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history in which the popular culture was actually Christian, when the culture actually helped people to be true to their Christian mission. We do not live in a period like that. We have to remember that the small choices we make each day either draw us closer to Christ or push us away from him. If we get sucked into a gossip session, we are weakening Christ's Kingdom. If we go the extra mile to help a relative or a colleague in need, we are strengthening it. The key is to remember that, to create a habitual mentality that sees daily life as an arena in which we are battling for or against Christ. Another word for that habitual mentality is faith. Our Christian faith is more than just a list of beliefs; it is the way we see the world. Since faith is a virtue, we can help it grow by exercising it. And one of the best ways to exercise it is by developing a disciplined prayer life. Taking even ten minutes in the morning and ten minutes at night to speak with Christ about what is important to him and what is important to us. Let us ask Christ to strengthen our faith, so that we can serve him better, and let us promise him that we will do our part to keep our faith in shape. Christ is reminding us today to be intelligent stewards of the gifts he has given us, so that he can give us a worthy reward. In the parable, the steward was in charge of his master's account books, so he exercised his smarts by rearranging the debts people owed. God has given us three commodities to be managed astutely, and they are: time, talent, and treasure. How much time do we give to Christ and his Kingdom? We all give him some time – that is why we are here. But can we give a little more or should we give a little more? It may be a matter of dedicating larger chunks of time to serving Christ and the Church, or it may be a matter of simply adding some prayers to our drive to work. We are called to be wise stewards of our time. Our talents too are resources given by God. We are called to invest them in loving God and loving our neighbor. May be this area is where we can be better stewards. Finally, treasure. It is a law of the Church that every Catholic should give financial support to the works of the Church, each one in accordance with their means. There is a longstanding tradition in Christianity of tithing. That means giving the first ten percent of all of one's earnings to the Church.

All Saints Faith Formation by Jill Gerling, Coordinator



◆ During Faith Formation class on Wednesday, September 25, Father Tony and a few senior altar servers will be holding a training for new and veteran altar servers. Please encourage your child to become an altar server. Any child that has received the First Communion sacrament is able to be an altar server.



◆ Parents: There is a bulletin board near the north doors that will have important Faith Formation items. Please check it regularly for updates and information. If you have not signed your children up for classes, there is still time.

Contact Jill Gerling at allsaintsff@outlook.com or 523-1943

Calendar with Mass Times, Birthdays and Anniversaries

| <u>Sunday 9/22</u> | <u>Monday 9/23</u> | <u>Tuesday 9/24</u> | <u>Wednesday 9/25</u> | <u>Thursday 9/26</u> | <u>Friday 9/27</u> | <u>Saturday 9/28</u> |
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| <u>Adair</u> 7:30am Rosary & Confession 8am Mass for Andrew Lawlor | BD: Marvin Bassett | 6pm Mass BD: Violet Aubert | <u>Adair</u> 8:30am Mass for Felix Lawlor BD: Lee Johnson, Caleb Smith ANN: Steve & Gina James 1971 | <u>Stuart</u> 9:00am Stuart Care Center BD: Gabe Gerling & Deb Richter ANN: Nate & Karey Smith 1998 | <u>Stuart</u> 8:30am Mass for deceased members of the Tigges & Gladfelder families BD: Cora Boyle ANN: Ray & Betty Vais 1958 | <u>Stuart</u> 3:30pm Confessions 4:05pm Rosary 4:30pm Mass BD: Joseph Fagan |

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Office Hours

Tuesday: 8:30am - 3pm
Wednesday: 8:30am - 3pm
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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 knows the human heart in its entirety because he is fully God and fully man. From that realistic perspective, he tells us that it is impossible for us to serve two masters. He puts it bluntly: 'No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon'. The word 'mammon' was used in ancient Israel to signify riches. In modern terms, we might say that you cannot have two full-time careers without prioritizing one over the other. Money is not a bad thing. Those who have been given the gift of wealth have a duty to use it wisely for the good of their brothers and sisters. So money is not in itself a bad thing. But the love of money is destructive. It takes our minds off of heaven. It hardens our hearts to the needs of our brothers and sisters. It makes us anxious and unsettled, terrified that we might lose our nest egg of security. Jesus wants us to be free to love him and others. We choose where we want to dedicate our hearts. Jesus invites us to dedicate them to God above all else. If we do that, we find the joyful freedom that only he can give. Jesus does not give a third alternative. There are only two paths in life, the one that leads closer to Christ, or the one that leads away from him. In other words, we cannot be morally neutral in life. We cannot sit on the fence. Either we live selfishly (this is symbolized by what Christ calls 'mammon', or worldly riches, which enable us to exercise selfish desires), or we live for Christ. If we live selfishly, we actually contribute to the culture of selfishness; we extend the kingdom of money and follow the lord of selfishness - Satan. If we live for Christ, on the other hand, we help build up his Kingdom of justice and love - the eternal Kingdom. Those who pretend to stay neutral are fooling themselves. God gives us chances to exercise our love for him, or our love for self. The Christian life consists in an ongoing series of decisions in which we reinforce or undermine our basic choice to follow Christ. Jesus is warning us that we are just like the steward in the parable. We have all squandered the gifts God has given us, because we have all sinned and been affected by sin. And sooner or later we will have to face the music - we will die and face judgment. But in the meantime, we have a golden opportunity to put our lives and talents at the service of his Kingdom, instead of at the service of self. Today's culture strongly encourages us to live self-centered lives instead of Christ-centered lives, to serve Mammon instead of God. There have been periods of

