

**Father Tony's Corner** *(continued from front page)*  
 we know our bodies need that nourishment. Many people almost never let a day go by without exercising, because they know their bodies need that stimulation. Why not do the same thing for our souls? That is what a daily quiet time is for. It is a one-on-one appointment with the Lord, which gives him room to refresh, nourish, and exercise our soul. It is very simple to do. Choose a time and place in which you would not be interrupted. Then do three things: First, Remember. Remind yourself that Christ is with you and wants to be with you. Think of all the blessings he has given you. Second, Read. Take out a spiritual book, a Bible, or your favorite prayer book and read a paragraph or two, slowly. No rush. Third, Reflect. Think about what you read. Listen to what God wants to say to you through it. Apply it to your life. Remember, Read, Reflect. Before you know it the fifteen minutes will be up, and you will have received a word of encouragement from God to help you live the life he wants you to. Prayer is the secret to drinking in all the graces God has in store for us. We have to ask ourselves: is our prayer life in good shape? Has it improved in the last year, the last ten years? If it is out of shape, we would not be able to drink in the graces God wants to give us this Lent, the ones we really need. We all know that happiness depends on living in a close relationship with God, as Adam and Eve did before the fall. It is the most basic truth of our catechism: separated from God, the human heart withers, like a plant that never gets sunshine. But after the loss of grace through original sin, staying close to God became impossible. He is too bright for graceless, sin-damaged eyes to see; he is too far away for sin-weakened souls to find. If it were not for Christ, who shades that brightness and crosses that distance, every human soul would live in hopeless frustration, unable to embrace the only person who can make us truly happy: God. Today, he is hoping we will decide to become better people of prayer. Let us not disappoint him.

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**Office Hours**

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

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Noon Wednesday



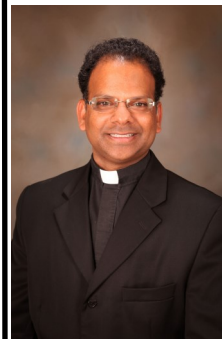
**All Saints Mass Schedule**

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**



The natural seasons of the year give a rhythm to life. Each season provides nature with something it needs to keep growing. The same thing happens in the Church, with liturgical seasons. In each liturgical season God sends us graces we need in order to keep growing in wisdom, holiness, and happiness. But these graces do not benefit our souls automatically, the way sunlight benefits plants. Rather, we have to take them in on purpose. Then the question is, how can we bathe in the supernatural sunlight that will make us grow, make us better, make us change, during this liturgical season? Today the Church reminds us of the most effective method we have for drinking in all the graces God wants to give us during this Lent: prayer. In the Gospel, Jesus leads his three closest disciples away from the hustle and bustle of life, up to the top of a high mountain, where he can be alone with them, and give them a lesson in prayer. We often overlook one of the most remarkable pieces of evidence that shows how important prayer really is. Jesus prayed all the time. Last week we saw him go off into the desert to pray. Again in today's Gospel passage, we see him go up the mountain to pray. In dozens of other Gospel passages we see the same thing. Let us think about what that implies. Jesus Christ was God become man. His human nature was infused with the power of his divine person. He was perfect, sinless, without any tendencies to selfishness, laziness, or pride. His character was flawless, firm as the mountains and gentle as a mother's caress. His mind was beyond brilliant, filled with the radiance of divine light and understanding. He had no emotional scars from a difficult family upbringing, no personality disorders, no lacks, no wounds, no imperfections at all. And yet, over and over again in the Gospels, we see him go off to be alone in prayer: 'Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray'. Sometimes we even read about how he had to get up early to make time for prayer. Other times he had to stay up late to make time for it, but he always did it. Jesus needed to pray. If he, who was perfect in every way, needed prayer in order to fulfill his life's mission, what does that imply for us, who are so imperfect, so weak, so vulnerable to every sort of temptation and wounded by every kind of sin? Christ was a man of prayer, and, as he himself put it, 'no disciple is greater than his master'. If he needed to pray; so, do we. All of us have to ask ourselves about our prayer lives. We need to be honest. If our prayer life has not grown in the last year, we need to do something about it. God still has so much he wants to do in our lives. Improving our prayer life will give him room to work. One way to do that is by instituting a daily quiet time. We never let a day go by without taking a shower, because we know our bodies need that cleansing. We never let a day go by without eating, because

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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.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

All Saints	All Saints	St. John
<u>Saturday, March 23</u>	<u>Sunday, March 24</u>	<u>Sunday, March 24</u>
Rosary: Frank Holle	Ushers: Tom Doud & <u>VOLUNTEER</u>	Cross Bearer: John Fagan
Ushers: David Doud & <u>VOLUNTEER</u>	Altar Servers: <u>VOLUNTEERS</u>	Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Mick Baudler
Altar Server: Connie Drake & <u>VOLUNTEER</u>	Lector: Amy Doud	Lector: Brian Richter
Lector: <u>VOLUNTEER</u>	Commentator: <u>VOLUNTEER</u>	Host: Les Elgin
Commentator: Joan Brooking	Greeters: Tom & Amy Doud	Cup: Elizabeth Moreland & Dave Richter
Greeters: David & Sharon Doud	EMHC: Linda Lee O'Neel & <u>VOLUNTEERS</u>	Altar Servers: Cole Plowman & Carley Fagan
EMHC: Jodi Bassett, Brenda Wedemeyer & <u>VOLUNTEER</u>		Traveling Chalice: Les & Theresa Elgin

**MONEY COUNTERS**

Tuesday, March 19th @ 1pm: Donna Olson & Gina Ocheltree  
 Tuesday, March 26th @ 9am: Diane Messinger, Dennis VanPelt & Dave Vigon

**All Saints Financial Partnership**

March 10, 2019

Weekly Offering: \$ 1,803.00  
 Children's Offering: \$ 23.00  
 Building Fund: \$ 85.00  
Finance Council Members: Suzy Aubert, John Gulbranson, Anita Hilgers, Scott Lonsdale & Bob Olson

**St. John Financial Partnership**

March 10, 2019

Weekly Offering: \$ 522.00  
 Children's Offering: \$ 10.00  
Finance Council Members: Monica Fagan, Larry Drees, Elizabeth Moreland, Julie Plowman & Andrew Richter

