

## Father Tony's Corner

*(Continued from front page)* When we consider our needs and our expectations for God to help fulfill them we can never lose sight of our ultimate need, God, and the means God has given us to fulfill it: believing in his son and receiving him as the Bread of Life. Let us try believing today even when understanding something God teaches us is challenging, knowing he is always trying to provide for our eternal needs, not just our short-term ones. This is one reason why mature Christians are able to keep their balance in the midst of life's trials. Because we believe in Jesus Christ, we believe in his promise that he has gone before us into heaven in order to prepare a place for us - and life's trials do not change that. The painful troubles of this life are troubles that come to pilgrims along their journey - none of them will last forever. If we were dedicating our lives to earning 'food that perishes', to achieving earthly accomplishments only, then the sufferings of this life would be our worst enemies, because they affect everything that is earthly. But we are dedicating, or trying to dedicate, our lives to food that endures, to growth in 'righteousness and holiness'. And the sufferings of this life cannot devour righteousness and holiness. In fact, if we look at the example of the saints, we see that sufferings and hardships can actually increase our righteousness and holiness, if we humbly unite them to Christ's cross. Jesus will offer us once again the bread of life in the Holy Eucharist, the food that endures, because it strengthens not only our body, but our soul. When he does, let us thank him from the bottom of our hearts that he has loved us enough to show us the path to everlasting life.

### Thoughts from Jodi

*-Jodi Bassett, All Saints Altar & Rosary President*

Last week the readings reminded us how God multiplied loaves and fishes for the feeding of large crowds. Our faith allows us to trust that God will always provide for us as he did for the thousands he fed the bread. This week, the sources of the bread, its purpose and timing are the focus.

In Exodus, the Israelites complained that they would starve waiting in the desert for food from Moses when they could have taken their chances in Egypt at the will of the Lord, but fully fed. It probably seemed to the Israelites that they were cursed either way. Instead, God sent them bread, flesh and water, but would test that they followed His instructions.

In John's Gospel, the crowd looked to Jesus for food for the body. They had experienced the miracle of the loaves and fishes feeding thousands, and were expecting a repeat. They trusted that God would provide for them again. However, this time the bread provided wasn't for feeding the body, but for nurturing the soul.

It's garden season now. It's not uncommon even in our own gathering space to see zucchini, tomatoes, or other garden excess left for those who want or need some fresh produce. For those that don't have their own gardens, such excess can be a Godsend; food to nourish not only the body, but the soul. Food shared with shut-ins, food pantries, or others in need may be more a gift of the heart than for the body. Our **gardens** provide for ourselves and others, for **nourishing and nurturing**, when the crop is **plentiful**. Source, purpose and timing.

The bread from heaven is representative; we aren't growing yeast and wheat. Neither was the Father. He was growing eternal salvation. What's in your garden?

### Job Opening for a qualified and talented part time secretary at All Saints Catholic Church

#### Qualifications/Responsibilities:

- **Should have a thorough knowledge of Microsoft office (Publisher/word/excel/power point/web page operation/ability to handle audio visual equipment)**
- **Good organizer/filing/record-keeping/printing - done in a timely and efficient manner.**
- **Timely and accurate receipt of telephone calls/messages/ and visitors to the parish.**
- **Provides knowledgeable assistance/referral to callers and visitors including utilizing other Church, social service, community resources to provide helpful information. Must be a "people person".**
- **Preparation of parish bulletins/reservation of parish facilities/scheduling of events/inventories/office supplies**

Please send your resume to Fr. Tony ([amathew8@sbcglobal.net](mailto:amathew8@sbcglobal.net)).

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Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday 9am-3pm

Bulletin Deadline: 5pm Wednesday

### 18th Week in Ordinary Time

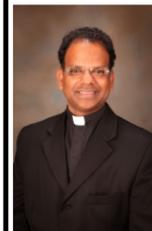
**July 29th, 2018**

#### 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



Jesus performed the multiplication of the loaves, and all the people who witnessed the amazing miracle wanted to make Jesus king. Making Jesus king was the same thing as asking him to lead them in a revolution against the Roman Empire. The Israelites at that period in their history did not have their own kingdom. They were an occupied territory, ruled by a Roman delegate, who gave them only very limited powers of self-determination. And the massive crowd of would-be revolutionaries was so convinced that Jesus

