## Father Tony's Corner (continued from front page)

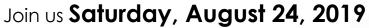
who we can vote out of office. No, the Lord is Lord by nature, because he is all-powerful, all-wise, and all-loving. And we are his followers. Living our mission and being responsible stewards of the many gifts we have received from God has practical repercussions. It means that being a Christian affects our life decisions. Knowing that we are members of Christ's household, and that our first priority in life is to follow him, sheds light on every significant decision we have to make. For example, when young Catholics are deciding where to go to college, the Catholic presence on campus should be a factor - not the only factor, but if our primary mission in life is to be faithful followers of Christ, it should at least be a factor. This is also why the Church constantly encourages her children to marry someone who shares the same faith. Marriage is a sacrament. It is meant to bring the spouses and children closer to Christ as it brings them closer to each other. When the husband and wife do not share the same faith, it makes that mission much harder to fulfill. Career decisions can also be enlightened by this criterion. If we know that in God's eyes what matters most is that we are faithful to him and to our mission in the Church, our criteria for career success will be different than society's generic criteria. Staying aware of our identity and mission even helps us decide where to go on vacation: we will do our best to choose a place where we can at least get to Sunday Mass. Jesus is encouraging us to live each day ready to love. In that way, we are storing up treasure for the day when we will meet God face to face. Jesus wants us to be ready for that moment. We will die as we have lived, and if we have lived by sacrificing ourselves for others, we will be ready. When we die we meet Christ face to face, and we will see the effects of the good and the evil we have done. We will also see the effects of the good we have failed to do. Christ's message today is to live each day as a preparation to meet him with joy.



All Saints Catholic Church is hosting an

# **Annual Family Fest**

to celebrate faith and community with an evening of food, fun, and fellowship.



4:30 pm Mass will kick off the festivities 5:45-7:45 Games & Activities 8:00 Free Family Movie on the lawn Concessions available

\* Games & Activities for a small fee





## Calendar with Mass Times, Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday 8/11 Adair	Monday 8/12	Tuesday 8/13 Stuart	Wednesday 8/14 Adair	Thursday 8/15 Stuart	Friday 8/16 Stuart	Saturday 8/17 Stuart
7:30am Rosary & Confession 8am Mass		6pm Mass  BD: Alexa Groff	5:30 pm Vigil Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	6pm The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8:30am Mass  BD: Jovie Denney	Confessions  dovie Denney  4:05pm Rosary  4:30pm Mass for  a Olson 1969; James Patrick  & Kathy Carey
<u>Stuart</u>					ANN: Bob &	
<b>10am Mass</b> for the People			<b>BD:</b> Rielly Ocheltree	Office Closed	Donna Olson 1969; Dale & Kathy	
BD: John Vogl					Grundmeier 1980	
ANN: Matt & Jen Dickson 2001; Eric & Jill Gerling 2001						

## August 11, 2019 All Saints Catholic Church

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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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 first part of today's gospel talks about not worrying. Jesus instructed his listeners not to fret about worldly concerns, but to trust in God's providence. But Jesus knows that some people will tend to turn that invitation into an excuse for laziness, irresponsibility, and hedonism, so now he shows the other side of the coin. 'You also must be prepared', like servants standing ready for the return of their master any minute. We cannot cram for life's final exam. If we want to live in communion with God forever, to experience the fulfillment he promises in this life and the next, we need to make friendship with God the number one priority of our lives. The good

