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the saints are living signs of this Kingdom, as buds in springtime are signs of summer. And so, since his Kingdom transcends this world, it makes sense that Christ's throne is different from earthly thrones. Christ's Kingdom is built on the unconquerable power of God's unconditional love for each one of us. On the cross Jesus reveals that love by suffering and dying for our salvation, even while we were still sinners. In the Resurrection, he will reveal that unconquerable power. And that is why our King reigns from such a throne. The Good Thief understood this. The bad thief did not. The rulers did not. As Jesus hung on the cross, revealing God's saving love, they sneered and jeered at him. They knew that he had claimed to be the Messiah, the Savior, the King of Israel, but they could only imagine kingship in earthly terms. And so they challenged Jesus to show that he was truly a king by coming down from the cross. If Jesus could eliminate human suffering and injustice (symbolized by coming down from the cross), so they thought, he would prove himself to be a worthy king. But Jesus did not do it. He did not even respond to them with an explanation. He simply kept suffering unfairly until the very end. And as he suffered, the Good Thief realized the truth. He realized that there is more to the human story than what we see, experience, and understand here on earth. He realized that Jesus held the key to a Kingdom much greater than any the earth would ever know. He realized that Christ's Kingdom could begin on earth, through faith, hope and obedience, but that it would only reach its fullness hereafter, and so he makes his prayer: 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom'. As a true King, he granted the favor. He did not take away the Good Thief's suffering – Christ's Kingdom is not of this world - but he gave it purpose: he made it a path to Paradise. And as the Good Thief hung on the cross, dying, tortured, in excruciating pain, he was happy, because he had placed himself under the King's protection, and the King would keep his promise. We all want to experience the purpose and interior peace that come from living under Christ's rule, from entrusting our lives into his care. Today the Church is inviting us to do so by making him more and more the center and the motor of our lives, and by deciding to know, love and imitate him a little bit more each day.

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.



Calendar with Mass Times, Birthdays and Anniversaries

<u>Sunday 11/24</u>	<u>Monday 11/25</u>	<u>Tuesday 11/26</u>	<u>Wednesday 11/27</u>	<u>Thursday 11/28</u>	<u>Friday 11/29</u>	<u>Saturday 11/30</u>
Adair 7:30am Rosary & Confession 8am Mass for Francis Hollinrake (health)	BD: Davis Doud, Larissa Crawford, Cody Moreland & Kelsie Steensen	6pm Mass BD: Evelyn Richter ANN: Marvin & Janet Bassett 1960	8:30am Thanksgiving Day Mass for Anna Donnelly	9:00am Thanksgiving Day Mass Office Closed	8:30am Mass for deceased members of the Tigges & Gladfelder families	3:30pm Confessions 4:05pm Rosary 4:30pm Mass for the People
Stuart 10am Mass for the People ANN: Eric & Margaret Tiernan 1979	ANN: Erin & Blair Carney 2011			BD: Anna Maria Leyva & Matthew Huerta	BD: Mary Fillman, John Lonsdale, Eli Smith & Emily Wagner	BD: Nancy Moore, Olivia Klassen & Jennifer Richter
					ANN: Matt & Monica Fagan 2003	ANN: Brian & Jennifer Richter 2004

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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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No one wants to be forgotten. It is terrible when you go up to others to greet them, and they do not remember you. We are crushed when that happens. If anyone could be expected to forget, it would be Jesus. He is dying on the Cross in terrible agony. He is crucified between two criminals. The Romans did this to inflict the maximum humiliation on Jesus. One of the criminals mocks and challenges him. He says, 'Are you not the Christ – the anointed one of God? Save yourself and us'. You would think that the last thing Jesus would want is to remember this moment. However, the other criminal sees something else. He sees the sign above Jesus' head, that proclaims in Latin, Hebrew, and Greek for all the world to read: 'This is the King of the Jews'. And something moves in his heart. He recognizes that Jesus is indeed a king. He recognizes that Jesus is innocent and that he is freely dying out of love. And so this dying criminal asks Jesus something very simple. 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom'. He asks this with trust. In fact, this is the only time in the gospels that someone addresses Jesus by his first name. Before this, it has always been 'Lord' or 'Rabbi' or 'Teacher'. Here we see just how close Christ the King has come to us by his death. And Jesus promises him something that changes our world. 'Today, you will be with me in Paradise'. He is shouting to the whole world that God does not forget us. Christ does not forget any of us. He calls us to himself at every moment of our lives. He calls us in our moments of suffering. He calls us in our moments of joy. And today's solemnity reminds us of all that. We are gazing at the pivotal moment of human history: Jesus Christ being crucified on the hill of Calvary. From one perspective, it is a disastrous event. It shows mankind rejecting and destroying its creator, savior and God. And yet, today is the day when the whole Church, throughout the entire world, celebrates Christ's universal Kingship. Are not kings supposed to be powerful? Are not kings supposed to be successful? Are not kings supposed to be victorious? So why are we staring at a dying, helpless man hanging from a cross? Because the cross is our King's throne - Christ reigns not from velvet-covered, diamond-encrusted, gold-plated seats, like passing earthly kings, rather, he reigns from the cross. How can this sign of utter defeat also be the sign of our King's everlasting victory? Christ's Kingdom begins in this world, but it is not of this world. It begins in the hearts of Christians like us, his followers, who believe in him and obey him. The Church and

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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



