

Father Tony's Corner

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human beings, we must fill our souls with virtue, with an abundance of repeated choices that reflect moral integrity, not moral decadence. This is the necessary foundation for the next and most important kind of wealth: spiritual wealth. Jesus points the young man towards spiritual wealth by inviting him to 'Come, follow me'. Friendship with Jesus Christ is the 'treasure' in heaven, the spiritual wealth that alone will satisfy our deepest yearnings for happiness, and the abundance of wisdom. But that friendship requires humility and obedience, because Jesus Christ is more than a buddy. We must be willing to trust him, obey him, follow him, even if it means giving up material wealth, popularity, and pleasure, in order to discover the true wealth that our souls desire. As we continue with this Mass, let us consider what is hindering our progress along the path of wisdom, and let us ask God, who is looking down on us with infinite love, to help us get rid of it.

Faith Formation News by Cathy Hicks, Director of Religious Education

There are so many excuses people give for not coming to Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. But that is what they are--excuses. Bishop Fulton J. Sheen once said, "... Mass is not entertainment but rather the worship of God who made us and saves us." Mass is an opportunity to praise God and thank Him for all that He has done for us. It is so important for parents to guide their children in faith and love by attending Mass each Sunday. Yes, it may mean getting up earlier instead of staying in bed, but the end results are worth it. The following are several reasons why it is so important to attend Mass on a regular basis.

The Command of God. The Third Commandment says, "Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day." (Exodus 20:8)

The Command of Christ. The Mass was instituted at the Last Supper by Jesus before his Crucifixion. The Last Supper was the first Mass. When we celebrate the Mass, we repeat the Last Supper as Jesus commanded us to do. In doing this we remember his great act of love for us on the Cross.

The Command of the Church. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church (1994, pp. 493-94)* explains that Mass attendance on Sundays and Holy Days is the first of the six Commandments of the Church (including receiving Holy Communion once a year at Easter, confession any mortal sins as a preparation for Communion, and observing the prescribe days of fasting and abstinence.) Failing to fulfill these through our own fault is a serious sin in the eyes of the Church.

The Church speaks with the authority of Jesus. Jesus made Peter the head of his Church- the first Pope. He gave Peter and the Church "the keys to the kingdom of heaven." The Church's authority in faith and morals is absolute because Christ's authority is absolute.

Someone once said, "There are 168 hours in a week and God is asking that we spend one hour with Him on Sunday. Is that too much to ask of a person? I don't think so.

Altar and Rosary Society by Jodi Bassett, President

Two weeks ago, Saint James described how the rich lost their wealth, because that was what was most important to them. This week in Mark's Gospel Jesus explains how the wealthy can't enter heaven because of their love of wealth. Jesus says that we must sell all we have, give it to the poor, and follow Him. It's not enough to donate to charity, or to work at a soup kitchen; we must relinquish everything.

That's a hard realization. No phone. No car. No designer jeans. No personal property at all. Not even our closest family and friends. Why? Our love for things supersedes our love for God. If we have nothing, we have no choice but to rely on God alone. And that is how we enter heaven.

We can probably agree that the concept is familiar, and pretty straightforward. What isn't so easy is how to implement the concept.

We all know people who are greedy, people who are generous, people who are wealthy, people who are poor. We know people who are very religious, and people who decry religion. But all of those people have family and belongings...the good, the bad, and the possessive. Will any of them pass through the gates of heaven? While it's not our call to make, we can't help but wonder if those we consider to be the best people, the most humble, the holiest or most Christian, will enter heaven. They probably didn't surrender all their possessions. I think in 2018's perspective, the things we must renounce include the poor treatment of others, gossip, defamation of character, the many forms of abuse, bad habits, dishonesty, general lack of respect for life, and anything that comes between us and God. What might be keeping you from heaven?

