

Father Tony's Corner (continued from front page)

counteracts depression and releases anxiety. Gratitude is one of the most beautiful flowers in the garden of virtue - what a pity that it is so rare. How do we give thanks in all circumstances? Here are two practical tips. At the end of each day, dedicate a few minutes to reviewing the gifts God has given us, and thanking him for them. This keeps our hearts alive with gratitude. And secondly, it is vital to form the habit of thanking God throughout the day. When something good happens, say 'thank you Jesus for your friendship and your love'. When something unpleasant happens, say 'thank you Jesus, for your friendship and your love'. And we receive the Gift of gifts, Jesus himself in the Holy Eucharist. We recognize that he is our savior and that he loves us, we thank him, and we ask him to give us the gift of truly grateful hearts. Gratitude makes us more like God, and opens our hearts to a deeper relationship with him. It is something that we will never regret.

Altar & Rosary by Jodi Bassett, President



All women of All Saints Catholic Church are members of the Altar and Rosary Society. Please plan to attend one of the meetings after mass set for Saturday, October 19th or Sunday, October 20th. We will meet in the music room across from the parish hall.

We hope to see you there. Thank you!

All Saints Faith Formation by Jill Gerling, Coordinator



All Saints Community Trunk or Treat

Wednesday, October 30 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

All Saints Church Parking Lot

Parishioners and Faith Formation Families will provide their personal vehicles to be theme decorated and filled with goodies for the children of the community to come and Trunk (trick) or Treat in a safe area with fun and fellowship.

Please sign up on the table in the gathering space. This is a great opportunity to reach out to the community and our own parish families.



Calendar with Mass Times, Birthdays and Anniversaries

Table with 7 columns: Sunday 10/13, Monday 10/14, Tuesday 10/15, Wednesday 10/16, Thursday 10/17, Friday 10/18, Saturday 10/19. Rows include mass times, birthdays (e.g., Tara Klassen, Amanda Nims), and anniversaries (e.g., Dennis & Joyce Van Pelt).

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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



In ancient Israel, nothing was more pitiable than a leper. They were prohibited from entering any town, since the disease was so contagious. They had to continuously shout 'unclean', so people knew a leper was approaching and could clear the area. They could not come within 50 yards of a healthy person. There was a life of total isolation: no friendship, no sense of belonging, no affection. And in today's gospel we meet 10 of them. They stood off at a distance and shouted to Jesus, 'Jesus, master, have pity on us'. And Jesus heard them. He told them to go and show themselves to the priests. In Jewish law a priest had to declare someone free from leprosy before that person could re-enter society. And on their way to the priest, the 10 were healed. But only one of them realized that he had been healed, and returned to thank Jesus and glorify God. Is not that amazing? Leprosy is a painful disease, and if you were healed you would notice. The other 9 simply took the healing for granted, and did not realize the incredible gift they had just received. Gratitude opens our hearts to God and to others. Gratitude makes us more fully human. Gratitude sets our minds on eternity. Gratitude is the secret to true flourishing both as individuals and as a society. This is the great lesson from today's gospel. Receive the gifts of God with gratitude. At the end of Saint John's Gospel, we are told that if everything Christ did during his brief earthly life were written down, the entire world would not contain the books. We can infer, therefore, that many - may be even the majority - of Christ's miracles and encounters were not recorded in the New Testament. So why did Saint Luke include this one? Clearly because of the lesson that Christ teaches us by it: the beauty of gratitude. The one leper who came back to thank Jesus is praised for this gratitude. We can almost hear the sadness in Christ's heart at the lack of gratitude in the other nine who were healed. Why does Christ value gratitude so much? Is he vain? Is his self-esteem so weak that he gets depressed if we do not praise and thank him? No. He values gratitude because gratitude is valuable - it is valuable for us, for the health of our souls. In the first place, gratitude keeps us grounded in the truth, which is key for our ongoing relationship with God. To be ungrateful to God is not only unjust, but it is also living an illusion. The simple fact is that everything we have is a gift from God: creation, life, talents, opportunities, hope in heaven, the grace that helps us persevere in doing what is right - these are all God's gifts. We do not create ourselves. In the second place, gratitude is the perfect antidote to sin. Sin turns us in on ourselves, like an ingrown toenail; gratitude opens us up to God and neighbor. It directly contradicts self-centeredness, self-indulgence, and self-absorption. It builds bridges, unites communities, and softens hearts. It (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

