

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

so if we share, at least a little bit, that same desire, if we yearn for his friendship as he yearns for ours. He longs for us to do so. He does everything he can to stir up that desire within us: surrounding us with the beauties of nature and culture, sending us his Son to be our Savior, giving us a Church that survives every vicissitude of history. He does all that and much more, but ultimately, because he will settle for nothing less than true friendship, he never takes away our options: we can still choose to go our own way and not follow him. An all-powerful friend who never abuses his power, an ever-present God who never imposes his presence, an all-wise master who is always gentle with his knowledge. If Jesus were not so interested in our friendship, he would not be so eager for us to keep on asking, seeking, and knocking. But, amazingly, he is. When life is going smoothly, it is easy to believe this truth of our faith. But when a crisis hits, when we face an urgent material, emotional, or spiritual need our faith is sometimes put to the test. Those moments are very valuable for our spiritual growth. They give us an opportunity to exercise the virtue of supernatural patience, and when we exercise it, it gets stronger. Natural patience is easier to develop than supernatural patience. Natural patience does not require that we trust God, it just requires that we trust ourselves. Supernatural patience means asking God insistently for what we need, and letting God choose the right moment to act. And he will act. He has given us undeniable proof of this in the Holy Eucharist. Jesus gives us himself at every Mass in order to prove that his generosity has no limits. And so, if God chooses not to answer our prayers when or how we wanted, we know without a doubt that it is not because he is stingy. Rather, it is because his wisdom and love are cooking up something better than what we can envision. Jesus knows it is sometimes hard for us to wait, and so he leaves us the Eucharist as a pledge of the goodness yet to come, as an anchor in stormy seas. So today, when he comes to us in Holy Communion, let us promise him that from now on we will keep on asking, seeking, and knocking with complete confidence, no matter what.

**Altar & Rosary Society, by Jodi Bassett, President**

In short order, Wayne Nosbisch and Gabby Doud became co-chairs of the RAGBRAI committee and they enlisted others to assist on the committee, which met nearly every week to plan details. Roni Wilson offered Wilson's lot downtown for us to use. And so it happened. It was decided to make our effort worthwhile, and to plan to feed several hundred riders.

The whole parish, of course, includes our youth. It was suggested the youth do a bake sale, for a free will donation. And so it happened. Jill Gerling recruited the youth to sell and asked parishioners to provide baked goods.

As plans progressed, a menu evolved, grills were donated, roasters accumulated, food safety issues were addressed, and the call went out for donations of water, Gatorade and baked goods. And so, it happened. Water and Gatorade arrived in droves, and massive amounts of baked goods were delivered to the church. Food was ordered in large quantities, including some from the local grocery store.

On the first day of RAGBRAI, ladies met in the kitchen to cook sloppy joes and organize baked goods. On the second day of RAGBRAI, grills and picnic tables, tents and tables arrived at Wilson's lot. There were apples and pickles and bananas, oh my! And so it happened. Volunteer help arrived by 6 am to set up and begin cooking chicken breasts, and serving sandwiches, sides and drinks. Runners kept supplies in stock and people stood on the corner, encouraging riders to our stand.

A large number of people contributed to the success of the stand, and I would miss people if I tried to list them all. But specifically, Gabby Doud put in a lot of miles and calls to be sure we were compliant with the food inspectors, and Wayne Nosbisch provided a lot of good information and also much extra behind the scenes work to be sure the lot was in good shape in the weeks before our arrival. Tammy Doud kept us on track with our expenses. We are grateful to so many for their share of the organizing, the providing of supplies and the volunteering of time, grills, transportation, tables, coolers and many other things. And of course, huge thanks go to Paul and Debbie Wilson and John and Roni Wilson for allowing us to use their lot.

