

**Father Tony's Corner**

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Because we all have regrets about the past, in some form or another. We all recognize that there have been times in the past when we did not live up to our best selves, when we wounded others, when we sinned or failed, when we let our self-centeredness take us down a destructive path. And all of us also recognize that there have been times in the past when we have been negatively affected by the actions and decisions of others. What if we could reach back in time and change those things, wiping away our failures and sins, fixing the wounds, rebooting relationships and restarting habits? We cannot, because we are limited by time and space. But Christ can, because he has 'passed through the heavens' and stands at the 'throne of grace', beyond the limits of time and space. God's mercy is powerful enough to reach back into the past and re-dimension it in accordance with his wisdom - this is what re-demption is all about: not undoing the past, but redeeming it.

**Faith Formation News by Cathy Hicks, Director of Religious Education**

*To every things there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven. (Eccl 3:1)*

Only in Iowa can you have tornados touching down one day and snow falling in the same week. But the snow this past weekend is a reminder that winter is on the way. When there is inclement weather, whether it be snow, ice, or extreme cold, we sometimes have to cancel faith formation to ensure the safety of our students. Here are some guidelines to follow

- If West Central Valley School District cancels school for the day or lets out early because the weather, we will not have faith formation. (Late starts do not count.)
- If for some reason the weather worsens, but school is not let out early, we will send out a mass email announcing there will be no classes that evening.
- Always use your discretion. In town driving and country driving can be quite different. If the roads do not seem safe or you do not want to send your children out in the weather, please keep them home.
- When in doubt, call the church office. Our primary concern is the safety of all involved with our faith formation program.

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

**Altar and Rosary Society by Jodi Bassett, President**

Sometimes when we are family or good friends with another person, we think we are entitled to special privileges. We might feel like we are eligible to receive favors simply because of our relationship to a person of power or influence. We may not feel like we need to do anything to earn our privilege...we know the person, and therefore, we are allowed to receive certain benefits.

James and John asked Jesus to seat them at either side of Him at His entrance into heaven. But this was not to be an unearned gift. Jesus asked them if they were up to the task. Would they be able to undergo baptism as Jesus would? They assured Him that they would. Jesus, however, reiterated that in order to sit at His side, they would have to drink from his cup, and be baptized as He was baptized. And then He dropped the bomb: Jesus was not authorized to give those seats to James and John! Only those who had been specifically prepared would join Jesus at his side.

But who among them would be prepared? Those who would be first, become last; those who expect to be great will become servants. Jesus did not come to be served, but to serve. Those who would accompany him would also serve.

We might think we should get what we want, but we only get what God plans for us and grooms us to be. I don't believe that we have no say in that whatsoever; how we serve others before ourselves no doubt plays a role. It's hardly fair to expect entitlements without earning them. Most people would rather have with them those who are worthy of their placement. God wants us to be worthy of our placement in heaven.

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**Office Hours**

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

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Noon Wednesday



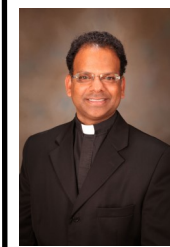
**All Saints Mass Schedule**

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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Today's first reading from the book of Isaiah, written about six hundred years before the birth of Christ, was one of various prophecies about how the Messiah would save God's people: through suffering. God was preparing his Chosen people to recognize the promised Messiah by 'affliction' and by 'being crushed in iniquity'. And it was precisely through those sufferings that Jesus would take all of our sins upon himself, atone for them, and re-open the gates of heaven for us. Jesus goes into more detail about his coming fate. He gives a play-by-play account of what will happen to him - the unjust condemnation, the physical torture, the mockery, the crucifixion. He knows what awaits him in Jerusalem, and yet he does not turn aside. This shows that everything he will suffer will be suffered willingly, not for any benefit that will accrue to him, but for our salvation. Jesus became incarnate, lived, and died for our sake. He had no self-centered item on his agenda; he came to serve and to give his life for others. The Apostles, as we hear in today's Gospel, had not studied the prophecies of Isaiah closely enough. Their idea of the Messiah was a powerful political and military leader who would make Israel back into a player on the international scene. And so, James and John, looking forward to that day, try to reserve their spots in the King's cabinet. Jesus has to remind them that his Kingdom is about sacrifice and service, not power politics and self-indulgence. Trust is the foundation stone of salvation. Original sin, which broke down mankind's relationship with God, was a failure of trust. To rebuild that relationship, which is the only place the human heart can find happiness, God had to win back our trust. And he did that by suffering and dying on the cross, proving once and for all that nothing we can do, no matter how terrible and evil it may be, will turn away his love. Christ suffered to win back our trust. But it is not enough to understand this with our minds. We have to learn to trust him with our lives, in our hearts, in all that we do. A privileged way to do that is through how we deal with our own suffering. When God permits us to suffer, especially if the suffering is not the result of our own sin or stupidity, he is giving us a golden opportunity to exercise our trust in him. In his suffering, Christ showed beyond all doubt that he is faithful to us; in our suffering, he gives us that chance to learn to be faithful to him. In that relationship of mutual faithfulness lies the secret of life's true meaning. Let us really bring our sufferings to Christ today, and let his grace nourish our trust in the Lord. Jesus is our representative in heaven. He is there interceding for us - first of all, grace - the strength and light we need to deal with the challenges of today and tomorrow. And second of all, mercy - the total forgiveness and healing of our past. Healing our past is one of the things God most delights in doing. Maybe it is because it is one of those things that only God can do.

