

Father Tony's Corner

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many fields of uncomfortableness. Relationships are living things, so if they are not growing, they are dying. It takes effort to keep them growing. It is uncomfortable. We have to think purposely about the needs, likes, and desires of the other person, and step out of our comfort zone to help them, encourage them, be patient with them, and serve them - instead of expecting them to serve us. When relationships are new, it is easy to do this; and it is fun to be attentive. It is when relationships are old that it really takes virtue to live them the way Christ wants us to live them: selflessly. It is uncomfortable. These relationships need maintenance if we want them to continue bearing fruit. Which relationship in our life have we been neglecting? Let us commit ourselves to making a fresh start in that relationship. Let us allow God to make us a little uncomfortable, so that we can become the saint He made us to be. This truth, that every human being is personally desired and loved by God, is at the very core of Christ's revelation. But today's globalized world is in danger of losing sight of it, because popular culture is no longer Christian, but secular, as the spread of crimes clearly shows. But there are also more subtle manifestations of secularization too. In a culture that has forgotten the source of human dignity, people start to question the meaning of their own existence, and they become vulnerable to paralyzing stress, discouragement, and even depression. And this can overflow into our lives too, even though we have not forgotten the fact of God's love and purpose towards us. This is why it is so important for each one of us to have a daily God-time, to spend ten or fifteen minutes every single day alone with God, reading and reflecting on his Scriptures or some other solid, Catholic book, and speaking to him in heartfelt prayer. If we do not cultivate this personal friendship with God, we will start to fall into spiritual routine, Holy Communion will become superficial, Mass will become boring, we will stop recognizing sin in our lives and stop going to confession. And then we may start to think like everybody around us, drifting into the mentality that sees life's real purpose as making money, or being popular, and enjoying the world's pleasures, or having more success than the other guy. But that is not what life is about. Life is a journey towards eternal union with God, the only source of lasting satisfaction.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All Saints

Saturday, February 9

Rosary: Frank Holle

Ushers: Matt & Jen Dickson

Altar Server: Bailey & Zoey Dickson

Lector: Bob Bird

Commentator: Sharon Doud

Greeters: Matt & Jen Dickson

EMHC: Sister Nesta, Mark Tisl & Brenda Wedemeyer

All Saints

Sunday, February 10

Ushers: Faith Formation

Altar Servers: Faith Formation

Lector: Faith Formation

Commentator: Faith Formation

Greeters: Faith Formation

EMHC: Faith Formation

St. John

Sunday, February 10

Cross Bearer: Dave Richter

Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Phil Fagan

Lector: Barb Bachman

Host: Les Elgin

Cup: Sister Nesta & Adella Vogl

Altar Servers: Cole Plowman & Luke Brincks

Traveling Chalice: Matt & Monica Fagan

MONEY COUNTERS

Tuesday, February 5th @ 1pm: Janet Bassett, Mary Morgan & Pat Hohn

Tuesday, February 12th @ 1pm: Eric Tiernan, Gina James & Donna Donnelly

All Saints Financial Partnership

January 27, 2019

Weekly Offering: \$ 1833.00

Children's Offering: \$ 12.00

St. John Financial Partnership

January 27, 2019

Weekly Offering: \$ 440.00

Children's Offering: \$ 20.00

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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

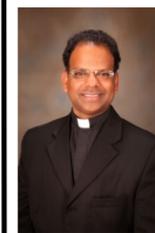
Sunday: 10am

St. John Mass Schedule

Wednesday: 8:30am

Sunday: 8am

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Jesus continues his teaching in the synagogue at Nazareth. People have a mixed reaction towards him. On the one hand, they admire and speak highly of him but on the other hand begin to question his identity. Is not this the son of Joseph? Jesus went around doing good, tiring himself out healing the sick, casting demons out of the possessed, comforting the troubled, giving himself to others out of love, and what did he get for it? All the influential and powerful people - the Pharisees and Sadducees - started calling him a rabble-rouser and spreading rumors that he was a drunkard and an agent of the devil. He went around preaching the truth, the truth about sin and salvation. He preached it fearlessly, eloquently, lovingly, with his words and with his example. As we hear in the gospel, his own townspeople reject him; they try to throw him off a cliff! Christ fulfilled his life mission, but it did not make him popular. Hence a pertinent question for us is: what is the measure of success for being the followers of Christ? Jesus has put the bar higher, because he loves us, and when you love someone you always seek the very best for them. You are not satisfied with mediocrity. Christ did not command us just to go to Church and be nice. It does not stop there. Christ commanded us to love one another as he loved us, and to go out and make disciples of all nations. That is what Christ did. He was successful at it. And what did his success bring him? Misunderstanding, persecution, rejection, and unpopularity. If we are to fulfill our life mission, we need to be ready to suffer similar consequences. We can measure our success as Christians not by how comfortable our faith is making us, but by how uncomfortable it is making us. Jesus wants us to live life to the full, and so he invites us out of our comfort zones. He invites us to move forward, to grow, to push ourselves, out of love, to become better Christians, better human beings, better ambassadors of Christ's Kingdom. Jesus is interested in many fields of 'uncomfortableness'. As Christians, we have been given the greatest treasure on earth: we know the meaning of life, and we know how to achieve it. If we are not eager to share this knowledge with others, something is seriously wrong. It could be that we have not let this knowledge sink in to our own lives. Being afraid of what other people think in this way can be a guillotine for our spiritual lives. That fear is natural; it comes from vanity. But our mission in life is supernatural, and that will always make us a little bit uncomfortable. Jesus wants us to be courageous, to overcome laziness and vanity with love. He knows that it will give our lives deeper meaning, and deeper happiness. He just needs us to make the decision. Our success as Christians depends largely on whether we are willing to let Jesus make our lives uncomfortable. He would not force us. He is a friend, a coach, and a mentor, not a dictator. But he does invite us, urge us, and suggest things to us. Jesus is interested 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

