

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

future: he will return from his Father's house to bring to completion the eternal Kingdom that he founded through the Church; in the meantime, he is sending his disciples - the Apostles and the Christians of all ages - to invite all people into that Kingdom. Although this mission will be challenged by suffering, humiliation, and opposition of all kinds, he will continue to work in and through his faithful followers by the power of the Holy Spirit. This is privileged knowledge given by the Lord of life and history to us, his followers. It is exactly what we need to know about the future. It enables us to face life's inevitable hardships with confidence and joy, always staying focused on what really matters: following Christ and helping others to follow him. Jesus revealed the future to us because he wants to give us courage. Since we know that his Kingdom will be victorious and last forever, we can be more energetic and confident in building up that Kingdom. He tells his Apostles that they will be persecuted, but they are not to worry, since 'it will lead to your giving testimony'. This is what we are called to do - to tell others about Christ, to bring them into the Church, so that they too can reestablish an intimate friendship with God and set out on the path to eternal life. Jesus tells his Apostles that they will even be betrayed by family members, but it does not matter, because he will still be protecting them: 'not a hair on your head will be destroyed'. And so, he goes on to tell them, they should never give up in their efforts to follow Christ and help others follow him: 'By your perseverance you will secure your lives'. As Christians, we are soldiers of Christ. We have been given a share in his mission. People around us are starving to know the future, the real truth about the future. Jesus wants to save them from their anxiety and from the dangers of looking for answers in the wrong places. And he has invited us to be his messengers. Let us ask God to give us the grace and strength to persevere in our prayer, and to become faithful messengers of his kingdom.

Music Announcement by Brenda Wedemeyer, Music Director



Attention All Saints Musical People

From now up to Christmas I will be holding rehearsals on Thursday's from 6:30pm to 8pm & from 9:00am to 9:45am Sundays. All cantors and musicians, please plan to attend at least one of these time slots. We will be working on the Christmas Gloria and some other Mass parts, including the Latin Chant Mass. You don't have to be a cantor in order to sing in the choir! Please join us if you are willing and interested in singing.

Calendar with Mass Times, Birthdays and Anniversaries

<u>Sunday 11/17</u>	<u>Monday 11/18</u>	<u>Tuesday 11/19</u>	<u>Wednesday 11/20</u>	<u>Thursday 11/21</u>	<u>Friday 11/22</u>	<u>Saturday 11/23</u>
<u>Adair</u> 7:30am Rosary & Confession 8am Mass for Tiago De Souza (health)		6pm Mass for Clair and Pat Dickey BD: Rick Richter	8:30am Mass for Patricia Seilhan (health)	9am Stuart Community Center Mass for Joann & John Roth BD: Margaret Tiernan & Jim Pivonka	8:30am Mass for Caroline Lacher BD: Brenda Wedemeyer, Alex Kasap, Ian Hoffmann & Marilyn Ludwig	3:30pm Confessions 4:05pm Rosary 4:30pm Mass for the People BD: Vince O'Brien, Lucas Nims & Olivia Tigges
11/24 Mass for Francis Hollinrake (health)						
<u>Stuart</u> 10am Mass BD: Mary Klemish						

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Office Hours

Tuesday: 8:30am - 3pm
Wednesday: 8:30am - 3pm
Thursday: 8:30am - 3pm

Bulletin Deadline:

Noon Wednesday



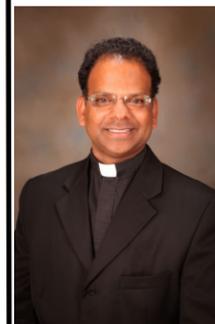
All Saints Mass Schedule

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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Today's Gospel conversation occurs during the last week of Jesus' earthly life. He and his followers had gone to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. Each day between that first Palm Sunday and Holy Thursday, Jesus went with this Twelve Apostles to the Temple, to teach and preach, trying to convince the leaders and the people that he was the Messiah. At the end of the day, Jesus and his disciples would walk back to the town of Bethany, just east of Jerusalem, where they were staying. On this occasion, they stopped and sat down to rest on the Mount of Olives, looking down upon mighty Jerusalem, with its magnificent marble Temple and stone palaces glittering in the afternoon sun. Jesus then told his disciples about the future. He describes the coming destruction of this ancient city, and of the Temple - a destruction which in 70 AD, just forty years later, occurred just as he described. But the destruction of Jerusalem, the symbolic end of the Old Covenant, was also a foreshadowing of the end of history itself, when this fallen world will be destroyed and replaced by a fully redeemed world. That is Judgment Day, the second coming of Christ. Between Christ's conversation with his disciples and the destruction of Jerusalem, the Twelve Apostles experienced persecution, hardship and martyrdom - just as Jesus predicted. Between the time of the Apostles and Judgment Day, his Church will experience the same thing. And so, what Jesus tells them is meant for us too: tough times are part of his plan, because they will 'lead us to give our testimony'. In other words, our Christian response to the hardships of life in this fallen world will serve as advertisements for Christ and bring others to salvation. The Church is reminding us today of the meaning behind that small phrase in the Creed that we solemnly profess every Sunday: 'Jesus will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead'. At that time, all the injustices of human history will be rectified once and for all. Those who refused Christ's friendship and ignored or abused their neighbor will find no place in the redeemed world which they shunned. Those who carried their crosses with Christ will be healed of every wound and given the utter fullness of life. But the Apostles also wanted to know dates and times: they ask, 'Teacher, when will this happen'? They were curious, just like us. Jesus does not give a direct answer. Instead, he explains the pattern of events that will be repeated in every period during the final stage of human history - the age of the Church. In so doing, he points out the three most critical facts about the *(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

