

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

but to give ourselves - to love in the full, Christian sense of the word, laying down our lives for God and neighbor, just like Christ. Christ conquered sin and evil by loving, by giving himself to others. We conquer sin and evil in the same way - by loving, by giving without counting the cost, by forgiving without conditions. Christ is our King and our Leader. And so, to be his loyal subjects and followers, we too should bravely become Lambs of God - sacrificial offerings on the altar of our own crosses. This self-sacrificial, self-forgetful love is so central to our faith that the Church reminds us of it in every Mass, when we pray, 'Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us'. Let us pray those words from the very depths of our hearts, appreciating in a fresh way all their beauty and meaning. And when we receive Holy Communion, we are receiving the Lamb of God, partaking of the saving Lamb, just as the Jews of the Old Covenant partook of the Passover Lamb. And when we receive the Lamb of God with a lively faith, he strengthens us to follow his example. Every day of our lives in this fallen world is filled with struggles and hardships, big and little, that can become instruments of salvation. By offering himself on the cross, Jesus reconciled sinners to God. By offering ourselves on our crosses, we can do the same thing. When we offer our daily sufferings to God in prayer, they become channels of grace for the conversion and sanctification of the world. Many people in the world today do not pray, do not believe, do not confess their sins, and thus continue their rebellion against God. We can be a bridge between them and God by offering up our sufferings through prayer, by being Lambs with the Lamb.

- **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 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!

<u>Here are the dates for the 2020 After Mass Socials</u>			
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

<u>Sunday 1/19</u>	<u>Monday 1/20</u>	<u>Tuesday 1/21</u>	<u>Wednesday 1/22</u>	<u>Thursday 1/23</u>	<u>Friday 1/24</u>	<u>Saturday 1/25</u>
Adair 7:30am Rosary & Confession 8am Mass for Francis Hollinrake (health) 1/26 Mass for Genevieve De Souza (health)		Stuart 6:00 pm Mass BD: Carol Knowlton, Tammy Doud, Camryn Tigges & Shirley Wheatley	Adair 8:30 am Mass Elizabeth Linnard (health)	Stuart 9:00am Mass Stuart Care Center	Stuart 8:30am Mass for Caroline Lacher	Stuart 3:30pm Confessions 4:05pm Rosary 4:30pm Mass BD: Roger Callahan & Pat Beaman
Stuart 10am Mass						

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Office Hours

Tuesday: 8:30am - 3pm
Wednesday: 8:30am - 3pm
Thursday: 8:30am - 3pm

Bulletin Deadline:

