

Father Tony's Corner

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sexuality is that it is gender specific. When God created human beings, he created us male and female - two genders. This basic, structural complementarity comes across strongly in today's first reading. Eve is created from Adam's own rib - unlike all the other animals in the Garden of Eden. Eve is on the same level as Adam, sharing his own dignity. Eve is a person, created in God's image, just as Adam is. Adam needs this relationship with another person in order to achieve fulfillment himself. And yet, at the same time, Eve is different; she is a woman, not a man. So, while Adam and Eve are equal in dignity, they are also complementary in gender. There is something in Eve that completes Adam, and there is something in Adam that completes Eve. This complementarity is recognizable by all of us -we all experience it in the natural attraction we feel for members of the opposite sex - but it is also somewhat mysterious. The first two truths had to do with what our sexuality is. And the third one has to do with how we are supposed to live it out. Sexual intimacy, in God's plan, has a real, specific purpose: it is meant to be a language of love between spouses. It is a form of communicating and mutual self-giving that is proper only within marriage-a life-long commitment between a man and woman open to forming a new family. Jesus emphasizes that this union of spouses is exclusive and permanent - it is a lifelong commitment and adventure between one man and one woman: 'So they are no longer two but one flesh'. The two become one: marriage is between one man and one woman. They are one flesh: it is a union of persons, a bond that cannot be broken or undone unless one of the two dies, just as the child who comes forth from this union cannot be 'undone'.

Faith Formation News by Cathy Hicks, Director of Religious Education

For it is giving that we receive; It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

The above quote was spoken by Saint Francis of Assisi, an Italian Catholic friar, deacon, and preacher. He is the patron saint of many things, including animals. His feast day was this past Thursday, Oct.4th, so we will be having our annual Pet Blessing this coming Wednesday, Oct. 10th at 6:30 p.m.(weather permitting). Anyone is welcome to bring pets to be blessed by Father Tony. We will begin with a brief prayer service, then bless the pets. This usually takes about 20 minutes. After the blessing, we will continue with classes until 7:30. Pets will not be allowed in the church, so please make arrangements for someone to take care of them until 7:30 p.m. if there is no one to take them home. Hope to see you and your pets Wednesday.

Take care and may God be ever at your side and hold you in the palm of His hand.

Altar and Rosary Society by Jodi Bassett, President

This week's readings are weighted pretty heavily on the relationship between men and women. Namely, marrying and remaining married. The first reading from Genesis describes God's efforts to find the perfect partner for the man he created. God created many birds and wild animals, but none were an appropriate partner for the man. The best fit for man's partner came from man himself; from his rib and flesh, and became woman.

What can we learn from this? First, perhaps, is that choosing the right partner isn't easy. Even God struggled to find the right match for the man he created. Next, is that there are a lot of potential options, but most won't make an appropriate partner. Finally, despite the allure of colorful plumage or a wild and exciting personality, the proper partner is the one that matches you well. That doesn't mean to pick a person that is just like you, but the one that complements you. It is the one that God chooses for you. Some people refer to that person as their soul mate. And if God chooses that person for us, shouldn't we recognize that choice and honor it?

The best way to honor God's choice for us is to respect the person he chose and the relationship we make from it. There are many important relationships in our lives: the relationships with our parents and siblings, with our neighbors and friends, with employers and co-workers, and even with our own children. But the most important relationship should be the one we have with God, followed closely by the relationship with our spouse. Not even our immediate family, children included, must interfere with those first two relationships. "Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate."

