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opportunity to remind her that wanting to be in control of everything can sometimes get in the way of what matters most: loving him. His encounter with Mary and Martha in today's Gospel teaches us the same lesson, a lesson that Martha really needed to learn. Martha needed to learn that what we do for Christ has to flow out of what we are for him: true and devoted friends. It is easy to overload our agenda with so many activities and commitments (even good and beneficial ones) that we lose sight of our real goal in life: to know, love, and imitate Christ more each day. Only that will give real meaning to our lives. Only that will enable us to help others find meaning. Only that will fill us with the steadily increasing joy we long for. Jesus is not saying that we should not do things, serve others, work hard, and honor our commitments. No, Jesus does not reprimand Martha for her activity. He reprimands her for being 'worried and anxious' about all those activities. She has become so caught up in getting things done, that she has lost sight of why she is doing them. The result is predictable - frustration, anger, impatience, losing her temper. Unless we are plugged into Christ and his grace, unless we constantly feed our souls with his words, unless everything we do flows out of our friendship with him - the one thing necessary - none of our actions, even the good ones, can have lasting value. And only lasting value will give peace to our hearts. Every day we are faced with the choice to be more like Martha or more like Mary. This is one of the most amazing things about Christianity. God respects our freedom so much that, in a sense, he leaves our destiny in our own hands. We can freely choose our priorities in life. We can make our own achievements our highest priority, like Martha, or we can make knowing, loving, and imitating Christ our highest priority. Christ offers the benefits of following him to all people, but he leaves each person supremely free to accept or reject them. And the offer is not a one-time affair. Martha chose to busy herself with her own plans on this occasion, but you can bet she adjusted her behavior the next time. Mary chose to listen to the Lord this time, but he would not force her to do so again the next time. Every single time we choose to give Christ and his will priority in our lives, we allow his sanctifying, healing grace to seep deeper into our lives. Jesus wants us to choose the better part, to depend more on him than ourselves, so that he can give us his best. Today, the Church is reminding us that what is most necessary for our well-being is an intimate, dynamic friendship with Christ. As our Lord renews his commitment to us in the Holy Eucharist, let us make a commitment that we will nurture and strengthen our intimate, dynamic friendship with Christ each day.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All Saints

Saturday, July 27

Rosary: Frank Holle
Ushers: Dave Boss & Mark Tisl
Altar Server: Connie Drake
Lector: Donna Donnelly
Commentator: Sharon Doud
Greeters: Mark & Kari Tisl
EMHC: Maris Ladwig, Mark Tisl & Donna Donnelly

All Saints

Sunday, July 28

Ushers: Jason Tigges & Nick Boyle
Altar Servers: Camryn Tigges, Zoe Nixt & Colton Nixt
Lector: Wayne Nosbisch
Commentator: Gary Riordan
Greeters: Jason & Jen Tigges
EMHC: Dave Tisl, Matt Smith & Jo Beaman

St. John

Sunday, July 28

Cross Bearer: Kelsie Steensen
Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Larry Drees
Lector: Julie Plowman
Host: Sister Nesta
Cup: Adela Vogl & Elizabeth Moreland
Altar Servers: Cole Plowman & Carley Fagan
Traveling Chalice: John & Kathy Fagan

MONEY COUNTERS

Tuesday, July 23 @ 9am: Diane Messinger, Dennis Van Pelt & Dave Vigon

(5th Sunday) Tuesday, July 30 @ 9am: Diane Messinger, Dennis Van Pelt & Dave Vigon

All Saints Financial Partnership

July 14, 2019

Weekly Offering: \$ 1,707.00
Children's Offering: \$ 5.00
Sisters of Nazareth: \$ 1,169.00

St. John Financial Partnership

July 14, 2019

Weekly Offering: \$ 856.00
Children's Offering: \$ 12.00
Sisters of Nazareth: \$477.00

