

**Father Tony's Corner** *(continued from front page)*

mean it. And let us ask God to stir up our desire to know him better, because if we really want to do so, he will gladly show us how to do so. The Holy Spirit has always made it a top priority to keep safe this precious revelation about the nature of God. The devil understands very well that if we have the wrong idea about who God is, we will easily be deceived by wrong ideas about how to follow him. This is what happened to our first parents in the Garden of Eden. The devil convinced them that God's command against eating the forbidden fruit was unreasonable. He made Adam and Eve think that God was deceitful, angry, and unfair. He changed their idea of God, and that opened them up to being distrustful and disobedient. Our idea about who God is and what he is like always affects how we live. Sometimes we may wonder why God even bothered to reveal the truth about his inner, Trinitarian nature, since he knew it would be impossible for us to understand it completely. But God knew what he was doing. He knew that our idea about what he is like would profoundly affect our idea about how to follow him. As the Gospel reminds us, God is not just the origin of our existence, but the purpose of it as well, the end toward which we are all headed. It is not the end in terms being finished, it is the beginning of eternal life with the Trinity. Jesus became man and suffered and died to reconcile the world with God, the Father of mercies. He does this by sending the Holy Spirit. Jesus promised the disciples during the Last Supper that the Holy Spirit, of which Jesus was full during his entire earthly mission, would come after Jesus' Ascension into Heaven to constantly keep Christ among us and give us life through the sacraments, as well as guidance and strength to be faithful to the image of God that Jesus Christ had restored in us. As the Lord, the giver of Life, the Holy Spirit continues to keep the Church united around Christ, proclaiming the Gospel to the world through her words and example. Jesus reminds us that the Holy Spirit will not say anything apart from what the Father and Son share. The Trinity is and always will be united as the source of our existence, our hope, and our life. God the Father and God the Son who love each other so much that their love is life, their love is the Holy Spirit. God who loves us so much that the Son became man, became one of us, to save us from our sins and make us sons and daughters of God. God is a communion of persons, united out of love. And we are all created and called to share in that.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**All Saints**

**Saturday, June 22**

**Rosary:** Frank Holle

**Ushers:** Marty Doud & Dave Boss

**Altar Server:** Zoey & Bailey Dickson

**Lector:** Mark Tisl

**Commentator:** Sharon Doud

**Greeters:** Marty & Julie Doud

**EMHC:** Jodi Bassett, Mark Tisl &

Sister Nesta

**All Saints**

**Sunday, June 23**

**Ushers:** Patrick Tiernan & Pat Beaman

**Altar Servers:** Allie, Evie & Cora Boyle

**Lector:** Harriet Gulbranson

**Commentator:** Wayne Nosbisch

**Greeters:** Nick & Tanya Boyle

**EMHC:** Harriet Gulbranson, Matt

Smith & Jo Beaman

**St. John**

**Sunday, June 23**

**Cross Bearer:** Francis Hollinrake

**Greeters:** Mr. & Mrs. Allen Thelen

**Lector:** Theresa Elgin

**Host:** Les Elgin

**Cup:** Elizabeth Moreland & Dave Richter

**Altar Servers:** Cole Plowman & Carley Fagan

**Traveling Chalice:** Cody & Elizabeth Moreland

**MONEY COUNTERS**

**Tuesday, June 18 @ 1pm: Donna Olson & Gina Ocheltree**

**Tuesday, June 25 @ 9am: Diane Messinger, Dennis Van Pelt & Dave Vigon**

**All Saints Financial Partnership**

June 9, 2019

**Weekly Offering: \$ 1,666.00**

**Children's Offering: \$ 9.25**

**St. John Financial Partnership**

June 9, 2019

**Weekly Offering: \$ 309.00**

**Children's Offering: \$ 5.00**

June 16, 2019

All Saints Catholic Church

The Most Holy Trinity

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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

