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heart. Second, we can look for our fulfillment in power, in being able to do whatever we want, without limitations. This is the idol of arrogance, diabolical pride. Thus the devil's second temptation: 'I shall give to you all this power and glory'. Only God is self-sufficient; the rest of us depend on him. When we reject that dependence, we end up becoming slaves of selfishness, worshippers of the devil. And so Jesus answers, 'You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve'. Third, we can look for our fulfillment in popularity or praise. This is the idol of vanity. Thus the third temptation: a miraculous swan-dive off the Temple roof would impress everyone and win Jesus instant fame. But people's opinions are fickle; fashions change all the time; whereas God's friendship is firm and dependable. Risking that friendship for the sake of passing popularity is bad business. Thus Jesus says, 'You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test'. Sensuality, arrogance, and vanity; seeking fulfillment in pleasure, power, or popularity; these are the three root sins, which Jesus unmasks. If we can identify which is our main root sin, we can direct our spiritual work more intelligently, and really start making progress as Christians. Getting to know our root sin and its most frequent manifestations arms us for spiritual battle. The better we know where we are weak, the better we will be able to resist temptation. We are all tempted. Every day we are invited to rebel against God in little things and big things. The patterns of behavior around us, our own self-centered tendencies, and the devil himself are always inviting us to trust more in our own flawed judgment than in God's wisdom. But temptation is not sin. In fact, every temptation is a chance to exercise our trust in God, to reclaim territory for Christ's Kingdom, just as Jesus did when he was tempted. Because Jesus was tempted, he redeemed temptation. With his grace, his victory over sin can become our victory. That is why he came to earth in the first place. The message Christ has for us today is a message of hope. We can conquer sin, in our lives and in the world around us. We just need to stay united to Christ. That is what the Holy Eucharist is for – that is why God gave it to us. And that is also what the Bible is for. Jesus parries the Devil's attacks by quoting from the Scriptures, the inspired Word of God. Today, let us promise to do our part to stay united to him, to trust in him and seek our happiness in our friendship with him, and let us ask him which tactic he wants us to use this Lent: whether to spend more time with him in the Holy Eucharist, or more time with him in the Scriptures.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All Saints	All Saints	St. John
Saturday, March 16	Sunday, March 17	Sunday, March 17
Rosary: Frank Holle	Ushers: Bob Olson & VOLUNTEER	Cross Bearer: Belle Fagan
Ushers: Scott & Cindy Lonsdale	Altar Servers: VOLUNTEERS	Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Cleon Klemish
Altar Server: Zoey & Bailey Dickson	Lector: Donna Olson	Lector: Julie Plowman
Lector: Donna Donnelly	Commentator: VOLUNTEER	Host: Adella Vogl
Commentator: VOLUNTEER	Greeters: VOLUNTEER	Cup: Sister Andre & Les Elgin
Greeters: Scott & Cindy Lonsdale	EMHC: Linda Lee O'Neel &	Altar Servers: Luke Brincks &
EMHC: Donna Donnelly, Jodi Bassett & Brenda Wedemeyer	VOLUNTEERS	Carley Fagan
		Traveling Chalice: Phyllis O'Brien

MONEY COUNTERS

Tuesday, March 12th @1pm: Eric Tiernan, Regina James, Donna Donnelly

Sunday, March 17 after Mass: Donna Olson & Gina Ocheltree

All Saints Financial Partnership

March 3, 2019

Weekly Offering: \$ 2,247.00

Children's Offering: \$ 27.41

Building Fund: \$ 702.00

Ash Wednesday: \$ 422.00

Finance Council Members: Suzy Aubert, John Gulbranson, Anita Hilgers, Scott Lonsdale & Bob Olson

St. John Financial Partnership

March 3, 2019

Weekly Offering: \$ 1,170.00

Children's Offering: \$ 12.00

Ash Wednesday: No Collection

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
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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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As we begin our journey through the liturgical season of Lent, we are invited to reflect upon the desert experience of Jesus. As a matter of fact in the Bible, God speaks to people in the desert. In the silence of the desert, we come face to face with both the good and the bad inside each one of us. In the desert, we decide who will be first in our lives: God or myself. Most of us cannot go off and spend weeks alone in a literal desert. But Lent is like the desert. The Church gives us this time to listen more closely to God, and to grow in our relationship with him - and that means putting God first. In the gospel today, we are told that Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He does this by proposing three ways to put something else before God. Jesus has been fasting for forty days. He is probably a little bit hungry by now. The Devil tempts Jesus to turn stones into bread, putting his comfort ahead of the Father's will. Food is good, but it would not fill our hearts. Then the Devil takes Jesus to a mountain top and shows him the whole world. He tells him 'I shall give to you all this power and glory, if you worship me'. Success is good, but it would not fill our hearts. And finally, he leads him to Jerusalem, makes him stand on the parapet of the temple, and says to him, if you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here'. Imagine how much this would impress the onlookers. The esteem of others is good, but it would not fill our hearts. It is important to look at the response of Jesus to all of these. He tells the Devil that he will choose his Father above everything else because he wants to put God first. Lent is a time for us to feel uncomfortable, and ask ourselves a tough question: am I a better Christian now than I was a year ago? Am I holier? Am I more like Christ? Am I really becoming the saint that God created me to be? Jesus loves us too much to let us be lazy. He is like a good coach, always encouraging us to grow, to improve. Unfortunately, many of us are not growing as quickly or as constantly as we should. Professionally we are moving up, may be.; academically, athletically we are making progress. Perhaps spiritually, we are still stuck where we have always been on a plateau. The same temptations, the same falls, the same sins over and over again. One of the reasons for this is that we do not go to the real roots of our selfishness. We try to follow Christ more faithfully, but we do not do so intelligently. We keep trying to cut off the branches of impatience, or greed, or lust, or dishonesty, but the roots are still intact, so the branches just keep growing back. In Jesus' temptation in the desert, the devil makes the mistake of exposing the three roots of all our sins. In each one of us, one of these roots is bigger and stronger than the others (though we all have all three). One way of understanding the three root sins is by asking the question, where am I looking for fulfillment? The Gospel tells us that we should be looking for it in our friendship with Christ, in being faithful to God's will in our lives, because we were made to find lasting happiness in him. But ever since original sin, we have a tendency to look for it in three other places, three idols. These are the three temptations the devil throws at Jesus. First we can look for it in pleasure and comfort: 'command this stone to become bread'. This is the idol of sensuality. Life's pleasures and comforts are good things. God created them. But they do not last; they do not satisfy the