• **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

• **Office Closed:** The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 28th in observance of Thanksgiving Day. Happy Thanksgiving to one and all. ~ Fr. Tony

• **New Liturgical Season:** God gives us wonderful opportunities to celebrate His offer of love and friendship, in and through His Incarnate Son, Jesus Christ, as we begin the season of Advent. We enjoy that great offer of God's love and friendship by being members of All Saints Catholic family and St. John Catholic family. The season of Advent prepares us for the Feast of the Nativity of the Lord (*Holy Day of Obligation*). Hence it is a time of grace to nurture and strengthen our life of Christian discipleship by devoting a little more of our God-given time for prayer, participating in the Holy Eucharist regularly, spending a little of our time for spiritual reading, and getting involved in other corporal works of mercy. Each year as we celebrate the birth of Christ, we are also reminded of His Second Coming at the end of the world. This coming is prophesied in the New Testament, and He comes to judge the living and the dead, and to bring about the final triumph of good or evil. In order to encounter the Lord when He comes to meet us, we should be prepared and ready. It is my hope, and prayer, that we will utilize the season of Advent as preparation for the Feast of the Nativity of the Lord. May the Lord bless us, our families, and our loved ones with His peace, joy, love and choicest blessings in a special way during our Advent journey.

As the season of Advent calls for preparation and readiness, let us answer that challenge by receiving the sacrament of reconciliation. Following is the schedule:

Wednesday, December 11th at 6:30pm for All Saints Religious Education children

Sunday, December 15th @ 11:30am– All Saints

Sunday, December 15th @ 4:00pm - St. John

• **The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary:** The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patronal Feast day of the United States of America, is celebrated on Monday, December 9th. Let us honor our patroness, and imitate her example of discipleship. Following is the Mass schedule: -

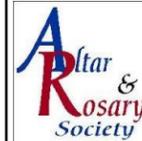
Mass on Monday, December 9th at 8:30 a.m. at St. John

Mass on Monday, December 9th at 6:00 p.m. at All Saints



• 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. ~ Jodi

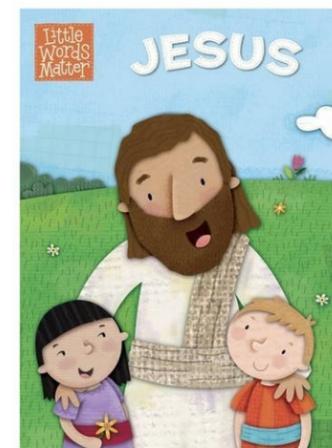
Altar & Rosary Announcement



The Altar & Rosary Society is hosting a Christmas Cookie (& Candy) Walk on Saturday, December 14 from 10am - Noon. We need all our wonderful bakers, and excellent candy makers, to get out your favorite recipes. We also need people to help arrange cookies that morning and work the sale. You can drop off your items on Friday, December 13th from 7:30am-3:00pm at Harmony Chiropractic, 122 N Division Street, or at the church from 4:00pm-6:30pm, or Saturday from 8:00am-9:00am. All items need to be delivered by 9:00am Saturday.

Please sign up in the gathering space if you are able to help in any way. Leftover goodies will be available for sale before and after masses that weekend. These make nice homemade gifts! Please contact Connie Drake at 515-418-2423 or drakeconnie2@gmail.com if you have any questions.

All Saints Faith Formation Coordinator, Jill Gerling



A great part of our children's faith development is the weekend Mass obligation. During the Faith Formation program year there are Faith Formation Family Masses. These are meant for all of the Faith Formation families and parishioners of All Saints. At these Masses the children are given various liturgical roles to perform with the guidance of their parents and catechists. Please mark your calendars to attend these Masses:

Sunday, December 8 at 10:00am

Sunday, January 12 at 10:00am

Saturday, February 8 at 4:30pm

Ash Wednesday, February 26 at 6:00pm

Sunday, March 8 at 10:00am

Sunday, May 3 at 10:00am (also Graduate Recognition Mass)

Sunday, May 31 at 10:00am (Confirmation Mass with Bishop Joenson)

All Saints

Saturday, November 30

Rosary: Frank Holle

Ushers: Mark Tisl & Dave Boss

Altar Server: Zoey & Baily Dickson

Lector: Roni Wilson

Commentator: Sharon Doud

Greeters: Mark & Kari Tisl

EMHC: Mark & Kari Tisl & Sister Nesta

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All Saints

Sunday, December 1

Ushers: Tom Doud & Wayne Nosbisch

Altar Servers: Jackson & Jenna Doyle & Aiden Clauson

Lector: Wayne Nosbisch

Commentator: Amy Doud

Greeters: Tom & Amy Doud

EMHC: Larissa Crawford, Amy Doud & Dave Tisl

St. John

Sunday, December 1

Cross Bearer: Carley Fagan

Greeters: Dave Richter & Phyllis O'Brien

Lector: Brian Richter

Host: Dave Richter

Cup: Elizabeth Moreland & Sister Nesta

Altar Servers: Cole Plowman & Bailey Lillard

Traveling Chalice: John & Kathy Fagan

MONEY COUNTERS

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

Tuesday, December 3 @ 1pm: Janet Bassett, Mary Morgan & Pat Hohn

All Saints Financial Partnership

November 17, 2019

Weekly Offering: \$ 1,495.00

Children's Offering: \$ 4.00

St. John Financial Partnership

November 17, 2019

Weekly Offering: \$ 592.00

Children's Offering: \$ 22.00