

## Father Tony's Corner

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own day-to-day life the goodness and generosity of God, who is always thinking of us and providing for us and watching over us. An attitude of creative service is the first key to being a true follower of Christ. The second key is unbounded confidence in Jesus. Mary noticed the problem, and she wanted to do something about it. But what exactly could she do? She was not a rich woman, and there was no local store in Cana where she could go to buy a few more gallons of cheap wine. Even though she did not have the resources to solve the problem all by herself, she knew exactly who did have the resources: her son. And so she goes to Jesus, catches his eye, and simply puts the need before him: 'They have no wine'. What a beautiful prayer. She does not give Jesus a specific to-do list, as if she were trying to micro-manage God. But she is not afraid to be specific and concrete about the need itself. She knows her son very well. She knows that his heart is full of goodness, mercy, and love. She knows that he is the Messiah, the Son of God, omnipotent. And so she approaches him with total confidence and openness, knowing that the unique combination of infinite love and unlimited omnipotence will be able to solve this problem. That is how we need to approach Jesus. He is our Savior; he came to earth for our sake - as we pray each week in the Creed. He loves us without condition, and his infinite wisdom and power are at the service of that love. Even when Jesus does not answer our prayers the way we would like him to, we can be certain that he knows what he is about. In our needs, in our confusion, in our troubles and sufferings, we should make Mary's prayer our own: 'we have no wine'. Confidence in Jesus - trust in the incomparable combination of his limitless love, power, and wisdom. This is the second key to spiritual maturity. But Mary does not stop with a mere attitude of confidence in Jesus. She puts her confidence into practice. After Jesus gives her a rather ambiguous answer to her prayer, she turns to the waiters and gives them the best piece of advice that any human being has ever given anyone: 'Do whatever he tells you'. The true test of our confidence in God's goodness and power is our obedience to his will. If we truly believe that God is our Father, our Savior, and our King, we will obey his commandments and his teachings; we will 'do whatever he tells' us. Inspired by Mary's confidence, these waiters do exactly that. They cannot imagine why Jesus tells them to fill up these huge stone containers with water. Logically speaking, that is not going to help the situation at all. And physically speaking, that is a lot of work. Only Mary's confidence in Jesus, overflowing into their own hearts and minds, gave them the faith they needed to obey. And as a result, they became part of a miracle and saved the day. The same thing happens in our own lives. In the midst of life's difficulties and temptations, and pressure from popular culture, obeying Church teaching often seems to be too much work: How can we fit daily prayer into our busy schedules? Sunday Mass is such an inconvenience, why can't I just pray out in nature? How can we find time to visit the sick and imprisoned, to feed the hungry, to instruct the ignorant and love our neighbor as ourselves? And yet, whenever we allow Mary's confidence in Jesus to overflow into our own hearts and minds, we too will find enough faith to obey what God, in his infinite love and wisdom, asks of us, and then we too will become part of a miracle and save the day. The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Queen of Heaven and Mother of God, is teaching us today how to follow Christ, how to become a mature Christian: By imitating her attitude of creative service, by sharing in her confidence in Jesus, and by joining her obedience to God's will, we will travel surely and swiftly along the path of a truly fulfilling, meaningful, and everlasting life.

### All Saints Financial Partnership

January 13, 2019

Weekly Offering: \$ 1,470.00

Children's Offering: \$ 9.60

### St John Financial Partnership

January 13, 2019

Weekly Offering: \$ 462.00

Children's Offering: \$ 11.00

### MONEY COUNTERS

Tuesday, January 22 @ 9am: Diane Messinger, Dennis Van Pelt & Dave Vigon

Tuesday, January 29 @ 1pm: Eric Tiernan, Gina James & Donna Donnelly

January 20, 2019

All Saints Catholic Church

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 have just heard the last words uttered by the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Bible: 'Do whatever he tells you'. Mary does not speak often in the Sacred Scriptures, but every time she does speak, her words overflow with wisdom. And this is no exception. Mary was the very first Christian, the first Catholic. She was filled with the Holy Spirit after the Annunciation, and from then on she dedicated her entire life to serving Jesus and contributing to his mission.