- **All Saints Rosary Repair and Design:** Brenda Wedemeyer would like to offer her services of repairing rosaries and/or making them. She can even teach you how to make your own. You can bring the separated pieces, or she can try to match it with new parts. There is no charge for this service. If you are interested in learning how to make your own or have a beloved piece that needs repairing please call the church office at 515-523-1943 or email Brenda at brendawedemeyer@yahoo.com.
- **All Saints Music Rehearsals:** Faith Formation Family Mass attendees, and anyone wishing to sing with the choir (any age is welcome), please attend Music Rehearsal at 9am on Sunday, October 6 and Sunday, October 13. You will be learning a new mass setting entitled "The Glendalough Mass," which includes the Gloria and Holy, Holy, all with an Irish flair. Don Fillman will accompany on the guitar with Lacey Partlow adding her talents on the violin. If anyone would like to add their voice, or another musical instrument, please let Brenda Wedemeyer know by calling the office at 515-523-1943 or via email at brendawedemeyer@yahoo.com. Additionally, if anyone knows how to play the Irish drum, Brenda has one and would like you to join them.
- **All Saints: 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.

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



- **COMING SOON! New Online Giving Program:** Everything we have is a gift from God. We are called to be wise stewards of those gifts. One simple way to carry out our call is to support the church's mission through sacrificial giving. Our new eGiving options will make it easy. eGiving allows you to set up automatic recurring contribu-

tions and view your complete online giving history all at your own convenience. You will no longer need to write out checks and prepare envelopes every week, if you don't want to, or just don't have time. Even when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, your electronic contributions will continue to be received on an uninterrupted basis. Sign up cards are available in the gathering space to take advantage of this new giving option. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

- **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.

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- **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 mouth-watering 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 homemade 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 9:00 am, Sunday, October 27th to the parish hall. Thank you for sharing your God given talent with the parish family.
- **Father Tony away from the office:** Father Tony will be away from the parish office from Tuesday, October 8th through Thursday, October 31st for his continuing education. There will not be a daily Mass from Tuesday, October 8th through Wednesday, October 30th. The weekend Masses will be covered by retired priests of the Diocese of Des Moines. If someone is in the hospital, the family needs to contact the hospital chaplain there.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All Saints

Saturday, October 19

Rosary: Frank Holle
Ushers: Dennis Donnelly & Dan Hilgers
Altar Server: Connie Drake
Lector: Donna Donnelly
Commentator: Anita Hilgers
Greeters: Dennis & Donna Donnelly
EMHC: Donna Donnelly, Dan Hilgers & Jodi Bassett

All Saints

Sunday, October 20

Ushers: Vince & Christy O'Brien
Altar Servers: Jackson & Jenna Doyle & Lauren O'Brien
Lector: Sean Bovinett
Commentator: Gary Riordan
Greeters: Vince & Christy O'Brien
EMHC: Dave Tisl, Amy Doud & Linda Lee O'Neel

St. John

Sunday, October 20

Cross Bearer: Dave Richter
Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Brian Marso
Lector: Theresa Elgin
Host: Matt Fagan
Cup: Sr. Andre & Elizabeth Moreland
Altar Servers: Luke Brincks & Cole Plowman
Traveling Chalice: Francis & Deb Hollinrake

MONEY COUNTERS

Wednesday, October 16th @ 9am: Donna Olson & Gina Ocheltree
 Tuesday, October 22nd @ 9am: Diane Messinger, Dennis Van Pelt & Dave Vigon

All Saints Financial Partnership

October 6, 2019
Weekly Offering: \$ 1,503.00
Children's Offering: \$ 11.48
Building Fund: \$ 1,702.00
Electronic Contributions: \$490.00

St. John Financial Partnership

October 6, 2019
Weekly Offering: \$ 488.00
Children's Offering: \$ 20.50