

Father Tony's Corner

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long, agonizing walk carrying the cross. He is so weak that he has to crawl over to the cross as it lays beside him. Barely able to lift himself up, he collapses on top of it, flat on his back, and the soldiers begin the process of nailing his hands and feet to the wood. And so, even when he is lifted up on the cross to die, he is still, in a real sense, lying down, helpless and weak, on his throne. He is not asserting himself, he is surrendering himself; he is not lording it over his subjects, but giving himself to them. The second shocking characteristic of our King's throne is its material. The cross is rough, plain wood. Its only decoration is the blood of the king who gave up his life for the salvation of his people. And when we approach this king on this throne, our eyes our opened instead of being blinded. We see before us, clearly, the true price of our salvation, the true effects of our sins, and the unlimited mercy and love of our everlasting Emperor. And when we approach this king on this throne, we are not dazzled by diamonds and pearls, but by the patience, forgiveness, courage, and humility of Jesus Christ, our King, our God, and our Brother. Those virtues were riches that Jesus possessed in abundance; they are the riches that he wants to give us as the inheritance of grace; they are the only riches that will last forever. The third truly unique characteristic of our King's throne is its location. Jesus has chosen to administer his grace and redemption from the cross. And the cross is an instrument and symbol of suffering. And suffering is a universal reality; every human being who journeys through this fallen world experiences suffering. And so, this throne is so close to us, so near to us, that we actually share it; our lives, because they are marked by suffering, are always touching this throne. And our king, our emperor, who longed to be close to even the humblest, most miserable person, and so purposely enthroned himself on a sign of suffering, is still reigning. And from the cross today, instead of distancing himself from his people, our king draws ever closer to us, and he draws us ever closer to him.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS BY CATHY HICKS, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

During this Advent season, we will once again be having our Advent Giving Tree project. The purpose of this project is to give gifts to less fortunate children to help fill the void in a child's life who otherwise might not get anything for Christmas. These gifts go to help families in Stuart and the surrounding area. This is a chance for the Faith Formation children to bring in slightly used toys, books, puzzles, or other mementoes that they have out grown or no longer use. They may bring such items to Wednesday Faith Formation class or Sunday Masses during Advent and put them under the "Giving Tree". When they bring a gift to put under the tree, they will take a minute or two to pray for the needy or to say a prayer of thanksgiving for all that they have been given. Please do not buy new items for this project. Part of this experience for the students is giving something that had or has value to them to share with the less fortunate. Your family's participation will be greatly appreciated, but if you choose not to participate, would your family say a prayer or two for the less fortunate? This is a project to not only help others, but to help keep the joy and spirit of giving during this time of year in our hearts and souls all year long.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call me at (515)-523-1943 or email me at cabinmn@gmail.com. I hope this holiday season will be filled with faith, love, and joy for you and your loved ones.

May God forever be at your sided and always hold you in the palm of His hand.

MISSION STATEMENT

"REJOICING WITH GRATITUDE IN GOD'S BLESSINGS, WE INVITE AND WELCOME ALL TO SHARE IN THE FULLNESS OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH. WE LIVE OUR BAPTISMAL CALL THROUGH WORSHIP, TEACHING, AND SERVING ONE ANOTHER."

