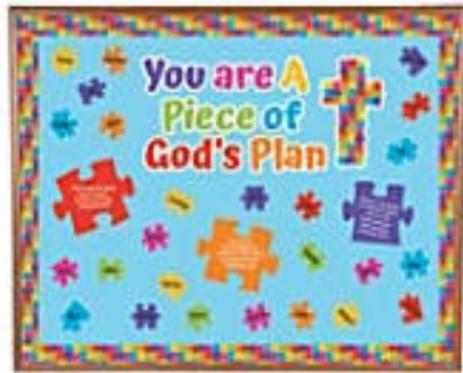


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during his lifetime', in Abraham's words. In other words, he let wealth and pleasures distract him from his true mission in life: to love God and neighbor. One way to avoid falling into the sin of omission is simply to purposely keep our eyes open for opportunities to serve those around us. Even making the commitment to perform at least one voluntary, selfless, Christ-like act of service every day can help keep the passive, sin-of-omission mentality at bay. If the rich man in the parable had made that commitment, he would not have ignored Lazarus day after day, and that would have made all the difference. Imagine if the rich man had been granted another chance, if God had sent him back to earth. His new perspective would change the whole direction of his life. He would have started using all his resources - money, connections, relationships, intelligence, experience - to serve his neighbor and to spread the truth about life's meaning. It would not be easy, but, now that he understood God's perspective, he would ignore the obstacles and seize every opportunity to build up Christ's Kingdom. You and I have been given the second chance that this rich man in the parable never had, because Christ has revealed to us the whole story - we know how life ends and what it is all about. Today, God is asking us to make good use of this knowledge, to avoid the deadly sin-of-omission mentality, to use every ounce of our lives on earth to build up the Kingdom of Heaven - not just to avoid inconveniences and seek comfort. Jesus will give himself entirely to us in Holy Communion, and if we respond by giving ourselves entirely to him, by promising to put all we have and all we are at his service, there is one thing we can know for sure: when eternity rolls around, we will have absolutely no regrets.

All Saints Faith Formation by Jill Gerling, Coordinator



- ◆ Parents: There is a bulletin board near the north doors that will have important Faith Formation items. Please check it regularly for updates and information.
- ◆ Also, if you have time while you're waiting for your child to get done with class, I have some items that I could use help with. There is a sheet in my office that tells parents each week what they can do to help me with Religious Education tasks. If you have questions, please see Tammy Doud, as she will be in my office to help parents and teachers with administrative items while I work in classrooms.
- ◆ Please let me know if you have any questions. I may be reached at allsaintsff@outlook.com or in the office at 523-1943.

Calendar with Mass Times, Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday 9/29	Monday 9/30	Tuesday 10/1	Wednesday 10/2	Thursday 10/3	Friday 10/4	Saturday 10/5
Adair 7:30am Rosary & Confession 8am Mass for Isabella Lawlor 10/6 for Gerald Gettler	BD: Pat Hohn & Jen Dickson	No Mass ANN: Bruce & Ramona Partlow 1988	No Mass BD: Grace Donnelly & Quyn-ton Younker	9:00am Stuart Care Center BD: Gabby Doud, Michael Tiernan & Olivia Nixt	8:30am Mass for Caroline Lacher ANN: Joe & Jane Sherman 1958	3:30pm Confessions 4:05pm Rosary 4:30pm Mass for the People
Stuart 10am Mass for the People BD: Sean Bovinett ANN: Andrew & Stacey Richter 2012						

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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 rich man in this parable was a complete success in the world's eyes. Jesus says he dressed in purple. In the ancient world, purple was the symbolic color of wealth, privilege and power, because the dyes that were used to make cloth purple were extremely expensive. Jesus also says that he wore fine linen. Linen came from Egypt. You could not make it in Palestine. You had to import it. And that too was extremely expensive. Lazarus, on the other hand, was a complete failure in the world's eyes. He was utterly helpless, crushed by poverty, incapacitated by sickness and disease. What is more, in ancient times, those characteristics were interpreted as a punishment for moral depravity. So in the eyes of the world, Lazarus was not just an economic failure, but a moral and spiritual failure too. We do not know the reason for the rich man's success. We do not know either the reason for the failure of Lazarus. Jesus does not go into the reasons. Rather, he uses these two examples to teach us one simple lesson: worldly success can be dangerous. It can make us forget that we need God, which in turn can make us callous towards our neighbor. Jesus does not condemn the rich man's success. Rather, he condemns how the rich man had reacted to his success. He had let it make him self-centered, complacent, and arrogant. Worldly success had blinded him to the needs of others and deafened him to the voice of God speaking in his conscience. We often hear people say that they will get to heaven because they have not committed any really, really heinous crimes. As Jesus teaches us in this story of Lazarus and the rich man, salvation and eternal life are not just about avoiding so-called 'big' sins. That is a negative, passive approach to life. But Christ is not passive. Christ is active. He came to earth to save us. He took the initiative. He came to seek out the lost sheep. He came to light the fire of faith in a dark world. Being a Christian means following in those footsteps. It means much more than simply avoiding gruesome crimes. Being a Christian means living like Christ, living for his Kingdom, living for others. This is even more clear when Jesus was asked which were the most important commandments, he did not choose the negative ones, the 'thou shalt not' ones. Instead he listed two active, positive, creative commandments: love God with all your heart, and love your neighbor as yourself. The rich man in this parable had no particularly damaging 'sins of commission' on his résumé. He was a pretty good guy. And yet, he failed to enter into eternal life because of his 'sins of omission'. Day after day, he closed his heart to a neighbor who was in dire need of help. He spent his life becoming an expert in self-centeredness. And since the law of heaven is self-giving, he found that he was simply unfit to spend eternity there. He forgot his destination. He 'received what was good