things of this earthly life, its pleasures, challenges, and occupations, will come to an end when the Master returns. To live as if they were going to last forever, therefore, is foolish. Christ wants to make sure we do not act like fools. Jesus finishes his parable by telling us that, 'much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more'. With this, he teaches us that every human life is a task, a mission to know, love, and serve God in a unique way. Our lives will take on their true meaning to the extent that we carry out that task and fulfill that mission, to the extent that our 'treasure' (what we most value and desire) consists not in the passing pleasures of this life, but in discovering and fulfilling that supernatural task and mission. The parables in the gospel today paint a vivid picture of who Christ is and what the Church is. The clearer that picture is in our minds, the better we will be able to live as true Christians. Christ portrays himself as the master of the house, the head of a grand estate. We can picture a huge mansion surrounded by beautiful gardens, full of visitors and family members and bustling servants. In the parable, the servants are Christ's disciples, and the head servants, or stewards, are his specially chosen Apostles. This is the picture he wants us to have of his Church: not something vague, cold, and impersonal, but a household, a place of life and communion, work and relaxation. Even when the Master is absent from the estate, the servants are still meant to keep the household going responsibly and energetically. This is an image of the Church in this world, in the midst of human history, before Jesus comes again to judge the living and the dead and to make a new heaven and a new earth. During this period, Jesus has delegated his authority to the stewards, to the Apostles and their successors, our bishops, who are in charge of overseeing the work of all Christ's disciples. This tells us a lot about Christ's leadership style. He wants us to be his co-workers, friends, real members of his household - not just mindless robots or slaves. And yet, Christ remains the Master. He is the creator, redeemer, and owner of the universe. Christ is not an elected official (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**

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Schedule:

Wednesday, August 14 Vigil Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:30 p.m. at St. John

Thursday, August 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:00 p.m. at All Saints

- The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)! The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process developed by the Catholic Church for prospective converts to Catholicism who are above the age of infant baptism. Candidates are gradually introduced to aspects of Catholic beliefs and practices. The basic process applies to adults and older children, with younger children initiated through an adapted version sometimes incorrectly referred to as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children.
- What are the steps of The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)? Prior to beginning the RCIA process, an individual comes to some knowledge of Jesus Christ, considers his or her relationship with Jesus Christ and is usually attracted in some way to the Catholic Church. This period is known as the Period of Evangelization and Precatechumenate. For some, this process involves a long period of searching; for others, a shorter time. Often, contact with people of faith and a personal faith experience lead people to inquire about the Catholic Church. After a conversation with a priest, or RCIA director, the person, known as an 'inquirer', may seek acceptance into the Order of Catechumens, through the Rite of Acceptance. During this Rite, the inquirer stands amidst the parish community and states that he or she wants to become a baptized member of the Catholic Church. The parish assembly affirms this desire and the inquirer becomes a Catechumen. The Period of the Catechumenate can last for as long as several years or for a shorter time. It depends on how the person is growing in faith, what questions they encounter along the way, and how God leads them on this journey. During this time, the Catechumens consider what God is saying to them in the Scriptures, what changes in their life they need to make to respond to God's inspiration, and what Baptism in the Catholic Church means. When a Catechumen and the priest and the parish team working with him or her believes the person is ready to make a faith commitment to Jesus in the Catholic Church, the next step is the request for baptism and the celebration of the Rite of Election. Even before the Catechumens are baptized, they have a special relationship to the Church. The Rite of Election includes the enrollment of names of all the Catechumens seeking baptism at the coming Easter Vigil. Typically, on the first Sunday of Lent, the Catechumens, their sponsors and families gather at the cathedral church. The Catechumens publicly express their desire for baptism to the diocesan bishop. Their names are recorded in a book and they are called the Elect. The days of Lent are the final Period of Purification and Enlightenment leading up to the Easter Vigil. Lent is a period of preparation marked by prayer, study, and spiritual direction for the Elect, and prayers for them by the parish communities. The Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation takes place during the Easter Vigil Liturgy on Holy Saturday when the Elect receives the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. Now the person is fully initiated into the Catholic Church. As a newly initiated Catholic, they continue their formation and education continue in the Period of the Post Baptismal Catechesis, which is also called Mystagogy. This period continues at least until Pentecost. During the period the newly baptized members reflect on their experiences at the Easter Vigil and continue to learn more about the Scriptures, the Sacraments, and the teachings of the Catholic Church. In addition, they reflect on how they will serve Christ and help in the Church's mission and outreach activities.
- ⇒ What is meant by coming into full communion with the Church? Coming into full communion with the Catholic Church describes the process for entrance into the Catholic Church for already baptized Christians. In most cases, these individuals make a profession of faith but are not baptized again. To prepare for this reception, the people, who are called Candidates, usually participate in a formation program to help them understand and experience the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church. Although some preparation may be with Catechumens preparing for baptism, the preparation for Candidates is different since they have already been baptized and committed to Jesus Christ, and many have also been active members of other Christian communities. The Candidates may be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil or at another Sunday during the year depending on pastoral circumstances and readiness of the Candidate.
- ⇒ Soon beginning a new session of RCIA! We will be beginning a new session of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program soon. If you are inspired by the Lord to embrace the Catholic way of life, please consider this as a personal invitation to join the program, and wait for coming announcements.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- All Saints Family Fest is coming on August 24, 2019! The Committee is in need of parishioners' assistance to make this another successful event for our parish and community. ---- There are two sign-up sheets in the gathering space: One labeled, <u>Games</u>, and the other, <u>Prizes</u>. The sign up sheet for <u>Games</u> needs someone to sponsor, set up and work the game. The sign up sheet for <u>Prizes</u> needs people to go through their 'toys' and compile a bag to donate to the prize table for the children. Please sign up to help out! Watch for new sign-up sheets weekly.
- If you can help in other ways, contact Jill Gerling at allsaintsff@outlook.com or by calling the office at 523-1943 during morning office hours.
- <u>Business Expenses</u>: All Saints and St. John Fiscal Year end reports will be published the last weekend of September. Your partnership is very essential to the financial wellbeing of our parish families. Thank you for remembering us even while you are away.