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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

- **THANK YOU!** Glenna Day, and family, would like to thank all those who organized and served the luncheon following Patrick's funeral. Your hospitality and generosity are truly appreciated.
- **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: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) begins on Tuesday, November 5th:** 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.

⇒ **New session begins Tuesday, November 5th at 7:00 pm in the music room**

- **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.



- **Knights of Columbus Annual Chicken Dinner:** Save the date for Sunday, October 27 for the Annual All Saints Knights of Columbus chicken dinner featuring Staley's Chicken. Served along side this mouthwatering chicken will be mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetables, salad, dinner rolls, drinks and a wide array of pies and desserts. Adults are \$10.00, children ages 6-12 are \$4.00 and children 5 & under are free. Carryout is available. Please join us in the parish hall from 10:30am to 1:00pm to enjoy a delicious lunch and fellowship.



- **Desserts and Pies needed for All Saints Chicken Dinner:** We have so many wonderful cooks and bakers in our parish and would like you to share your talent with everyone. If you are able to provide a home-made dessert or pie for the chicken dinner, please sign up on the sheets in the gathering space. All desserts will need to be delivered by 9am, Sunday, October 27th to the parish hall. Thank you for sharing your God given talent with the parish family.

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- **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. Please consider signing up for automatic donations. The form following may be found on the table in the gathering space at All Saints. St. John Parishioners, please call the office at 515-523-1943 if you are interested in auto withdrawals. Thank you for remembering us while you are away.

→ **Automatic Withdrawal:** I want to share the information that All Saints has the capability of accepting automatic withdrawal from your bank account. Some people may have concerns about the security of such a transaction. I want to address such concerns by assuring you that it is safe and secure. It makes it easy for you in the sense that you don't have to carry your check book or cash with you all the time. It makes it easy for the parish staff for accounting purposes, and for the money counters in the sense they have less money to count. Considering all the advantages, may I ask you to think about automatic withdrawal. If you agree, we ask you to provide the requested information here below. Fr. Tony (forms are available on the table the gathering space)

Authorization for Automatic Withdrawal

Name _____
 Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
 Phone (home) _____ (Cell) _____
 E-mail _____
 Name of the Financial Institution _____
 Account Number _____ Routing Number _____
 Signature _____
 Attach a Voided Check _____
 Date of debits to be made: - 5th of the month _____ 20th of the month _____
Note: we can accept automatic withdrawal only two days (either 5th or 20th) of the month.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All Saints

Saturday, September 28

Rosary: Frank Holle
Ushers: Matt & Jen Dickson
Altar Server: Zoe & Bailey Dickson
Lector: Donna Donnelly
Commentator: Sharon Doud
Greeters: Matt & Jen Dickson
EMHC: Donna Donnelly, Jodi Bassett & Sister Andre

All Saints

Sunday, September 29

Ushers: Knights of Columbus
Altar Servers: Knights of Columbus
Lector: Knights of Columbus
Commentator: Knights of Columbus
Greeters: Knights of Columbus
EMHC: Knights of Columbus

St. John

Sunday, September 29

Cross Bearer: Francis Hollinrake
Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Rich Bachman
Lector: Brian Richter
Host: Elizabeth Moreland
Cup: Dave Richter & Matt Fagan
Altar Servers: Luke Brincks & Carley Fagan
Traveling Chalice: John & Kathy Fagan

MONEY COUNTERS

Tuesday, September 24 @ 9am: Diane Messinger, Dennis Van Pelt & Dave Vigon
 Tuesday, October 1 @ 1pm: Janet Bassett, Mary Morgan & Pat Hohn

All Saints Financial Partnership

September 15, 2019

Weekly Offering: \$ 1,487.00
Children's Offering: \$ 13.00
Seminarian Fund: \$ 221.00

St. John Financial Partnership

September 15, 2019

Weekly Offering: \$ 376.00
Children's Offering: \$ 12.00
Seminarian Fund: \$ 253.00