

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

Hidden Life. Once we have made a decision to follow Christ, then the process of what spiritual writers call 'integration' begins. This is our Hidden Life - the hard work of putting our lives in order. Only God sees this work. But it is essential. We start living like Christians: our relationships become healthier, we become more responsible, dependable, balanced, patient, joyful - but it only happens through a steady effort supported by prayer and the sacraments. Once we have made our fundamental option and made progress in our integration, we will soon be ready for the third phase - generosity. Once we get the basics down, once our lives are free from habits of serious sin and we have developed some spiritual maturity, then he invites us to follow him more closely. Something will happen to test us, to purify us, to push us to deeper faith and more selfless love. We get pushed out of our Christian comfort zone - just as Christ was pushed out of the comfort of his home in Nazareth at the start of his Public Life. From his baptism on, he faced temptation, opposition, and exhaustion as he fulfilled the mission he had received from his Father. The same thing happens to us when we are ready for it - God gives us a mission that demands more generosity. May be he sends us hardship - physical, emotional, or moral suffering. May be he will nudge our conscience with a new idea - like give up a lucrative job in order to serve the Church. May be he will invite us to a whole new level of adventure by calling us to the priesthood or the consecrated life. These invitations to generosity come in little things and in big things, but they keep coming. And every time we respond generously by accepting the invitation and adjusting our level of integration, we will experience God more deeply, grow in wisdom and virtue, and achieve a new level of Christian maturity. And then God will send us another invitation to generosity, and the growth will continue. God will never be cruel to us. He will never ask too much of us - ask or invite us to a level of generosity that is beyond us. But on the other hand, he will never ask too little of us either. He loves us too much to leave us stuck in mediocrity. And if we do our best to carry generously the crosses that the Lord allows to come our way, then we will be well-prepared for the final phase of Christian life: perseverance. This simply means staying faithful to our friendship with Christ 'at the hour of our death', as we pray in the Hail Mary. It is comforting to remember that when that hour finally does come, we will not have to face it alone - Jesus will be there with us. In fact, he is with us each step of the way, if only we look with the eyes of faith. That is the message of Christ's baptism.

All Saints is bringing After Mass Socials to our parish calendar this year. If your family would be willing to host an a social (Saturdays – dessert, cookies, bars, pies, etc or Sundays – donuts, coffee cake, rolls, etc), please contact Jill Gerling at allsaintsff@outlook.com with the date you would like to host!

Here are the dates for the 2020 After Mass Socials

Saturday, February 8	Sunday, March 8	Sunday, April 5	Sunday, May 3
Saturday, June 13	Sunday, July 19	Sunday, August 8	
Saturday, September 19	Sunday, October 11	Saturday, November 14	
Sunday, December 6			

Calendar with Mass Times, Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday 1/12	Monday 1/13	Tuesday 1/14	Wednesday 1/15	Thursday 1/16	Friday 1/17	Saturday 1/18
<u>Adair</u> 7:30am Rosary & Confession 8am Mass for Joseph Lawlor		<u>Stuart</u> 6:00 pm Mass for Ron Dupuy BD: Merritt Nims	<u>Adair</u> 8:30 am Mass for Andrew Lawlor BD: Bob Olson	<u>Stuart</u> 9:00am Mass Stuart Care Center BD: Cera Drake, Emma Kasap & Olivia Nims ANN: Eugene & Mary Ellen Simons 1960	<u>Stuart</u> 8:30am Mass for Caroline Lacher	<u>Stuart</u> 3:30pm Confessions 4:05pm Rosary 4:30pm Mass for the People BD: Leo Pieper & Alissa Follmann
1/19 Mass for Francis Hollinrake (health) <u>Stuart</u> 10am Mass for Karen Dupuy BD: Tom Fagan						

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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