was the perfect revolutionary leader that they followed him across the Sea of Galilee after he sneaked away in the middle of the night. They finally catch up to him, gather around him, and acclaim him once again. He is surrounded by this huge, adoring crowd of people willing to follow him to the death, if only he will agree to be their king, to bring them political freedom and prosperity. But Jesus did not come to earth in order to spark a political revolution. He had a much bigger agenda, and so do his followers. He tries to explain this to them. He says: 'Do not work for food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life'. Real fulfillment comes from more than just making a living; it comes from making a life. Many of our Lord's most famous sayings taught the same lesson: - 'Blessed are the poor in spirit', 'seek first the Kingdom of God', and 'what does a man gain if he wins the whole world but loses his soul'? All these clearly state that our life on earth is a preparation for something greater. Our citizenship is in heaven. One reason it is so hard for us to live according to Christ's standard of true success is because the world around us does not usually reward true success. In this world, selfishness and sin are often glorified and glamorized - not always, but often. The Christian believes in God's promise that even if justice is not always or completely fulfilled here on earth, it will be fulfilled at the end of history. And so, our efforts to do the right thing, to serve those in need, to be merciful and forgiving, to control and channel our selfish tendencies, which can be so costly and painful here on earth, are worth it. With them we are building up an eternal kingdom; the rewards of true success will never be lost. Whenever we receive Holy Communion, we hear 'the Body of Christ' and respond 'Amen' we are receiving God into our hearts under the appearance of bread. Whenever we genuflect in front of a tabernacle, and that little red lamp is glowing nearby, we acknowledge our faith that Our Lord is sacramentally present in the Holy Eucharist. Imagine the crowd hearing the teaching of the Holy Eucharist for the first time and trying to understand it before believing in it. Jesus is trying to move them from thinking of ordinary bread in their stomachs to thinking of the bread of life. Our Lord is asking them to go from what they understand of bread and the thought of endless bread to what they are really looking for: eternal life, not just as living forever, but as living contentedly forever.

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### Sacraments:

**Reconciliation:** 3:30pm Saturday Stuart; 7:30am 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

- 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. **Thank you for your love, support and generous sharing of your treasure for our residence updating project. We are really and truly blessed by your love, kindness, support and generosity . Through your generosity ad support, we will be able to move forward with our project. Fr. Antony Mathew Contributions to date: \$465.00**
- 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*
- Ice Cream For Everyone** The All Saints Knights of Columbus will be scooping up a sweet ice cream treat for everyone attending Masses over the weekend of August 25th-26th.

### All Saints Financial Report

July 29, 2018

**Tithes & Offerings:** \$1,705.55  
**Children's Offering:** \$9.80  
**Building Fund:** \$0.00  
**This Week's Income:** \$1,715.35  
**This Week's Expenses:** \$337.69  
**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 29, 2018

**Tithes & Offerings:** \$539.00  
**Children's Offering:** \$7.00  
**Special Collection:** \$0.00  
**This Week's Income:** \$546.00  
**This Week's Expenses:** \$378.96  
**ADA 2018:** \$7,029.00 *(goal)* **THANK YOU!!!!**  
**Balance Due as of 8/3/18:** PAID IN FULL—We have rec'd a check from a parishioner that completed our goal. Thank you!  
**Trustees:** Sheryl Drees, Les Elgin  
**Council Members:** John Fagan, Monica Fagan, Larry Drees, Kenneth Ludwig, Marcia Gettler

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### All Saints

##### Saturday August 11th

**Rosary:** Frank Holle  
**Ushers:** Wayne & Jan Gilman  
**Cross Bearer:** Wayne Gilman  
**Altar Server:** Connie Drake  
**Lector:** Robert Bird  
**Commentator:** Carol Smith  
**Greeters/Gifts:** Wayne & Jan Gilman  
**EMHC:** Donna Donnelly, Sr. Andre, Sr. Nesta

#### All Saints

##### Sunday August 12th

**Adoration:** *Sacristan Sets Up*  
**Ushers:** Dennis Van Pelt & Joyce Van Pelt  
**Cross Bearer:** Dennis Van Pelt  
**Altar Servers:** Taylor Ommen & Olivia Nixt  
**Lector:** Wayne Nosbisch  
**Commentator:** Gary Riordan  
**Greeters/Gifts:** Dennis & Joyce Van Pelt  
**EMHC:** Harriet Gulbranson, Joyce Van Pelt, Linda Lee O'Neel

#### St. John

##### Sunday August 12th

**Cross Bearer:** John Fagan  
**Greeters/Gifts:** Mr. & Mrs. Phil Fagan  
**Lector:** Theresa Elgin  
**Host:** Adella Vogl  
**Cup:** Les Elgin & Dave Richter  
**Altar Servers:**  
 Addy Richter & Cole Plowman  
**Traveling Chalice:**  
 Francis & Deb Hollinrake