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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

- **Stewardship:** Jesus calls and his call comes not as nameless people in a faceless crowd. He calls us individually, by name. Each one of us has a personal vocation. He gives us a unique role in carrying out his mission. The challenge is to understand our role, and to respond generously to that call. He calls us to a Christian way of life, or a Christian way of discipleship. Christian discipleship is a commitment of life after the model and example of Jesus Himself. It involves stewardship – meaning it requires making time for personal prayer. It means choosing to serve in parish ministries. It means planning a generous, consistent gift to the weekly offertory. Over time, as each person embraces his or her personal commitment, our parish can become a powerful witness to the abundant life that Jesus has promised. Thank you for what you are; and for what you bring to all of us through your life, gifts, and ministry.



- **COMING SOON! New Online Giving Program:**

Everything we have is a gift from God. We are called to be wise stewards of those gifts. One simple way to carry out our call is to support the church's mission through sacrificial giving. Our new eGiving options will make it easy. eGiving allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history all at your own

convenience. You will no longer need to write out checks and prepare envelopes every week, if you don't want to, or just don't have time. Even when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, your electronic contributions will continue to be received on an uninterrupted basis. Sign up cards are available in the gathering space to take advantage of this new giving option. Stayed tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

- **All Saints Rosary Repair and Design:** Brenda Wedemeyer would like to offer her services of repairing rosaries and/or making them. She can even teach you how to make your own. You can bring the separated pieces, or she can try to match it with new parts. There is no charge for this service. If you are interested in learning how to make your own or have a beloved piece that needs repairing please call the church office at 515-523-1943 or email Brenda at brendawedemeyer@yahoo.com.
- **All Saints Music Rehearsals:** Faith Formation Family Mass attendees, and anyone wishing to sing with the choir (any age is welcome), please attend Music Rehearsal at 9am on Sunday, October 6 and Sunday, October 13. You will be learning a new mass setting entitled "The Glendalough Mass," which includes the Gloria and Holy, Holy, all with an Irish flair. Don Fillman will accompany on the guitar with Lacey Partlow adding her talents on the violin. If anyone would like to add their voice, or another musical instrument, please let Brenda Wedemeyer know by calling the office at 515-523-1943 or via email at brendawedemeyer@yahoo.com. Additionally, if anyone knows how to play the Irish drum, Brenda has one and would like you to join them.
- **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.

⇒ New session begins Tuesday, November 5th at 7:00 pm in the music room

ANNOUNCEMENTS



- **Knights of Columbus Annual Chicken Dinner:** Save the date for Sunday, October 27 for the Annual All Saints Knights of Columbus chicken dinner featuring Staley's Chicken. Served along side this mouthwatering chicken will be mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetables, salad, dinner rolls, drinks and a wide array of pies and desserts. Adults are \$10.00, children ages 6-12 are \$4.00 and children 5 & under are free. Carryout is available. Please join us in the parish hall from 10:30am to 1:00pm to enjoy a delicious lunch and fellowship.



- **Desserts and Pies needed for All Saints Chicken Dinner:** We have so many wonderful cooks and bakers in our parish and would like you to share your talent with everyone. If you are able to provide a homemade dessert or pie for the chicken dinner, please sign up on the sheets in the gathering space. All desserts will need to be delivered by 9:00 am, Sunday, October 27th to the parish hall. Thank you for sharing your God given talent with the parish family.
- **Father Tony away from the office:** Father Antony Mathew will be away from the parish office from Monday, September 30th through Wednesday, October 2nd attending the annual priests' workshop with our new bishop William Joensen and other priests of the diocese of Des Moines. There will not be a daily Mass on Tuesday, October 1st or Wednesday, October 2nd.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All Saints

Saturday, October 5

Rosary: Frank Holle

Ushers: Dan Hilgers & Mark Tisl

Altar Server: Connie Drake

Lector: Anita Hilgers

Commentator: Roni Wilson

Greeters: Dan & Anita Hilgers

EMHC: Dan Hilgers, Mark Tisl & Jodi Bassett

All Saints

Sunday, October 6

Ushers: Tom Doud & Pat Beaman

Altar Servers: Riley & Davis Doud & Aiden Clauson

Lector: Jim Doud

Commentator: Bob Bird

Greeters: Tom & Amy Doud

EMHC: Harriet Gulbranson, Amy Doud & Jo Beaman

St. John

Sunday, October 6

Cross Bearer: Joseph Fagan

Greeters: Elizabeth Lillard & Family

Lector: Barb Bachman

Host: Sister Andre

Cup: Matt Fagan & Dave Richter

Altar Servers: Addy Richter & Belle Fagan

Traveling Chalice: Matt & Monica Fagan

MONEY COUNTERS

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

Tuesday, October 8th @ 1pm: Eric Tiernan, Gina James & Donna Donnelly

All Saints Financial Partnership

September 22, 2019

Weekly Offering: \$ 1,673.00

Children's Offering: \$ 27.00

Electronic Donations: \$ 450.00

Building Fund: \$535.00

St. John Financial Partnership

September 22, 2019

Weekly Offering: \$ 815.00

Children's Offering: \$ 13.00

Seminarian: \$ 50.00