## Faith Formation by Jill Gerling, Coordinator

## 2019-2020 FAITH FORMATION SIGN UP



♦ Faith Formation Wednesday evening classes will begin on Wednesday, September 11, 2019. Sign up will begin next weekend, August 17 & 18, before and after Mass, and continue until classes begin. There are brochures about the programs offered on the table in the gathering space. There are many events planned for the 2019-2020 year to bring families of our parish together and to do outreach community project too! Sign up is simple and the fee for the 2019-2020 Faith Formation season is \$30.00 per child with a \$100 maximum per family. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Jill Gerling at allsaintff@outlook.com or contacting the church at 523-1943.

#### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### **All Saints**

## Saturday, August 17

Rosary: Frank Holle
Ushers: Marty & Julie Doud

Altar Server: Zoey & Bailey

Dickson

**Lector:** Roni Wilson

Commentator: Sharon Doud

Greeters: Marty & Julie Doud EMHC: Jodi Bassett, Sister Nesta

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& Harriet Gulbranson

## **All Saints**

## Sunday, August 18

Ushers: Jim Doud & Need
Altar Servers: Riley & Davis Doud

Lector: Gary Riordan
Commentator: Daisy Nevins
Greeters: Jim & Tammy Doud &

Family

**EMHC:** Dave Tisl, Jill Gerling &

JoAnn Beaman

#### St. John

## Sunday, August 18

Cross Bearer: Cody Moreland Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. John Fagan

Lector: Julie Plowman Host: Adella Vogl

Cup: Les Elgin & Dave Richter Altar Servers: Belle Fagan & Car-

ley Fagan

Traveling Chalice: Francis & Deb

Hollinrake

#### **MONEY COUNTERS**

Tuesday, August 13 @ 1pm: Eric Tiernan, Gina James & Donna Donnelly Tuesday, August 20 @ 1pm: Gina Ocheltree & Donna Olson

#### **All Saints Financial Partnership**

August 4, 2019

Weekly Offering: \$ 1,699.00 Children's Offering: \$ 10.10 Building Fund: \$ 1,011.27

### St. John Financial Partnership

August 4, 2019

Weekly Offering: \$ 422.00 Children's Offering: \$ 20.00