

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

than today. We just need to listen, to pay attention, and when necessary, to leave behind our nets, our relationships, our boats - anything that hinders us from hearing and heeding the call of our Lord. How overjoyed Jesus must have been when he saw these men, who had everything to lose, put it all on the line for him. How it must have thrilled his heart to find friends and followers who were willing to trust him completely. Jesus calls every person to follow him. But he calls some people to serve him and his Church in a special way. He calls some men to the priesthood, and some men and women to the consecrated life. Without a doubt, God is calling some of the young men and women in our parish family to this special vocation. He is asking them to leave behind their personal plans and trust exclusively in him - just as Peter and Andrew left behind their boat, their nets, and their business. He is asking them to leave behind the beautiful affections of family life and give their hearts entirely to him - just as John and James left their father Zebedee behind in the boat. These special vocations touch all of our lives; the Church cannot do without them; Christ yearns for them. And yet, they do not happen automatically. Christ does not force anyone to say yes to his invitation. If Christ is calling you, do not be afraid. Take the next step. Do not wait - the Gospel says that these first apostles left everything 'immediately'. Leave behind the nets, the boat, the affections - Jesus will never let you down; he is God; he deserves your trust. For the rest of us, as Jesus renews his total commitment to us in this Mass, let us promise him that we too will follow him more closely this week, being his courageous representatives in our corner of the world, thus helping others hear and heed his call in their lives.

- **All Saints Church Tithing OPTION - eGiving:** Electronic gifts are fast and secure, and they reduce administrative costs, allowing more of every dollar to fund the important work we are called to do.
- Give anytime, anywhere to your favorite funds
- Schedule and manage recurring donations
- Make one-time donations to special appeals
- Pay for events, programs and other activities



If you would like to give electronically, please visit [www.stuartallsaints.org](http://www.stuartallsaints.org) or contact the church office.

\*\*\* This is an **OPTION** to give to the church; it **DOES NOT REPLACE** traditional tithing envelopes.\*\*\*

All Saints is bringing **After Mass Socials** to our parish calendar this year. If your family would be willing to host an a social (Saturdays - dessert, cookies, bars, pies, etc or Sundays - donuts, coffee cake, rolls, etc), please contact Jill Gerling at [allsaintsff@outlook.com](mailto:allsaintsff@outlook.com) with the date you would like to host!

Here are the dates for the 2020 After Mass Socials

Saturday, February 8	Sunday, March 8	Sunday, April 5	Sunday, May 3
Saturday, June 13	Sunday, July 19	Sunday, August 8	
Saturday, September 19	Sunday, October 11	Saturday, November 14	
Sunday, December 6			

**Calendar with Mass Times, Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Sunday 1/26	Monday 1/27	Tuesday 1/28	Wednesday 1/29	Thursday 1/30	Friday 1/31	Saturday 2/1
<b>Adair</b> 7:30am Rosary & Confession 8am Mass for Genevieve De Souza (health) 2/2 Mass for Louetta Langel	ANN: Larry & Betty Ludwig 1962	Stuart 6:00 pm Mass BD: Luis Huerta	Adair 8:30 am Mass Tiago De Souza (health) ANN: Rick & Carol Knowlton 1972	Stuart 9:00am Mass Stuart Care Center	Stuart 8:30am Mass for deceased members of the Tigges & Gladfelder families BD: Dayana Huerta	Stuart 3:30pm Confessions 4:05pm Rosary 4:30pm Mass for the People BD: Stephanie Drees
Stuart 10am Mass for the People BD: Sharon Doud						

