

Father Tony's Corner (continued from front page)

Consider Our Lord's last few days in Jerusalem or Judas going out to betray him (Monday through Thursday morning). Consider the institution of the Priesthood and the Eucharist, and Jesus' commandment to love (Thursday evening). Consider Gethsemane and his capture (late Thursday evening). Stand at his side when he is facing Pilate, or at the foot of his Cross at Calvary (Friday), sit with him in the tomb, or go to wherever Mary or one of the disciples (late Friday through Saturday) is suffering in silence and solitude and speak with them. Whether you attend the liturgies or take time out throughout the week, spend it with Our Lord. With this liturgy, we stand at the threshold of Holy Week, the week in which we commemorate the most profound mysteries of life and death, of God and man, of love and sin. We have prepared for forty days to step into Holy Week and remind ourselves that by doing so we step into a new life won for us by Christ at a high cost. We must not take this step lightly. Our Lord took the first step humbly, just as we should do. He did not commandeer the ass on which he rode into Jerusalem; he borrowed it. His disciples made a great commotion with a lot of fanfare, but they also showed at the same time that they still did not completely get it. Holy Week is a time for considering our convictions in the light of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. They may need some shaking up too. Today and throughout this week we should give thanks to God for the great things he has done, reflect on his saving love, and renew our commitment to follow him. But above all this week, we should stay united to Christ our Savior. This week we should each be hooked up to Christ the way people in the hospital are hooked up to an IV. We need his strength to come into our lives so we can have the courage to live as he wants us to live. We need to let all the graces he wants to give us this week flow freely into our souls and renew us, bringing a spiritual springtime into our hearts. There are two things we can do to stay united to Christ, to stay hooked up to his grace. First there is prayer. We should spend more time in prayer this week, both in quantity and in quality. Come and sit with Jesus here in the Tabernacle. Take that rosary off the rear-view mirror and use it for what it was meant for. Spend some time reading the Gospels and meditating on them. Second there is obedience. Jesus is always instructing us about how to live, how to be responsible in our life's duties, and selfless in our relationships. This week, let us pay special attention. Whatever he asks of us, let us respond with a YES.

Faith Formation Coordinator, Jill Gerling

SHADOW STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Presented by: Faith Formation 7th and 8th Graders



Wednesday, April 17th at 6:30pm

All are welcome and encouraged to attend. This is a great reflection, meditation, and prayer leading into the Paschal Triduum.

CATHOLIC JEWELRY SALES

Available now through April 28



All proceeds help to send our Faith Formation Youth to the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC), as well as, other items needed for the youth program.



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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

Father Tony's Corner



We call today 'Passion' Sunday not because of Our Lord's passionate love for us, even though he does love us passionately in the true sense of the term. Passion comes from the Latin word *passio*, which means suffering, undergoing something. Our Lord enters Jerusalem knowing a new level of suffering is at hand, but he does not hesitate because the stakes are our salvation. If we think life is hard, imagine how hard it was to set Heaven aside even a moment and become a man as Jesus did. He not only became man, he became a servant of all, and servant who suffered for all. His Incarnation was lowly and poor. He did not take half-measures in his mission by becoming a child of royalty living in palaces. God became a slave. He taught us humility and obedience so that we would follow his example. Today is the beginning of the holiest week of the year, the week we call Holy Week. During the first Holy Week, two thousand years ago, Jesus achieved victory over sin and evil. During this Holy Week, he wants to extend that victory into our lives, into the parts of our lives that still need it, that still have not learned how to live the paradox of Palm Sunday. He wants to come into our hearts this Holy Week in the same way he came into Jerusalem, humbly and peacefully, riding on a donkey colt. Then, it was a literal donkey colt. Now, the donkey that brings Christ into our hearts is the Church. The liturgical celebrations of this coming week, as beautiful as they are, will only be a dim shadow of the true glory of Christ that they represent, a humble vehicle, like the donkey. But the liturgy is also a dependable vehicle, like the donkey, and Jesus will be truly present in them. We just have to open the gates in the walls around our hearts. And we can do that by making this week different: by turning off the radio and television more often than usual, by spending more time in prayer than online, and, most importantly, by making our own sacrifice, so precious in God's eyes: the sacrifice of our time. It takes time to join this family of believers for this week's liturgies, praying, worshipping, contemplating, receiving the sacraments, discovering what God has to say to us this Holy Week. Jesus knows what he wants to say to each one of us this week, the holiest week of the year. Let us give him the time and attention he deserves, because whatever it is he wants to tell us, it will be exactly what we most need to hear. This week is the most liturgically packed time of the year, especially starting on Holy Thursday. Consider attending at least one liturgy beyond the ones that are obligatory: why not the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, or the Easter Vigil instead of Mass during the day on Easter Sunday? You can live each day and moment of Holy Week amidst your day to day chores and occupations even if you cannot attend additional liturgies. Consider

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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 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. 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 support of our priests. The Diocese pays 100% of the priests health care. The Appeal also covers the priest's retirement benefits, an expense which is not absorbed by our parish. The Diocese currently supports 112 priests; 37 of those priests are retired, and 75 are active. The Appeal also covers the formation of our deacons, and education of our 21 seminarians as they study in their last years of Seminary. The ADA also covers administrative expenses 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.

I want to thank everyone who has already participated in the 2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal, and provide a friendly reminder to those who are still thinking about responding. Your participation is very valuable to All Saints and St. John Catholic Church. We are looking forward to your support, and sacrificial generosity to share a little of our God-given blessing to spread His kingdom and mission.

