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habitual mode of behavior corresponds to his own example of constant, self-forgetfulness, constant self-giving - like the sun that shines on the just and the unjust alike. This is the path to happiness for ourselves, and to lasting peace and prosperity for our society. How can we go deeper in following Christ's example of generosity and self-forgetful love? We have to start at home. We have to learn to 'go the extra mile' by doing a little more than our share of the chores, and not looking for any rewards. We have to learn to 'turn the other cheek' by being the first one to say we are sorry, even if the fault is not totally with us. We have to learn to 'give over our cloak' by giving our family members the benefit of the doubt, excusing them from their foibles as easily as we excuse ourselves. This is where true Christian virtue begins: at home, with those who are closest to us, those whom we know so well and who know us so well, those who rub us the wrong way most often. If we can learn to be self-forgetful with them, doing so with others will be a piece of cake. In a world that is often focused on vendettas, avenging wrongs, trampled rights, and payback, Our Lord reminds us today of what has been a trademark of Christianity throughout the centuries: turning the other cheek. Meekness is often considered a weakness, but it actually involves a very virtuous effort not to strike, or even dislike, the one who has struck you, to give your time and possessions when someone does not have a right to them, or to go out of your way beyond what any reasonable person would expect. Perhaps, on our own it is impossible to live out the challenges of today's gospel but with the help of God's grace we can. Let us therefore rely on his grace and strength.

All Saints Faith Formation Coordinator, Jill Gerling



A great part of our children's faith development is the weekend Mass obligation. During the Faith Formation program year there are Faith Formation Family Masses. These are meant for all of the Faith Formation families and parishioners of All Saints. At these Masses the children are given various liturgical roles to perform with the guidance of their parents and catechists. Please mark your calendars to attend these Masses:

- Ash Wednesday, February 26 at 6:00pm
- Sunday, March 8 at 10:00am
- Sunday, May 3 at 10:00am (also Graduate Recognition Mass)
- Sunday, May 31 at 10:00am
(Confirmation Mass with Bishop Joenson)

Calendar with Mass Times, Birthdays and Anniversaries

<u>Sunday 2/23</u>	<u>Monday 2/24</u>	<u>Tuesday 2/25</u>	<u>Wednesday 2/26</u>	<u>Thursday 2/27</u>	<u>Friday 2/28</u>	<u>Saturday 2/29</u>
<u>Adair</u> 7:30am Rosary & Confession 8am Mass for Lynn Elgin 3/1 Mass for Gary Seilhan (health)	BD: Suzy Aubert, Lauren Tigges & Madeline Richter	<u>Stuart</u> 6:00 pm Mass for George Tlach & Don Nepl BD: Patti McAndrews & Ray Vais	<u>Adair</u> 8:30 am Mass for Francis Hollinrake (health) BD: Joana Huerta	<u>Stuart</u> 9:00am Mass for George Tlach & Don Nepl	<u>Stuart</u> 8:30am Mass for deceased members of the Tigges & Gladfelder families	<u>Stuart</u> 3:30pm Confessions 4:05pm Rosary 4:30pm Mass for the People
<u>Stuart</u> 10am Mass for the People					BD: Alice Moreland	

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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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These familiar lines of today's gospel are part of the Sermon on the Mount. The Sermon on the Mount was revolutionary not only in its ideas, but in the claims of the Lord who gave it. And this implicit claim to have authority over divine law and therefore to actually be divine, has consequences. It means that his commands demand obedience. In the ancient world, obedience to a ruler was a familiar concept. In today's world, dominated by political democracies, it has become less so. In fact, today's critical, self-sufficient, democratic mindset can even seep into the Church. But the truth of Christ does not change with fashions and referendums. In our relationship with Jesus and his Church, humble obedience to legitimate authority is a virtue, not a vice. Having said that, let us look in to the background of these images that Jesus uses. According to Jewish custom, slapping someone on the face with the back of one's hand was twice as insulting as slapping him with the palm of one's hand. A right-handed person slapping someone else on the right cheek (the case Jesus implicitly refers to) implies just such a backhanded blow. By law, a Jew could be forced to hand over a tunic as a payment of legal recompense (even poor men of the time would have owned two tunics), but not his cloak. Most often a person had only one cloak, and it was used not only as a coat during the day, but also as a blanket at night. Palestine during the time of Jesus was under direct Roman control. The occupying forces were permitted by law to enlist natives as guides or pack-bearers for a mile of any journey they may be taking. So, what is Jesus really asking of us when he tells us to turn the other cheek, to hand over our cloak as well as our tunic, and to voluntarily go an extra mile? He is teaching us how to respond to personal insults and humiliations. It was humiliating and offensive to be slapped on the right cheek, to be forced to hand over a tunic to pay a debt, to be consigned to carrying a foreigner's pack in your own homeland. Jesus wants us to respond to personal insults with grace, patience, and forgiveness. He wants us to break the cycle of violence by not always insisting on getting our own way, but going out of our way to do good to others, even when they do not strictly deserve it. That is what God did with us by sending Jesus to be our Savior, and that is what he wants us to do for those around us. We can all make selfless acts of generosity every once in a while. We can even give the appearance of doing it often, if we want to impress certain people. But Christ is asking each of us, as his followers, to go deeper. He wants us to form the virtue of generosity, so that our

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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



• **St. John's Rosary Making Event:** Brenda Wedemeyer will be offering instructions on how to make a rosary at St. John's parish hall on Monday, March 2nd at 5:00 p.m. Please contact Theresa Elgin at 515-250-8165 if you are planning to attend.