Noon Wednesday



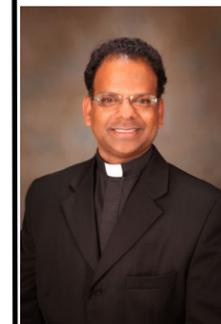
All Saints Mass Schedule

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



We are back to the ordinary time of the liturgical year. We hear about the public ministry of Jesus. He travels the high-ways of Galilee and Judea, preaching, teaching, healing, performing miracles, and training his Twelve Apostles. As Jesus prepares for his public ministry, John the Baptist introduces him to the world in this manner: 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world'. This is John the Baptist's favorite title for Jesus, and also became one of John, the Evangelist's favorite titles. He uses it here in his Gospel, and then uses it again, twenty-nine times, in the Book of Revelation. It brings together three images that would have been familiar to the Jews of those times. And so, by calling Christ the 'Lamb of God', Saint John is telling us that those ancient images are fulfilled in Jesus. Let us look at those images one by one. The first image: in the Old Covenant, God required the Jews to sacrifice a lamb twice a day to expiate the sins of the people. So the lamb symbolized the price to be paid for sin. The second image: the primary holy day of the Jews was (and remains) the Passover. In the Passover ceremony each family sacrifices and eats a lamb to recall their liberation from Egypt in the days of Moses. On that night, God allowed the death of all the firstborn children and animals of the Egyptians, but spared those of the Hebrews. In order to indicate which households the angel of death was to skip over, God commanded the Hebrews to kill a lamb and mark their doorposts with its blood. Thus the Passover lamb signified God's merciful and saving love. The third image: a lamb going silently and docilely to be slaughtered is one of the images used to describe the coming Messiah. He was going to take Israel's sins upon himself and wipe them away through his suffering obedience. And so, by calling Jesus the 'Lamb of God', the Evangelist, John reminds us that all of these Old Testament symbols had been pointing towards Christ - the true Savior. Jesus offered his very self for our redemption. In so doing, he showed us two things. First, he showed beyond any doubt that absolutely nothing we do can ever extinguish his love for us. He died for us while we were yet sinners - and so, we can never doubt his love for us. The Lamb of God loves us just as we are, and will always love us. We must never doubt that. We must never let anything come between us and Jesus Christ. Whenever we find ourselves doubting his love or goodness, we can be sure that thought is a temptation from the devil - it could never come from God. Second, by giving himself up for our salvation, he showed us the path to happiness. We were created not to indulge ourselves,

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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:** 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
- Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest:** The All Saints Knights of Columbus will hold their annual Free Throw Shooting Contest on Sunday, January 26th at the West Central Valley High School gym. The gym will open at 11:30am for registration & practicing with competition beginning at Noon. Competition is open to boys & girls ages 9-14. Winners will advance to district competition on February 9th; also to be held that the WCV High School gym. Registration forms are available at the West Central Valley middle school, elementary schools, in the gathering space at All Saints and in the back of church at St. John's. A parent signature is required. Please contact Tom Doud at 515-577-5670 for more information, or if you have questions.
- All Saints and St. John's 2019 Contribution Statements:** Tithing contribution statements for 2019 are now available in the gathering space at All Saints, and at the back of church for St. John's. Please call the office at 515-523-1943 if you need an electronic version, discover a discrepancy, would like your statement mailed or have questions. Your financial support is truly appreciated.
- 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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Thank You

- Thank you!** A special thanks to those who provided coffee and donut refreshments after faith formation Mass on Sunday, January 12th at All Saints. It was well attended, and if you missed it, you can look forward to the next one in February. We also want to thank everyone who helped the Arts & Environment Committee take down all the Christmas decorations after mass at All Saints and St. John's. Everyone's generosity and hard work is really appreciated, as we all make a difference in our parish family. Thank you for being such a blessing. ~ Fr. Tony

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All Saints

Saturday, January 25

Rosary: Frank Holle
Ushers: Wayne & Jan Gilman
Altar Server: Connie Drake
Lector: Bob Bird
Commentator: Sharon Doud
Greeters: Wayne & Jan Gilman
EMHC: Donna Donnelly, Jodi Bassett & Sister Andre

All Saints

Sunday, January 26

Ushers: Jason Tigges & Neal Crawford
Altar Servers: Nate & Gabe Gerling & Lilah Aubert
Lector: Jim Doud
Commentator: Sean Bovinett
Greeters: Jason & Jen Tigges
EMHC: Harriet Gulbranson, Larissa Crawford & Jill Gerling

St. John

Sunday, January 26

Cross Bearer: John Fagan
Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Les Elgin
Lector: Julie Plowman
Host: Sister Nesta
Cup: Adela Vogl & Les Elgin
Altar Servers: Luke Brincks & Belle Fagan
Traveling Chalice: John & Kathy Fagan

MONEY COUNTERS

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

Tuesday, January 28 @ 9am: Diane Messigner, Dennis Van Pelt & Dave Vigon

All Saints Financial Partnership

January 12, 2020

Weekly Offering: \$ 1,905.00

Children's Offering: \$ 20.75

St. John Financial Partnership

January 12, 2020

Weekly Offering: \$ 472.00

Children's Offering: \$ 22.00