stuart Fire Outreach is giving back to the Community with its first Adopt a Neighbor Program! Please let us know at StuartFireCommunityOutreach23@yahoo.com, who you think could benefit from some light house or yard work this fall! Please include your name and phone and a description of what needs completed.

Have nominees in by September 8th.

September 2, 2018

All Saints Catholic Church

22nd Week in Ordinary Time

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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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God cares more about what happens on the inside of our lives than what happens on the outside. He wants our hearts. The Pharisees in Jesus' time were focused on externals and had lost sight of the bigger picture. Jesus reminds through today's Gospel that defilement comes from hearts and endangers other hearts, and we should strive to maintain a purity of heart, not just ritual cleanliness. The heart is the place where we decide for or against our conscience, for or against God's will. Our friendship with Christ, and the purpose, strength, and vigor that flows out of that friendship, depend on our inner allegiance to him. Jesus does not care what we look like to others; he cares about who we really are. And so, that is what we should care about too. The dietary laws in Jesus' time believed certain foods brought ritual contamination and, therefore, defiled a man. Jesus is teaching that there are no ritually impure foods. It is a teaching that even the first disciples would struggle with as they realized that Christianity was meant to go beyond the Jewish world and culture. True followers of Jesus Christ can never be satisfied with merely exterior piety; we can never consider ourselves superior to others just because our sins are less visible. That is what the Pharisees did, and it blinded them to God's love; in fact, it tragically turned them into enemies of God. True religion has exterior manifestations, but they are meant to flow from and give expression to the experience of the heart.

We probably all had a moment in our lives when our Mom told us to wash our hands, and she sent us back to do a better job because just touching a bar of soap and a little water did not clean our hands. Similarly, if we had fallen into a pit of raw sewage, it is unlikely that washing our hands before coming to dinner would be enough. We purify ourselves ritually (at Mass) and sacramentally (in Confession) because we know we need deep cleaning: of our hearts. There is cleaning to wash away the daily grime, and there is more radical cleaning when we need help to crawl out of the cesspool of sin. We can never stop trying to think, speak, and behave as Jesus Christ would want us to. It is not a question of eliminating all of our self-centered and sinful attitudes, words, and actions in one fell swoop. Rather, it is a question of our ongoing efforts. Our spiritual life is like a garden. A good gardener can never simply abandon the garden to itself, even if the good plants are healthy and strong. To make the garden fulfill its purpose, a gardener has to water, fertilize, protect, and weed on a regular basis. We too have to continuously strive to know Christ and shape our lives according to His standards, on a regular, ongoing basis. If we stop making our effort, the weeds will take over. Second, it means accepting and embracing all of the Church's official teaching, not just the bits and pieces that we feel personally fond of. Certainly we need to educate

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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: \$4,385.00
- 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 515-789-4634. (Note: Norma's number was incorrect in previous bulletins.)
- THANK YOU!!** Dear Fr. Tony and my Faith Family at All Saints, Thank you so much for honoring the day of my retirement with coffee and sweets last weekend! And thank you so much for your generous gift! It has been my pleasure working with and getting to know you even better throughout the past several years. I will miss the day-to-day operations, but will still be on hand teaching the 1st Communion class this year as well as leading the Children's Liturgy at Saturday Mass (Becky Tigges has graciously agreed to lead the little ones during Sunday Mass). Tammy will be a wonderful asset to our parish office. Your cards, hugs, and kind words will be a sweet reminder of you as time goes on. God bless! Brenda Wedemeyer

All Saints Financial Partnership

August 26, 2018

St John Financial Partnership

August 26, 2018

Weekly Offering: \$1,742.00

Children's Offering: \$7.35

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

Weekly Offering: \$571.00

Children's Offering: \$6.00

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 September 8

Rosary: Frank Holle
Ushers: Dennis & Donna Donnelly
Cross Bearer: Dennis Donnelly
Altar Server: Zoey & Bailey Dickson
Lector: Carol Smith
Commentator: Roni Wilson
Greeters/Gifts: Dennis & Donna Donnelly
EMHC: Donna Donnelly, Jodi Bassett & Sister Andre