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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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The Book of Genesis actually contains two accounts of creation. The first account takes a bird's eye view, and it is this account that we are most familiar with. This is the play-by-play account of creation. The second account is more like a close-up, and a color commentary account of creation. The first Reading is taken from this second account of creation. The familiar phrase is 'God created man in his own image and likeness; male and female he created them'. In this account of the creation, we have one of the most beautiful and powerful aspects of our human lives: our sexuality. For us to understand this aspect, we must listen carefully to what God tells us and teaches us, because the very first consequence of original sin was to disrupt proper relations between the sexes. And in this fallen world, that disruption is still present, still causing confusion, pain, and problems all around us. This issue is so important, in God's eyes, that the Gospels themselves record Jesus' own commentary on this passage from Genesis. In his conversation with the Pharisees, which we just heard in the Gospel reading, Jesus emphasizes the essential truths about our sexuality. In today's world, where popular culture is less Christian every day, we need to be reminded of those essential truths. First of all, for ourselves, to help us resist the seductions and temptations that beset us in this area. But also for the sake of those around us, who do not have the benefit of faith, of knowing God's design for human sexuality - we have to be God's messengers to them. So let us look at the three key characteristics of that design. The first thing God teaches us about our sexuality is that it is good; it is an intrinsic part of his design for us human beings. One of the most poisonous early heresies was Gnosticism. Gnosticism was dualistic; it taught that there were two gods, one good and one evil. The good god, according to the Gnostics, was pure spirit, and he created our souls. The evil god was the source of all material things, and he had trapped our spiritual souls inside our material bodies. According to this view, everything material was evil, and only spiritual things were good. So the Gnostics not only forbade and despised marriage, they also gave a green light to promiscuity and every other kind of sexual indulgence. In that sense, it was similar to the view present in our own popular culture that encourages people to follow whatever their instincts tell them to follow when it comes to their sexuality. But Gnosticism was condemned by the Church, energetically and consistently. The material world is not evil; it comes from the mind and heart of God. Our bodies and the sexuality inherent in them are not evil; they are part of who we are as human beings created out of love in God's own image and likeness. So that is the first thing God wants us to understand about human sexuality: it is part of his plan for our lives, a beautiful, powerful part of his plan. The second truth God shows us about our

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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:** We are in the process of updating our pastor's residence, since it is the responsibility of the parish to maintain and upkeep the residence. Your kind and generous financial support is essential for this much needed project. 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. We are really blessed by your love, kindness, and generosity. *Contributions to date: \$ 5,640.*
- **Formal Installation of the pastor:** Most Rev. Richard E. Pates will be at All Saints Catholic Church, Stuart, and St. John Catholic Church, Adair on the weekend of October 20th and October 21st for the formal installation of Rev. Antony Mathew as the new pastor of All Saints Catholic Church, Stuart, and St. John Catholic Church, Adair. There is a reception following the Mass that weekend, and please plan on being there.
- **Bishop Pates' retirement/50th anniversary celebration:** It's one week away! On Sunday October 14th at 4:00 pm Bishop Pates will be celebrating mass in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of his Priesthood Ordination and his upcoming retirement as Bishop of Des Moines at St. Ambrose Cathedral, 607 High Street, Des Moines, IA 50309. A reception with appetizers will follow the mass. Bring your whole family!
- **BOLDLY SENT (formerly DCYC) - All 6th-12th graders, along with their parents & parish leaders, are invited to this year's BOLDLY SENT youth rally (formerly DCYC). On Saturday (10/20) youth will gather at their parishes for a day of evangelization, followed by a Diocesan-wide Dodgeball tournament at the downtown YMCA. On Sunday (10/21), Katie Prejean-McGrady will keynote our rally, which will end with Mass at 4pm. Registration is at www.dmdiocese.org/boldlysent, and is \$40 for both days, \$30 for Sunday only. For more information email Jill Gerling at jillgerling@gmail.com or call 515-789-4076.**
- **Live and Silent Auction to benefit Moose:** October 14th from 12 noon to 6.00 p.m. at the Barne's place, 20932 – 350th Street, Adel, just north of I-80 off the 106 exit.
- **Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive:** The Knights of Columbus will conduct the CPID (Tootsie Roll) drive next weekend Saturday September 29th and Sunday the 30th. Proceeds support programs for people with intellectual disabilities such as the Special Olympics.
- **Attention CWO ladies:** The fall collection of \$25.00 is now due. This replaces our fall dinner. Please pay Wilma Fagan or your monthly Chairman. Thank you.
- **St. John Liturgical Help:** If you are interested in helping with Mass as a Server, Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Cross Bearer, Greeter, Praying for Vocations or Rosary Leader at St. John's in Adair please contact Les Elgin at 641-742-3854 or elgins2011@gmail.com.
- **Thank you from Fr. Thomas Vellappallil - La Salette Mission:** Dear Father Mathew - In the name of the La Salette Missionaries, and especially of Fr. Sebastian Flory (U.), I wish to thank you and the people of All Saints and St. John for your hospitality, generosity and prayers during the mission appeal on September 29 & 30th. We thank you for the opportunity to bring a renewed awareness of our Church's Mission to your people and to bring their love and support to the needy of the mission countries served by the Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette. Sincerely yours in our Lord and Lady—Fr. Thomas Vellappallil, MS—Director.