All Saints, Stuart, Parish ADA Goal = \$30,035 Gifts Received: \$ 13,530.00
 St. John, Adair, ADA Goal = \$7,257 Gifts Received: \$3,045.00

- **All Saints Catholic Church Maintenance and Repair Projects:** I believe, by now every member of All Saints Catholic Church has received a letter from me inviting your partnership as we undertake three major maintenance projects that need our immediate attention. First, the windows by the front east double entry door, roof vents and pipes costing \$4,925. Second, the upper level parking area and broken sidewalk costing \$22,539, and finally, an additional 6 handicapped parking spots costing \$27,377. The success of this campaign will depend upon your commitment in prayer, involvement and sacrifice of God given treasure. Our success will not come from a small group of parishioners, but rather from the participation of 100% of the parish family. Fr. Tony

Gifts received - \$ 4,350.00 Parishioners Donated: 8

- **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:** May the Lord inspire us to make an extra effort to participate in the profound liturgies of the Holy week and grow in our life of discipleship.

Palm Sunday, April 14

Regular Mass schedule: 8:00 a.m. (St. John) 10:00 a.m. (All Saints)

Holy Thursday, April 18

Foot Washing & Mass of the Lord's Last Supper at 4:00 p.m. (St. John) & 6:00 p.m. (All Saints)

Good Friday, April 19

Stations of the Cross & Passion Service at 4:00 p.m. (St. John) & 6:00 p.m. (All Saints)

Holy Saturday, April 20

Easter Vigil Service at 8:30 p.m. (All Saints)

Easter Sunday, April 21

Regular Mass schedule: 8:00 a.m. (St. John) & 10:00 a.m. (All Saints)

- **Knights of Columbus Lenten Project:** Knights of Columbus will be collecting 40 cans of non-perishable items to be donated to our local food pantry for Lent from Ash Wednesday (March 6th) through Easter Sunday (April 21st).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Thank You to the Fish Fry Team:** St. John's Fish Fry was received well as indicated by the number of attendees every week, and we know that it involves a lot of hard work. We thank everyone who helped make the Friday Fish Fry meals possible, and everyone who came. Your sacrifice, hard work, and generosity is really appreciated as you make a difference in our parish family. Thank you for being a blessing to all of us.
- **Thank you from St. John:** The parishioners of St. John would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to Les and Theresa Elgin for the work they did on the bathrooms in the parish hall. They did a beautiful job in updating the facilities and everyone is very grateful for their generosity.
- **Thank You to the Soup Supper Team (All Saints):** We want to thank the Altar and Rosary Society, Knights of Columbus, Faith Formation Families and Sharon Doud for providing us with delicious soup suppers on Wednesday evening during Lent, as well as, Brenda Wedemeyer, and the Basset family for the music at Mass. We had good attendance at Mass, Stations of the Cross, and soup supper. If you missed them, you can look forward to next year. We want to thank everyone who came, as your presence made a difference. Everyone's sacrifice, and hard work is really appreciated, as we all make a difference in our parish family. Thanks to everyone for being a blessing to all of us.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All Saints

Saturday, April 20 (Easter Vigil)

Ushers: **NEED**

Altar Server: SIGN UP SHEET

Lector: SIGN UP SHEET

Commentator: **NEED**

Greeters: **NEED**

EMHC: SIGN UP SHEET

All Saints

Sunday, April 21 (Easter)

Ushers: SIGN UP SHEET

Altar Servers: SIGN UP SHEET

Lector: SIGN UP SHEET

Commentator: SIGN UP SHEET

Greeters: **NEED**

EMHC: SIGN UP SHEET AND **NEED**

St. John

Sunday, April 21 (Easter)

Cross Bearer: Carley Fagan

Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Ford Lillard & Family

Lector: Julie Plowman

Host: Matt Fagan

Cup: Sr. Andre & Elizabeth Moreland

Altar Servers: Luke Brincks & Cole Plowman

Traveling Chalice: Cody & Elizabeth Moreland

All Saints Financial Partnership

April 7, 2019

Weekly Offering: \$ 2,059.00

Children's Offering: \$ 22.80

Building Fund: \$ 809.00

St. John Financial Partnership

April 7, 2019

Weekly Offering: \$ 382.00

Children's Offering: \$ 9.00

Calendar with Mass Times, Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday 4/14	Sunday 4/14	Tuesday 4/16	Wednesday 4/17	Thursday 4/18	Friday 4/19	Saturday 4/20
<u>Adair</u>	BD: Elizabyth Ladwig	<u>Stuart</u>	<u>Adair</u>	<u>Stuart</u>	<u>Stuart</u>	<u>Stuart</u>
7:30am Adoration, Confession, Rosary		6pm Mass for Deceased members of the Bird family	8:30am Mass Jude Seilhan (health)	NO Mass (Stuart Care Center)	GOOD FRIDAY Stations of the Cross & Passion Service at	HOLY SATURDAY Easter Vigil Service 8:30pm (All Saints) for the People
8am Mass for Patricia Seilhan (health)	<u>Monday 4/15</u>	BD: Kathleen Fagan	BD: Sarah McAndrews	HOLY THURSDAY Foot Washing & Mass of the Lord's Last Supper	4pm (St. John) & 6pm (All Saints)	BD: Whitney Kuttler
4/21 Mass for Gail Chanchloor (health)	BD: Loretta Sloss & Camden Ohms			4pm (St. John) & 6pm (All Saints)		
<u>Stuart</u>				BD: Kathy Grundmeier & Maxwell Carney	ANN: Norbert & Phyllis Tigges 1949	
9am Choir Practice						
10am Mass for Theresa Welch						