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using intermediaries priests, the Mass, confession, and traditional prayers. But this is a false argument, for two reasons. Firstly, the Church encourages us to 'go directly' to God as often as we can. Secondly this is a false argument because when we understand the sacraments, rituals, and traditions properly and live them sincerely, they actually help us encounter God more personally. In fact, that is why the Holy Spirit invented them - precisely to give us more opportunities to experience God's closeness in a personal, tangible way. The Church is God's gift to us, full of instruments that he uses to reach out to us in ways that we can see, hear, and touch. Today, as we renew our friendship with Christ through the holy Mass, let us take a look at our other friendships too, to see how lively our faith really is.

Faith Formation News by Cathy Hicks, Director of Religious Education

Thank you to all parents for registering your children for Faith Formation! Parents, remember there is coffee and Wi-Fi accessibility in the church hall, so you are welcome to wait there for your child. Also, if you would like to stay and pray in the church, let me know and I can turn on the lights.

Also, we will have a parent meeting for Confirmation on Wednesday, September 19th at 7pm in the youth room.

This weekend is Catechetical Sunday, which is set aside to recognize and thank our Faith Formation catechists for their compassion and dedication to teaching the faith to our young people. The catechists are called forward to be commissioned for their ministry. This is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. It is also a time set aside for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a faith community. We thank the Lord for giving us these individuals and pray that through the Holy Spirit they will receive the grace they need in their service through the church.

May God be forever at your side and hold you in the palm of His hand.

Altar and Rosary Society by Jodi Bassett, President

It's been nearly a year since the #MeToo movement began. Allegations of sexual improprieties were made against numerous male celebrities since. So many claims against so many, and in many cases, multiple women against a single offender. It stunned our country repeatedly. And the allegations continue.

Some feel that claims of alleged events many years ago no longer apply, that the claims were made up or that some women are just trying to tag onto someone else's trauma for money. And how would any of us know the truths of what happened in each situation? What negativity would come from believing them?

Even more disturbing to us is again allegations of sexual improprieties against a large number of priests, this time from the state of Pennsylvania; claims that go back so far that only a few of the accused are still alive. It is an appalling truth; with those numbers, not all claims could have been fabricated.

Catholicism has been a target of critics since the time of Martin Luther. These latest reports put our faith in the hot seat. How could anyone follow a religion that allows such depravity to occur? Gulp. These are very tough questions to face and it's a hard argument to defend.

Our challenge is to show the critics that we do not approve of such actions, that steps are being taken to prevent more such acts from occurring, and that most of us are good people. Our faith is worth defending. Each of us knows why our faith is important to us. Isaiah tells us, "The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame." Hold steady, live your best faith, and call on God.

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**Office Hours**

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

Bulletin Deadline:

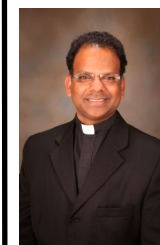
Noon Wednesday

**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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Jesus and his disciples are on a journey. This time they are heading for the village of Caesarea Philippi. Caesarea Philippi was an ancient Roman city located at the southwestern base of Mount Hermon. It was adjacent to a spring, grotto, and related shrines dedicated to the Greek god Pan. Along the journey, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' They said in reply, 'John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets'. And he asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter said to him in reply, 'You are the Christ'. Jesus does not contradict him. Yet many people do not consider him to be so. Some say he was a great philosopher, a good teacher, or a misguided lunatic. This question of our Lord's true identity is one that people have argued about non-stop for the last twenty centuries. And even for those of us who claim to be committed Catholics, it is an important question. But the important thing about today's Gospel passage is not only the fact that the question is raised, but how the question is presented. Jesus actually asks his disciples two questions. It is not enough for us to discuss his identity in an abstract, academic way. Sometimes earthly rulers are satisfied with a superficial allegiance - as long as they get our vote, they would not try to invade our personal space. Christ's Kingdom does not work that way. To be a Christian by name only, a nominal or cultural Catholic, as it is sometimes called, does not suffice. It is not enough to know what other people say about Jesus; we each need to encounter and respond to him personally. We need to proclaim his lordship not only with our lips, but with our lives. We need to say not only that Jesus is the Lord, but that he is our Lord, my Lord, and that we are willing to follow wherever he leads. It is this personal adherence to Jesus Christ, this taking of responsibility for our faith, that opens the door to spiritual maturity and the wisdom, joy, and interior peace that spiritual maturity brings with it. If we have a lively faith in Jesus Christ, a faith that impacts the way we live, then we will experience more fully the deep meaning in life that God wants us to experience. So the question naturally arises, what can we do to keep our faith alive and growing? Spiritual writers through the ages have agreed that it is almost impossible to keep our faith alive and growing if we do not have at least one or two strong friendships that are built around a common commitment to our Catholic faith. Friendship is one of the greatest joys of life. A true friend is someone who knows us and values us - and being known and valued are two of the human heart's deepest needs. Friends take up common pursuits together, and encourage each other in them. The most important friendship in each of our lives is our friendship with Jesus Christ. Critics of the Catholic Church sometimes say that our traditions, rituals, and sacraments take away this person-to-person dimension of our relationship with God. They say that we should just 'go directly to God', instead of

