

**Father Tony's Corner**

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and the wicked'. If we are his children, his followers, we will be too. We will be quick to forgive, to make excuses for others, to avoid judging and condemning them. We will think well of others, speak well of them, and treat them like the children of God that they truly are. But Jesus does not just tell us what we are supposed to do in life, he also tells us why. We are created in God's image, and God is love; his very divine nature is all about self-giving. So the more we develop our capacity for love, for authentic, self-forgetful love, the more we will mature into what God created us to be. This is what Jesus means when he says, 'give, and gifts will be given to you'. If we are true Christians, treating all others as we would like them to treat us, as God has treated us, we will be truly happy. Discouragement says: there is no hope for me. There is no way I can improve. There is no way I can be loved. There is no way I can measure up. But since God's love is limitless, everlasting, and undying, discouragement is, simply put, a lie. Discouragement never comes from God. God is all-powerful, and he has adopted each one of us as his child. He has prepared a place for us in his heavenly mansion. He is always ready to give us a new start – that is what Christ's self-portrait in this Gospel teaches us. He is always standing beside us with his grace, forgiving, encouraging, giving us a reason to hope. Have we given up on something in our life? Is there a sin that we have given up hope of overcoming? Is there a relationship that we have given up hope of improving? Is there a person we have given up on? Is there a problem, a difficulty that has paralyzed us? Today, the Lord is inviting us all to lift our gaze up to him, to see the bright light of hope at the end of the tunnel. He can change us, improve us, and renew us. If he brought the Resurrection out of the Crucifixion, he can bring us through our darkness and difficulties. Let us renew our faith in him. Let us pray for those who are truly without hope. Let us ask him to make us engines of encouragement,