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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 being welcomed in to the home of Martha and Mary. And we have much to learn from this encounter. Martha was doing all kinds of tasks, and that was good. But Mary was listening to him, letting him serve her, being his close, intimate friend, and that was even better, 'the better part'. It reminds us that friendship with Christ is the one thing needed, and hence, our task here on earth is to make a conscious choice to shape our lives accordingly. And it means keeping Christ first, to live from his love and for his love. Jesus does not congratulate Mary because she won the spiritual lottery or had received a particularly beautiful soul from God. He praises her because she has 'chosen the better part'. She chooses it. She chooses to submit to the Lord, to let him be for her what he in truth already is for everyone - the one needed thing. Martha, on the other hand, has a divided heart. She loves Christ, but she still depends on her own strength to earn his love in return. She has not learned that what matters is not so much what we can do for Christ as what he has done and wants to do for us. Jesus kindly teaches her in this encounter that the greatest thing she can do for him, the 'one needed thing', is to let him rule completely over her heart, to take her place at his feet and listen to his words. Let us try to see this scene from Christ's perspective. Obviously, he loved both Martha and Mary. They knew him well enough to invite him to dinner. Martha was so comfortable with him that she did not think twice about involving him in her family squabble. The atmosphere is casual, friendly - almost like a barbecue. Martha is doing all the work, and Mary is just sitting at Christ's feet listening to him converse with the Apostles. It is understandable that Martha would get perturbed. Feeding a good number of people is no small task, and she could have used her sister's help. So she tries to get Jesus to tell Mary to lend a hand. But Jesus does not. He actually commends Mary and reproves Martha. Christ was glad to be served, but he was even gladder to be loved. He yearns for our love. He was happy that Mary wanted to listen to him, wanted to sit beside him and spend time with him. Martha, on the other hand, seems to be paying attention to Christ by serving him, but in fact she was thinking more of herself than of him. This is why she was upset. If she had been trying to please Christ, she would have been glad to do the extra work while her sister enjoyed Christ's conversation. But Martha has become so pre-occupied with getting everything done just right that she has forgotten why it is worth doing in the first place. So when she complains, Jesus seizes the

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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

- **Pope Francis appoints a new bishop for the diocese of Des Moines:** Pope Francis has accepted the resignation of the Most Reverend Richard Pates from the pastoral governance of the Diocese of Des Moines, and named Rev. William M. Joensen, Ph.D., a priest of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, as the 10th bishop for the Diocese of Des Moines. Bishop-elect Joensen's ordination as a bishop and installation in the Diocese of Des Moines will be Friday, Sept. 27, 2019. Rev. Joensen was born on July 8, 1960 In Waterloo, Iowa. He attended seminary at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio and received a degree in Theology. He was ordained as a priest of the Archdiocese of Dubuque on June 24, 1989. Rev. Joensen also holds a Ph.D. in Philosophy from the Catholic University of America. He currently serves as Dean of Spiritual Life at Loras College and Spiritual Director of St. Pius X Seminary in Dubuque.
 - **St. John RAGBRAI:** As a reminder – Please bring RAGBRAI donation items to the church Hall by Sunday July 21 at 2:00 p.m. Schedule of all workers and map of how to navigate town will be posted in the back of the church. We still need volunteers to help work the food stand on July 22. Our food stand will be between the GCH clinic and the pink building on Main Street. There will be a dark green Farm Credit Service of America Tent set up.
- ⇒ **PLEASE NOTE!** – We no longer need people to cut up meat on Sunday. Per health department regulations, all meat has to be sliced the day of the event. We will start cutting and grilling meat at 5:00 a.m. the day of the event.
- **The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)!** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process developed by the Catholic Church for prospective converts to Catholicism who are above the age of infant baptism. Candidates are gradually introduced to aspects of Catholic beliefs and practices. The basic process applies to adults and older children, with younger children initiated through an adapted version sometimes incorrectly referred to as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children.
- ⇒ **What are the steps of The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)?** Prior to beginning the RCIA process, an individual comes to some knowledge of Jesus Christ, considers his or her relationship with Jesus Christ and is usually attracted in some way to the Catholic Church. This period is known as the Period of Evangelization and Precatechumenate. For some, this process involves a long period of searching; for others, a shorter time. Often, contact with people of faith and a personal faith experience lead people to inquire about the Catholic Church. After a conversation with a priest, or RCIA director, the person, known as an 'inquirer', may seek acceptance into the Order of Catechumens, through the Rite of Acceptance. During this Rite, the inquirer stands amidst the parish community and states that he or she wants to become a baptized member of the Catholic Church. The parish assembly affirms this desire and the inquirer becomes a Catechumen. The Period of the Catechumenate can last for as long as several years or for a shorter time. It depends on how the person is growing in faith, what questions they encounter along the way, and how God leads them on this journey. During this time, the Catechumens consider what God is saying to them in the Scriptures, what changes in their life they need to make to respond to God's inspiration, and what Baptism in the Catholic Church means. When a Catechumen and the priest and the parish team working with him or her believes the person is ready to make a faith commitment to Jesus in the Catholic Church, the next step is the request for baptism and the celebration of the Rite of Election. Even before the Catechumens are baptized, they have a special relationship to the Church. The Rite of Election includes the enrollment of names of all the Catechumens seeking baptism at the coming Easter Vigil. Typically, on the first Sunday of Lent, the Catechumens, their sponsors and families gather at the cathedral church. The Catechumens publicly express their desire for baptism to the diocesan bishop. Their names are recorded in a book and they are called the Elect. The days of Lent are the final Period of Purification and Enlightenment leading up to the Easter Vigil. Lent is a period of preparation marked by prayer, study, and spiritual direction for the Elect, and prayers for them by the parish communities. The Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation takes place during the Easter Vigil Liturgy on Holy Saturday when the Elect receives the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. Now the person is fully initiated into the Catholic Church. As a newly initiated Catholic, they continue their formation and education continue in the Period of the Post Baptismal Catechesis, which is also called Mystagogy. This period continues at least until Pentecost. During the period the newly baptized members reflect on their experiences at the Easter Vigil and continue to learn more about the Scriptures, the Sacraments, and the teachings of the Catholic Church. In addition, they reflect on how they will serve Christ and help in the Church's mission and outreach activities.