**Father Tony's Corner**



On this Most Holy Trinity Sunday, we are invited to listen to a brief excerpt from the Last Supper Discourse. In this discourse, He gives us a glimpse of the very nature of God. Like a lightening flash, he lights up for a split second the 'structure' so to speak, of God. The Holy Spirit, Jesus tells us, can only speak what he hears from the Son. And everything the Son has, he has received from the Father. That means that each one communicates their entire selves to the others. They do not just share some points of view, information, or experiences: they actually communicate their whole selves, their entire divine persons. God is a total unity of three persons, an everlasting community of living love, and of mutual self-giving. There is no holding back, there are no hidden agendas, there is no manipulation - the inner life of God is absolute, no-holds-barred generosity, eternal and unlimited self-donation. That is what God is: three perfect divine persons who perfectly share the unique divine nature. How can God be three distinct persons and still only be one God? We simply do not know. We can only get an inkling of it from our human experience of life in a family. We are created in God's image, and so the love that links husband and wife and gives rise to new life - this is a pale reflection of the divine family of the Blessed Trinity. Non-Christians often criticize this concept of the Trinity. They say it is a contradiction. But in fact the very mystery of it is a sign that it rings true. No merely human mind could have made this up; only God could have revealed it. And anyway, if we could understand God fully, he would not really be God. The more deeply we ponder and absorb this revelation of God, the more we will love him. And the more we love God, the happier we will be. We were created in order to love God. Whenever we do what we were made to do, we experience meaning and fulfillment. So the more we love him, the more fulfilled we will be. But in order to love him more, we must know him better. An old proverb says, 'You cannot love what you do not know'. If we know who God is, if we go beyond vague, fuzzy ideas and really get a clear view of his glory and his goodness, it will stimulate our spiritual taste buds and stir up our love. This is the reason that God has revealed himself to us. He wants us to know him. Because he wants us to love him. Today, on this feast of the Blessed Trinity, we need to ask ourselves: how well do we know God? Do we know him better today than we did one year ago, five years ago, twenty years ago? Today, when we profess our faith in God, let us really *(continued on back page)*

**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

- Annual Diocesan Appeal 2019:** Each year, every member of our diocesan faith community is asked to participate in making a gift to support the work and ministry of Bishop Pates through the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Each of the 81 parishes in the Diocese of Des Moines has a goal that is calculated based on a formula of parish income and expenses. One of the largest expenses covered by the Diocesan Appeal is support of our priests. The Diocese pays 100% of the priests health care. The Appeal also covers the priest's retirement benefits, an expense which is not absorbed by our parish. The Diocese currently supports 112 priests; 37 of those priests are retired, and 75 are active. The Appeal also covers the formation of our deacons, and education of our 21 seminarians as they study in their last years of Seminary. The ADA also covers administrative expenses for the staff of the Diocese who are dedicated to serving our parish in many ways. Bishop Pates' ministry, including housing, travel throughout the Diocese for meetings, special masses, and confirmations are all supported by the ADA. Last, but not least, a portion of our ADA dollars supports Catholic Charities in feeding and clothing those in need; providing shelter for homeless families; assisting victims of domestic violence; counseling thousands of individuals, and welcoming refugees who have fled their native lands as they settle in Iowa. I want to thank everyone who has already participated in the 2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal, and provide a friendly reminder to those who are still thinking about responding. Your participation is very valuable to All Saints and St. John Catholic Church. We are looking forward to your support, and sacrificial generosity to share a little of our God-given blessing to spread His kingdom and mission.