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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**



Jesus is taking us to prayer school – to teach us about Christian prayer - as we listen to Saint Luke's abridged version of the Our Father. Each phrase in the prayer is a fountain of wisdom. They are worth studying and thinking about deeply, because they show us how God wants us to approach him and to be with him. But Jesus knows that because we are human beings - we tend to fall into routine. So even though he gives us the perfect words to use in prayer, he knows we will have a tendency to just learn them by heart and then mindlessly rattle them off. And so, he also teaches us two attitudes that should form the background of every Christian's life of prayer. These attitudes, if we keep them fresh, can make sure that our prayer never becomes just an empty, boring shell, but is always a living, and powerful force. The first attitude is persistence. If we are persistent in prayer, as the friend was persistent in the parable, we give God more freedom to act in our lives, because our desires get more in synch with God's. The second attitude is confidence. Since we live in a fallen world, we sometimes project our own imperfections onto God. We think that he, like us, is selfish, easily angered, and resentful. As a result, sometimes we hesitate to open our hearts to him in prayer. But Jesus tears down these misconceptions. God is our Father, a better father than even the very best earthly fathers. So if earthly fathers know how to be generous and wise with their children, we can rest assured that God is much more like that with us. He would not give us stones when we ask for bread. Even though we are fallen human beings, selfish sinners, 'wicked' as Jesus says, we still try to give good things to those we love. Well then, we can easily understand how God, whose love is unencumbered by even the slightest selfishness, is certainly even more eager to give good things to us, whom he loves tirelessly and without measure. Just as Christ answered his disciples' request to teach them how to pray by giving them the Our Father, the most perfect of prayers, so he will hear every request we ask of him, and answer it even more generously than we could possibly have hoped for. This instruction on Christian prayer is solid practical advice, and it also gives us a glimpse into the heart of our Lord. It shows us that he is a God who yearns for friends, not slaves. Jesus tells us: 'Seek and you will find, ask and you will receive'. Seeking and asking are free actions - they are up to us. Jesus cannot force us to do either one of them. And that is the funny thing about friendship; it cannot be forced. As much as God wants to regain our friendship, and to deepen it day after day, he can only do

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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

- **St. John Men's Group:** The St. John's Men Group of Adair is hosting the Annual Seminarian Picnic on Sunday, August 4 at 5:00 pm at Vogl Park, south of Adair. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring a covered dish to share. All Parishioners are invited to attend.
  - **All Saints Birthday Party:** The Children of Joanne Tiernan are hosting an open house for Joanne's 90th birthday on Sunday, August 3rd from 2-4 pm in the All Saints church hall.
  - **Thank You to the Ragbrai Team of All Saints and St. John :** We want to thank the chair persons of the Ragbrai committee: Gabby Doud (All Saints), Wayne Nosbisch, (All Saints) and Erin Carney (St. John), and all the volunteers who worked hard on Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> to sell our menu and raise funds for our Churches. We also thank everyone who donated money or other items for RAGBRAI. Everyone's sacrifice, and hard work is really appreciated as you make a difference in our parish families. Thank you for being a blessing to all of us. Father Tony
  - **St. John RAGBRAI Chair, Erin Carney:** I want to thank all those who helped make RAGBRAI a success for our parish. We were able to raise just under \$5,000, of which, all proceeds will go towards the building fund. As a result, this will cover the remaining cost of the air conditioner for the parish hall, and then some. We couldn't have done it without all of you. **THANK YOU!**
  - **Thank you to All Saints Altar and Rosary:** Our family would like to give our sincere thanks to the Altar and Rosary Society for the lovely dinner following our mother's funeral service on Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. There was a delicious array of sandwiches, potato salad, pasta salad, vegetable salads, lemon velvet cake, jello cake, Hawaiian cake and beverages. All attending enjoyed the event in memory of my Mother, Florence Kolp Doud. The wonderful women to thank are Barb Boss, Kelly Marneu, Bev Johnson, Daisy Nevins, Nancy Moore, Barb Marneu, M. Wagers, Roni Wilson, Ardis McGinnis and Kathy Fitzgerald. Thank you so much! You made us feel at home and your loving support meant so much! Sincerely, Jeannine Doud Lewis, Carol Doud Matthew, John Doud, and James Doud
  - **All Saints Family Fest is coming on August 24, 2019!** The Committee is in need of parishioners' assistance to make this another successful event for our parish and community. --- There are two sign-up sheets in the gathering space: One labeled, Games, and the other, Prizes. The sign up sheet for Games needs someone to sponsor, set up and work the game. The sign up sheet for Prizes needs people to go through their 'toys' and compile a bag to donate to the prize table for the children. Please sign up to help out! Watch for new sign-up sheets weekly.
- ⇒ If you can help in other ways, contact Jill Gerling at [allsaintsff@outlook.com](mailto:allsaintsff@outlook.com) or by calling the office at 523-1943 during morning office hours.
- **Update on the Maintenance Projects at All Saints:** First and foremost, I want to thank everyone who partnered in our maintenance projects campaign. You, joining hands with other fellow parishioners of All Saints parish family, is going to change our story. Bishop Pates has given his approval to our projects, and consequently we have signed a contract with Roy Sargent Building, Inc. to fix the upper level parking area, the broken sidewalk, and to add an additional 6 handicapped parking spaces and one van accessible space north of front entry drive, to which the work will begin soon. Having given themselves to our parish family during their energetic years, and as they approach the sunset years of their lives, we strongly feel that our elderly parishioners need a little extra attention, care and love. We hope that the spaces marked for them closer to the Church will give them an easy access. We are really and truly blessed by the love, kindness, and sacrificial financial support of all of you, and we are positively looking forward to that unwavering support in order to make our parish family a vibrant community in the diocese of Des Moines. Thank you for what you and your family are; and for what you and your family bring to our wonderful parish family through your life, gifts, ministry, and generous sharing of your treasure. May God bless you, your family and your loved ones with His abundant blessings. Rev. Antony Mathew, Pastor
  - **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.