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

<u>Sunday 8/5</u>	<u>Monday 8/6</u>	<u>Tuesday 8/7</u>	<u>Wednesday 8/8</u>	<u>Thursday 8/9</u>	<u>Friday 8/10</u>	<u>Saturday 8/11</u>
<b>Adair</b> 7:30am Adoration, Rosary, Confession <b>8am Mass</b> for Betty Dill; <b>Welcome Coffee after Mass</b>  <b>Stuart</b> 9am Adoration <b>10am Mass</b> for the People <b>ANN:</b> Jim & Mary Lonsdale 1961  <b>5pm Vogl Park Adair Parish Picnic</b>	<b>BDs:</b> Dave Richter, Eris Martin	<b>Stuart</b> <b>6pm Mass</b> for Maynard Witkowski  <b>BDs:</b> Monica Fagan, Marvin Engelen, Maria Ladwig <b>ANNs:</b> Mick & Cindy Baudler 2004; Vernon & Norma Tigges 1982	<b>Adair</b> <b>8:30am Mass</b> for Mable E. Richter  <b>9:30am Altar &amp; Rosary Chair Meeting</b> <b>BDs:</b> Wayne Nosbisch, Richard Byrnes	<b>9am Mass (Stuart Care Center)</b> for Donato Cianciaruso  <b>BDs:</b> Ed Donnelly, Emmett Wedemeyer <b>ANN:</b> Ken & Jill Hauschildt 2003	<b>Stuart</b> <b>8:30am Mass</b> for Maynard Witkowski  <b>BDs:</b> Pat Purviance, Brandy Martin, Becca Renslow, Riley Doud	<b>Stuart</b> <b>3:30pm</b> Confessions <b>4:05pm</b> Rosary  <b>4:30pm Mass</b> for Bill Sherman <b>BD:</b> John Vogl <b>ANNs:</b> Matt & Jen Dickson 2001; Eric & Jill Gerling 2001

## IN THIS WEEK'S READINGS

#### Sunday Focus:

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35

*Only God can satisfy our longings.*

Today's readings remind us of a fundamental truth about human beings: we are never satisfied. Nothing that the world provides—be it food, material things or fulfillment of desires—can ever be enough to make us truly content. In the end, only God can satisfy our longings.

#### Monday Focus: The Transfiguration

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Mark 9:2-10

*Like Peter, James, and John, we, too, are blessed to look upon the glory of God in the Eucharist.*

The Transfiguration is a defining moment for the disciples. They see their beloved Jesus in dazzling white. Likewise, we are transformed each time we encounter Jesus in the Eucharist.

#### Tuesday Focus:

Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Matthew 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

*The Lord calls us to stay focused on Him.*

During times of trouble, it is easy to blame God for giving us a rough time, or to

doubt His love for us. But our entire salvation history shows that God has never been far from us—we are always the ones who retreat. Trusting in God's undeniable and unquenchable love for us will bring us through any difficulty.

#### Wednesday Focus:

Jeremiah 31:1-7; Matthew 15:21-28

*God's love is limitless and unconditional.*

God's love is limitless. It is not based on where a person lives or what that person does for a living or any other criteria. He loves all His creation and asks us to love him in return. God will never break His covenant with us, even if we turn away from Him and sin.

#### Thursday Focus:

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Matthew 16:13-23

*The Lord is our God, and we are His disciples.*

The new covenant the Lord made with His people comes to fulfillment in Jesus. Through Jesus, we have an intimate connection with, and knowledge of, the God who loves us. Through Jesus, we have a community—a Church—which nurtures us and sustains us in our journey toward the fullness of the kingdom of God. Let us give thanks for the eternal covenant God has

bestowed upon us.

#### Friday Focus:

2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26

*God will honor all those who serve Him faithfully and with a joyful heart.*

From the very beginning, martyrdom has been part of the Christian experience, reminding us that the cross is never too far away. But if the cross is part of the Christian life, so is the Resurrection. Saint Lawrence, whom we celebrate today, is honored for his life of service to Christ and the Church as a deacon and as a martyr.

#### Saturday Focus:

Habakkuk 1:12-2:4; Matthew 17:14-20

*Nothing is impossible for those who have faith.*

At the center of Christian faith is trust in Christ's Word—the new covenant He makes with the world. We must take the utmost care to preserve our faith, for Christ teaches us that when we have even the tiniest amount of faith, nothing is impossible.