**All Saints, Stuart, Parish ADA Goal = \$30,035                      Gifts Received: \$ 17,680.00**  
**St. John, Adair, ADA Goal = \$7,257                                      Gifts Received: \$4,720.00**

- Note from the Bulletin Editor, All Saints:** The bulletin editor would like to apologize for omitting Les & Theresa Elgin's anniversary in the calendar in last weeks bulletin. They celebrated 38 years of marriage on June 13. Please join me in wishing them a Happy belated Anniversary.
- All Saints Catholic Church Maintenance and Repair Projects:** All Saints Catholic Church has decided to take up three maintenance projects costing around \$ 54,841 dollars. As a matter of fact, all these projects are long overdue. The success of the campaign for these projects will depend upon your commitment in prayer, involvement and sacrifice of God given treasure. Our success will not come from a small group of parishioners, but rather from the participation of 100% of the parish family. I want to thank everyone who has already donated to these projects, and we are looking forward to the support, and sacrificial generosity of others so that in the spirit of the sacrifice and generosity of our founding members, we can answer our challenge today.

**Gifts received - \$ 5,775.00                      Parishioners Donated: 12**

- Air-conditioning of St. John Parish Hall:** We have decided to fulfill a long cherished dream of our parishioners of having an air conditioning system installed at St. John Parish Hall at a cost of \$ 6050 dollars. The success of the campaign for this project will depend upon your commitment in prayer, involvement and sacrifice of God given treasure. Our success will not come from a small group of parishioners, but rather from the participation of 100% of the parish family. I want to thank everyone who has already donated to this project, and we are looking forward to the support, and sacrificial generosity of others so that in the spirit of the sacrifice and generosity of our founding members, we can answer our challenge today.

**Gifts Received: \$ 2,485.00                      Parishioners Donated: 11**

- All Saints Steak Dinner Volunteers' Meeting:** All Steak Dinner volunteers are invited to a meeting on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Thank you for volunteering. I am looking forward to seeing you all there. Fr. Tony

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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, someone who is sick, celebrate someone's birthday or celebrate a couple's wedding anniversary, kindly contact the parish office.
- All Saints Knights of Columbus:** The Knights of Columbus had a successful 100 year celebration last weekend on June 9th. The local council received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Supreme Knights of Columbus Council from national headquarters. Thank you to all the Knights who participated to make this a memorable celebration. Dan Hilgers, Grand Knight

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

We have had several people sign up to volunteer for our RAGBRAI booth, but we need many others. We will need people to cook hamburger early in the morning, people to grill and provide grills, servers, money takers, runners, and other positions may be available.

We plan to serve several hundred people downtown (thanks to John and Paul Wilson for allowing us to use their vacant lot) at 120 N. Division Street. There will be different shifts so most people won't need to work all day, but volunteers will need to be able to work a few hours at a time. Our youth group will be selling baked goods, so the entire family can be involved (except for the littlest ones)!

If you are retired or will be in town that day, we would appreciate you spending part of your day feeding hungry bikers. Some employers will pay their employees for volunteering a few days a year. This is one good way to volunteer and get paid for it—and it helps our parish! Check with your employer to see if they offer this benefit.

We hope to see more names on the sign-up sheet on the table in the gathering space. If you need more information, please contact Wayne Nobsch, Gabby Doud, or me. Help us make this a success for RAGBRAI riders and the church!

### Calendar with Mass Times, Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday 6/16	Monday 6/17	Tuesday 6/18	Wednesday 6/19	Thursday 6/20	Friday 6/21	Saturday 6/22
<b>Adair</b> 7:30am Rosary & Confession 8am Mass  <b>Stuart</b> 10am Mass for Claire & Pat Dickey  BD: Steve McAndrews	BD: Beatriz Huerta  BD: James Lonsdale, Scott Lonsdale & Barb Boss  ANN: John & Thelma O'Brien 1960	<b>Stuart</b> 6pm Mass  BD: James Lonsdale, Scott Lonsdale & Barb Boss  ANN: John & Thelma O'Brien 1960	<b>Adair</b> 8:30am Mass  BD: Zoey Dickson	<b>Stuart</b> 9am Mass (Stuart Care Center)  BD: Mariah Carney	<b>Stuart</b> 8:30am Mass for Claire & Pat Dickey	<b>Stuart</b> 3:30pm Confessions  4:05pm Rosary 4:30pm Mass  ANN: Steve & Patti McAndrews 1974

#### 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."*