

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

is meant for every Christian. How do we exercise this Christian leadership, this influence of salt and light? Jesus makes it clear that the first and foremost way of being the leaders we are called to be is through our personal example. Your light must shine before others, he explains, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father. Christians are not just meant to glow; they are meant to shine, to provide so much illumination that they light up the world. Yet, just as not every lighting is the same, the light of Christians lights the way back to that source of light: to Christ. When a Christian shines people don't just praise them; they praise God who made them shine. Perhaps there are three areas to examine whether we are fulfilling our mission. First, prayer. Do I take time out of my busy schedule to spend with God in prayer, every day? Second, obedience. Christ's path of redemption was traveled through obedience to his Father's will, even to the point of dying on the cross. As his followers, we are also called to be obedient to God's will, even when it is hard. Am I obeying all of the Ten Commandments, or do I habitually break one or two of them? Obedience is a truly foundational Christian virtue. Third, the sacraments. Do I eagerly look forward and prepare myself to receive Christ in the Holy Eucharist each Sunday? Do I make use of the amazing sacrament of confession on a regular basis? Prayer, obedience, and the sacraments. Let us ask God to enlighten our hearts, and minds so that we can fulfill our mission in the world – by making a positive difference for others, by bringing them the power and the illumination of the gospel.

**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 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 available dates for After Mass Socials for 2020

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|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 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 2/9	Monday 2/10	Tuesday 2/11	Wednesday 2/12	Thursday 2/13	Friday 2/14	Saturday 2/15
<b>Adair</b> 7:30am Rosary & Confession	BD: Alli Boyle	<b>Stuart</b> 6:00 pm Mass for George Tlach & Don Nepl	<b>Adair</b> 8:30 am Mass for Sister Elisa Arnts	<b>Stuart</b> 9:00am Mass Stuart Care Center for George Tlach & Don Nepl	<b>Stuart</b> 8:30am Mass for Caroline Lacher	<b>Stuart</b> 3:30pm Confessions
8am Mass for Francis Hollinrake (health)		BD: Bailey Dickson	BD: Casey Guillaume	BD: Jason Tigges	BD: Dennis Donnelly, Julie Doud & Katelyn Bovinett	4:05pm Rosary 4:30pm Mass for George Tlach & Don Nepl
2/16 Mass for Joseph Arnts			ANN: Leo & Jeri Pieper 1977	ANN: Jeff & Gina Ocheltree 1993	ANN: Jerry & Janet Dickson 1976	BD: Aiden Lewis
<b>Stuart</b> 10am Mass for the People						
BD: Barb Bachman & Dave Boss						

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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**



Today's Gospel passage is taken from the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus chose his words carefully - including the words we just listened to. In this section, he is explaining to his followers what he expects of them. It is like a coach talking to his players before the big game - but this is Jesus talking to us about the game of life itself. It is like a general instructing his troops before a big battle - but this is Jesus talking to us about the battle of life. He is giving us our life-mission. And what is that life-mission? To be salt and light for the world around us. Salt had two functions in the ancient world: it gave flavor to food, and it also preserved food. They did not have refrigerators back then, so they would preserve meat by putting a thin layer of salt over it. Light had the same function then as it does now: to push back the darkness. But in the ancient world, before the advent of electricity, darkness was a much more dramatic reality than it is to us. The ancients understood how helpless they were without a lamp. We, on the other hand, because electric lighting is everywhere, rarely even have to think about our need for light. And what is the common characteristic of salt and light? They are both for something else. Their purpose is not self-centered, but other-centered. And that is the point. A Christian's mission in the world, just like Christ's mission, is to make a positive difference for others, by bringing them the power and the illumination of the gospel. He reminds us that Christianity is meant to be a light on a high place or a lamp stand: it is meant to shed light on many things, even things not directly considered Christian, because ultimately the Gospel is a message of truth and goodness that contributes to every level and sector of society, directly or indirectly. Every single one of us is called by Christ to be a leader, in some way or another. We are all called to have a positive influence on others, on those around us. May be some of us can have a wider influence, because a special God-given talent or an important position in society gives us a wider reach. But every one of us has some kind of reach: within our family, with our friends, classmates, and coworkers, within our community and country. We are not just isolated, single-cell organisms. No: we are all involved in a unique, complex network of relationships - every one of us. And Jesus is reminding us today, energetically, that we are called to be salt and light in every one of those relationships - to share with others the meaning, the hope, the forgiveness, the goodness we ourselves have received from the Lord. This is every Christian's job, because the Sermon on the Mount

