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back from following him. In Christ's mind, that is how much his friendship matters – it is worth sacrificing everything for. It is fruitful to contemplate how Christ's Apostles might have reacted to this mission statement of their Lord. The Bible does not describe their reaction in detail, but there is one thing we know for sure. It impressed them deeply. May be it confused them, may be it energized them, may be they understood it, may be they did not, but there is no doubt that it impressed and moved them. Otherwise, it would not have been recorded in the Gospels. Christ spent most of the three years of his public ministry teaching his Apostles. And this was clearly one of the more important lessons. That is why he stresses it so much when he says: 'I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were blazing already'! There is an exclamation mark at the end of that sentence. And then, just to drive the lesson home, he adds that enigmatic phrase about how eager he is to undergo his 'baptism', by which he is referring to his passion. He says he is filled with anguish to accomplish it. We can picture the glow of determination and zeal in his eyes. We can still hear, twenty centuries later, the forcefulness in his voice. This was his mission statement, his vision: to set the world on fire with a new way of life, a way of life that makes love for God and love for neighbor into a revolutionary reality. This mission in turn inspired his Apostles, it has inspired the Church for twenty centuries, and it is meant to inspire us as well. Keeping this in mind is the only way we can avoid caving in to frustration and discouragement in the midst of life's tribulations. Frustration and discouragement are a function of expectations. If we expect life to go smoothly, we will become frustrated or discouraged when it does not. But Christ reminds us today that life on earth is not meant to be smooth sailing all the time, that we will always have problems until we reach heaven. We should not be surprised when things do not work out as we planned. We should not be surprised when we run into difficulties that appear to be irrational. We should not be surprised that our Father in Heaven does not spoil us by surrounding us with a bubble of perfect comfort. Jesus wants us to choose that friendship above all other things, making it our treasure and our strongest desire.

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.

Calendar with Mass Times, Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday 8/18	Monday 8/19	Tuesday 8/20	Wednesday 8/21	Thursday 8/22	Friday 8/23	Saturday 8/24
Adair 7:30am Rosary & Confession 8am Mass		Stuart 6pm Mass	Adair 8:30am	Stuart 9:00 Stuart Care Center	Stuart 8:30am Mass	Stuart 3:30pm Confessions 4:05pm Rosary 4:30pm Mass for the People
Stuart 10am Mass for the People						
BD: Becket Bird, Amelia Richter	BD: Maxine Nelson, Bryan Huerta	BD: Carly Dickson	BD: Rita Wilson, Mary Morgan	BD: Joan Brooking, Olivia Lewis	BD: Tom Doud, Sonja Gonzales	BD: Destiny Burns
ANN: Philip & Wilma Fagan 1951					ANN: John & Kathy Fagan 1974	

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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



Today's gospel reading is striking as Jesus proclaims: 'I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing'. What does he mean? And why is he so passionate about this? In the ancient Jewish world, fire was generally associated with judgment. We usually associate judgment with punishment. Yet Christ himself said in the gospel of Saint John that he did not come to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. So what kind of judgment does Jesus bring? He brings the judgment of the Cross. He brings the judgment that God so loved the world that he gave his only Son for us. So when we really look at the crucifix we see the judgment of God. We see the horror of sin, and the infinitely greater love of God who came to die to set us free from sin and unite us to himself. Christ reaffirms this in the gospel when he says that there is a baptism with which he must be baptized, and that he is in anguish until it is accomplished. The Greek verb we translate as baptize is *baptizein*, which literally means to submerge. It refers to a difficult experience, and here Christ is referring to his suffering, death, and resurrection. Christ came, then, to set the earth on fire by his death and resurrection. That brought us into a new relationship with him, setting us free to truly love him and, in him, to truly love others. And he invites us to share in that cruciform fire. Nothing is more important than our friendship with Christ. We simply cannot find the fulfillment we seek in life, except through living in communion with God. Before original sin, communion with God was automatic. But original sin shattered that communion. Sin, suffering, conflict, death, and frustration invaded the human family. But God himself came to our rescue. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to rebuild the bridge that original sin had broken. Through friendship with Jesus Christ, then, we can once again live in communion with God and achieve the happiness we were created for. That is why nothing is more important than our friendship with Christ. But being Christ's friend means more than simply praying and receiving the sacraments - although those are essential. It also means following him. It means daily listening for his call and obeying it when it comes. That is the tough part. Because obeying Christ means going against the grain of this fallen world. It brings us into conflict with social trends, other people's desires, and even of our own sin-struck nature. We should not go looking for these conflicts; we should look only to discover and carry out God's plan. But Christ does not want us to be naive either. Being true to him will not always be easy. It can affect even our closest relationships - as Jesus makes clear in this Gospel passage. When he makes his will known, not even family ties should hold us (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