- **THANK YOU!** Mick & Priscilla Askren and Family would like to thank the All Saints Altar and Rosary Society for their hospitality and wonderful luncheon they provided after Max & Trudy's funeral service. Thank you to everyone who donated food as well. Thank you Father Ray, and everyone else who donated their time and talent. We truly appreciate your generosity in helping make this difficult time a little more bearable. God Bless You!
- **Celebration of the Rite of Acceptance in to the Order of Catechumens!** 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. This Sunday at the 10 a.m. Mass at All Saints, we will be celebrating the Rite of Acceptance for Dave Vigon and Brad Moore as they are accepted into the Order of Catechumens. 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. Let us assure them our loving support and prayers, and we eagerly look forward to the day when they will share fully in the Lord's table.
- **All Saints and St. John Book of the Dead:** A sheet for all those to be entered in the Book of the Dead during the month of November will be available on the table in the gathering space for All Saints parishioners, and in the back of the church for St. John parishioners.

Parishes have the custom of giving a place of honor to a book in which community members and visitors write the names of their beloved dead. The Book of the Dead was inspired by the ancient practice of recording the dates of the deaths of loved ones in a necrology, a public record or registry of death. This practice provides the living with an opportunity for healing and consolation in the face of grief. The Book of the Dead will be displayed from the Solemnity of All Saints until the beginning of Advent. It is left open for people to write the names of their deceased loved ones, and for others to read the names, remember, and pray for the repose of their souls. Remembering all of these men and women who have gone before us, "marked with the sign of faith," helps us better understand and appreciate our faith in the Christ our risen Lord who conquers sin and death and brings new life to all.
- **Thank you to Johnson Family Funeral Home:** Our Church calendars are sponsored by Johnson Family Funeral Home, and we are grateful to them for their thoughtfulness and generosity. Thank you for being a blessing to our wonderful parish family. Calendars are available in the gathering space (All Saints) and in the back of the church (St. John). Please take one home today.
- **Thanksgiving Day:** Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November in the United States. It began as a day of giving thanks and sacrifice for the blessing of the harvest and of the preceding year. Although Thanksgiving has historical roots in religious and cultural traditions, it has long been celebrated as a secular holiday as well. We have so many reasons to be thankful. Let us take a moment and recall our reasons. Let us turn back to show our appreciation and gratitude to our God during this Thanksgiving. Let us glorify Him from the bottom of our hearts, and praise and thank Him for the gift of His love, mercy, and salvation. See you at one of these services.

Thanksgiving Day Mass Schedule

Wednesday, November 27th at 8.30 a.m. at St. John, Adair

Thursday, November 28th at 9.00 a.m. at All Saints, Stuart

St. John Faith Formation 2019-2020 by Monica Fagan

The St. John's Children have been working hard on a Christmas play that will be performed on Sunday, December 15 following mass. Please mark your calendars and plan to stay to enjoy this fun performance about the true meaning of Christmas. Cookies and coffee will be served in the hall following the play.



Altar & Rosary by Jodi Bassett, President



Operation Christmas Child boxes need to be returned to the church by November 21st so they may be delivered to the Stuart Relay Center by November 25th.

Gifts for Sarah's Holiday Caring program need to be dropped off at the Stuart Herald by December 6th. If you'd like to make a cash donation instead, these may be made at First State Bank. Teen appropriate gifts are the greatest need, although all gifts are appreciated, including adults. Our parish is going to focus on providing gifts appreciated by teens. Some suggestions are gift cards, personal care items like toiletries & hair supplies, jewelry, t-shirts and/or sweatshirts.

If you have any questions, please call or text me at 515-669-0374.

Thank you, in advance, for your enthusiastic response to these worthy causes. ~ Jodi

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All Saints

Saturday, November 23

Rosary: Frank Holle

Ushers: Wayne & Jan Gilman

Altar Server: Connie Drake

Lector: Jodi Bassett

Commentator: Roni Wilson

Greeters: Wayne & Jan

Gilman

EMHC: Sister Andre, Sister

Nesta & Jodi Bassett

All Saints

Sunday, November 24

Ushers: Jim Doud & Neal Crawford

Altar Servers: Riley & Davis Doud & Ian Hoffmann

Lector: Gary Riordan

Commentator: Jim Doud

Greeters: Jim & Tammy Doud & Family

EMHC: Linda Lee O'Neel, Amy

Doud & Larissa Crawford

St. John

Sunday, November 24

Cross Bearer: Cody Moreland

Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Paul Gettler

Lector: Theresa Elgin

Host: Matt Fagan

Cup: Dave Richter & Sister Andre

Altar Servers: Belle Fagan &

Cole Plowman

Traveling Chalice: Les &

Theresa Elgin

MONEY COUNTERS

Wednesday, November 20th @ 9am: Gina Ocheltree & Donna Olson

Tuesday, November 26th @ 9am: Diane Messinger, Dennis Van Pelt & Dave Vigon

All Saints Financial Partnership

November 10, 2019

Weekly Offering: \$ 2,164.00

Children's Offering: \$ 12.74

Building Fund (correction): \$572.00

St. John Financial Partnership

November 10, 2019

Weekly Offering: \$ 425.00

Children's Offering: \$ 14.75