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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

- **Updates on Canyon “Moose” Hopkins:** <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/canyonhopkins> or go to www.caringbridge.org and enter “Canyon Hopkins.”
- **Live and Silent Auction to benefit Moose:** October 14th from 12 noon to 6.00 p.m. at the Barne’s place, 20932 – 350th Street, Adel, just north of I-80 off the 106 exit.
- **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 and generous sharing for our residence updating project. We are really and truly blessed by your love, kindness, support and generosity. Through your generosity and support, we are able to move forward with our project. Rev. Antony Mathew
Contributions to date: \$ 4,985.
- **Special Collection:** The diocesan-wide Special Collection for Seminarians will be conducted on September 15 and 16. Registered parishioners will be receiving a letter and brochure in the mail from Bishop Pates. The average cost to educate one seminarian is approximately \$30,000 each year. Gifts to this collection support the education and formation costs associated with seminarians, which continually rise. There are 19 seminarians in the Diocese of Des Moines. They are quality individuals dedicated to discernment. Your prayers for the number to continue to increase are appreciated. The need for your support is critical so that we may continue providing for our seminarians.
- **Fasting and Prayer:** September 2018 is designated as a month of Fasting and Prayer in the Diocese of Des Moines seeking healing and reform from the perpetration of sexual abuse and its cover-up. With this in mind, we here at All Saints Catholic Church are going to devote our regular Sunday Holy Hour (Sunday, September 9, Sunday, September 16, and Sunday, September 23) from 9.00 am. to 10.00 a.m. to this purpose. And I invite all our parishioners to come early on Sunday morning and spend a little extra time in prayer and fasting to address this sin which has been embedded in our Church community and broader culture.
- **Office of Bishop Richard E. Pates:** In recent weeks, a once in a century flood disaster occurred in Kerala, South India. It is reported 350 died and some 800,000 have been in relief camps. Fathers Thomas Kunnel, Antony Mathew and Tom Thakadipuram come from these regions in India. Joining Pope Francis may we demonstrate solidarity, prayer and support for these flood victims in the midst of this disaster. Any parishes or individuals who may wish to contribute monetary support are encouraged to do so. Please send such contributions clearly marked, as to their purpose, to the finance Office {Attention: Paul Carlson, Director of Finance, 601 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50309}, and they will be forwarded to Catholic Relief Services for outreach in this disaster.
- **Altar Server Training Session at St. John Catholic Church:** An altar server training session will be held on Sunday, September 23rd at 9. 00 a.m. at Saint John Catholic Church. This training is meant for children who have received their first communion, and are interested in assisting at the altar. Those who are currently altar servers are also invited to attend this training. Once trained, you will be assigned, and make sure that you are there to assist on that Sunday.
- **Habitat for Humanity by Jeff Lamoureux, Associate Director:** Habitat Friends: Work is progressing at the home of Lynn Sparks, 600 Prairie Street, Guthrie Center. A work day has been scheduled for Thursday, September 13 @ 9:00am, which will consist of construction of the deck at. Please consider helping complete this project., but If you are unable to work, please help spread the word and encourage others to assist, if available. Thank you for your continued support of our ministry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Cordial welcome to a La Salette missionary:** All Saints and St. John will have the privilege of welcoming a La Salette missionary on the weekend of September 29/30th, there will be a special collection to support the work of the La Salette missionaries. La Salette was an unknown hamlet lost in one of those giant crevices of the French Alps. The missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette are deeply rooted in the apparition of Our Lady of La Salette which occurred near the hamlet of La Salette in southeastern France on September 19, 1846. The missionaries were founded in 1852 by bishop Philbert de Brillard, bishop of Grenoble, France and presently serve in some 25 countries.
- **St. John Liturgical Help:** If you are interested in helping with Mass as a Server, Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Cross Bearer, Greeter, Praying for Vocations or Rosary Leader at St. John’s in Adair please contact Les Elgin at 641-742-3854 or elgins2011@gmail.com.

