

Father Tony's Corner *(continued from front page)*
 gives no false expectations. The first disciple in today's Gospel perhaps does not understand that following Our Lord is a lifelong commitment: he is not just headed to the Rabbi's house instead of his own, he is committed to permanently follow Jesus, just as every Christian is called to do, and go wherever he leads them. The second disciple wants to attend to important family business, but sometimes following Our Lord requires sacrifice and self-denial: in telling the dead to bury their dead Our Lord perhaps is telling him too that the family business he is concerned about can already be handled by another member of his family. The last potential disciple wants to go home and say goodbye first: Our Lord sees something in that request that would put flesh over Spirit. Perhaps the disciple would go home and stay there. Perhaps his father or mother would convince him not to leave. Following Christ is the best thing we can do for ourselves and our family, and we must never lose sight of that. Jesus' admonition to keep our hands to the plow applies to the dramatic difficulties of life, the big tragedies. It also applies to the dramatic temptations that try to lure us away from our friendship with Christ. But it also applies to the normal, mundane difficulties of every day. Plowing fields is not very exciting or dramatic work. And yet, without it you cannot bring in a harvest. In the same way, unless we are faithful to Christ in the normal tasks of our daily lives, we cannot grow in Christian virtue, and we cannot bring in the harvest of joy, peace, wisdom, and fulfillment that Christ wants to give us. Keeping our hands to the plow in daily life means being faithful to our normal responsibilities. It means doing our jobs the way Christ would do them if he were in our position. It means doing our chores the way Jesus, Mary, and Joseph did them in Nazareth - responsibly, thoroughly, and humbly. It means using our time well, not wasting it on habits of laziness and self-indulgence. It means patiently putting up with the imperfections of those around us, day after day, just as God puts up with our own imperfections. This is the bread-and-butter of Christian living. This is what it means to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. This is keeping our hands to the plow. It is not always dramatic and exciting, but it is the only way to live a fruitful life. Today, Jesus will come in to our hearts through Holy Communion to strengthen us for the difficulties he knows will come this week. When he does, let us renew our promise to trust him, and to keep our hands to the plow until the very end.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

<p>All Saints <u>Saturday, July 6</u> Rosary: Frank Holle Ushers: Eric & Margaret Tiernan Altar Server: Jodi Bassett Lector: Bob Bird Commentator: Sharon Doud Greeters: Eric & Margaret Tiernan EMHC: Roni Wilson, Sister Andre & Sister Nesta</p>	<p>All Saints <u>Sunday, July 7</u> Ushers: Tom Doud & Wayne Nosbisch Altar Servers: Sam Kasap, Damerica Smith & Aiden Clauson Lector: Gary Riordan Commentator: Daisy Nevins Greeters: Tom & Amy Doud EMHC: Amy Doud, Dave Tisl & Linda Lee O'Neel</p>	<p>St. John <u>Sunday, July 7</u> Cross Bearer: Jovie Denney Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Gail Brincks & Family Lector: Brian Richter Host: Sister Andre Cup: Matt Fagan & Dave Richter Altar Servers: Addy Richter & Belle Fagan Traveling Chalice: Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary</p>
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MONEY COUNTERS

Tuesday, July 2 @ 1pm: Janet Bassett, Pat Hohn & Mary Morgan

Tuesday, July 9 @ 1pm: Eric Tiernan, Gina James & Donna Donnelly

<p>All Saints Financial Partnership June 23, 2019 Weekly Offering: \$ 1,844.00 Children's Offering: \$ 23.25</p>	<p>St. John Financial Partnership June 23, 2019 Weekly Offering: \$ 725.50 Children's Offering: \$ 14.00</p>
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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



Jesus is traveling to Jerusalem for the last time. Along the way, he meets three men who have heard his call in their hearts. These encounters teach us three tough lessons about what it means to follow Christ. To follow Christ, we have to transfer our sense of security. We have to relocate it from ourselves to God. We have to unlearn the lesson we have been taught our whole life long, to rely only on ourselves for success and happiness. We have to learn to rely wholly upon God, plugging all our efforts in life into his grace. This is what Jesus means when he says that 'foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of man has nowhere to rest his head'. Christ is trustworthy, but he is not predictable. When we follow him, we have to agree to go one step and one day at a time - he refuses to give us a full-life outline in advance. When we follow him, we have to stop pretending that we can keep our lives under control by our own efforts. By accepting Christ's friendship, we agree to follow him, to put our lives under his leadership. Even foxes and birds have the security of their instincts and natural habitats, but Christians are on an unpredictable adventure. We simply do not know where God will lead us or what he may ask us to do. When we join Christ's army, we have to hand him a blank check. If we want to follow Christ, we have to expect difficulties. It is popular nowadays to focus only on the benefits of being a Christian: the sense of mission and purpose, the blessings God wants to give us, the forgiveness and the peace of heart and mind that comes with it, the strength God's grace gives to live truly noble, virtuous lives. These are real benefits. They are not to be ignored. We should desire them and be grateful for them. But they are not the whole story. We live in a fallen world. When we declare ourselves to be citizens of Christ's Kingdom, in a sense, we lose our citizenship in this world; we become aliens, refugees waiting to return home to heaven, or, as sacred Scripture often affirms, pilgrims. This earth is no longer our home, and the closer we get to Christ, the more we realize it, the more we feel its sufferings and imperfections. Christ only reached Easter Sunday by passing through Good Friday, and Christians can expect nothing less. This is the lesson Jesus teaches us with his comment about setting our hands to the plow. Once we decide to follow Christ, there will be times when we will feel like turning back, because it will be hard work. But if we do turn back, we may lose our place in the Kingdom - he loves us too much to force us to persevere. Jesus wants us to know this. He *(continued on back page)*