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Office Hours

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

Bulletin Deadline:

Noon Wednesday



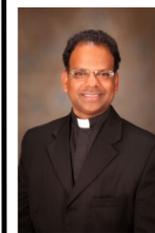
All Saints Mass Schedule

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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The evangelist, Saint Mark makes a surprising observation as he tells us about this encounter between Jesus and the rich young man. After the young man explains that he has followed the commandments since his youth, Saint Mark tells us that, 'Jesus, looking at him, loved him'. Imagine what that look was like. It was the look of the Creator directed towards his beloved creature. It was the look of an older brother directed towards a younger brother in need. It was the look of a father gazing upon a son who is striving to do all the right things. But what may be even more surprising is what Jesus said to the young man after giving him this look of love. He tells him to go off and sell all his possessions - the very things that this young man is most attached to. Now, if Jesus really loved this young man, why would he ask him to give up what he valued most? If Jesus really loved this young man, why would he be so demanding? Why would he make him so uncomfortable? We all know the answer, it is because love seeks what is best for the beloved. Love by its very nature is demanding; it will never settle for mediocrity. And this young man, because he was so attached to money, possessions, and worldly success, was in great danger of falling into a mediocre, stifling, and frustrated life. And so Jesus, out of love, invites him to choose the path of wisdom instead of comfort, the path of following God's will instead of self will. The Lord is constantly doing the same for us: looking at us with deep, personal love, and inviting us to follow him more closely, even though it will mean leaving our comfort behind. In the case of this rich young man, the thing that was holding him back from the truly meaningful life he desired was his attachment to possessions, to money, to wealth. Jesus explains this with a striking image. He says that 'It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the Kingdom of God'. A camel was one of the biggest animals known to the residents of Palestine at the time of Christ. And the eye of a needle is one of the smallest passageways that the unaided human eye can actually see through. It is a powerful image when taken literally. This rich young man who wanted to follow Jesus had an abundance of material goods. That is what we normally think about when we use the term 'wealth'. But Jesus is telling us in today's Gospel that material wealth can often be an obstacle to a more important type of wealth, a more satisfying type of abundance. The rich young man had many possessions, but he did not have 'eternal life'; he did not have the deep sense of meaning, purpose, and interior peace that he longed for. There was something essential, something in his heart, that material wealth could not satisfy. And so he came to Jesus, the miracle-worker, the rabbi everyone was talking about, to find what was missing. First, Jesus reminds the young man of the importance of moral wealth by reviewing the basic commandments. To be truly fulfilled as

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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

- **Priest's Residence Updating:** We are in the process of updating our pastor's residence, since it is the responsibility of the parish to maintain and upkeep the residence. Your kind and generous financial support is essential for this much needed project. 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 sport 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. We are really blessed by your love, kindness, and generosity. **Contributions to date: \$ 5,740.**
- **Formal Installation of the pastor:** Most Rev. Richard E. Pates will be at All Saints Catholic Church, Stuart, and St. John Catholic Church, Adair on the weekend of October 20th and October 21st for the formal installation of Rev. Antony Mathew as the new pastor of All Saints Catholic Church, Stuart, and St. John Catholic Church, Adair. There is a reception following the Mass that weekend, and please plan on being there.
- **BOLDLY SENT (formerly DCYC) -** All 6th-12th graders, along with their parents & parish leaders, are invited to this year's BOLDLY SENT youth rally (formerly DCYC). On Saturday (10/20) youth will gather at their parishes for a day of evangelization, followed by a Diocesan-wide Dodgeball tournament at the downtown YMCA. On Sunday (10/21), Katie Prejean-McGrady will keynote our rally, which will end with Mass at 4pm. Registration is at www.dmdiocese.org/boldlysent, and is \$40 for both days, \$30 for Sunday only. For more information email Jill Gerling at jillgerling@gmail.com or call 515-789-4076.
- **FATHER TONY AWAY FROM THE OFFICE:** Rev. Antony Mathew will be away from the parish office from Monday, October 22nd through Friday, November 9th 2018 for continuing education. There will not be a daily Mass from Tuesday, October 23rd through Friday, November 9th.
- **SUBSTITUTE PRIEST for the weekend and Solemnity of All Saints:** Rev. Lawrence R. Hoffmann (515-343-6040), who is retired from active ministry will cover the weekend Masses, and the solemnity of All Saints (Wednesday, October 31, Vigil Mass at 5.30 p.m. at St. John Catholic Church, Adair; and Thursday, November 1, Mass at 7.00 p.m. at All Saints Catholic Church, Stuart). Please call Rev. Lawrence R. Hoffmann, and see whether he will be available for a funeral. If someone is in the hospital, the family needs to contact the hospital chaplain there. Rev. James Ahenkora (641-745-7362), pastor of St. John Catholic Church, Greenfield may be contacted for emergency.
- **Attention St. John CWO ladies:** The fall collection of \$25.00 is now due. This replaces our fall dinner. Please pay Wilma Fagan or your monthly Chairman. Thank you.
- **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.
- **All Saints Annual Chicken Dinner:** The Knights of Columbus annual chicken dinner will be on Sunday, October 28th from 10:30am - 1:00pm in Stuart. The dinner features Staley's Chicken with mash potatoes and gravy, vegetables, salad, dinner rolls, drinks and homemade pie and desserts! Carry out is available. Adults are \$10.00, children (6-12) \$4.00, children 5 and under are Free! All proceeds will benefit area food banks and programs! We hope to see you there!
- **Knights of Columbus Centennial Celebration:** Did You Know... The Stuart Knights of Columbus was instituted on May 11, 1919. We are planning a centennial celebration for early next summer.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