CALENDAR WITH MASS TIMES, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, SPECIALS

| Sunday 9/16 | Monday 9/17 | Tuesday 9/18 | Wednesday 9/19 | Thursday 9/20 | Friday 9/21 | Saturday 9/22 |
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| Adair 7:30am Adoration, Confession, Rosary 8am Mass for Eldon Faga | | Stuart 6pm Mass for James Witkowski BD: Patti Craig, Don Fillman, Kari Schneider, Aiden Byrnes, Blair Carney | Adair 8:30am Mass for Mable Richter BD: Jim Doud, Christine Richter ANN: Marty & Julie Doud 1992 | 9am Mass (Stuart Care Center) for Joel Slaybaugh BD: Ismael Leyva, Nicholas Smith ANN: David & Sharon Doud 1986 | Stuart 8:30am Mass for Clair & Pat Dickey ANN: Tyler & Jessica Johnston 2013 | Stuart 3:30pm Confessions 4:05 Rosary 4:30pm Mass for Donato Cianciaruso BD: Nick Boyle |

All Saints Financial Partnership

September 9, 2018

Weekly Offering: \$1452.00
 Children’s Offering: \$55.65
 ADA 2018 Goal: \$29,802.00
 ADA Balance Due: **\$9,222.00**
 Finance Council: Rev. Antony Mathew, Wayne Nosbisch,
 Brenna Bird, Dave Boss, Barb Boss, Eric Tiernan, Tom
 Doud Trustees: Janis Gilman, Robert Bird

St John Financial Partnership

September 9, 2018

Weekly Offering: \$362.00
 Children’s Offering: \$17.00
 ADA Balance Due: \$0 —**THANK YOU!!**
 Finance Council: Rev. Antony Mathew, John Fagan, Mon-
 ica Fagan, Larry Drees, Kenneth Ludwig, Marcia Gettler
 Trustees: Sheryl Drees, Les Elgin

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All Saints

Saturday September 22

Rosary: Frank Holle
 Ushers: Matt & Jen Dickson
 Cross Bearer: Matt Dickson
 Altar Server: Zoey & Bailey Dickson
 Lector: Donna Donnelly
 Commentator: Sharon Doud
 Greeters/Gifts: Matt & Jen Dickson
 EMHC: Donna Donnelly, Sister Andre and
 Sister Chinweze

All Saints

Sunday September 23

Adoration: *Sacristan Sets Up*
 Ushers: Tom Doud & Neal Crawford
 Cross Bearer: Tom Doud
 Altar Servers: Evie, Alli & Cora Boyle
 Lector: Amy Doud
 Commentator: Daisy Nevins
 Greeters/Gifts: Tom & Amy Doud
 EMHC: Amy Doud, Dave Tisl and Linda Lee
 O’Neel

St. John

Sunday September 23

Cross Bearer: Larry Drees
 Greeters/Gifts: Mr. & Mrs. Cleon Klemish
 Lector: Barb Bachman
 Host: Sister Gloria
 Cup: Elizabeth Moreland & Scott Suhr
 Altar Servers: Madison Suhr & Bailey
 Lillard
 Traveling Chalice: John & Kathy Fagan