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## 17th Week in Ordinary Time

July 29th, 2018

### **Mission Statement**

*"Rejoicing with gratitude in God's blessings, we invite and welcome all to share in the fullness of the Catholic faith.*

*We live our baptismal call through worship, teaching, and serving one another."*

## **Father Tony's Corner**

Homily July 29, 2018 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Church follows a three-year cycle of Sunday readings. The three-year cycle is designed to give us more exposure to the vast riches contained in the sacred scriptures. During each of the three years, the Sunday Gospels focus on one evangelist. Year A gives us readings from Saint Matthew's Gospel, Year B, this year, gives us readings from Saint Mark, and Year C gives us readings from Saint Luke. But this week we have begun making our way through the sixth chapter of Saint John's Gospel. The reason is very simple. Saint Mark's Gospel is the shortest of the four Gospels, so we needed to fill in some weeks to make it all the way through the long season of Ordinary Time. And since Saint John's Gospel does not have its own year (we usually read through it during the intense liturgical seasons like Christmas and Easter), this created a perfect opportunity to spend a few weeks to go through this crucial chapter. And so, for the next four weeks, we will have a chance to reflect on the lessons it contains. These are especially important lessons, because John Chapter 6 is all about the Holy Eucharist, and the Holy Eucharist is, as the Catechism teaches us 'the source and summit of the Christian life'. In today's miraculous multiplication of the loaves, Jesus teaches us two critical things about this most Holy Eucharist. The disciples in today's Gospel are proactive: they know from Our Lord's question that he wants to feed the people who came to see him, and it seems he is asking them to make it happen. Phillip sees it as impossible, even if they had enough money to feed them, due to the size of the crowd. Andrew at least starts asking around, but the resources come up short. Both lost sight of the fact that Jesus said 'we'. When we feel Our Lord is asking something difficult or impossible, we must remember that, like in today's Gospel, he will be with us and help us. We never stop being disciples, so the Master never abandons us to our mission. We just have to take it one step at a time, even when sometimes it seems difficult or impossible. In the end, through taking things step by step and following his guidance, they helped Our Lord to make the miracle happen. The first critical thing is that it was his idea. Some critics of the Catholic Church argue that the central role of the Holy Eucharist in Church life was a later invention. They say that as Church bureaucracy grew through the centuries, it invented devotion to the Holy Eucharist as a way to give more power to the priests. It is true that our understanding of the meaning of the Holy Eucharist has increased as the centuries have passed. And it is true that practices like adoration of the most Blessed Sacrament and solemn benediction were developed only as the centuries moved along. But it is not true that the fact of the Eucharist itself was a 'later invention'. It was Christ's own idea. This will become clearer and clearer as we make our way through Chapter 6 of Saint John's Gospel. But even before he starts talking about the Holy Eucharist, we can see him preparing for it. Notice, how closely this multiplication of the loaves resembles the Mass, which is the perpetual celebration of the Holy Eucharist. *(Continued on back page)*

## **Sacraments:**

**Reconciliation:** 3:30pm Saturday Stuart; 7:30am Adair; or by Appointment

**Anointing of the Sick:** Call the office if possible when hospitalized

**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 the office to learn more about this process with Diocesan Tribunal if you are divorced and remarried or never married in the Catholic Church.

**RCIA:** Call the office 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

**Priest's Residence Updating** Our homes and offices, especially the appliances and furniture, need an updating after several years of use. The priest's residence belongs to the parish, and it is the responsibility of the parish to maintain and upkeep the residence. Whatever is bought by the parish for the priest's residence stays there for the use of the current pastor and his successors. The appliances and furniture at the priest's residence are very, very old. Perhaps the most appropriate time for an updating is when a new pastor occupies the residence. Therefore, your kind and generous support is essential for updating the residence of your pastor. Your contributions are tax deductible, and all the appliances and furniture bought with your financial contribution will remain at the residence. If you are willing to support this much needed project, *Kindly, make your generous contribution to All Saints Catholic Church, and mark on the memo (residence updating)*. Thank you so much for your love and support of your pastor.

**Welcome Coffee** Please join us for coffee and rolls Sunday August 5th following Mass at St. John's in Adair as we welcome Father Tony to our parish.

**Summer Picnic & Mass** The St. John Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 5 at 5:00 pm at Vogl Park at the home of John and Adella Vogl south of Adair. The Seminarians from the Diocese of Des Moines will also be attending. The St. John's Men's Group will provide the meat and drinks. We are asking parishioners to please bring a covered dish to share and their own table service.

**All Saints Altar & Rosary Chairwomen to Meet** There will be a meeting of the band chairwomen of the Altar & Rosary Society at 9:30am on Wednesday, August 8th. Please let the office know if you cannot attend. We will be changing our lists and adding new members to the list.

—Rita Rilea & Jan Gilman

**Thank You** The family of Florence Cook would like to thank all of the church members who assisted with Florence's funeral and luncheon. "All Saints has been an important part of life for our mother since we arrived in 1957. The church family here was so important to mom, she enjoyed leading Rosary and we very much appreciated all of the help received during the funeral service and lunch. Thank you, Joan & David Corbin & family of Pella; Dick & Lori Cook & family of Stuart; Bob Cook, Carol Cook & family of Stuart."