All Saints

Sunday September 9

Adoration: *Sacristan Sets Up*
Ushers: Pat Beaman & Patrick Tiernan
Cross Bearer: Patrick Tiernan
Altar Servers: Sam & Eli Kasap
Lector: Daisy Nevins
Commentator: Amy Doud
Greeters/Gifts: Pat & Jo Beaman
EMHC: Jo Beaman, Amy Doud & Joyce Van Pelt

St. John

Sunday September 9

Cross Bearer: Scott Suhr
Greeters/Gifts: Mr. & Mrs. Tom Gettler
Lector: Brian Richter
Host: Scott Suhr
Cup: Sister Andre & Les Elgin
Altar Servers: Luke Brincks & Treven Suhr
Traveling Chalice: Phyllis O'Brien

CALENDAR WITH MASS TIMES, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, SPECIALS

Sunday 9/2	Monday 9/3	Tuesday 9/4	Wednesday 9/5	Thursday 9/6	Friday 9/7	Saturday 9/8
Adair 7:30am Adoration, Confession Rosary 8am Mass Leon Dress BD: Matthew Fagan Stuart 9am Adoration 10am Mass for the people		Stuart 6pm Mass for Clair & Pat Dickey BD: Mick Baudler, Ryan Doud ANN: Paul & Marcia Gettler 1982	Adair 8:30am Mass for Patrick Lawlor (health) BD: Matt Dickson	9am Mass (Stuart <i>Care Center)</i> for Maxine Carey BDs: Larry Ludwig, Lacey Partlow ANN: Bill & Cheryl Clauson 2004	Stuart 8:30am Mass for Don & Ocelia Johnson BD: Justin Smith, Greer Hunsaker	Stuart 3:30pm Confessions 4:05pm Rosary 4:30pm Mass for Martin Lyndon BD: Jeanne Richter, Mia Ocheltree, Anita Hilgers

IN THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday Focus:

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Jesus, who is the fulfillment of God's laws and prophets, tells us how to live out God's commandments.

Today, we think about the best way to live out God's commandments, passed on to us through Moses, by witnessing God's blessings and presence in our midst. We can go beyond our human traditions and rituals by washing our hearts and getting rid of evil thoughts and desires. We practice it by caring for all who are vulnerable and in need.

Monday Focus

1 Corinthians 2: 1-5; Luke 4: 16-30

Let us be aware of the Lord speaking to us through Scripture or in prayer.

How often do we ignore the Lord speaking to us: through Scripture, through another person or in prayer, or through some ordinary happening of the day? Perhaps later we realize the Lord was warning us about something, but we ignored Him, and then we pay the price for not being attentive. The Lord is always looking out for our good and our salvation! Let us practice being aware.

Tuesday Focus:

1 Corinthians 2:10b-16; Luke 4:31-37

The Holy Spirit gives us the mind of Christ.

The mind of Christ helps us to live as God intends, treating other with great love and compassion. In the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are empowered to love as Christ loved—to live in the freedom of the hope of our salvation.

Wednesday Focus

1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Luke 4:38-44

We are God's co-workers.

The crowds did not recognize who Jesus was, but the demons did! They knew Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God. The crowds knew only that Jesus could heal, so they tried to keep him from leaving and fulfilling his mission. Thinking only in temporal terms blinded them.

Thursday Focus:

1 Corinthians 3:18-23; Luke 5:1-11

Jesus will be with us as we carry out his will.

What does it take for you and me to be fishers of men? To "put out into deep water" as Jesus instructed Simon Peter? Notice that Peter was working, doing what he normally did, when Jesus called him. If we leave ourselves open to the

possibility—to opportunities—to encounter Jesus when He calls us, our faith, too, will attract others.

Friday Focus:

1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Luke 5:33-39

We are servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries.

There are many times in our lives when we are responsible for the security, safety or integrity of things or information. But nothing is of more infinite value than the obligation, and privilege, we have as a result of our baptism: to live our lives in service to Christ, and as witnesses to the Gospel—bringing hope and the promise of salvation to the world.

Saturday Focus:

Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Blessed are we, the chosen people of a peaceful shepherd.

We are the chosen people of our God, who came to us as a humble child and taught us through His ministry with peace and strength.