

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

unconditional, and untiring that nothing we do can increase or decrease it. We do not have to achieve great things in order to win God's love for us. We should strive to use our talents to serve God and neighbor, because that is what we were created for. And it is fine to take pleasure in a job well done when we experience a little bit of success. But the meaning of our lives does not come from our achievements. The meaning of life comes from the fact that God created us out of love, redeemed us out of love, and guides us towards heaven purely out of unconditional, overflowing love. And so the servant in God's Kingdom works energetically, joyfully, and peacefully as a response to that gratuitous love of God, in gratitude for God's gifts - not worrying about what he is going to get in return. God's love does not depend on our achievements; our achievements flow from knowing how much God loves us and from wanting to thank him. This is true humility. It takes the pressure off of our relationship with God and allows us to experience true freedom, the freedom that comes from being God's children. This is what the Lord wants us to learn. Instead of letting our achievements go to our heads, Jesus wants to teach us how to make them flow from our hearts. There is simply no way we can grow in true humility, and experience the true freedom that comes from it, unless we have a decent prayer life. Prayer is the only place that we really discover how much God cares about us. Only in prayer can God's grace penetrate our emotional and psychological defenses, so we can be freed from our anxious pursuit of recognition. Why not make a commitment to grow in our prayer life? It is not a question of spending hours and hours in the Church - for most of us, that is not our vocation; that is not what God wants from us. Rather, it is a question of taking little chunks of time each day to spend with Christ, in order to give him a chance to win us over, to teach us wisdom, to heal our interior wounds, and to break through our walls of mistrust and self-sufficiency.

All Saints Faith Formation by Jill Gerling, Coordinator



All Saints Community Trunk or Treat

Wednesday, October 30 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

All Saints Church Parking Lot

Parishioners and Faith Formation Families will provide their personal vehicles to be theme decorated and filled with goodies for the children of the community to come and Trunk (*trick*) or Treat in a safe area with fun and fellowship.

Please sign up on the table in the gathering space. This is a great opportunity to reach out to the community and our own parish families.



Calendar with Mass Times, Birthdays and Anniversaries

<u>Sunday 10/6</u>	<u>Monday 10/7</u>	<u>Tuesday 10/8</u>	<u>Wednesday 10/9</u>	<u>Thursday 10/10</u>	<u>Friday 10/11</u>	<u>Saturday 10/12</u>
Adair 7:30am Rosary & Confession 8am Mass for Gerald Gettler	BD: Rita Rilea & Sheryl Drees ANN: Ryan & Amber Steensen 2006	No Mass BD: Symantha Crawford, Jackson Doyle & Greg Hastings ANN: Denny & Pat Hohn 1965	No Mass BD: Sharon Jirak & Angela Faga	No Mass Stuart	No Mass BD: Brexton Schneider	Stuart 3:30pm Confessions 4:05pm Rosary 4:30pm Mass ANN: Alan & Mary Bovee 1974 ANN: Roger & Catherine Callahan 1968
10/13 for Eugene Richter Stuart 10am Mass BD: Tyler Johnston						

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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 Apostles had been traveling with Jesus for more than a year: living with him, hearing him preach, watching him perform miracles and change people's lives. They had been his disciples long enough to start realizing that they were not very good disciples at all. They still did not understand many things that Jesus said. They still could not help people as much as Jesus did. It would have been tempting for them, at that point, to get discouraged. But instead, they go up to Jesus one afternoon during a lull in their activities, and they ask for his help. They ask him to increase their faith. Jesus' answer is mysterious. He looks at them and smiles. He must have been glad that they had asked for help instead of abandoning the mission. Then he tells them that they do not need more faith, they just need to use the faith they already have. He explains that a tiny little bit of faith, the size of a mustard seed is enough to do marvelous things. We are all like the Apostles. We know in our hearts that we are capable of doing much more, that we were made for greater things. But we do not realize that God has already given us everything we need to achieve them. He has already planted in our souls the seed of faith, of divine life - he did so at baptism. Now it is up to us to exercise it. If we do, it will grow. And the more it grows, the more room God will have to do truly wonderful things in us and through us. This is the secret to overcoming a very dangerous fear: the fear of failure. Fear of failure is at the root of countless tragedies and sins. We tell lies or hide things because we are afraid of losing someone's esteem. We do not say grace before meals at the restaurant because we are afraid of being looked down on by strangers. We go along with what our peers are doing even when it is against Church teaching, because we are afraid of being ostracized. Jesus wants to free us from those fears. The love, esteem, and acceptance we are looking for from other people will always be unstable, no matter how many compromises we make. But if we look for it from Christ, whose love is unconditional, we will be free from all that unnecessary and destructive pressure, free to live life to the full. The servant works hard and humbly submits to his boss, day after day. And then Jesus says he should look for nothing in return, no rest, no reward, no recognition, no special treatment: he is just doing his duty, after all. It seems rather cold. We kind of feel sorry for the servant. And yet, we should not. Christ's point is that his love for us does not depend on our 'performance'. God's love for each of us is already so total, personal, *(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

- **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

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- **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 Tony will be away from the parish office from Tuesday, October 8th through Thursday, October 31st for his continuing education. There will not be a daily Mass from Tuesday, October 8th through Wednesday, October 30th. The weekend Masses will be covered by retired priests of the Diocese of Des Moines. If someone is in the hospital, the family needs to contact the hospital chaplain there.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All Saints

Saturday, October 12

Rosary: Frank Holle
Ushers: Eric & Margaret Tiernan
Altar Server: Jodi Bassett
Lector: Roni Wilson
Commentator: Sharon Doud
Greeters: Marvin & Janet Bassett
EMHC: Sister Nesta, Sister Andre & Dan Hilgers

All Saints

Sunday, October 13

Ushers: Faith Formation
Altar Servers: Faith Formation
Lector: Faith Formation
Commentator: Faith Formation
Greeters: Faith Formation
EMHC: Faith Formation

St. John

Sunday, October 13

Cross Bearer: Belle Fagan
Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Larry Ludwig
Lector: Julie Plowman
Host: Elizabeth Moreland
Cup: Sister Andre & Adella Vogl
Altar Servers: Carley Fagan & Bailey Lillard
Traveling Chalice: John & Adella Vogl

MONEY COUNTERS

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

Wednesday, October 16th @ 9am: Donna Olson & Gina Ocheltree

All Saints Financial Partnership

September 29, 2019

Weekly Offering: \$ 2,417.00
Children's Offering: \$ 18.86
Building Fund: \$ 125.00

St. John Financial Partnership

September 29, 2019

Weekly Offering: \$ 535.00
Children's Offering: \$ 8.00