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- ⇒ **What is meant by coming into full communion with the Church?** Coming into full communion with the Catholic Church describes the process for entrance into the Catholic Church for already baptized Christians. In most cases, these individuals make a profession of faith but are not baptized again. To prepare for this reception, the people, who are called Candidates, usually participate in a formation program to help them understand and experience the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church. Although some preparation may be with Catechumens preparing for baptism, the preparation for Candidates is different since they have already been baptized and committed to Jesus Christ, and many have also been active members of other Christian communities. The Candidates may be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil or at another Sunday during the year depending on pastoral circumstances and readiness of the Candidate.
- ⇒ **Soon beginning a new session of RCIA!** We will be beginning a new session of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program soon. If you are inspired by the Lord to embrace the Catholic way of life, please consider this as a personal invitation to join the program, and wait for coming announcements.

RAGBRAI Volunteer Meeting

Please join the committee at All Saints in the parish hall at **11am Sunday, July 21st**. We will review logistics and answer questions regarding RAGBRAI on Monday.

RAGBRAI Food Stand HELP

Located in the open lot next to Harmony Chiropractic & True Value

- Set up of tents, tables for All Saints Church
- Set up of wash stations and other requirements of the Food and Health Inspection License
- Serving of the items being sold:
 - chicken sandwiches
 - sloppy joe sandwiches
 - water
 - Gatorade
- Working the Free Will Snack/Dessert table
- Socializing with the RAGBRAI riders
- **TEAR DOWN** of the food stand area & **CLEAN UP**

LIKE TO BAKE?

The All Saints Faith Formation Families will have a **FREE WILL DONATION** table of snack/dessert food for the Food Stand. If you **LOVE** to bake but don't like to eat it all, we will take your baked items for the table. Baked items need to have the following requirements per the health inspection office:

- Placed in a zip-lock type baggy for single serving
- All baggies of same food into a grocery bag with:
 - Name of food
 - Your name
 - Made with: dairy, egg, wheat or nuts



Deliver to the church during Mass times on Saturday, July 20th and Sunday, July 21st

Calendar with Mass Times, Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday 7/21	Monday 7/22	Tuesday 7/23	Wednesday 7/24	Thursday 7/25	Friday 7/26	Saturday 7/27
Adair	RAGBRAI	Stuart	Adair	Stuart	Stuart	Stuart
7:30am Rosary & Confession	BD: Jesse Gonzalez	6pm Mass	8:30am Mass for Tiago De Souza (health)	9am Mass (Stuart Care Center)	8:30am Mass for deceased members of the Tigges & Gladfelder families	3:30pm Confessions
8am Mass for Eugene Seilhan (health)						4:05pm Rosary
7/28 Mass for Francis Hollinrake (health)						4:30pm Mass
Stuart						
10am Mass						
BD: Jane Sherman & Kate Johnson						