• **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: \$ 22,592.50

Remaining: \$7,442.50

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

Gifts Received: \$ 5,447.17

Remaining: \$1,809.83

➡ **Lent is almost here!** Lent is a solemn religious observance in the liturgical calendar that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends approximately six weeks later, before Easter Sunday. It is a time of preparation through prayer, doing penance, repentance of sins, almsgiving, atonement, and self-denial. In Lent, many Christians commit to fasting or giving up certain types of luxuries as a form of penance, and the Stations of the Cross, a devotional commemoration of Christ's carrying the Cross and his execution, are observed. We have a unique opportunity to participate in the Holy Eucharist on Sundays of lent at 8:00 a.m. followed by the Stations of the cross at St. John, and Wednesdays of lent (Holy Eucharist) at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Stations of the Cross and a soup supper at All Saints. We will have a Lenten parish mission offered by Rev. Bruce Nieli, C.S.P., a Paulist evangelist currently based in Austin, Texas from Sunday, March 22nd through Tuesday, March 24th at 6.30 p.m. at All Saints. Let us make an extra effort to take advantage of every opportunity offered during this wonderful season of grace (lent).

Ash Wednesday Schedule:

Mass and distribution of ashes at 8:30 a.m. (St. John)

Mass and distribution of ashes at 6:00 p.m. (All Saints)

• **Fast and Abstinence on Ash Wednesday:** Ash Wednesday, February 26th is a day of both fast and abstinence. Fast and abstinence are to be observed by all those who have celebrated their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday. Abstinence from meat is to be observed on all the Fridays of Lent by all who have celebrated their 14th birthday.

• **All Saints Altar Server Appreciation Party:** We are blessed with a good number of altar servers. Father Tony wants to recognize and thank them for their wonderful ministry on Sunday, March 1, 2020 after the 10:00 am Mass in the parish hall. Please consider this as a personal invitation to join the party.

• **COMMUNITY DAY OF PRAYER:** Save the day March 6, 2020 at 2:00pm in your calendar. This will be the Stuart Community Day of Prayer at the New Beginnings Open Bible Church. The founder of Tori's Angels, Bill Ridgley, will be the guest speaker. Men and women of all backgrounds are invited to join for this hour of community prayer and fellowship. For more information please contact Mary Porter at 641-332-2550.

• **St. John's Lenten Fish Frys':** St. John's Catholic Church is hosting fish frys' during the Lenten season on March 6, March 20 and April 3 at St. John's Church Hall in Adair. Serving will be from 5:00 - 7:00pm. Shrimp will be available in addition to fish. A free will offering will be taken and is open to the public.

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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 available dates for After Mass Socials for 2020

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

- **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.***

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All Saints

Saturday, February 29

Rosary: Frank Holle

Ushers: Pat & Jo Beaman

Altar Server: Connie Drake

Lector: Donna Donnelly

Commentator: Roni Wilson

Greeters: Pat & Jo Beaman

EMHC: Jo Beaman, Donna

Donnelly & Sister Andre

All Saints

Sunday, March 1

Ushers: John & Patrick

Gulbranson

Altar Servers: Evie Boyle, Elias

& Cale Hazen

Lector: Harriet Gulbranson

Commentator: Gary Riordan

Greeters: John & Harriet

Gulbranson

EMHC: Harriet Gulbranson,

Dan Hilgers & Larissa Crawford

St. John

Sunday, March 1

Cross Bearer: Jovie Denney

Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Paul

Gettler

Lector: Brian Richter

Host: Dave Richter

Cup: Elizabeth Moreland &

Sister Nesta

Altar Servers: Cole Plowman &

Bailey Lillard

Traveling Chalice: Cleon &

Kaye Klemish

MONEY COUNTERS

Tuesday, February 25 @ 9:00am: Diane Messinger & Dave Vigon

Tuesday, March 3 @ 1:00pm: Janet Bassett, Mary Morgan & Cindy Boucher

All Saints Financial Partnership

February 16, 2020

Weekly Offering: \$ 1,479.00

Children's Offering: \$ 23.86

E-Giving: \$ 650.00

St. John Financial Partnership

February 16, 2020

Weekly Offering: \$ 386.00

Children's Offering: \$ 9.00