All Saints Catholic Church is hosting an  
**Annual Family Fest**  
to celebrate faith and community with an evening of food, fun, and fellowship.



Join us **Saturday, August 24, 2019**

4:30 pm Mass will kick off the festivities  
5:45-7:45 Games & Activities  
8:00 Free Family Movie on the lawn  
Concessions available

\* Games & Activities for a small fee



### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### All Saints

#### Saturday, August 3

**Rosary:** Frank Holle  
**Ushers:** Dennis Donnelly  
**Altar Server:** Jodi Bassett  
**Lector:** Bob Bird  
**Commentator:** Roni Wilson  
**EMHC:** Donna Donnelly, Jodi Bassett & Sister Nesta

#### All Saints

#### Sunday, August 4

**Ushers:** Vince & Christy O'Brien  
**Altar Servers:** Lauren O'Brien, Cora Boyle & Alli Boyle  
**Lector:** Wayne Nosbisch  
**Commentator:** Gary Riordan  
**Greeters:** Vince & Christy O'Brien  
**EMHC:** Linda Lee O'Neel, Amy Doud & Dave Tisl

#### St. John

#### Sunday, August 4

**Cross Bearer:** Dave Richter  
**Greeters:** Mr. & Mrs. Matt Fagan & Family  
**Lector:** Brian Richter  
**Host:** Dave Richter  
**Cup:** Sister Nesta & Matt Fagan  
**Altar Servers:** Luke Brincks & Cole Plowman  
**Traveling Chalice:** Matt & Monica Fagan

### Calendar with Mass Times, Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday 7/28	Monday 7/29	Tuesday 7/30	Wednesday 7/31	Thursday 8/1	Friday 8/2	Saturday 8/3
<b>Adair</b> 7:30am Rosary & Confession 8am Mass for Francis Hollinrake (health) 8/4 Mass for Brady Skram  <b>Stuart</b> 10am Mass for the People BD: Janet Dickson	BD: Dick Doherty	<b>Stuart</b> 6pm Mass  ANN: Logan & Paige Witte 2011	<b>Adair</b> 8:30am Mass for Patrick Lawlor (health)	<b>Stuart</b> 9am Mass (Stuart Care Center)  BD: Sharon Pieper, Colleen Goddard & Jenny Doyle	<b>Stuart</b> 8:30am Mass for	<b>Stuart</b> 3:30pm Confessions  4:05pm Rosary 4:30pm Mass for James Patrick Carey  BD: Ardis McGinnis

#### All Saints Financial Partnership

July 21 2019

**Weekly Offering: \$ 1,735.00**  
**Children's Offering: \$ 14.74**

#### St. John Financial Partnership

July 21, 2019

**Weekly Offering: \$ 501.00**  
**Children's Offering: \$ 11.00**

### MONEY COUNTERS

(5th Sunday) Tuesday, July 30 @ 9am: Diane Messinger, Dennis Van Pelt & Dave Vigon  
Tuesday, August 6 @ 1pm: Janet Bassett, Mary Morgan & Pat Hohn