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

- **St. John Catholic Church parishioners:** One of our fellow parish members has been diagnosed with leukemia. The parish family would like to alleviate as much burden as possible so we will be providing gas gift cards and freezer meals to help them through this journey. Please bring meals and gift cards to the Parish hall after mass on Sunday over the new few weeks and we will distribute them to the family. For more information or questions, please contact Stacy Richter at 515-975-2183 or via email at richterfamily2012@gmail.com. Thank you for your generosity and prayers!
- **Bishop Pates celebrates Mass to honor couples:** Each year Bishop Pates celebrates Masses to honor couples who are celebrating milestone anniversaries. On Saturday, August 3rd during the 5:15 p.m. vigil Mass at St. John Catholic Church in Greenfield, Bishop Pates will be honoring those couples in our diocese who have celebrated a milestone anniversary in the last year! Certificates of blessing are available and a reception will follow for all couples and families. A certificate of blessing is available with registration for couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (5 year increments and 50+). Reserved seating will be available for these couples and their families. To register call Cathy Gearhart at 515-237-5004 or email her at cgearhart@dmdioocese.org
- **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
St. John, Adair, ADA Goal = \$7,257

Gifts Received: \$ 17,680.00
Gifts Received: \$ 5,122.17

- **Air-conditioning of St. John Parish Hall:** We have decided to fulfill a long cherished dream of our parishioners of having an air conditioning system installed at St. John Parish Hall at a cost of \$ 6050 dollars. The success of the campaign for this project 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. I want to thank everyone who has already donated to this project, and we are looking forward to the support, and sacrificial generosity of others so that in the spirit of the sacrifice and generosity of our founding members, we can answer our challenge today.

Gifts Received: \$ 2,887.14

Parishioners Donated: 12

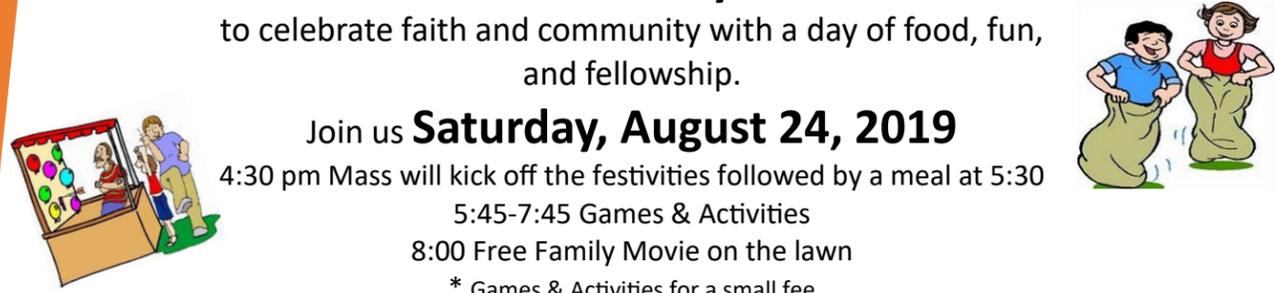
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- **Office Closed:** The church office will be closed Thursday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. Normal office hours will resume Tuesday, July 9.

All Saints Catholic Church is hosting an
Annual Family Fest
to celebrate faith and community with a day of food, fun,
and fellowship.

Join us **Saturday, August 24, 2019**

4:30 pm Mass will kick off the festivities followed by a meal at 5:30
5:45-7:45 Games & Activities
8:00 Free Family Movie on the lawn
* Games & Activities for a small fee



PRAYER FOR JULY 4TH

God, Our Father, Giver of Life, we entrust our nation to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people.



Independence Day is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the Declaration of Independence of the United States from England on July 4, 1776. The Continental Congress declared that the thirteen American colonies were no longer subject to the monarch of Britain and were now united, free, and independent states. The Congress had voted to declare independence two days earlier, on July 2, but it was not officially declared until July 4.

Source:

<https://www.military.com/independence-day/history-of-independence-day.html>

Calendar with Mass Times, Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday 6/30	Monday 7/1	Tuesday 7/2	Wednesday 7/3	Thursday 7/4	Friday 7/5	Saturday 7/6
<u>Adair</u>		<u>Stuart</u>	<u>Adair</u>	<u>Stuart</u>	<u>Stuart</u>	<u>Stuart</u>
7:30am Rosary & Confession		6pm Mass	8:30am Mass for Isabel Lawlor (health)	9am Mass (Stuart Care Center)	8:30am Mass	3:30pm Confessions
8am Mass for Felix Lawlor (health)		BD: Eric Nixt	BD: Jennifer Tigges	Office Closed in observance of Independence Day	BD: James Gulbranson & Annatrinidad Leyva	4:05pm Rosary 4:30pm Mass
<u>Stuart</u>						
10am Mass						
BD: Pedro Leyva & Abbigael Richter						