- **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.
- **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
- **Appreciation Party for Altar Servers at St. John:** We are blessed with a good number of altar servers, and Father Tony wants to recognize and thank them for their ministry on Sunday, February 17th after 8:00 a.m. Mass in the parish hall. Please consider this as a personal invitation and join us for the party.
- **Thank You!** We want to thank Jill Gerling for coordinating the Altar Server Appreciation Party on Sunday, January 27th at All Saints, and all those who were present at the party. Thank you parents for bringing your children. Your collaboration, and sacrifice is appreciated by your parish family, and together we can grow as a parish family. Thank you.
- **Lenten Choir:** Each Wednesday at All Saints, Mass begins with music provided by a Lenten choir. You are invited to take part in this choir by joining us for rehearsals from 3:30-4:15 p.m. prior to Saturday Mass starting February 2nd. Please contact Brenda Wedemeyer at brendawedemeyer@yahoo.com for further information.
- **First Reconciliation at St. John:** There are six students who are preparing for First Communion from St. John, Adair. They are all excited to receive Jesus into their hearts for the first time. As a step towards it, they will be making their first reconciliation on Wednesday, February 6th at 6:00 p.m. Parents lead their children by example, and therefore, are also encouraged to make their reconciliation together with their children.
- **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 15th, Friday, March 29th and Friday, April 12th at St. John's Parish Hall in Adair.
- **COMING SOON: The liturgical season Lent!** Lent is a solemn religious observance in the liturgical calendar that begins on **Ash Wednesday** and ends approximately six weeks later, before **Easter Sunday**. It is a time of preparation through **prayer**, doing **penance**, **repentance** of sins, **almsgiving**, **atonement**, and **self-denial**. One of the devotional practices of Catholics during Lent is meditating on the **Stations of the Cross**, a devotional commemoration of **Christ's carrying the Cross** and of **his execution**. This year, we have a unique opportunity to participate in the Holy Eucharist on **Wednesdays of lent at 5.30 p.m.** followed by the Stations of the Cross, and a soup supper at All Saints. Let us make the season of Lent a time of grace and blessing for ourselves, our families, and our parish family.

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- **Mass Intentions!** The tradition of offering Masses for others, particularly the dead, originates in the very early Church. When we face the death of someone, even a person who is not Catholic, to have a Mass offered for the repose of his soul and to offer our prayers are more beneficial and comforting than any other sympathy card or bouquet of flowers. To have a Mass offered on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special need is appropriate, beneficial and appreciated. If you would like to offer Mass for a deceased family member or someone who is sick or to celebrate someone's birthday or to celebrate a couple's wedding anniversary, kindly contact the parish office.
- **Looking for a Sponsor/Sponsors for the Paschal Candle:** At the Easter Vigil Service, a new fire is lit, blessed, and the celebrant lights the Paschal Candle from the new fire, saying: may the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds. The candle is then processed through the church, at three different times, singing: the Light of Christ (*Lumen Christi*), and the congregation sings in reply: thanks be to God (*Deo gratias*). And then everyone lights their candle from the Paschal Candle and continue in procession until the whole church is alight. The Paschal Candle symbolizes Christ, the Light of the World. We have the Easter Vigil Service at All Saints on Saturday, April 20, would you consider sponsoring that Paschal Candle this year?

Altar and Rosary Society by Jodi Bassett, President

We are the recipients of a great many gifts from God. In Saint Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, he describes many of them and their shortcomings. How can a gift from God be anything but perfect? Well, it probably is still perfect, but it just pales in comparison to love. In fact, it is the gift of love that makes all else worthwhile, and even valuable.

This chapter and verse of Corinthians is one of the best known, and possibly one of the most referenced. It is very popular for weddings; I chose it for a reading in our wedding. But its message is pretty important. Communication, knowledge, and faith are nothing without love. Love will always win out, because it never fails. Most likely any decision based on love is a decision well made.

Love brings clarity. As children, we behave, think and act as children. But as we mature and come to know love, we are as adults. We know, although partially, but with love, we begin to know fully. Love make our tongue comprehensible, and our prophecy understandable. It makes everything we do more complete.

As we approach St. Valentine's Day and Lent, be mindful of the different kinds of love we have for others and realize that none of those loves supersedes the love God has for us.

Calendar with Mass Times, Birthdays and Anniversaries

<u>Sunday 2/3</u>	<u>Sunday 2/3</u>	<u>Tuesday 2/5</u>	<u>Wednesday 2/6</u>	<u>Thursday 2/7</u>	<u>Friday 2/8</u>	<u>Saturday 2/9</u>
<u>Adair</u>	<u>Stuart</u>	<u>Stuart</u>	<u>Adair</u>	<u>Stuart</u>	<u>Stuart</u>	<u>Stuart</u>
7:30am Adoration, Confession, Rosary	ANN: John & Harriett	6pm Mass for Paul Heins	8:30am Mass for Elizabeth Lillard (health)	9am Mass (Stuart Care Center) for Paul Heins	8:30am Mass for Paul Heins	3:30pm Confessions
8am Mass for Leona Dress	Gulbranson 1973	BD: Christina Boss	BD: Margie Livermore & Ryan Morrison	BD: Bruce Partlow, Maria DuBois & Zach Kloewer		4:05 Rosary 4:30pm Mass for Paul Heins
<u>Stuart</u>	<u>Monday 2/4</u>					BD: Barb Bachman, Dave Boss & Bailey Burris
9am Choir Practice						
10am Mass for Teresa Powell						
<u>2/10 Adair</u>						
Mass for Francis Hollinrake (health)						