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relationship with God is for. And the example of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph reminds us of this. There are at least three things we can do to keep God primary and material things secondary. First, we can use a budget. Budgets help us prioritize our material needs, either as individuals or as families. They help us get out of unhealthy debt and use our money wisely, according to real, objective priorities, not just momentary cravings and whims. Second, we can make sure that we regularly eat meals together as a family. This helps us turn a material need into a spiritual reality, which helps us in turn to avoid becoming obsessed with material things. We can imagine what family meals were like for Mary, Joseph, and Jesus: a time for relaxation and conversation, a time to build relationships, a time to learn from each other and to get know each other. The modern world wants to take that away. If we let it do so, just think how much our lives and our society will be impoverished. Third, we can renew our commitment to spending at least ten minutes a day in personal prayer, reflecting on the Bible and speaking heart-to-heart with Christ. This is one way to protect our relationship with God and make it grow, and that is what really matters, because that is what will last forever. Today we are challenged to recognize that every child is a gift from God, and so ultimately belong to God. Our God embraced a normal family and an ordinary life. And thereby he wants us to know that his Kingdom is within us; we can find him in the midst of our normal occupations, where he wants to be with us as our friend. He wants us to know that true, lasting happiness does not come from having a lot of money, or things, or achievements. Real happiness comes from a kind of wealth that no one sees, the wealth of a heart set on knowing and loving God.

All Saints Building Fund Envelopes: Many of you may have noticed your tithing envelope boxes do not have building fund envelopes. In an effort to reduce waste, it was decided to make the envelopes available to those who would like them. They are available outside the sanctuary door hanging on the wall. Feel free to take some home to put in your tithing boxes or just use them on the days we do a collection. Please make sure to put your name or envelope number on it so you will be credited for your donation. Please call the office at 523-1943 if you have any questions.

Faith Formation Coordinator, Jill Gerling

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 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

<u>Sunday 2/2</u>	<u>Monday 2/3</u>	<u>Tuesday 2/4</u>	<u>Wednesday 2/5</u>	<u>Thursday 2/6</u>	<u>Friday 2/7</u>	<u>Saturday 2/8</u>
Adair 7:30am Rosary & Confession	ANN: John & Harriet Gulbranson 1973	Stuart 6:00 pm Mass for George Tlach & Don Nepl	Adair 8:30 am Mass for Louetta Langel	Stuart 9:00am Mass Stuart Care Center for George Tlach & Don Nepl	Stuart 8:30am Mass for Caroline Lacher	Stuart 3:30pm Confessions
8am Mass for Louetta Langel			BD: Christina Boss		BD: Bruce Partlow & Maria DuBois	4:05pm Rosary 4:30pm Mass for George Tlach & Don Nepl
2/9 Mass for Francis Hollinrake (health)						
Stuart 10am Mass						
BD: Dave Vigon & Cindy Baudler						

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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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We are invited to reflect on two traditional Jewish rituals that Mary and Joseph followed soon after the birth of Jesus. The first ritual is that Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. They offer a gift to God in symbolic exchange for their child in order to acknowledge that children are a gift from God, and so ultimately belong to God. This ritual was also related to the Passover, when God slew the firstborn sons of Egypt, but spared those of Israel. The second ritual was connected to the holiness of motherhood. After giving birth, women were required by Jewish law to wait for a specified amount of time before they could appear in the Temple or participate in any public religious ritual. Once the time had elapsed, they rejoined community worship by offering two sacrifices: a lamb and a pigeon. This requirement reflects the religious value that God's people have always put upon human life; it was a way of acknowledging the sacredness of life. When a woman gives birth, she is participating in a mystery that touches God directly, since he is the creator and sustainer of all life (most especially human life – for the ancient Jews – since all men and women were created 'in the image of God'. So it was considered appropriate that she remain segregated from normal activities immediately afterwards, as a sign that she had been involved in something holy. Now Saint Luke explains that Mary offers two pigeons instead of the normal combination of a lamb and a pigeon. This tells us something important about Jesus, Joseph, and Mary. A stipulation of the Jewish law allowed an offering of two pigeons for those families too poor to afford a lamb (pigeons cost much less than lambs). Jesus Christ, King of the universe, not only became man, but he became a member of a normal, humble, working class family. Mary, Queen of heaven and earth, lived her incomparably holy life as wife and mother in a poor family. Joseph, patron of the universal Church and greatest of all Patriarchs, worked hard just to keep enough bread on the table. Jesus belonged to a normal family, and embraced an ordinary life. And that was how God chose to live when he came to earth. God wants us to know that his Kingdom is within us; we can find him in the midst of our normal occupations, where he wants to be with us as our friend. He wants us to know that true, lasting happiness does not come from having a lot of money, or things, or achievements. If those things were the secret to meaning and happiness, then Jesus would have been born into luxury and comfort. Real happiness comes from a kind of wealth that no one sees, the wealth of a heart set on knowing and loving God. Material things are useful for life, but they are not meant to be the main ingredient of life; that is what our