When we were baptized, we too received the gift of the Holy Spirit. And when we were confirmed, we formally declared our intention to spend our lives serving Jesus and contributing to his mission. But it is not always easy to carry out that noble and wise intention. Life is full of challenges, surprises, and temptations, and it is easy to get distracted. With her last words in the Bible, the Blessed Virgin Mary gives us the three keys to stay on-task in our efforts to follow Christ and discover the happiness that only he can give. Let us look at these three keys one by one, and see how we can apply them to our lives. The first key is an attitude of creative service. Mary was not in charge of this wedding at Cana. In the ancient world, it was always the bride's father who was in charge. And being in charge of a wedding was not an easy task. Weddings were some of the very few occasions in ancient times when common, working class people could take time off to celebrate and enjoy themselves. As a result, most weddings would include five to seven days of festivities. When Jesus and his newly formed band of followers showed up, they would have joined right in. And with the added drinking capacity of a bunch of hardy fishermen, it is no wonder that they ran out of wine. But the interesting thing is that the head caterer (the 'headwaiter'), the one who was responsible for providing food and drink throughout the wedding festivities, was not the one who noticed that the wine was running short. Instead, it was the Blessed Virgin Mary. Even in the midst of a rollicking party, a wedding feast where she was a guest and not a hostess, she kept her attention on the needs of others. She did not become so self-absorbed in having a good time that she forgot about those around her. Instead, she recognized the potential disaster, and then she took the initiative to do something about it - to help avert the great embarrassment and disappointment that running out of wine would cause to the bride's family. That was Mary's habitual approach to life: she always fostered an attitude of creative service. She kept her eyes open for opportunities to help others, and she took the initiative to seize those opportunities. This is how she reflected in her

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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

- **Annual Diocesan Appeal:** I want to thank everyone who participated in the Annual Diocesan Appeal for the year 2018, and a reminder to those who have not participated, that everyone's active participation is required to change the story of All Saints Catholic Church. We have not been able to meet our parish goal here at All Saints. We are looking forward to meeting that goal this year with your support, and sacrificial generosity. The Annual Diocesan Appeal Goal for All Saints is \$29,802 and we have paid \$24,040 so far. There is a balance of \$5,762 yet to be paid before the next appeal kicks in. If God has blessed you, and you are inspired to share a little of that blessing with your parish family to spread His kingdom and mission, please do so. May God bless you, your families and your loved ones with His abundant blessings during this special season. Fr. Tony
- **Christmas Gift to Parishioners:** All parishioners are invited to take a book after mass today as our gift to you and your family. May this season, and the new year, bestow multiple blessings on you all! Happy New Year!
- **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: \$ 7,935.**
- **Appreciation Party for Altar Servers :** We are blessed with a good number of altar servers. Father Tony would like to recognize and thank them for their ministry on Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> after 10:00 am Mass in the parish hall at All Saints; and Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup> after 8:00am Mass in the parish hall at St. John. Please consider this as a personal invitation to join the party.
- **Free Throw Contest:** The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a free throw contest Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at West Central Valley High School in Stuart. Registration forms are available in the gathering space.
- **COMING SOON! Lenten Fish Fry at St. John, Adair:** The Men's Club of St. John Lenten Fish Fry is coming soon! Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a good fish fry meal on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> and Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at St. John's Parish Hall in Adair.
- **Thank You to the Men's Club of St. John, Adair:** The Men's Club of St. John has decided to donate rain gutter for the Church. They are also going to donate \$ 2,000 towards the building fund for St. John. Your sacrifice, hard work, and generous giving is really appreciated by your parish family as you make a difference in the life of our parish. May God bless you, your families, and your loved ones with His abundant blessings. Thank You!
- **Stewardship:** Jesus calls and his call comes not as nameless people in a faceless crowd. He calls us individually, by name. Each one of us has a personal vocation. He gives us a unique role in carrying out his mission. The challenge is to understand our role, and to respond generously to that call. He calls us to a Christian way of life, or a Christian way of discipleship. Christian discipleship is a commitment of life after the model and example of Jesus Himself. It involves stewardship – meaning it requires making time for personal prayer. It means choosing to serve in parish ministries. It means planning a generous, consistent gift to the weekly offertory. Over time, as each person embraces his or her personal commitment, our parish can become a powerful witness to the abundant life that Jesus has promised. Thank you for what you are; and for what you bring to all of us through your life, gifts, and ministry.