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Office Hours

Tuesday: 8:30am - 3pm
Wednesday: 8:30am - 3pm
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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 Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe! Today we listen to one of the Bible's best known phrases. Jesus affirms that he is a king, but he also affirms that his kingdom does not 'belong to this world'. This was important for him to mention, because Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor who was interrogating, was worried that Jesus was trying to organize some kind of political rebellion against the Roman Empire. And Jesus explains that he was not. But if Jesus is not a political king, what kind of king is he? If his kingdom is 'not of this world', what kind of kingdom is it? Ever since original sin, this fallen world has been enslaved to selfishness and separated from God. Tempted by the devil, our first parents believed the lie that they could achieve the fulfillment, meaning, and happiness they longed for apart from God. That lie led them to disobey God's commands, to act as if they themselves were gods. That self-centered rebellion, instead of liberating the human race, poisoned it with suffering, death, and evil. By throwing off God's rule, we made ourselves into followers of the very first rebel against God: the devil. Jesus came to save us, by bringing the light of truth back into our darkened, confused world. The truth is that God is love. By accepting God's love in our life, we accept the antidote to the poison and are reinstated as citizens of the Kingdom of God, where Christ is the everlasting King. Every king has a throne. Thrones symbolize a king's power and authority. From his throne, a king administers justice, conducts diplomatic negotiations, receives petitions, and issues his commands. The existence of a throne reminds a king's subjects that the king is not just another citizen; he is the ruler, the lord, the sovereign. The throne is the symbol of this unique royal identity. And the type of throne that a particular king possess reflects the type of kingship - benevolent or violent, aloof or compassionate - he strives to live out. Our King, Jesus Christ, the eternal King of life, history, and the entire universe, has a throne that is absolutely one-of-a-kind. No other king in all of human history has chosen such a throne. This throne presides over every Catholic Church and every Catholic household. It is the sign by which we are welcomed into God's family and made citizens of the everlasting Kingdom. Christ's throne is the cross. This throne is different from, and superior to, every other throne in three ways. The first amazing characteristic of Christ's throne is its position. Instead of being a throne that the king sits on, in a position of power, our King's throne is one that Jesus lies down on, in a position of weakness. Those of us who have seen the film, *The Passion of the Christ*, will remember the heart-wrenching scene of the crucifixion. In that scene, after Jesus reached the top of the hill of Calvary, he let the cross, which he had been carrying, fall to the ground. Then he falls to the ground, exhausted from his sleepless night, his trials, his scourging, and his

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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: \$ 6,085.*
- **The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary:** The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated on Saturday, December 8. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, meaning all Catholics are obligated to celebrate the feast by participating in the Holy Eucharist. St. John Catholic Church will celebrate the feast with a vigil Mass on Friday, December 7 at 5.30 p.m. and All Saints Catholic Church will celebrate the feast on Saturday, December 8 at 4.30 p.m. (regular Mass). Let us honor our patroness, and imitate her example of discipleship.
- **Volunteers Needed:** Catholic Charities Food Pantry needs volunteers to pick up and transport donated food supplies. Three volunteers are needed on Friday of each week. We need a person or persons to pick up at Jordan Creek Hy-Vee. This is a large donation and a pickup truck would be needed. The second volunteer is needed to pick up from Panera Bread on 86th and Hickman. Please respond to Leslie Van Der Molen at LVanDerMolen@catholiccharitiesdm.org.
- **Position Available in Stuart at Freedom for Youth:** Freedom for Youth is looking for a Program Coordinator in Stuart. This position is responsible for the overall operation of programs at the Freedom Center, including volunteer and program coordination and assistance with community relations. Compensation is negotiable based on experience and requires 10-15+ hours per week with the potential to move to full time. Interested candidates should contact Jessica Evans at jevans@freedomforyouth.org or by calling 515-282-4822.
- **"Rally for Chrystina" Soup Benefit and Silent Auction in Dexter:** Join us for some fun Saturday, December 1st at the Dexter Legion, while helping a mother in need. A soup supper and silent auction kicks off at 6pm with Karaoke to follow at 9pm. Chrystina Jorgensen-Williams, mother of 2, has been struggling with multiple complications from a total colectomy and ileostomy, at the young age of 30. Her complications have had her in and out of the hospital repeatedly while doctors struggle to get a handle on the situation. Her case has become so complex that doctors have decided to turn her care over to the University of IA hospitals who are working in collaboration with the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. Due to numerous hospital visits, Chrystina is unable to work. You're loving support in this great time of need would be greatly appreciated. We hope to see you there!