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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

- **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



- **All Saints Knights of Columbus Soup Supper:** The Knights of Columbus Soup Supper will be held after the masses next weekend, February 8th and 9th. February 8th is Faith Formation Mass and the After Mass Social will be presented by the Knights with soups, sides and desserts beginning at 5:30pm. Sunday, February 9th the Soup Supper will begin at 11:00am. If you have questions please contact Dan Hilgers at 515-883-0892. Please plan to join us for good food and fellowship. Free will donations happily accepted.

- **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

*"I'm challenging you to a **Rosary-Making Marathon!**"
by Brenda Wedemeyer, All Saints*

I am offering instructions on how to make a variety of Rosaries during the month of February. The instruction will culminate with a personal challenge to make as many Rosaries as possible during the Lenten season this year. I have the supplies to create:



100 Pro-Life



100 Mission



100 standard Rosaries

Instruction sessions are each Tuesday in February from 10am-noon in the music room. The instruction and challenge is open to anyone interested in this project. If you are interested in participating but cannot attend the daytime sessions, please let me know and I will try to arrange another time for you.

You are welcome to the supplies with the only obligation being to actually make them for donation to others who would like to use them.

I may be reached via email at brendawedemeyer@yahoo.com, by text at 641-740-1079, or through the Faith Formation Office at All Saints.

- **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 or contact the church office.

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

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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 8th Ave

Winterset, Iowa 50273

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

CONTACT: Jill Gerling at 523-1943 to sign up

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All Saints

Saturday, February 8

Rosary: Frank Holle

Ushers: Faith Formation

Altar Server: Faith Formation

Lector: Faith Formation

Commentator: Faith Formation

Greeters: Faith Formation

EMHC: Faith Formation

All Saints

Sunday, February 9

Ushers: Max & Pete Kasap

Altar Servers: Jackson Doyle,

Brody & Logan Moore

Lector: Gary Riordan

Commentator: Amy Doud

Greeters: Gene & Mary Ellen

Simons

EMHC: Harriet Gulbranson,

Amy Doud & Dan Hilgers

St. John

Sunday, February 9

Cross Bearer: Cody Moreland

Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Matt Fagan

Lector: Barb Bachman

Host: Dave Richter

Cup: Sister Nesta & Adella Vogl

Altar Servers: Cole Plowman &

Luke Brincks

Traveling Chalice: John &

Adella Vogl

MONEY COUNTERS

Tuesday, February 4 @ 1pm: Mary Morgan, Pat Cooper & Cindy Boucher

Tuesday, February 11 @ 1pm: Eric Tiernan, Donna Donnelly & Gina James

All Saints Financial Partnership

January 26, 2020

Weekly Offering: \$ 2,104.00

Children's Offering: \$ 5.70

Project Hope: \$ 179.00

St. John Financial Partnership

January 26, 2020

Weekly Offering: \$ 542.00

Children's Offering: \$ 33.00

Project Hope: \$ 102.00