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what matters to God'. Jesus is teaching us not to rely on earthly, vain things for just one reason that we do not know how many years we will have to enjoy them. What is genuinely profitable for us and others is what the Lord considers treasure. He created all things and knows the worthwhile way to invest them. The man in today's parable did not use the goods the Lord had put into his path to accumulate true and lasting wealth in Heaven. He decided to accumulate his wealth and live off his earnings. The flaw in his logic was thinking he would have time. The wealth that the Lord offers us is non-transferable and never expires. Holiness and virtue are the investments that win us lasting wealth. Christ has given each one of us a share in his mission. And he has done this because he knows it will give us the meaning and fulfillment that we long for. Nothing else can, in fact. We all know this - vaguely. But it would be helpful to know it more clearly. If we have a clearer idea of what our mission is, we will better be able to fulfill it, to keep growing spiritually. A Christian's mission in life is to know, love, and follow Christ more and more closely every day, and to help as many people as possible do the same. This is a clear, solid, substantial description of our mission. Let us take this sentence with us when we leave today. And at the end of each day this week, let us spend a few minutes speaking with Jesus about how we carried out that mission, and about how we can carry it out better tomorrow. If we do, he will help us to become more and more like him, truly mission-driven Christians. And if that happens, his joy will soon take over our lives.

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Office Hours

Tuesday: 8:30am - 3pm
 Wednesday: 8:30am - 3pm
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All Saints Mass Schedule

Tuesday: 6pm
 Thursday: 9am (Care Center)
 Friday: 8:30am
 Saturday: 4:30pm
 Sunday: 10am

Bulletin Deadline:

Noon Wednesday



St. John Mass Schedule

Wednesday: 8:30am
 Sunday: 8am

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We have an interesting gospel narrative for our reflection. The gospel begins with someone in the crowd saying to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me'. Jesus' first word to the questioner is 'friend'. He calls the man his friend. But then he goes on to refuse to do the favor that this man is asking. Was Jesus just being polite by saying 'friend'? But it could be that he was saying exactly what he meant. May be the look on his face was a smile, and it was adding a subtext to the parable. May be with that look, Jesus meant something like this: 'I have come to be the true friend and savior of your soul, which does not always include managing your bank account for you. You can count on me to give you light, guidance, and strength, and to walk with you along life's path - but you still must walk. You still must do your part'. This encounter gives us a beautiful portrait of the patience and wisdom of the heart of Christ. Sometimes we doubt God's love because he does not solve all of our problems all by himself, right away. But does a truly loving father take the easy way out and spoil his children? No. God seeks the true good of his children, and that can often be different than what we think is good for us. Jesus saw that this man was too attached to material things, and his refusal to resolve the difficulty helps spur the man to reorder his priorities. Christ is our friend precisely because he never loses sight of our real goal, communion with God, starting now and finishing in heaven, and because he never tires of leading us closer to it. We do not know anything about this man who came asking Christ to settle his dispute. May be he was sincerely interested in justice. May be he was just being greedy. In either case, Jesus makes the most of the encounter to teach one of the most basic (though not the most popular) Christian lessons: the meaning of life does not consist in getting rich; our lives do not consist of having possessions; or, to correct a popular bumper sticker - whoever dies with the most toys does not win anything at all. Therefore, we should not pretend that it would not. We should not treat the things of this earth, as wonderful and beautiful and useful as they are, as if they were ends in themselves. They are not. They are means to an end, instruments to help us fulfill a much higher purpose, that of knowing and loving God. We need money and possessions in order to live dignified lives, and it is certainly no sin to enjoy them. But if striving after them makes us neglect a healthy relationship with God, the Church, and our neighbors, we will come to a tragic end, just like the rich man in the parable. Jesus knows how easily we are tempted by money and possessions - they seem to promise so much! That is why he makes this lesson so clear. 'Take care to guard against all greed', he warns. Instead, if we want a truly fulfilling life, we should strive to be 'rich in *(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.



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

Calendar with Mass Times, Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday 8/4	Monday 8/5	Tuesday 8/6	Wednesday 8/7	Thursday 8/8	Friday 8/9	Saturday 8/10
Adair 7:30am Rosary & Confession 8am Mass for Brady Skram	ANN: Jim & Mary Lonsdale 1961	Stuart 6pm Mass BD: David Richter	Adair 8:30 am Mass BD: Marvin Engelen, Maria Ladwig & Monica Fagan	Stuart 9am Mass (Stuart Care Center) BD: Wayne Nosbisch	Stuart 8:30am Mass BD: Edward Donnelly & Emmett Wedemeyer	Stuart 3:30pm Confessions 4:05pm Rosary 4:30pm Mass for James Patrick Carey
Stuart 10am Mass for the People ANN: Larry & Sheryl Drees 1984			ANN: Vern & Norma Tigges 1982 ANN: Mick & Cindy Baudler 2004			BD: Patricia Purviance, Jenni Nixt, Becca Renslow & Riley Doud

All Saints Financial Partnership

July 28 2019

Weekly Offering: \$ 1,647.00
 Children's Offering: \$ 13.72

St. John Financial Partnership

July 28, 2019

Weekly Offering: \$ 575.00
 Children's Offering: \$ 13.00

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- **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.
 - **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.
- ⇒ **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.
- **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Schedule:**

Wednesday, August 14	Vigil Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 5:30 p.m. at St. John
Thursday, August 15	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 6:00 p.m. at All Saints
 - **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 or by calling the office at 523-1943 during morning office hours.
- **Business Expenses:** All Saints and St. John Fiscal Year end reports will be published the last weekend of September. Your partnership is very essential to the financial wellbeing of our parish families. Thank you for remembering us even while you are away.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All Saints

Saturday, August 10

Rosary: Frank Holle
Ushers: Wayne & Jan Gilman
Altar Server: Connie Drake & Mitchell Dickson
Lector: Jodi Bassett
Commentator: Sharon Doud
Greeters: Marvin & Janet Bassett
EMHC: Jodi Bassett, Joyce Van Pelt & Sister Andre

All Saints

Sunday, August 11

Ushers: Neal Crawford & Bob Olson
Altar Servers: Larissa Crawford, Nora Hoffman & Iean Hoffman
Lector: Donna Olson
Commentator: Sean Bovinett
Greeters: Neal & Symantha Crawford
EMHC: Matt Smith, Joyce Van Pelt & Ismael Leyva

St. John

Sunday, August 11

Cross Bearer: Cole Plowman
Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Tom Fagan
Lector: Barb Bachman
Host: Les Elgin
Cup: Sister Nesta & Elizabeth Moreland
Altar Servers: Addy Richter & Bailey Lillard
Traveling Chalice: John & Adella Vogl

MONEY COUNTERS

Tuesday, August 6 @ 10:30am: Janet Bassett, Mary Morgan & Pat Hohn
Tuesday, August 13 @ 1pm: Eric Tiernan, Gina James & Donna Donnelly