## Altar and Rosary Society by Jodi Bassett, President

Parents and teachers and anyone who works with kids that are in the same family or that share common circumstances know that there can be a wide variety of talents and skills among them. Some kids are strong readers, others are whizzes at math, and some may be great athletes while others are good at music or otherwise artistically talented. It can be tricky to meet the needs and challenge the different strengths of individuals.

In the second reading from Corinthians, St. Paul describes the different spiritual gifts sent from God. The gifts to each individual are given for some benefit. One might receive the expression of wisdom, another, the expression of knowledge; others might receive the gifts of faith, healing, deeds, knowledge or interpretation of languages, prophecy or discernment. The individuals in God's family receive different spiritual gifts much like the children in our own families or classrooms. What is important is to learn to accept and appreciate each person's distinctive gifts, support them in their weaknesses, and understand that their unique traits are vital to our survival as a society. No one person has it all, and everyone has some. The Holy Spirit ensures it!

## Calendar with Mass Times, Birthdays and Anniversaries

<u>Sunday 1/20</u>	<u>Monday 1/21</u>	<u>Tuesday 1/22</u>	<u>Wednesday 1/23</u>	<u>Thursday 1/24</u>	<u>Friday 1/25</u>	<u>Saturday 1/26</u>
<b>Adair</b> 7:30am Adoration, Confession, Rosary 8am Mass for Tiago De Souza (health)	<b>BD:</b> Carol Knowlton, Shirley Wheatley, Camryn Tigges & Tammy Doud	<b>Stuart</b> 6pm Mass for Paul Heins	<b>Adair</b> 8:30am Mass for Angela Faga (health)	<b>Stuart</b> 9am Mass (Stuart Care Center) for Paul Heins	<b>Stuart</b> 8:30am Mass for deceased mem- bers of the Tigges & Gladfelder families	<b>Stuart</b> 3:30pm Confessions 4:05 Rosary 4:30pm Mass for Paul Heins
<b>Stuart</b> 9am Choir Practice 10am Mass for Paul Heins					<b>BD:</b> Roger Callahan, Pat Beaman, Michael Dickson & Natalie Suhr	<b>BD:</b> Sharon Doud & Chloe Schaffer
<b>Adair: 1/27</b> Mass for Francis Hollinrake (health)						

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### All Saints

##### Saturday, January 26

**Rosary:** Frank Holle

**Ushers:** Wayne & Jan Gilman

**Altar Server:** Jodi Bassett & Mitchell  
Dickson

**Lector:** Mark Tisl

**Commentator:** Roni Wilson

**Greeters:** Marvin & Janet Bassett

**EMHC:** Mark Tisl, Kari Tisl & Brenda  
Wedemeyer

#### All Saints

##### Sunday, January 27

**Ushers:** Dennis Van Pelt & Jim Doud

**Altar Servers:** Riley Doud, Davis Doud  
& Mitchell Doud

**Lector:** Gary Riordan

**Commentator:** Wayne Nosbisch

**Greeters:** Dennis & Joyce Van Pelt

**EMHC:** Joyce Van Pelt, Matt Smith &  
Larissa Crawford

#### St. John

##### Sunday, January 27

**Cross Bearer:** Carley Fagan

**Greeters:** Mr. & Mrs. John Fagan

**Lector:** Brian Richter

**Host:** Sister Nesta

**Cup:** Adela Vogl & Les Elgin

**Altar Servers:** Luke Brincks & Belle  
Fagan

**Traveling Chalice:** John & Kathy Fagan