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part) upon our prayers. One way to grow in this confidence is to make what spiritual writers call prayer commitments. These consist of a program of prayer that you commit to carrying out on a regular basis. This is how we grow up in the spiritual life. If we only pray when we feel like it, or when we are facing a crisis, we will never be constant in prayer - our prayer will depend on our mood. But then we will never develop that mature confidence in God that makes us spiritually strong, wise, and solid. We will remain spiritual infants - crying when we want something, and oblivious to God when we do not. An easy way to start is by committing to 'three prayer meals' a day: spend five or ten minutes in prayer before your day gets going - before you leave your room. Then take five minutes with God in the middle of your day, before or after your lunch break. Then, before crawling into bed, spend five more minutes with God, thanking him for the day's blessings and entrusting to him everyone you care about. Unlike the crooked judge in the parable, God actually wants to guide us to the fullness of life in him. But he refuses to do it without our cooperation - he would not force himself on us.

**Altar & Rosary by Jodi Bassett, President**



The women of All Saints Catholic Church are members of the Altar and Rosary Society. Please plan to attend one of the meetings after mass set for Saturday, October 19th or Sunday, October 20th. We will meet in the music room across from the parish hall.

We hope to see you there. Thank you!

**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**

Sunday 10/20	Monday 10/21	Tuesday 10/22	Wednesday 10/23	Thursday 10/24	Friday 10/25	Saturday 10/26
<b>Adair</b> 7:30am Rosary & Confession 8am Mass for Eugene Richter  10/27 for Anna Donnelly  <b>Stuart</b> 10am Mass  BD: Carson Tigges		<b>Stuart</b> No Mass  BD: Paul Pieper & Neal Crawford	<b>Adair</b> No Mass  BD: Eugene Simons	<b>Stuart</b> No Mass  BD: Linda Lee O'Neel	<b>Stuart</b> No Mass  BD: John O'Brien, George Kasap, Ezekiel Lipovac & Thomas Gettler	<b>Stuart</b> 3:30pm Confessions 4:05pm Rosary 4:30pm Mass for deceased members of the Tigges & Gladfelder families

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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 politely telling us that we are weak prayers. But he also gives us the remedy for our weakness. This parable comes after a conversation he had with some Pharisees. In that conversation, they asked him when the Kingdom of God would finally come. Jesus probably detected impatience behind that question, as if they were criticizing God for being careless or lazy. We can relate to that kind of impatience. We can tend to give up on God too easily. We approach God with less confidence than this determined widow had in approaching a crooked judge. Behind the words of our prayer lurks a subtle tendency to doubt God. We think that just because he does not answer us in the way we expect him to, he is not answering us at all. That shows a lack of faith, a truncated vision of God. Jesus is reminding us that we should have unlimited faith and confidence in God. No prayer that we utter goes unheard. God is never out of his office; he is never on vacation. He is longing for us to bombard him with our prayers. He is eagerly searching for hearts that trust him enough to ask him unceasingly for everything they need. He always answers our prayers, even when the answer is 'no'. Because God is our Father, all-wise, all-loving, and all-powerful, there should be no limit to our confidence in him. And so, as Saint Luke tells us, we should 'pray always without becoming weary'. Being constant in our prayer, just like the widow with her petitions to the judge, constant in thanksgiving, constant in repentance, constant in praise, and constant in bringing to God every need that comes our way. Constancy built on confidence – that is the path to becoming better prayers. The culture we live in does not help us be good prayers. Our culture is secular. The triumphs of technology have created an unlimited confidence in science and human ingenuity. As a result, that same culture tends to depict religion as a sign of weakness, because it involves depending on God for things that we are not supposed to need anymore - things like forgiveness, grace, miracles, sacraments, prayer, and spiritual gifts. None of us consciously agree with this view. But because we live in this secular culture, that distorted view of God and Jesus can seep into our minds without our realizing it, subtly affecting our life of prayer. The parable about the widow and the judge corrects this vision. The judge in the parable, though an unworthy man, has real authority. He can issue a decision that will have actual repercussions both for the widow and for her adversary. This is an image of Christ, who also has real authority – 'all authority in heaven and earth'. Jesus is the ruler of the universe, and so he can influence things. And he has chosen to put this influence at our disposal. Just as the judge would not have acted unless the widow had pleaded with him, God also has decided to make his graces depend (at least in

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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



• **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 mouth-watering 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.



• **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](mailto:brendawedemeyer@yahoo.com).

• **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 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the music room

• **THANK YOU!!** The Family of John W. Doherty would like to thank the All Saints Altar and Rosary Society for their hospitality and the wonderful luncheon they provided after the funeral service last weekend. We would also like to thank everyone who donated their time and food; everything was absolutely magnificent. We truly appreciate your generosity in helping make this difficult time a little more bearable. God Bless You!

### St. John Faith Formation 2019-2020 by Monica Fagan



• **St. John Harvest Mass:** Please join us Sunday, November 3rd for the Youth Harvest Mass where the children of the church will be fulfilling liturgical roles. All parishioners are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for donation to the local food pantry. After mass, please join our youth and fellow parishioners for a sale in the parish hall. Enjoy some hot cocoa while starting your Christmas shopping early. Items available for purchase are recipes in a jar, hot cocoa mix gift packages, baked goods, scarves and much more.

We hope to see you there!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



• **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. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

• **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.

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### All Saints

**Saturday, October 26**

**Rosary:** Frank Holle  
**Ushers:** Marty & Julie Doud  
**Altar Server:** Jodi Bassett  
**Lector:** Roni Wilson  
**Commentator:** Sharon Doud  
**Greeters:** Marty & Julie Doud  
**EMHC:** Mark & Kari Tisl & Sister Nesta

#### All Saints

**Sunday, October 27**

**Ushers:** John & Patrick Gulbranson  
**Altar Servers:** Iean Hoffman, Nora Hoffman & Carson Tigges  
**Lector:** Donna Olson  
**Commentator:** Amy Doud  
**Greeters:** John, Harriet & Patrick Gulbranson  
**EMHC:** Harriet Gulbranson, Dave Tisl & Larissa Crawford

#### St. John

**Sunday, October 27**

**Cross Bearer:** Kelsie Steensen  
**Greeters:** Brian Richter & Roger Vais  
**Lector:** Brian Richter  
**Host:** Sister Nesta  
**Cup:** Adela Vogl & Les Elgin  
**Altar Servers:** Luke Brincks & Belle Fagan  
**Traveling Chalice:** Cody & Elizabeth Moreland

### MONEY COUNTERS

Tuesday, October 22nd @ 9am: Diane Messinger, Dennis Van Pelt & Dave Vigon

Tuesday, October 29 @ 1pm: Janet Bassett, Mary Morgan & Pat Hohn

#### All Saints Financial Partnership

October 13, 2019

**Weekly Offering: \$ 2,052.00**  
**Children's Offering: \$ 26.00**  
**Building Fund: \$ 90.00**

#### St. John Financial Partnership

October 13, 2019

**Weekly Offering: \$ 553.00**  
**Children's Offering: \$ 9.00**