LITURGICAL SEASON OF ADVENT

God gives us another wonderful opportunity to celebrate His offer of love and friendship, in and through His Incarnate Son, Jesus, as we embrace a new liturgical year beginning with the season of Advent. And we enjoy that great offer of God's love and friendship by being members of All Saints Catholic family/St. John Catholic family. The season of Advent prepares us for the Feast of the Nativity of the Lord (*Holy Day of Obligation*). Hence it is a time of grace to nurture and strengthen our life of Christian discipleship by devoting a little more of our God-given time for prayer, participating in the Holy Eucharist regularly, spending a little of our time for spiritual reading, and getting involved in other corporal works of mercy. Each year as we celebrate the birth of Christ, we are also reminded of His Second Coming at the end of the world. This coming is prophesied in the New Testament, and He comes to judge the living and the dead, and to bring about the final triumph of good over evil. In order

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to encounter the Lord when He comes to meet us, we should be prepared and ready. It is my hope, and prayer that we will utilize the season of Advent in preparation for the Feast of the Nativity of the Lord. May the Lord bless us, our families, and our loved ones with His peace, joy, love and choicest blessings in a special way during the liturgical season of Advent.

CALENDAR WITH MASS TIMES, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, SPECIALS

Sunday 11/25	Monday 11/26	Tuesday 11/27	Wednesday 11/28	Thursday 11/29	Friday 11/30	Saturday 12/1
Adair 7:30am Confession & Rosary 8am Mass for Eldon Faga BD: Cody Moreland Stuart 9am Choir Practice 10am Mass for Frank Carroll BD: Larissa Crawford & Davis Doud	BD: Joyce Tibben & Evelyn Richter ANN: Marvin & Janet Bassett 1960 & Blair & Erin Carney 2011	Stuart 6pm Mass for Paul Heins	Adair 8:30am Mass for Ed and Joanne Littler BD: Matthew Huerta & Anna Maria Leyva	Stuart 9am Mass (Stuart Care Center) for Bill Sherman BD: Eli Smith, Mary Fillman, John Lonsdale & Emily Wagner ANN: Matthew & Monica Fagan 2003	Stuart 8:30am Mass for Deceased members of the families of Tigges & Gladfelder BD: Olivia Klassen, Nancy Moore & Jennifer Richter ANN: Brian & Jennifer Richter 2004	Stuart 3:30pm Confessions 4:05 Rosary 4:30pm Mass for Paul Heins

All Saints Financial Partnership

November 18, 2018

Weekly Offering: \$ 1,637.00
 Children's Offering: \$ 18.45
 Human Development: \$55

St John Financial Partnership

November 18, 2018

Weekly Offering: \$ 496.00
 Children's Offering: \$ 11.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All Saints

Saturday, December 1

Rosary: Frank Holle
Ushers: Matt Dickson & Marty Doud
Altar Server: Mitchell Dickson, Zoey Dickson & Bailey Dickson
Lector: Carroll Smith
Commentator: Anita Hilgers
Greeters: Marvin & Janet Bassett
EMHC: Dan Hilgers, Brenda Wedemeyer & Donna Donnelly

All Saints

Sunday, December 2

Ushers: Wayne Nosbisch & Patrick Tiernan
Altar Servers: Cora, Evie & Allie Boyle
Lector: Wayne Nosbisch
Commentator: Gary Riordan
Greeters: Nick & Tonya Boyle
EMHC: Harriet Gulbranson, Matt Smith & Jill Gerling

St. John

Sunday, December 2

Cross Bearer: Carley Fagan
Greeters: David Richter & Phyllis O'Brien
Lector: Julie Plowman
Host: Matt Fagan
Cup: Dave Richter & Sister Nesta
Altar Servers: Cole Plowman & Bailey Lillard
Traveling Chalice: John & Adella Vogl

Money Counters

Tuesday, November 27th @ 1pm: Diane Messenger, Dennis Van Pelt & Dave Vigon
 Tuesday, December 4th @ 1pm: Janet Bassett, Mary Morgan & Pat Hohn