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**All Saints**

Saturday, March 2

**Rosary:** Frank Holle

**Ushers:** Jill and Matt Gerling

**Altar Server:** Bailey & Zoey Dickson

**Lector:** Roni Wilson

**Commentator:** Joan Brooking

**Greeters:** Scott & Cindy Lonsdale

**EMHC:** Jill Gerling, Brenda Wedemeyer & **NEED ONE MORE**

**All Saints**

Sunday, March 3

**Ushers:** Pat Beaman & Pete Kasap

**Altar Servers:** Sam Kasap, **NEED**

**Lector:** **NEED**

**Commentator:** **NEED**

**Greeters:** Pat & Jo Beaman

**EMHC:** Jo Beaman, **NEED 2 MORE**

**St. John**

Sunday, March 3

**Cross Bearer:** Carley Fagan

**Greeters:** Mr. & Mrs. Tom Gettler

**Lector:** Theresa Elgin

**Host:** Matt Fagan

**Cup:** Dave Richter & Sister Nesta

**Altar Servers:** Cole Plowman & Bailey Lillard

**Traveling Chalice:** Cody & Elizabeth Moreland

**MONEY COUNTERS**

**Tuesday, February 26 @ 9am:** Pat Cooper (sub), Diane Messinger & Dave Vigon

**Tuesday, March 5th @ 1pm:** Janet Bassett, Mary Morgan & Pat Hohn

**All Saints Financial Partnership**

February 17, 2019

**Weekly Offering: \$ 2,038.00**

**Children's Offering: \$ 1.00**

**Building Fund: \$ 25.00**

**Finance Council Members:** Suzy Aubert, John Gulbranson, Anita Hilgers, Scott Lonsdale & Bob Olson

**St. John Financial Partnership**

February 17, 2019

**Weekly Offering: \$ 275.00**

**Children's Offering: \$ 4.00**

**Finance Council Members:** Monica Fagan, Larry Drees, Elizabeth Moreland, Julie Plowman & Andrew Richter

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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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Jesus is in the foothills of the mountains of Galilee, in a grassy meadow. He is surrounded by what the evangelist, Luke calls a 'great crowd'. In this section, he paints a simple, powerful portrait of a true Christian. But the true Christian is nothing else but a follower of Christ, another Christ. So as he describes the characteristics of a Christian, Jesus indirectly gives us a portrait of himself. He shows us what kind of Lord he really is - a lavish one. Nothing limits his generosity and love - absolutely nothing. If we are ungrateful to him, he is still generous with us. If we oppose him, disobey him, insult him, abandon him - he keeps on loving us. He simply does not give up on us. Picture Jesus as he speaks these words: love your enemies, stop judging, stop condemning, forgive, give, bless. He spoke them with a smile and a glint in his eye. He spoke them eagerly, enthusiastically, because he was imparting to us the secret of what it means to be a child of God. 'Your reward will be great'. 'Gifts will be given to you, overflowing, will be poured into your lap'. That is the kind of God we serve. One who has no limits on his generosity, no limits on his love. This limitless love of God is the reason why we should never, never doubt God's forgiveness. One of the Devil's oldest tricks is to convince us that we are too far gone to be forgiven, that our sins are too heinous to be wiped away. There is no such thing. God's goodness and mercy are like a huge furnace of love, and even our biggest sins are just like drops of water. When we cast them into the furnace they vanish. We should never doubt God's love and forgiveness. When Jesus was hanging on the cross, looking down at the very men who had unjustly condemned him and crucified him, what did he say? Father, forgive them. If there is something we have buried in our heart, something we have hidden from God because we think he would not be able to forgive us for it, now is the time to dig it up and lay it at God's feet. He already knows what it is, and he has been longing for us to turn it over to him, so he could free us from it. If there is someone in our life whom we have not forgiven, then decide now to forgive that person. We are God's children; we have his grace flowing through our hearts. We have access to the strength to forgive, to start over. Through the waters of baptism, we became members of the body of Christ, brothers and sisters of the Lord, and children of God. In our journey through life we either stay faithful to that vocation and identity, or abandon it (sometimes we go back and forth). In this Gospel passage, Christ gives us the sign that tells us whether we are living up to our vocation, the touchstone of the true Christian. It is not vast theological knowledge, or personal charm, or professional success. Nor is it ecstasies in prayer or extreme penances. Rather, the identifying mark of a Christian is treating others - all others - the way God does, the way God treats us. God is kind and merciful 'even to the ungrateful'

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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

- **Stewardship:** Jesus calls and his call comes not as nameless people in a faceless crowd. He calls us individually, by name. Each one of us has a personal vocation. He gives us a unique role in carrying out his mission. The challenge is to understand our role, and to respond generously to that call. He calls us to a Christian way of life, or a Christian way of discipleship. Christian discipleship is a commitment of life after the model and example of Jesus Himself. It involves stewardship – meaning it requires making time for personal prayer. It means choosing to serve in parish ministries. It means planning a generous, consistent gift to the weekly offertory. Over time, as each person embraces his or her personal commitment, our parish can become a powerful witness to the abundant life that Jesus has promised. Thank you for what you are; and for what you bring to all of us through your life, gifts, and ministry.
- **Lenten Choir:** Each Wednesday at All Saints, Mass begins with music provided by a Lenten choir. You are invited to take part in this choir by joining us for rehearsals from 3:30-4:15 p.m. prior to Saturday Mass starting February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please contact Brenda Wedemeyer at [brendawedemeyer@yahoo.com](mailto:brendawedemeyer@yahoo.com) for further information.
- **Lenten Fish Fry at St. John, Adair:** The Men's Club of St. John Lenten Fish Fry is coming soon! Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a good fish fry meal on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> and Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at St. John's Parish Hall in Adair.
- **The liturgical season Lent:** Let us all be part of the season of grace and blessing. Ash Wednesday (March 6) through Holy Saturday (April 20) as we prepare for the most holy season of Lent through prayer (Holy Eucharist), doing penance (self-denial), repentance of sins (reconciliation), almsgiving (works of charity) and meditating and praying the Stations of the Cross. Please join us at 5:30pm for Wednesday evening Mass, Stations of the Cross and a soup supper at All Saints Catholic Church in Stuart during the Lenten season.
- **Ash Wednesday Schedule:** Mass/Distribution of ashes 8:30 a.m. at St. John  
Mass Distribution of ashes 6:00 p.m. at All Saints

### All Saints Ash Wednesday Liturgical Schedule (March 6)

**Greeters:** All Faith Formation Children

**Altar Servers:** Camryn Tigges, Zoey Dickson, DaMerica Smith & Evie Boyle

**Cantors:** 1st Reading: Chloe Shaffer      **Ushers:** Nick Smith & Anna Byrnes  
2nd Reading: Jackson Doyle      **Gift Bearers:** Violet Aubert, Dayana Huerta & Olivia Nims  
Universal Prayer: Mitch Dickson