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The day of Jesus' baptism is one of the pivotal moments in his life. It marks the beginning of what the Church traditionally calls his 'Public Life'. The life of Christ can be divided into four major sections. First, what is called his 'Hidden Life'. This includes Christ's infancy, childhood, and young adulthood. The Gospels record little of these years. History and tradition fill in some of the blanks, but for his first 30 years, Jesus lived a normal, relatively uneventful, working-class life. In a small town where everyone knew everyone else, he spent his days helping Mary, Joseph, and their neighbors make ends meet. We call it his 'Hidden Life' because his true identity and mission were hidden from the world during this period. The Second section is his 'Public Life'. This starts with his baptism and goes until the Last Supper. In this period, he traveled the highways of Galilee and Judea, preaching, teaching, healing, performing miracles, and training his Twelve Apostles. During this period, his identity as Messiah became known to the public - first with the dramatic revelation at his baptism, and then through his words and mighty deeds. The third period is his Passion. It goes from the Last Supper through his trials, scourging, crucifixion, and burial. This is the culmination of his mission, when he reveals the shocking depth of God's love for us sinners and offers himself as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. The fourth section is the period of his Resurrection. It goes from Easter until his Ascension into heaven - the final fulfillment of his mission. These four sections are not random. Christ lived them for us - and they correspond to the four phases of Christian life - the phases by which we attain Christian maturity and wisdom. As Christians, our Hidden Life usually begins with something significant or extraordinary. Christ's birth on Christmas Day was surrounded by supernatural glory and drama - the angels appearing to the shepherds and the Magi bringing their gifts from the east. So too, every Christian should be able to identify some moment when they took personal responsibility for their faith. May be it was at First Communion. May be it was at Confirmation. May be it was when one got married. May be it was after a retreat, or on a pilgrimage, or in the aftermath of a family tragedy. It can happen in many different ways and places, but it has to happen. To follow Christ in a mature manner, we have to consciously accept his invitation, to make a fundamental option in our lives: to declare ourselves for or against Christ. This is sometimes called a moment of conversion or repentance. But that is only the beginning - just as Christmas was the beginning of Christ's

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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

- Annual Diocesan Appeal Update:** Each year, every member of our diocesan faith community is asked to participate in making a gift to support the work and ministry of Bishop Joensen through the Annual Diocesan Appeal. All 81 parishes in the Diocese has a goal that is calculated based on a formula of parish income and expenses. One of the largest expenses covered by the appeal is the support of our priests. The Diocese pays 100% of the health care premiums for clergy, as well as, covering priests' retirement benefits; expenses which are not absorbed by our parish. The Diocese currently supports 112 priests; 37 of which are retired and 75 active. The appeal also covers the formation of our deacons, education of 16 seminarians in their last years of Seminary school and administrative expenses for staff of the diocese, who are dedicated to serving our parish in many ways. Bishop Joensen's ministry, including housing, travel throughout the Diocese for meetings, special masses, and confirmations, are all supported by the ADA as well. Last, but not least, a portion of our ADA dollars supports Catholic Charities in feeding and clothing those in need; providing shelter for homeless families; assisting victims of domestic violence; counseling thousands of individuals, and welcoming refugees who have fled their native lands as they settle in Iowa. A big thanks to everyone who has already participated in the Annual Diocesan Appeal for the calendar year 2019, and a friendly reminder to those who have forgotten about it, that time is approaching to wind down the 2019 appeal. If we do not pay the balance of the appeal, the amount will be paid from our operating account, which affects our parish finances. May I appeal to you that if God has blessed you, would you be kind enough to share a little of that God-given blessing to spread His kingdom and mission. Thank you. Fr. Tony

All Saints, Stuart, Parish ADA Goal = \$30,035

Gifts Received: \$ 21,342.50

Remaining: \$8,642.50

St. John, Adair, ADA Goal = \$7,257

Gifts Received: \$ 5,197.17

Remaining: \$2,059.83

- St. John's Family Meeting:** St. John's Family is having their quarterly meeting on February 2nd, following mass, during coffee and rolls. All members of St. John are encouraged to come to our meeting as it is for every member of our Church community. We will be discussing our mission statement, which needs to be completed, and any other important information that needs to be decided before booklets are printed. We are also going to discuss the family fun/game night that we are going to have in February. We would like to have all members of our Church family involved in everything that our community is going to do as it takes all of us to keep a Church going in a small town. Please plan to attend if you are able. Thank you. ~ Deb Hollinrake
- All Saints Rosary Making:** If you are interested in learning how to make a Rosary you will want to mark your calendars for Tuesdays during February. From 10:00 a.m. to noon each Tuesday, beginning February 4th, Brenda Wedemeyer will lead a class on how to make knotted (hand-tied), strung, and chain style Rosaries. A \$10 donation for materials only is requested, but don't let that keep you away! You will be keeping everything you make. Please contact Brenda at 641-740-1079 (texting preferred), email: brendawedemeyer@yahoo.com, or contact the church office.
- Knights of Columbus Day of Prayer:** We are called to respect the life and dignity of every human person from conception through natural death. The Knights of Columbus will host a day-long Day of Prayer for the Protection of Unborn Children on Wednesday, January 22nd starting at 6:00 am concluding with Mass at 6:30 pm with Faith Formation. Please join us for mass, and/or anytime during the day, as we pray for all victims on this day of prayer. A recent Sunday reading from St. Paul: "Over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts. Whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus."
- All Saints Building Fund Envelopes:** Many of you may have noticed your tithing envelope boxes do not have building fund envelopes. In an effort to reduce cost and waste, it was decided to make the envelopes available to those who would like them. They are available outside the sanctuary door hanging on the wall. Feel free to take some home to put in your tithing boxes or just use them on the days we do a collection. Please make sure to put your name or envelope number on it so you will be credited for your donation. Please call the office at 523-1943 if you have any questions.