**Thank You** Barb Boss would like to thank Jodi Bassett and all those who helped with special events and general custodial duties while she was in the hospital, as well as all of the prayers, calls and visits.

### All Saints Financial Report

July 22, 2018 (plus July 15th)

**Tithes & Offerings:** \$2,115.00 (\$1,675.26)

**Children's Offering:** \$9.85 (\$15.10)

**Building Fund:** \$0.00

**This Week's Income:** \$2,126.85 (\$1,690.36)

**This Week's Expenses:** \$2,028.20 (\$953.84)

**ADA 2018:** \$29,802.00 (goal)

**Balance Due as of 7/26:** \$10,462.00

**Trustees:** Janis Gilman, Robert Bird

**Council Members:** Wayne Nosbisch, Brenna Bird, Dave Boss, Barb Boss, Eric Tiernan, Tom Doud

### St John's Financial Report

July 22, 2018 (plus July 15th)

**Tithes & Offerings:** \$440.00 (\$286.00)

**Children's Offering:** \$7.00 (\$7.00)

**Cemetery Fund (7-15):** \$750.00

**This Week's Income:** \$447.00 (\$293.00)

**This Week's Expenses:** \$285.21 (\$1,502.80)

**ADA 2018:** \$7,029.00 (goal)

**Balance Due as of 7/26:** \$479.00

**Trustees:** Sheryl Drees, Les Elgin

**Council Members:** John Fagan, Monica Fagan, Larry Drees, Kenneth Ludwig, Marcia Gettler

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### All Saints

##### Saturday August 4th

**Rosary:** Frank Holle

**Ushers:** Dan Hilgers & Mark Tisl

**Cross Bearer:** Dan Hilgers

**Altar Server:** Jodi Bassett

**Lector:** Mark Tisl

**Commentator:** Anita Hilgers

**Greeters/Gifts:** Dan & Anita Hilgers

**EMHC:** Dan Hilgers, Brenda Wedemeyer, Mark Tisl

#### All Saints

##### Sunday August 5th

**Adoration:** Sacristan Sets Up

**Ushers:** Bob Olson & Neal Crawford

**Cross Bearer:** Pete Kasap

**Altar Servers:** Elia & Sam Kasap

**Lector:** Amy Doud

**Commentator:** Donna Olson

**Greeters/Gifts:** Bob & Donna Olson

**EMHC:** Amy Doud, Joyce Van Pelt, Jo Beaman

#### St. John

##### Sunday August 5th

**Cross Bearer:** Cole Plowman

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

**Lector:** Brian Richter

**Host:** Sr. Nkiruka

**Cup:** Sr. Nesta & Adella Vogl

**Altar Servers:** Bailey Lillard & Carley Fagan

**Traveling Chalice:** Matt & Monica Fagan

## CALENDAR WITH MASS TIMES, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, SPECIALS

<u>Sunday 7-29</u>	<u>Monday 7-30</u>	<u>Tuesday 7-31</u>	<u>Wednesday 8-1</u>	<u>Thursday 8-2</u>	<u>Friday 8-3</u>	<u>Saturday 8-4</u>
<p><b><u>Adair</u></b> 7:30am Adoration, Rosary, Confession</p> <p><b>8am Mass</b> for Leona Drees</p> <p><b><u>Stuart</u></b> 9am Adoration</p> <p><b>10am Mass</b> for the People</p> <p><b>BD:</b> Dick Doherty</p>	<p><b>ANN:</b> Logan &amp; Paige Witte 2011</p>	<p><b><u>Stuart</u></b> <b>6pm Mass</b> for Joel Slaybaugh</p> <p><b>BD:</b> Terri Arthur</p>	<p><b><u>Adair</u></b> <b>8:30am Mass</b> in honor of Tiago DeSouza</p> <p><b>BDs:</b> Sharon Pieper, Jenna Doyle</p>	<p><b>9am Mass</b> (<i>Stuart Care Center</i>) for Bill Sherman</p>	<p><b><u>Stuart</u></b> <b>8:30am Mass</b> for Joann Dickey Roth</p> <p><b>BDs:</b> Ardis McGinnis, Adam Byrnes</p>	<p><b><u>Stuart</u></b> <b>3:30pm</b> Confessions</p> <p><b>4:05pm</b> Rosary</p> <p><b>4:30pm Mass</b> for Ila Mae &amp; Tony Pivonka</p> <p><b>ANN:</b> Larry &amp; Sheryl Drees 1984</p>

