

(Father Tony's Corner continued from the front page) Likewise, a person will produce good or bad fruit depending on what is sown in the heart. Jesus connects soundness with good fruit. Something is sound when it is free from defect, decay, or disease and is healthy. Good fruit is the result of sound living - living according to moral truth and upright character. The fruits of falsehood produce an easy religion which takes the iron out of religion, the cross out of Christianity, and any teaching which eliminates the hard sayings of Jesus, and which push the judgments of God into the background and makes us think lightly of sin. How do we avoid falsehood and bad fruit in our lives? By being true - true to God, his word, and the grace and help he gives us so we can turn away from evil and wrongdoing. And that takes character. Those who are true to God know that their strength lies not in themselves but in God who supplies everything we need to live as his disciples. The Lord strengthens us with the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit - with faith, hope and love, justice, prudence, fortitude and temperance. And we grow in godly character through exercising the gifts and strength which God supplies. Do we want to bear good fruit in our daily life? Allow the Holy Spirit to train us in godliness and the wisdom to distinguish good fruit from bad fruit. We have to invest time, prayer, and reflection to determine the solid foundation on which to live and to be guided. We cannot just invent this on our own: we need help from Our Lord, and we need help from dependable people and solid traditions. If someone recognizes something to be evil, they avoid it. Jesus teaches us not to judge people, but he does teach us to judge actions: evil people do evil things, just as good people do good things. As we step in to the season of Lent, let us pray for the grace to recognize the need of the Physician who can heal the whole person - soul and body, mind and heart - and restore us to abundant life both now and for the age to come in his everlasting kingdom.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS		
All Saints <u>Saturday, March 9</u> Rosary: Frank Holle Ushers: NEED Altar Server: Jodi Bassett Lector: Joan Brooking Commentator: Donna Donnelly Greeters: Need EMHC: Donna Donnelly, Brenda Wedemeyer & NEED ONE MORE	All Saints <u>Sunday, March 10</u> Ushers: John Gulbranson & Patrick Gulbranson Altar Servers: NEED ALL Lector: Harriet Gulbranson Commentator: NEED Greeters: NEED EMHC: Harriet Gulbranson, NEED 2 MORE	St. John <u>Sunday, March 10</u> Cross Bearer: Francis Hollinrake Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Francis Hollinrake Lector: Barb Bachman Host: Sr. Andre Cup: Matt Fagan & Adella Vogl Altar Servers: Belle Fagan & Addy Richter Traveling Chalice: Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

ALL SAINTS ASH WEDNESDAY Greeters: All Faith Formation Children; **Altar Servers:** Camryn Tigges, Zoey Dickson, DaMerica Smith & Evie Boyle; **Lectors:** 1st Reading: Chloe Shaffer; 2nd Reading: Jackson Doyle; **Ushers:** Nick Smith & Anna Byrnes; **Gift Bearers:** Violet Aubert, Dayana Huerta & Olivia Nims
Universal Prayer: Mitch Dickson; **EMHC:** Jill Gerling, Maria Ladwig & Matt Smith; **Bulletin Handout:** Louis Huerta & Grayson Nims

MONEY COUNTERS

Tuesday, March 5th @ 1pm: Janet Bassett, Mary Morgan & Pat Hohn
Tuesday, March 12th @1pm: Eric Tiernan, Regina James, Donna Donnelly

All Saints Financial Partnership February 24, 2019 Weekly Offering: \$ 1,130.00 Children's Offering: \$ 10.00 Building Fund: \$ 0.00 Finance Council Members: Suzy Aubert, John Gulbranson, Anita Hilgers, Scott Lonsdale & Bob Olson	St. John Financial Partnership February 24, 2019 Weekly Offering: \$ 0.00 NO MASS Children's Offering: \$ 0.00 Finance Council Members: Monica Fagan, Larry Drees, Elizabeth Moreland, Julie Plowman & Andrew Richter
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Office Hours

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

Bulletin Deadline:

Noon Wednesday



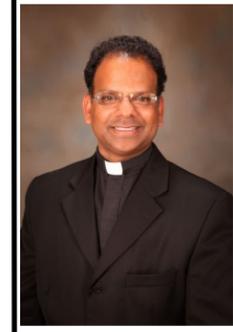
All Saints Mass Schedule

Tuesday: 6pm
Thursday: 9am (Care Center)
Friday: 8:30am
Saturday: 4:30pm
Sunday: 10am

St. John Mass Schedule

Wednesday: 8:30am
Sunday: 8am

Father Tony's Corner



As we are about to step in to the season of lent, we have a profound Gospel narrative for our reflection. And to place things in the context, the Gospel of Luke was written by a disciple who was trained as a physician. Luke, with keen insight, portrays Jesus as the good Physician and Shepherd of souls who seeks out those who desire healing, pardon, and restoration of body, mind, and spirit. Jesus came to free us from the worst oppression possible - slavery to sin, fear, and condemnation. Like a gentle and skillful doctor, Jesus exposes the cancer of sin, evil, and oppression in our lives so we can be set free and restored to wholeness. A key step to healing and restoration requires that we first submit to the physician who can heal us. Jesus is our great Physician because he heals the whole person - soul and body, mind and heart - and restores us to abundant life both now and for the age to come in his everlasting kingdom. Jesus wants to heal and restore us to wholeness, not only for our own sake alone. He also wants us to be his instruments of healing, pardon, and restoration for others as well. Hence, an important question is: what can hinder us from helping others draw near to Jesus the divine Physician? How easy it is to misjudge others and how difficult it is to be impartial in giving good judgment. Our judgment of others is usually 'off the mark' because we cannot see inside the other person, or we do not have access to all the facts, or we are swayed by instinct and unreasoning reactions to people. It is easier to find fault in others than in oneself. A critical and judgmental spirit crushes rather than heals, oppresses rather than restores, repels rather than attracts. 'Thinking the best of other people' is necessary if we wish to grow in love. And kindness in judgment is nothing less than a sacred duty. What you give to others will return to you. Jesus states a heavenly principle we can stake our lives on: what you give to others (and how you treat others) will return to you (Mark 4. 24). The Lord knows our faults and he sees all, even the imperfections and sins of the heart which we cannot recognize in ourselves. Like a gentle father and a skillful doctor, he patiently draws us to his seat of mercy and removes the cancer of sin which inhabits our hearts. Hence, we need to ask him to flood our hearts with his loving-kindness and mercy that we may have room for charity, forbearance, and kindness towards our neighbor. Another powerful image that Jesus uses is figs and grapes over against thorns and brambles. The fig tree was the favorite of all trees for the people of Palestine. It symbolized fertility, peace, and prosperity. Grapes, likewise, produced wine, the symbol of joy. Thorns and brambles were only good for burning as fuel for the fire. There is a proverbial saying that you know a tree by its fruit.
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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 2019:** Each year, every member of our diocesan faith community is asked to participate in making a gift to support the work and ministry of Bishop Pates through the Annual Diocesan Appeal. We are part of a much larger church community – the Church of the Diocese of Des Moines which encompasses 23 counties of Iowa, with 81 parishes, 17 schools and more than 35,000 registered Catholic households. The total goal for this year’s appeal is just over \$ 4.4 million. Each of the 81 parishes in the Diocese of Des Moines has a goal that is calculated based on a formula of parish income and expenses. One of the largest expenses covered by the Diocesan appeal is for support of our priests. The Diocese pays 100 percent of the health care. The appeal also covers the priest’s retirement benefits, expenses which are not absorbed by our parish. The Diocese currently supports 112 priests, 37 of those priests are retired and 75 are active. Of those, approximately 23 will reach retirement age over the next 10 years. Consequently, the appeal covers the formation of our deacons, and education of our 16 seminarians as they study in their last years of Seminary. The ADA also covers administrative expense for the staff of the diocese who are dedicated to serving our parish in many ways. Bishop Pates’ ministry, including housing, travel throughout the Diocese for meetings, special masses, and confirmations are all supported by the ADA. Last, but not least, a portion of our ADA dollars supports Catholic Charities in feeding and clothing those in need; providing shelter for homeless families; assisting victims of domestic violence; counseling thousands of individuals, and welcoming refugees who have fled their native lands as they settle in Iowa. Your gift has significant impact on the how we live out our faith. Thank you again for your ongoing and generous support.