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**Office Hours**

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

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Noon Wednesday



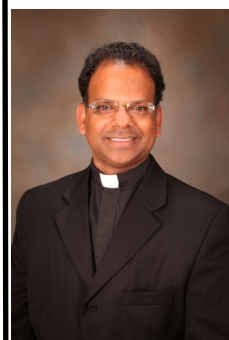
**All Saints Mass Schedule**

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**



The arrest of John the Baptist, mentioned at the beginning of this Gospel passage, was a moment of transition for Jesus. Before that point, Jesus had begun gathering his Apostles and preaching, but only on a part-time basis. As long as John the Baptist continued preaching and baptizing, Jesus stayed in the wings. But when he was arrested, that was the sign. The last prophet had been silenced, and the moment had come for Jesus, the Messiah whom all the prophets had announced, to take center stage. Saint Matthew tells us that when that moment came, Jesus moved to Capernaum, a more cosmopolitan city than his small hometown of Nazareth. And then he called his first Apostles. Peter, Andrew, James, and John had all met Jesus before, when they were still disciples of John the Baptist. They had spent time with Jesus. They had seen him perform the miracle at Cana, turning water into wine at the wedding feast. They had started to get to know him - the Gospel of John tells us that they had even come to believe that he was the Messiah. But that is not enough for Jesus. Jesus has more to show them, and more for them to do. So at this crucial moment, when he is ready to begin his full-time ministry, Jesus goes out to these fishermen as they ply their trade on the Sea of Galilee, calls them by name, and invites them to help build his Kingdom. Jesus did not start his mission alone, and he does not continue it alone. He established his Church and began his work of salvation with the help of these chosen apostles, and today he continues his work in the same way, calling normal fishermen, folks like you and me, to become his apostles. It is interesting to notice exactly how Jesus issues this invitation. The Apostles are on the lake, fishing - in the middle of their work, their business. Jesus comes to meet them there. He walks out to the lakeshore. He enters into their environment. He walks into their everyday lives. Up until this point his only contact with them had been in extraordinary circumstances - festal gatherings and holidays. But now he comes right into the warp and woof of their daily lives. He could have dropped by their houses after work. He could have spoken to them after Saturday services in the synagogue. He could have met them in town on one of their days off. That would have been easier on them - less of an interruption, less of an inconvenience. But he does not. He wants to be part of their lives. He does not want to be on the fringe - he wants to be involved. He deals with us the same way. He is always coming out to meet us, walking along the shore of our lives. He is always thinking of us, watching us, and calling out to us through the Church and through our conscience - regardless of convenience. He wants us to follow him more closely today than yesterday, more passionately tomorrow

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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

- **Annual Diocesan Appeal Update:** A big thanks to everyone who has already participated in the Annual Diocesan Appeal for the calendar year 2019, and a friendly reminder to those who have forgotten about it, that time is approaching to wind down the 2019 appeal. If we do not pay the balance of the appeal, the amount will be paid from our operating account, which affects our parish finances. May I appeal to you that if God has blessed you, would you be kind enough to share a little of that God-given blessing to spread His kingdom and mission. Thank you. Fr. Tony

All Saints, Stuart, Parish ADA Goal = \$30,035

Gifts Received: \$ 21,342.50

Remaining: \$8,642.50

St. John, Adair, ADA Goal = \$7,257

Gifts Received: \$ 5,197.17

Remaining: \$2,059.83

- **Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest:** The All Saints Knights of Columbus will hold their annual Free Throw Shooting Contest on Sunday, January 26th at the West Central Valley High School gym. The gym will open at 11:30am for registration & practicing with competition beginning at Noon. Competition is open to boys & girls ages 9-14. Winners will advance to district competition on February 9th; also to be held that the WCV High School gym. Registration forms are available at the West Central Valley middle school, elementary schools, in the gathering space at All Saints and in the back of church at St. John's. A parent signature is required. Please contact Tom Doud at 515-577-5670 for more information, or if you have questions.

- **St. John's Family Meeting:** St. John's Family is having their quarterly meeting on February 2nd, following mass, during coffee and rolls. All members of St. John are encouraged to come to our meeting as it is for every member of our Church community. We will be discussing our mission statement, which needs to be completed, and any other important information that needs to be decided before booklets are printed. We are also going to discuss the family fun/game night that we are going to have in February. We would like to have all members of our Church family involved in everything that our community is going to do as it takes all of us to keep a Church going in a small town. Please plan to attend if you are able. Thank you. ~ Deb Hollinrake

9 Days for Life: Tuesday, January 21 – Wednesday, January 29



[www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)

**Day One:** Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Intercession: May the tragic practice of abortion end.

Prayers: *Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be*

Reflection: At every stage and in every circumstance, we are held in existence by God's love. The presence of an illness, disability, or other challenging situation never diminishes the value of a human life. God does not call us to perfection of appearance or abilities, but to perfection in *love*. Christ invites us to embrace our own lives and the lives of others as true *gifts*. Abortion tragically rejects the truth that every life is a good and perfect gift, deserving protection. This violent practice ends the life of a human being at its very beginning and horribly wounds all those involved. But Christ came that we "might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10), taking on human flesh for the sake of our redemption. May our culture experience the power of God's transforming love, that all eyes may be opened to the incredible beauty of every human life.