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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



- **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.
- **St. John's Family:** A family game night will be held on February 16th beginning at 4:00 p.m. at St. John's parish hall. A potluck will be held. The Jan/Feb committee members will provide soup. All other families should bring sandwiches, snacks or a dessert. Each family should bring their favorite board or card games. Everyone is welcome!
- **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: \$ 21,492.50

Remaining: \$8,542.50

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

Gifts Received: \$ 5,297.17

Remaining: \$1,959.83

➡ **Lent is almost here!** Lent is a solemn religious observance in the liturgical calendar that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends approximately six weeks later, before Easter Sunday. It is a time of preparation through prayer, doing penance, repentance of sins, almsgiving, atonement, and self-denial. In Lent, many Christians commit to fasting or giving up certain types of luxuries as a form of penance, and the Stations of the Cross, a devotional commemoration of Christ's carrying the Cross and his execution, are observed. We have a unique opportunity to participate in the Holy Eucharist on Sundays of lent at 8:00 a.m. followed by the Stations of the cross at St. John, and Wednesdays of lent (Holy Eucharist) at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Stations of the Cross and a soup supper at All Saints. We will have a Lenten parish mission offered by Rev. Bruce Nieli, C.S.P., a Paulist evangelist currently based in Austin, Texas from Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> through Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 p.m. at All Saints. Let us make an extra effort to take advantage of every opportunity offered during this wonderful season of grace (lent).

### Ash Wednesday Schedule:

Mass and distribution of ashes at 8:30 a.m. (St. John)

Mass and distribution of ashes at 6:00 p.m. (All Saints)

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

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. I have the supplies to create 100 Pro-Life, 100 Mission and 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](mailto:brendawedemeyer@yahoo.com), by text at 641-740-1079, or through the Faith Formation Office at All Saints at 523-1943.

- **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 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 at 523-1943 to sign up

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### All Saints

**Saturday, February 15**

**Rosary:** Frank Holle

**Ushers:** Jodi Bassett & Donna Donnelly

**Altar Server:** Connie Drake

**Lector:** Roni Wilson

**Commentator:** Daisy Nevins

**Greeters:** Donna Donnelly & Jodi Bassett

**EMHC:** Jodi Bassett, Donna Donnelly & Sister Nesta

#### All Saints

**Sunday, February 16**

**Ushers:** Suzy Aubert & Bob Olson

**Altar Servers:** Nate & Gabe Gerling & Lilah Aubert

**Lector:** Donna Olson

**Commentator:** Gary Riordan

**Greeters:** Pat Marnin & Suzy Aubert

**EMHC:** Harriet Gulbranson, Jill Gerling & Linda Lee O'Neel

#### St. John

**Sunday, February 16**

**Cross Bearer:** Carley Fagan

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

**Lector:** Julie Plowman

**Host:** Adella Vogl

**Cup:** Les Elgin & Dave Richter

**Altar Servers:** Addy Richter & Bailey Lillard

**Traveling Chalice:** Francis & Deb Hollinrake

### MONEY COUNTERS

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

**Wednesday, February 19 @ 9:00am:** Donna Olson & Gina Ocheltree

#### All Saints Financial Partnership

February 2, 2020

**Weekly Offering:** \$ 1,675.00

**Children's Offering:** \$ 43.11

**Building Fund:** \$ 901.00

#### St. John Financial Partnership

February 2, 2020

**Weekly Offering:** \$ 857.00

**Children's Offering:** \$ 38.00