

Father Tony's Corner

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peace. They did not think Jesus would want anything to do with a poor, blind beggar on the side of the road. But Jesus did want to have something to do with him. Jesus wants to have something to do with each one of us. He really is capable of bringing his warmth and light into the dark, cold places of our souls, just as he easily brought light to the eyes of Bartimaeus. All we need is faith. 'Your faith has saved you', he told the beggar. And he said that for our sake too, to point out where the path of interior renewal lies. It is through faith. It is through trusting in the God who created us and who died on a cross to show us how much he loves us. We all have faith. And we all know that we need a stronger faith. We can do exactly what Bartimaeus did - pray. He begged the Lord from the bottom of his heart to have mercy on him. Let us do the same. Let us open our hearts to God, and let his light stream right on in.

Faith Formation News by Cathy Hicks, Director of Religious Education

All Saints' Day is this Thursday, Nov. 1 and is a Holy Day of Obligation. This day is set aside to give Christians an opportunity to remember all the saints and martyrs, known and unknown, throughout Christian history. It is a celebration of all Christian saints, particularly those who do not have a special feast day. All Saints Day commemorates the saints in heaven, while All Souls Day, Nov. 2, commemorates souls in purgatory. We pray for all loved ones who have died and are in purgatory because the souls in purgatory cannot pray for themselves. All Souls' Day is not a holy day, but we are encouraged to attend mass and pray for those who have died.

The eve of All Saints' Day is this Wednesday, Oct. 31. Students who want to dress as their favorite saint or holy person may do so and receive a special treat. At 7:15 all students will go to the church hall for an All Saints' Eve gathering. We will have cookies, bars, popcorn, and lemonade. Parents are invited to attend and joint in the fun. We will dismiss at the regular time.(7:30). Hope to see you there!

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

Altar and Rosary Society by Jodi Bassett, President

A blind Bartimaeus sat by the roadside begging. When he heard that Jesus was passing by, he cried out and asked for mercy from Jesus. In embarrassment, his neighbors tried to silence him, but that didn't stop Bartimaeus from begging for pity from the Son of David. In response, Jesus called the man over and asked what he requested from Him. Bartimaeus asked simply to be able to see.

What would this mean to Bartimaeus? What would it mean to us? By today's standards, a blind person couldn't drive, couldn't read, and couldn't walk without some form of assistance. We would not experience full independence, something we highly value. In biblical times, there were no cars, no Braille, and no white canes. Bartimaeus couldn't work because of his blindness; he survived by begging for whatever scraps a kindly person might give him. Today, blind people can be accommodated to work and survive well, but there are still some things they cannot do. God gave us five senses for a reason; we wouldn't want to be without any of them. Bartimaeus simply asked to be able to see.

And Bartimaeus believed he could see. He believed that Jesus could cure his blindness. Because of his faith, Jesus restored his vision. Imagine the scene. Imagine Bartimaeus' excitement upon seeing! Imagine the response of the crowd of believers! Bartimaeus could now work and support himself. But that isn't what he did. Bartimaeus, in gratitude, became a disciple and followed Jesus.

We are believers. We know the gifts we have received from believing in Jesus. But are we followers? Do we take our gifts, even with gratitude, and then go on about our way? Or do we follow Jesus as the disciples do?

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."

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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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We are invited to ponder upon the encounter of a blind man, called Bartimaeus with Jesus. The evangelist, Saint Mark seems to give enough attention to the blind man's cloak. He says Bartimaeus 'threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus'. What is the meaning of such a gesture? In order to understand it, we need to look at the role of the cloak in ancient Palestine. It was heavy and thick, and it was also the most versatile item of Palestinian clothing at the time. It was protection against the rapid and frequent temperature changes, insulation against the harsh Judean winds, and at night it doubled as a blanket, especially for the poorer residents of the Holy Land, like Bartimaeus. It is a symbol of self-sufficiency, a symbol of our deep-seated tendency to think that we are capable of solving all of our problems on our own. The cloak symbolizes all those things that we wrongly depend on for happiness, that we tend to idolize: good looks, intelligence, athletic ability, money, good education, success, popularity. Following Christ, obeying his commandments and teachings, means putting these other things - good and valuable though they may be - into second place and trusting that friendship with God alone is the real source of the fulfillment we most yearn for. Even before the blind man leaves his cloak behind, he shows that he has learned this lesson by his faith-filled persistence. Everyone was discouraging him from putting his trust in God, but Bartimaeus refused to be silenced, and the heart of Christ did not let him down. Then, when he hears the Lord's call, he does not hesitate to cast off his cloak and spring forward, teaching us all that our only sufficiency should be Jesus Christ. Jesus is passing by our lives at the Eucharistic table today, just as he passed by Bartimeaus on the streets of Jericho. And we, like the blind man, want to see him more clearly; we want to know him, and to know how to follow him more closely - that is why we came today. But to make that happen, we need to leave behind our cloak of self-sufficiency. There are two steps to doing that. First, we have to identify what our cloak is. We have to ask ourselves what finite thing we tend to idolize. What do we tend to think will make us truly happy? We need to identify them. They are not evil things in themselves. But if we expect them to fill the deepest part of our hearts, the part that only God can fill, we are idolizing them, and they will become a deadening straightjacket instead of a useful cloak. The second step is to put that idol (or potential idol) in its place - second place. This is the harder step, because we cannot do it just once. We have to keep on doing it. It is a long process of interior purification, like rehabilitation for our souls. A good place for that to happen is the confessional. There we can confess our idolatrous tendencies, thoughts, and actions, and receive God's forgiveness and renewing grace. The people in the crowd told him to be quiet and let Jesus pass by in