Acts of Reparation (Choose one.)

- 1) Take a break from television and movies today or
- 2) Consider spending some time praying with today's reflection.

*Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering. Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living. Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all. Through our words and actions, may others encounter the outstretched hands of Your mercy. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



- **All Saints Rosary Making:** If you are interested in learning how to make a Rosary you will want to mark your calendars for Tuesdays during February. From 10:00 a.m. to noon each Tuesday, beginning February 4th, Brenda Wedemeyer will lead a class on how to make knotted (hand-tied), strung, and chain style Rosaries. A \$10 donation for materials only is requested, but don't let that keep you away! You will be keeping everything you make.

Please contact Brenda at 641-740-1079 (texting preferred),  
email: [brendawedemeyer@yahoo.com](mailto:brendawedemeyer@yahoo.com), or contact the church office.

### All Saints Faith Formation Coordinator, Jill Gerling

Looking for a way to grow in your faith? Are you a student in Confirmation prep or have receive the sacrament? **Then sign up for COR! What is COR, you ask?** *The word COR is the Latin word for heart, the symbol of love, that stands for Christ in Others Retreat.* The retreat takes a hands-on approach to teaching about the role Christ wants us to take and how to live our faith with others. COR teaches teens to be aware of themselves, their parents, and their families. The weekend reveals to young people the presence of Christ in prayer; in the Word of God; in the Eucharist, and in Others. The model of Christian love is powerfully shown by the examples of the team guiding the retreat. It is through discussions, activities, prayer, scriptures, stories, sharing, living together as a big family, and reflection of faith. These will positively affect the teens lives during and after the weekend.

**Parents sign up your teens, they will have a great experience.**

**WHEN:** February 21st, 22nd & 23rd, 2020 Friday @ 7:30 pm until Sunday @ 3 pm.

**WHERE:** St. Joseph Catholic Church  
1026 North 8<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Winterset, Iowa 50273

**Fee:** \$40.00 (for meals and t-shirt)

**CONTACT:** Jill Gerling to sign up, deadline is Friday, January 31, 2020

### All Saints

#### Saturday, February 1

**Rosary:** Frank Holle

**Ushers:** David & Sharon Doud

**Altar Server:** Jodi Bassett

**Lector:** Daisy Nevins

**Commentator:** Sharon Doud

**Greeters:** Marvin & Janet Bassett

**EMHC:** Connie Drake, Jo Beaman & Sister Andre

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### All Saints

#### Sunday, February 2

**Ushers:** Jim & Tammy Doud

**Altar Servers:** Riley & Davis Doud & Elias Huerta

**Lector:** Wayne Nosbisch

**Commentator:** Jim Doud

**Greeters:** Neal & Symantha Crawford

**EMHC:** Dave Tisl, Larissa Crawford & Harriet Gulbranson

### St. John

#### Sunday, February 2

**Cross Bearer:** Cole Plowman

**Greeters:** Mr. & Mrs. John Fagan

**Lector:** Brian Richter

**Host:** Les Elgin

**Cup:** Elizabeth Moreland & Matt Fagan

**Altar Servers:** Addy Richter & Carley Fagan

**Traveling Chalice:** Matt & Monica Fagan

### MONEY COUNTERS

Tuesday, January 28 @ 9am: Diane Messigner, Dennis Van Pelt & Dave Vigon

Tuesday, February 4 @ 1pm: Janet Bassett, Mary Morgan & Cindy Boucher

#### All Saints Financial Partnership

January 19, 2020

**Weekly Offering:** \$ 1, 447.00

**Children's Offering:** \$ 8.26

#### St. John Financial Partnership

January 19, 2020

**Weekly Offering:** \$ 532.00

**Children's Offering:** \$ 9.00