The whole mission of the Catholic Church in the world—the theme and purpose and vocation of every institution and every Catholic individual—is *love*.

We understand that all human life ----including every child in the womb-----is a gift to be received, cherished, and *served*, not abused, not manipulated, not degraded, not destroyed.

CALENDAR WITH MASS TIMES, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, SPECIALS

Sunday 10/14	Monday 10/15	Tuesday 10/16	Wednesday 10/17	Thursday 10/18	Friday 10/19	Saturday 10/20
Adair 7:30am Adoration, Confession, Rosary 8am Mass Eldon Faga Stuart 9am Adoration 9am Choir Practice 10am Mass for Deceased members of the Tigges & Gladfelder families BD: Tara Klassen	BD: Amanda Nims	Stuart 6pm Mass for Paul Heins	Adair 8:30am Mass for Carol Lengel BD: Ryan Truitt & Maria Doud	9am Mass (Stuart Care Center) for James Witkowski ANN: Dennis & Joyce Van Pelt 1969	Stuart 8:30am Mass for Paul Heins ANN: Rick & Rita Rilea 1968	Stuart 3:30pm Confessions 4:05 Rosary 4:30pm Mass for Bill Sherman BD: Carson Tigges ANN: Judd & Magen Schaffer 2001

All Saints Financial Partnership

October 7, 2018

Weekly Offering: \$ 2,235.00
Children's Offering: \$ 20.00
Building Fund: \$ 480.00

St John Financial Partnership

October 7, 2018

Weekly Offering: \$ 514.00
Children's Offering: \$ 28.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All Saints

Saturday October 20

Rosary: Frank Holle
Ushers: Dennis & Donna Donnelly
Altar Server: Connie Drake, Sam Kasap & Eli Kasap
Lector: Robert Bird
Commentator: Donna Donnelly
Greeters: Donna & Dennis Donnelly
EMHC: Sister Andre, Sister Nesta & Donna Donnelly

All Saints

Sunday October 21

Adoration: Sacristan
Ushers: Jim Doud & Pat Beaman
Altar Servers: Riley Doud, Allie, Evie & Cora Boyle
Lector: Gary Riordan
Commentator: Carol Smith
Greeters: Jim & Tammy Doud & Family
EMHC: Jo Beaman, Linda Lee O'Neal & Dave Tisl

St. John

Sunday October 21

Cross Bearer: John Fagan
Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Cody Moreland & Family
Lector: Barb Bachman
Host: Matt Fagan
Cup: Sister Andre & Elizabeth Moreland
Altar Servers: Belle Fagan, Cole Plowman & Baily Lillard
Traveling Chalice: Cody & Elizabeth Morland

Money Counters: October 16th 1pm: Eric Tiernan, Gina James & Donna Donnelly