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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

- **Thank you Sponsors of the Paschal Candle :** The Paschal candle that we will be using at the Easter Vigil Service on Saturday, April 20, 2019 at All Saints, Stuart is being sponsored by two anonymous donors. We thank them for their kindness and generosity. As we light the new fire, and from it the new Paschal candle, we will remember them, and their families. And may the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds. Thank you for being a blessing to our wonderful parish family!
- **Rescheduled Altar Server Appreciation 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, March 31, 2019 after the 8 a.m. Mass at St. John's parish hall. Please consider this as a personal invitation to join for the party.
- **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. Volunteers are needed to help clean up after each event so lend a giving hand if you are able. Many hands make light work. Thank you!
- **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!
- **Abstinence during Lent:** Abstinence from meat is to be observed on all the Fridays of Lent by all who have celebrated their 14th birthday.
- **THANK YOU!** The family of Ron Dupuy would like to thank Fr Tony, Donna Olson, Norma Tigges, Larissa Crawford ,Tyler Johnston, Sam Kasap and Nate and Gabe Gerling for their parts in the funeral mass. We would also like to thank the Altar and Rosary for the luncheon and all those who provided salads and desserts. Your thoughts and prayers have been greatly appreciated. Karen Dupuy, Karey & Nate Smith and Family, and Kevin & Angie Dupuy and Family.
- **Free Throw Contest:** The Knights of Columbus would like to congratulate Jenna Doyle, daughter of Ben & Julie Doyle, on qualifying for the state free throw contest! She will compete against other state qualifiers at Holy Family School in Des Moines on March 30th! Congratulations and Good Luck Jenna!

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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.
- **Thank You to the Mardi Gras Team:** We want to thank the Mardi Gras team for organizing an evening of fun and fellowship on Saturday, March 2, 2019. Also want to thank all those who were part of the fun and fellowship because without your presence, there would not have been a celebration. Your hard work, and sacrifice always makes a difference in our parish family, and we are grateful to each one of you for sharing your gifts, talents and time with us. Thank you.

Altar and Rosary Society by Jodi Bassett, President

I would like to thank everyone who came and enjoyed our Fat Saturday event last weekend. Though small, it was a nice evening and I think everyone had a good meal and a fun time. I especially wish to thank the committee, Barb and Dave Boss, Kathy and Dale Grundmeier, as well as Wayne and Jan Gilman who assisted. Working together made the evening a success! We hope we can grow the Fat Saturday event in future years.

Fat Saturday is our Mardi Gras themed party to lead us into Ash Wednesday and Lent. Each of us knows what Lent means to us. It is a time of sacrifice, prayer, and almsgiving. For some, it is a time to give up something meaningful to us; for others, it's a time to be extra prayerful. Others have the means to give more financially, either to the church or to other worthy causes. It is also a time to be more conservative in our meals and eating. Most of us are to avoid meat on Ash Wednesday and Fridays of Lent, and to only eat one full meal and two smaller meals on those days. Ideally, we aren't supposed to snack between meals for the duration of Lent. That one can be tough!

Lent can be tough. Lent is supposed to be tough. We are meant to suffer even a fraction of how Jesus suffered for us in his final days. And we are to maintain our appearance, and be private in our praying and almsgiving. When and how we fast, pray or financially support others is between God and us. The Father "who sees what is hidden will repay you."

Calendar with Mass Times, Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday 3/10	Monday 3/11	Tuesday 3/12	Wednesday 3/13	Thursday 3/14	Friday 3/15	Saturday 3/16
Adair 7:30am Adoration, Confession, Rosary 8am Mass for Gerald & Mary Ann Gettler 3/13 Mass for Jeanett Wittrock Stuart 9am Choir Practice 10am Mass for the People BD: Harriet Gulbranson	BD: Diane Messinger	Stuart 6pm Mass for Francis Hollinrake (health) BD: Rosie Tisl	Adair 8:30am Mass Stuart 5:30pm Mass & Stations of the Cross followed by Soup Supper sponsored by the Altar & Rosary Society NO Faith Formation	Stuart 9am Mass (Stuart Care Center)	Stuart 8:30am Mass for Elizabeth Linnand (health) BD: Brooke Smith	Stuart 3:30pm Confessions 4:05 Rosary 4:30pm Mass BD: Jeremy Trichel