### IN THIS WEEK'S READINGS

<p><b>Sunday 7/29 Focus:</b> 2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15</p> <p><i>It is not enough to count our blessings—we need to share them.</i></p> <p>We have to fight the temptation to “not share” what we have with others for fear there may not be enough for us in the future. Jesus calls us to be more than spectators in the work of salvation. We must be agents of His love and mercy at all times.</p> <p><b>Monday 7/30 Focus:</b> Jeremiah 13:1-11; Matthew 13:31-35</p> <p><i>Jesus reveals the mysteries of His kingdom.</i></p> <p>To help us understand our faith, the Lord often uses examples from everyday life. The kingdom of heaven is a mystery, even to believers. However, the comparisons in today’s Liturgy of the Word bring to light the intimate relationship God has with His people and the promise of His kingdom, which continues to grow and expand.</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 7/31 Focus:</b> Jeremiah 14:17-22; Matthew 13:36-43</p> <p><i>Faith in God will deliver us from the grip of evil.</i></p> <p>Christ the sower is planting the seeds of love and mercy in the garden of earth. We cultivate these by our faith in God, and by repenting of our sins. The harvest grows with our willingness to keep the weeds of evil from our lives—by showing love and mercy to others and avoiding the temptations of the material world.</p> <p><b>Wednesday 8/1 Focus:</b> Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21; Matthew 13:44-46</p> <p><i>To seek and find the kingdom of heaven is to discover the greatness of God.</i></p> <p>Today’s parables make it clear that you and I can discover the kingdom of heaven today, and great joy will accompany this discovery. Everything changes when we encounter the kingdom of heaven.</p> <p><b>Thursday 8/2 Focus:</b> Jeremiah 18:1-6; Matthew 13:47-53</p> <p><i>God is sovereign over our lives, both now and in the final judgment.</i></p> <p>Today’s Scripture reminds us of God’s absolute sovereignty; God is the potter who fashions us according to His own de-</p>	<p>signs. As clay in God’s hands, let us work each day to be the disciples we are called to be.</p> <p><b>Friday 8/3 Focus:</b> Jeremiah 26:1-9; Matthew 13:54-58</p> <p><i>God’s Word does not always fall on hearts open to His message.</i></p> <p>Answering the call to live a life of faith and obedience in the Lord is not easy. People in both the Old and New Testaments at times turned away from God’s call. We face the same challenges today as we make daily choices to live out the Gospel.</p> <p><b>Saturday 8/4 Focus:</b> Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24; Matthew 14:1-12</p> <p><i>Those who acknowledge Christ before others will be acknowledged by Christ before the Father.</i></p> <p>God sent Jeremiah to prophesy and to call the people to repentance. Jeremiah did so although it put his life in danger. We are likewise called to still our hearts and listen to the voice of the Lord [our] God.</p>
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# Father Tony's Corner

Homily July 29, 2018 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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First of all, Saint John tells us that 'the Jewish feast of the Passover was near', and we know that on the feast of Passover, during the Last Supper, Jesus instituted the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Then Saint John explains that a large crowd was gathering around Jesus, because they had seen his signs of healing. Well, only baptized Catholics can receive the Eucharist, because they have been previously freed from original sin by the sacrament of baptism, a sign of spiritual healing. And then some people from the crowd bring a few offerings to Jesus - the loaves and fish, just like our offertory after the Creed. And what did Jesus do? He 'gave thanks' and then 'distributed' the food. This mirrors perfectly the second half of Mass. In the Eucharistic prayer the priest gives thanks to God on behalf of the congregation, and then he distributes Holy Communion. And to top it all off, Saint John specifies that there were basketfuls of bread and fish leftover, and Jesus instructed his apostles to gather them together and preserve them. That is exactly what we do with the hosts that remain after Holy Communion; we gather them in the ciboria and reserve them in the tabernacle. All of this is no accident. Jesus is not just giving the crowds a free lunch to show them God's generosity and concern; he is also getting them ready to understand his coming discourse about the Holy Eucharist. The second critical thing that today's Gospel tells us about the Holy Eucharist is that we really need it. The crowds following Jesus had no food. And the disciples had no money to buy food. The five loaves and two fish were simply not enough to do the job. The apostles were at the end of their rope; they were helpless; they could do nothing to satisfy the needs of the people. If Jesus had not intervened with his miracle, those people would have gone hungry; they needed bread, and only Jesus could give it to them. The same thing goes for us today. To live the lives of wisdom, courage, hope, faith, and self-giving that we are called to live, in a sin-infected culture, void of all those virtues, we need God's help. And he gives it to us, by feeding us with his very own wisdom, faith, courage and strength, through the Holy Eucharist. Giving us the Holy Eucharist, the supernatural nourishment of Christ's own body and blood, was God's idea. And he came up with this idea because he looked out at us, saw the depths of our hearts, and knew that we needed his help, his love, his grace. Every Mass is a celebration of this great gift of the Holy Eucharist, and let us make an effort to live it deeply. And we can live it deeply, by paying attention to the sacred words of the liturgy, by stirring up sentiments of gratitude and faith in our hearts, and by remembering that we are not alone, that through this Mass we are connected to Catholics throughout the world and throughout history who have gathered around the same altar and received the same Holy Communion, obeying our Lords' command: 'Do this in remembrance of me'.

## T-Shirt Offer

St. John's t-shirts are available for pre-order. Proceeds will be combined with our **Food for the Poor** fundraiser. The color is light blue. Adult sizes- small, medium, large and extra large are \$20.

Plus size 2x is \$25. Orders with payment are due by September 30 as the order will go in October 1. Contact Annie at 402-216-9488 or message the Facebook page.



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