- **Business Expenses:** 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.
- **ANNUAL COLLECTION for the SEMINARIANS of the Diocese of Des Moines:** The Diocese of Des Moines has 17 men seeking to lay down their lives for the Church through priestly vocation. Preparation for a priestly vocation requires a minimum of six years of study, deep prayer, and life of sacrificial love. Such a commitment is an expression of The New Moment, in which we serve as Jesus' hands and feet in a culture that consistently rejects and denies Him. The average cost to educate a seminarian is approximately \$ 30,000 or an estimated annual cost of \$ 720,000 for class of 18 seminarians. A portion of this cost is covered by the Annual Diocesan Appeal but a special collection is necessary to provide for the needs of our seminarians without impacting current programs or ministries. In order to provide for the ever-increasing cost of educating and forming the seminarians, a special collection will be held on Saturday, September 14 and Sunday, September 15. Each registered household will receive a brochure and return envelope through the mail. They may return their gift directly to the Diocese, place the gift in the parish collection, or make a gift online at dmdiocese.org/giving. Heartfelt thanks for your prayers and charitable donation to support the seminarians.
- **St. John Catholic Church:** There has been a proposal to combine the Men's Club and the Catholic Women's Organization since we have a limited membership, and participation in the groups at St. John. In order to hear from everyone, and to move forward, we invite all the parishioners to a meeting on Wednesday, September 4th at 7.00 p.m. in the parish hall. If you are unable to attend the meeting, and want your thoughts to be heard, please let Deb Hollinrake at 641-740-0039 or Monica Fagan at 641-799-4073 know. Thanks, and see you all on Wednesday, September 4th at 7.00 p.m.
- **All Saints Knights of Columbus:** The Knights of Columbus meet every second Sunday of the month at the church in the Music Room. Please watch the bulletin for future meeting dates and times.

St. John - Faith Formation 2019-2020

Please sign your children up for the 2019-2020 Faith Formation Program on the sheet at the back of the church. Annie Brincks (402-216-9488) will contact all that sign up about Faith Formation Class dates and times.



Book Study at All Saints

How to Pray Like Mary by Sonja Corbitt

All Saints is having a fall Book Study group to read "How to Pray Like Mary" written by Sonja Corbitt. This is a new release book that looks at how Mary prayed and the ways we can pray like Mary. You will learn a powerful practice for daily prayer as Mary models it: L-Listen, O-Observe, V-Verbalize, E-Entrust. This model is called "L.O.V.E. the Word". Sonja draws from vivid biblical texts to show you the key to loving Scripture and deepening your relationship with God.

The group will be meeting on Tuesday, September 17 at 10:00 at All Saints. Future sessions will be established at the first meeting. A sign up sheet is on the table in the gathering space. The fee is \$15 which covers the cost of the book, which will be yours to keep.

For more information contact Jill Gerling

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, Games, and the other, Prizes. The sign up sheet for Games needs someone to sponsor, set up and work the game. The sign up sheet for Prizes 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.



All Saints Catholic Church is hosting an
Annual Family Fest
 to celebrate faith and community with an evening of food, fun, and fellowship.
 Join us **Saturday, August 24, 2019**
 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



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All Saints

Saturday, August 24

Rosary: Frank Holle
Ushers: Dennis Donnelly & Dave Boss
Altar Server: Zoey & Bailey Dickson
Lector: Mark Tisl
Commentator: Anita Hilgers
Greeters: Dennis & Donna Donnelly
EMHC: Donna Donnelly, Mark & Kari Tisl

All Saints

Sunday, August 25

Ushers: John & Patrick Gulbranson
Altar Servers: Gabe & Nate Gerling, Lilah Alberts
Lector: Harriet Gulbranson
Commentator: Donna Olson
Greeters: Eric & Jill Gerling Family
EMHC: Linda Lee O'Neel, Jill Gerling & Harriet Gulbranson

St. John

Sunday, August 25

Cross Bearer: Gavin Steensen
Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Tom Gettler
Lector: Theresa Elgin
Host: Matt Fagan
Cup: Dave Richter & Sr Andre
Altar Servers: Cole Plowman & Luke Brincks
Traveling Chalice: Cody & Elizabeth Moreland

MONEY COUNTERS

Tuesday, August 20 @ 1pm: Gina Ocheltree & Donna Olson
Tuesday, August 27 @ 9am: Diane Messinger, Dennis Van Pelt & Dave Vigon

All Saints Financial Partnership

August 11, 2019

Weekly Offering: \$ 1,673.00
Children's Offering: \$ 4.30
Building Fund: \$ 30.00

St. John Financial Partnership

August 11, 2019

Weekly Offering: \$ 450.00
Children's Offering: \$ 7.00