**EMHC:** Jill Gerling, Maria Ladwig &      **Bulletin Handout:** Louis Huerta & Grayson Nims  
Matt Smith

- **Bible Study at St. John Catholic Church:** In the past we have enjoyed the Jeff Cavins Bible Timeline Series bible study. Annie would like to know who would be interested in starting "Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom." There are 20 total sessions and the workbook cost would be \$29 per person. This is a very in depth study into the early church and the mission of the apostles. Each class would be about an hour of watching the DVD. If interested text Annie 402-216-9488 or email [annie68164@hotmail.com](mailto:annie68164@hotmail.com) so we can plan days/time for the study. Thanks!
- **The Annual Community Day of Prayer** for the West Central Valley area will held March 1st at 2:00 P.M. hosted by the Dexter United Methodist Church. Please join in an hour of community prayer and fellowship. All men and woman of All Saint's Parish are invited to attend. The " Day of Prayer" is a wonderful way to get to know other Christians from our area.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Thank You!** We want to thank Jill Gerling, and the confirmation team for their selfless ministry in guiding and leading the confirmation candidates as they begin their final preparations for the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation. The candidates and their sponsors were recognized at the liturgy on Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. In a special way, we want to thank the parents for bringing the candidates even though the weather was not very cooperative. It speaks about your commitment, and dedication. Your partnership, and sacrifice is appreciated by your parish family, and together we grow spiritually as a wonderful parish family. Fr. Tony
- **Mass Intentions!** The tradition of offering Masses for others, particularly the dead, originates in the very early Church. When we face the death of someone, even a person who is not Catholic, to have a Mass offered for the repose of his soul and to offer our prayers are more beneficial and comforting than any other sympathy card or bouquet of flowers. To have a Mass offered on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special need is appropriate, beneficial and appreciated. If you would like to offer Mass for a deceased family member or someone who is sick or to celebrate someone's birthday or to celebrate a couple's wedding anniversary, kindly contact the parish office.

### Altar and Rosary Society by Jodi Bassett, President

Most of us love our families and enjoy the company of our friends. Often we feel we don't have enough time to spend with those to which we are closest. But how often do we give a little extra to those who maybe come across as needy?

But that is what Jesus is asking of us in this week's Gospel. To love our enemies, to give more to those who take from us, to do good to those who aren't good to us. It is easy to be kind to those who are kind to us. We think nothing of helping out a friend, but can we be bothered to help out those who can't pay us back? We can spend hours gossiping and laughing with friends, but to be honest, don't we feel like the day is too long when we have to listen to that annoying co-worker in the next cubicle for eight hours? We all have those people who get on our last nerve, and we can even tell ourselves to not let those people push our buttons, but how often do respond with irritation in our voice? Even sinners are good to those who are good to them.

We gain more by giving more; we will receive mercy by being merciful. What we give with a loving heart will be returned to us in equal measure.

### Calendar with Mass Times, Birthdays and Anniversaries

| Sunday 2/24   | Monday 2/25                              | Tuesday 2/26  | Wednesday 2/27              | Thursday 2/28   | Friday 3/1   | Saturday 3/2   |
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| <b>Adair</b><br>7:30am Adoration,<br>Confession, Rosary<br>8am Mass for Joe<br>Riesberg   | BD: Patti<br>McAndrews &<br>Raymond Vais | <b>Stuart</b><br>6pm Mass for<br>Claire & Pat Dickey<br><br>BD: Nathan<br>Kalbach & Joana<br>Huerta | <b>Adair</b><br>8:30am Mass | <b>Stuart</b><br>9am Mass<br><br>(Stuart Care<br>Center)<br><br>BD: Alice<br>Moreland | <b>Stuart</b><br>8:30am Mass<br><br>BD: Gary Riordan<br>& Zachary Beaman | <b>Stuart</b><br>3:30pm<br><br>Confessions<br>4:05 Rosary<br>4:30pm Mass<br>for the People<br><br>BD: Chris Kuttler,<br>Julie Trichel, Lilah<br>Aubert & Jaina<br>DuBois<br><br>ANN: Pete & Debi<br>Kasap 1991 |
| <b>Stuart</b><br>9am Choir Practice<br>10am Mass<br>for the People<br><br>BD: Suzy Aubert,<br>Jesse Kuttler,<br>Lauren Tigges &<br>Madeline Richter |  |   |                             |   |  |  |
| <b>3/3 Adair</b><br>Mass for Leona<br>Dress   |  |   |                             |   |  |  |