Parish ADA Goal: *All Saints, Stuart, ADA Goal \$30,035* *St. John, Adair, ADA Goal \$7,257*

- **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.

- **Ash Wednesday Schedule:**

Mass/Distribution of ashes 8:30 a.m. at St. John

Mass/Distribution of ashes 6:00 p.m. at All Saints

- **Bible Study at St. John Catholic Church:** In the past we have enjoyed the Jeff Cavins Bible Timeline Series Bible study. Annie would like to know who would be interested in starting "Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom." There are 20 total sessions and the workbook cost would be \$29 per person. This is a very in depth study into the early church and the mission of the apostles. Each class would be about an hour of watching the DVD. If interested, text Annie 402-216-9488 or email annie68164@hotmail.com so we can plan days/time for the study. Thanks!

- **Fast and Abstinence:** Ash Wednesday, March 6th, a day of both fast and abstinence. Fast and abstinence are to be observed by all those who have celebrated their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday. Abstinence from meat is to be observed on all the Fridays of Lent by all who have celebrated their 14th birthday.

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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.

Altar and Rosary Society by Jodi Bassett, President

You may have heard the phrase, “Remain silent and be thought a fool; speak, and remove all doubt.” How we communicate, mostly through our speech, reveals much about our inner thoughts and intentions. Speech includes not only words, but tone, volume, rate, and other factors. Sometimes, it’s not what we say, but how we say it.

I know a lot of people who are rather fluent in profanity. I don’t find it particularly offensive, but I do think much of it is unnecessary. If it’s a part of a casual conversation, it can be overdone; but if it is delivered with a threatening tone, it can be disturbing. A well-placed curse word can make a point or demonstrate seriousness, but a non-stop prattle of “*-bombs” impresses no one and can be a real turn-off for others. Some people may even be embarrassed to be in the company of such a barrage.

Social media is another place where some people feel the need to speak without restriction. Political rants, gripes about irritations relative to our families, jobs, hobbies or entertainment are prevalent. I have been guilty of some of this, but I try to keep a positive message. Some people seem to have no filter, and no off button.

A pet peeve of mine is poor grammar. The poorly spoken word is often like fingernails on a chalkboard to me, but reading something with a lot of spelling and grammatical errors not only aggravates me, but takes much longer and is more difficult to read.

In this week’s first reading, Sirach suggests that how we speak reveals our faults and how our minds work; even that we are tested by our speech. How does what you say and how you say it influence the way other people view you? What impressions do your words leave with people?

Calendar with Mass Times, Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday 3/3	Monday 3/4	Tuesday 3/5	Wednesday 3/6	Thursday 3/7	Friday 3/8	Saturday 3/9
Adair 7:30am Adoration, Confession, Rosary 8am Mass for Leona Drees	BD: Brenna Bird	Stuart 6pm Mass BD: Nick Doud	Adair 8:30am Mass for Flora Sibbel BD: Scott Fillman, Erin Carey	Stuart 9am Mass (Stuart Care Center)	BD: Kerri McFarland, Robert Bird, Sarah Kilbourn, Stephanie Kuttler	Stuart 3:30pm Confessions 4:05 Rosary 4:30pm Mass for the People BD: Francis McGinnis, Jeri Pieper, Garrett Elgin
Stuart 9am Choir Practice 10am Mass for Ila Mae Pivonka BD: Marilyn Wagers, Jill Gerling			ANN: Craig & Brenda Wedemeyer			