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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: \$ 6,085.*
- **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.
- **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.
- **THANK YOU!!** I want to thank our Shepherd, His Excellency, Most Rev. Richard Pates for being with us on the weekend of October 20th and 21st to celebrate the Holy Eucharist and to formally install me as the pastor of All Saints Catholic Church, Stuart and St. John Catholic Church, Adair. We also give thanks to God for the gift of the episcopal ministry of Most Rev. Richard Pates here in the diocese of Des Moines as he prepares for his retirement, and for the gift of priesthood as he celebrates his 50th anniversary of priestly ordination. I also want to thank the cantor, (choir), organist (pianist), altar servers, ushers, lectors, the extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, and others who had a role in the beautiful liturgy. I am grateful to Jan Gilman and Phyllis O'Brien, and their team for their sacrifice, and hard work in hosting the reception after the Mass. Thank you to everyone for making the day a very special day. Father Tony
- **St. John Harvest Mass:** Our Faith Formation kids are very excited for the November 18th Harvest Mass. Traditionally the kids walk up with the congregation with non-perishable food and participate in the Mass. Again this year we will have a fundraiser in the hall after Mass with bracelets, necklaces, hot chocolate, treats and St. John church t-shirts. All proceeds will go to the Adair and Casey food pantries. Please help us with this effort by bringing a non-perishable item before Mass and "shopping" at the fundraiser afterward. This has been such a fun and rewarding experience for our Faith Formation kids!

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- **Message from Father Tony:** I am writing to let you all know that I had a safe and enjoyable trip. Looking forward to my relaxing time and continuing education. Will see you all soon.
- **Knights of Columbus:** Meetings are held the second Sunday of each month at 6pm in the church hall. The next meeting date is November 11th. All men of the parish are encouraged to attend.

CALENDAR WITH MASS TIMES, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, SPECIALS

Sunday 10/28	Monday 10/29	Tuesday 10/30	Wednesday 10/31	Thursday 11/1	Friday 11/2	Saturday 11/3
Adair 7:30am Adoration, Confession, Rosary 8am Mass for Wilma Faga Stuart 9am Adoration 9am Choir Practice 10am Mass for George Clark BD: Logan Brincks 10:30 - 1pm: All Saints Chicken Dinner	BD: Macinzie McFarland, Becky O'Brien & Patrick Tiernan				BD: Gail Brincks & Payton Drake	Stuart 3:30pm Confessions 4:05 Rosary 4:30pm Mass BD: Egan Durbin & Donna Olson

All Saints Financial Partnership

October 21, 2018

Weekly Offering: \$ 1,900.00
 Children's Offering: \$ 10.50
 World Mission Sunday: \$ 117.00

St John Financial Partnership

October 21, 2018

Weekly Offering: \$ 980.00
 Children's Offering: \$ 18.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All Saints

Saturday, November 3

Rosary: Frank Holle
Ushers: Matt & Jen Dickson
Altar Server: Zoey Dickson, Bailey Dickson & Mitchell Dickson
Lector: Ronie Wilson
Commentator: Sharon Doud
Greeters: Matt & Jen Dickson
EMHC: Donna Donnelly, Sister Andre & Jodi Bassett

All Saints

Sunday, November 4

Ushers: Dennis Van Pelt & Patrick Tiernan
Altar Servers: Sam Kasap, Aiden Clauson & Taylor Ommen
Lector: Gary Riordan
Commentator: Wayne Nosbisch
Greeters: Dennis & Joyce Van Pelt
EMHC: Joyce Van Pelt, Davis Tisl & Linda Lee O'Neel

St. John

Sunday, November 4

Cross Bearer: Larry Drees
Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Mike Rees
Lector: Brian Richter
Host: Dave Richter
Cup: Elizabeth Moreland & Matt Fagan
Altar Servers: Addy Richter & Carley Fagan
Traveling Chalice: Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Money Counters

Tuesday, October 30th @ 1pm: Diane Messinger, Dennis Van Pelt & Dave Vigon
 Wednesday, November 7th @ 1pm: Janet Bassett, Mary Morgan & Pat Hohn