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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 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. 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 20<sup>th</sup> and October 21<sup>st</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.dmdiocese.org/boldlysent), and is \$40 for both days, \$30 for Sunday only. For more information email Jill Gerling at [jillgerling@gmail.com](mailto: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 22<sup>nd</sup> through Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> 2018 for continuing education. There will not be a daily Mass from Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> through Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.
- **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.
- **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!
- **HELP NEEDED!!!:** Lots of help is still needed for the annual Knights of Columbus Chicken Dinner. If you are able to assist with cutting and plating desserts the morning of the dinner, baking a pie or bars and/or helping to serve and clean up after the meal, please add your name to the sheet on the table in the gathering space. Please see Amy Doud, the day of the dinner, if you are helping serve.
- **BKODJ** players present "Away From a Manger" at the Casey Visitors Center; November 3rd at 7pm and November 4th at 2pm. Tickets are available at Fay Pharmacy in Adair, as well as, Insurance Store and Rolling Hills Bank in Casey. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door.
- **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](mailto:elgins2011@gmail.com)

## OCTOBER IS DEDICATED TO THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. Our Lady of the Rosary is credited with victory in a number of the battles, and chief among them is the Battle of Lepanto (October 7, 1571), in which a Christian fleet defeated a superior Ottoman Muslim fleet and stopped the westward expansion of Islam in the Mediterranean.

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

Sunday 10/21	Monday 10/22	Tuesday 10/23	Wednesday 10/24	Thursday 10/25	Friday 10/26	Saturday 10/27
<b>Adair</b> 7:30am Adoration, Confession, Rosary 8am Mass for Betty Dill	<b>BD:</b> Paul Pieper, Neal Crawford & Adeline Kloewer	<b>Stuart</b> <b>BD:</b> Eugene Simons & Michele Brant	<b>Adair</b> <b>BD:</b> Linda Lee O'Neel	<b>9am Mass</b> <b>BD:</b> Thomas Gettler, John O'Brien & George Kasap	<b>Stuart</b>	<b>Stuart</b> <b>3:30pm</b> Confessions <b>4:05</b> Rosary <b>4:30pm Mass</b> for Paul Heins
<b>Stuart</b> 9am Adoration 9am Choir Practice 10am Mass for the People						

#### All Saints Financial Partnership

October 14, 2018

**Weekly Offering:** \$ 1514.00  
**Children's Offering:** \$ 15.00  
**Addtl Building Fund:** \$45.00

#### St John Financial Partnership

October 14, 2018

**Weekly Offering:** \$ 389.00  
**Children's Offering:** \$ 34.00

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### All Saints

##### Saturday October 27

**Rosary:** Frank Holle  
**Ushers:** Wayne & Jan Gilman  
**Altar Server:** Jodi Bassett  
**Lector:** Carol Smith  
**Commentator:** Roni Wilson  
**Greeters:** Marvin & Janet Bassett  
**EMHC:** Sister Andre, Dan Hilgers & Brenda Wedemeyer

#### All Saints

##### Sunday October 28

**Adoration:** Sacristan  
**Ushers:** John & Patrick Gulbranson  
**Altar Servers:** Nora Hoffman, Ivan Hoffman & Larissa Crawford  
**Lector:** Wayne Nosbisch  
**Commentator:** Amy Doud  
**Greeters:** John & Harriet Gulbranson  
**EMHC:** Cathy Hicks, Jill Gerling & Harriet Gulbranson

#### St. John

##### Sunday October 28

**Cross Bearer:** Cody Moreland  
**Greeters:** Mr. & Mrs. Darrin Plowman  
**Lector:** Julie Plowman  
**Host:** Sister Nesta  
**Cup:** Adela Vogl & Sr. Nkiruka  
**Altar Servers:** Luke Brincks & Belle Fagan  
**Traveling Chalice:** Kaye & Cleon Klemish

#### Money Counters

October 21st after mass : Mark Poffenberger, Donna Olson & Gina Ocheltree

October 30th @ 1pm: Diane Messinger, Dennis Van Pelt & Dave Vigon

#### 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."*