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- All Saints Church Tithing OPTION - eGiving:** Electronic gifts are fast and secure, and they reduce administrative costs, allowing more of every dollar to fund the important work we are called to do.
- Give anytime, anywhere to your favorite funds
- Schedule and manage recurring donations
- Make one-time donations to special appeals
- Pay for events, programs and other activities



If you would like to give electronically, please visit www.stuartallsaints.org or contact the church office.

*** This is an **OPTION** to give to the church; it **DOES NOT REPLACE** traditional tithing envelopes.***

All Saints Faith Formation Coordinator, Jill Gerling

Looking for a way to grow in your faith? Are you a student in Confirmation prep or have receive the sacrament? **Then sign up for COR! What is COR, you ask?** *The word COR is the Latin word for heart, the symbol of love, that stands for Christ in Others Retreat.* The retreat takes a hands-on approach to teaching about the role Christ wants us to take and how to live our faith with others. COR teaches teens to be aware of themselves, their parents, and their families. The weekend reveals to young people the presence of Christ in prayer; in the Word of God; in the Eucharist, and in Others. The model of Christian love is powerfully shown by the examples of the team guiding the retreat. It is through discussions, activities, prayer, scriptures, stories, sharing, living together as a big family, and reflection of faith. These will positively affect the teens lives during and after the weekend.

Parents sign up your teens, they will have a great experience.

WHEN: February 21st, 22nd & 23rd, 2020 Friday @ 7:30 pm until Sunday @ 3 pm.

WHERE: St. Joseph Catholic Church
1026 North 8th Ave
Winterset, Iowa 50273

Fee: \$40.00 (for meals and t-shirt)

CONTACT: Jill Gerling to sign up, deadline is Friday, January 31, 2020

All Saints

Saturday, January 18

Rosary: Frank Holle

Ushers: Eric Tiernan & Dave Boss

Altar Server: Zoey & Bailey Dickson

Lector: Roni Wilson

Commentator: Sharon Doud

Greeters: Eric & Margaret Tiernan

EMHC: Jodi Bassett, Mark Tisl & Sister Nesta

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All Saints

Sunday, January 19

Ushers: Bob Olson & Dennis Van Pelt

Altar Servers: Riley Doud, Ian Hoffmann & Nora Hoffmann

Lector: Donna Olson

Commentator: Gary Riordan

Greeters: Bob & Donna Olson

EMHC: Joyce Van Pelt, Jo Beaman & Amy Doud

St. John

Sunday, January 19

Cross Bearer: Gavin Steensen

Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Larry Drees

Lector: Theresa Elgin

Host: Matt Fagan

Cup: Elizabeth Moreland & Sister Andre

Altar Servers: Luke Brincks & Cole Plowman

Traveling Chalice: Les & Theresa Elgin

MONEY COUNTERS

Tuesday, January 14 @ 1pm: Eric Tiernan, Gina James & Donna Donnelly

Wednesday, January 22 @ 9am: Donna Olson & Gina Ocheltree

All Saints Financial Partnership

January 5, 2020

Weekly Offering: \$ 2,144.00

Children's Offering: \$ 12.52

Solemnity of the BVM: \$ 99.00

Building Fund: \$1,001.00

St. John Financial Partnership

January 5, 2020

Weekly Offering: \$ 340.00

Children's Offering: \$ 5.00

Solemnity of the BVM: \$ 120.00