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- **All Saints Annual Chicken Dinner:** The Knights of Columbus annual chicken dinner will be on Sunday October 28th. More details to come.
- **Knights of Columbus Centennial Celebration:** Did You Know... The Stuart Knights of Columbus was instituted on May 11,1919. We are planning a centennial celebration for early next summer.
- **Annual Fire Prevention French Toast Supper -** The Stuart Fire department invites everyone to their Annual Fire Prevention French Toast Supper on Saturday, October 13th from 5.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. at the Stuart Fire Station.

CALENDAR WITH MASS TIMES, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, SPECIALS

Sunday 10/7	Monday 10/8	Tuesday 10/9	Wednesday 10/10	Thursday 10/11	Friday 10/12	Saturday 10/13
Adair 7:30am Adoration, Confession, Rosary 8am Mass Leona Dress Stuart 9am Adoration 9am Choir Practice 10am Mass for the People BD: Rita Rilea, Sheryl Drees	BD: Symantha Crawford, Jackson Doyle & Greg Has- tings ANN: Pat & Denny Hohn 1965	Stuart 6pm Mass BD: Sharon Jirak, Angela Faga	Adair 8:30am Mass for Angela Faga (health)	9am Mass (Stuart Care Center) for Bill Sherman BD: Vince Doud, Brexton Schneider	Stuart 8:30am Mass for Joel Slaybaugh ANN: Roger & Cathy Callahan 1968; Alan & Mary Bovee 1974	Stuart 3:30pm Confessions 4:05 Rosary 4:30pm Mass for Ilamae & Tony Pivonka BD: Allison Fillman, Sandra Hunter

All Saints Financial Partnership

September 30, 2018

Weekly Offering: \$ 1991.00
Children's Offering: \$ 9.25
La Salette Mission: \$1401.01

St John Financial Partnership

September 30, 2018

Weekly Offering: \$ 397.00
Children's Offering: \$ 19.00
La Salette Mission: \$343.50

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All Saints

Saturday October 13

Rosary: Frank Holle
Ushers: Eric & Margaret Tiernan
Altar Server: Connie Drake
Lector: Donna Donnelly
Commentator: Carrol Smith
Greeters: Margaret & Eric Tiernan
EMHC: Donna Donnelly, Maria Ladwig
& Brenda Wedemeyer

All Saints

Sunday October 14

Adoration: Sacristan
Ushers: Neal Crawford & Wayne Nosbisch
Altar Servers: Nate & Gabe Gerling
Lector: Amy Doud
Commentator: Amy Doud
Greeters: Samantha Crawford
EMHC: Joyce Van Pelt, Cathy Hicks &
Amy Doud

St. John

Sunday October 14

Cross Bearer: Belle Fagan
Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Brian Marso
& Family
Lector: Theresa Elgin
Host: Elizabeth Moreland
Cup: Les Elgin & Adella Vogl
Altar Servers: Carley Fagan & Bailey Lillard
Traveling Chalice: Francis & Deb
Hollinrake

Money Counters: October 9th 1pm: Janet Bassett, Mary Morgan & Pat Hohn