

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

God, personally, and that we are called to love him in return, with all the power and creativity of our being. The deepest part of our soul is hungering not for bread, but for the Word of God, Jesus Christ, who is himself incarnate Truth and Love. One thing that can blind us to Christ's saving truth and make us vulnerable to the 'bread-alone' temptation, is self-deception. We do not like to face up to our weakness. We do not like to take full responsibility for our sins, for our habits of selfishness and our reluctance to change. And so, we deceive ourselves, making excuses. God already knows our weakness and our sins. He knows how much they obstruct our spiritual progress, and how much we need his grace to overcome them. That is why he invented confession. In confession we can take full, personal responsibility for the times we have misused God's gifts. In confession we experience God's forgiveness personally, one-on-one, audibly. Most of us already know this, and we use the great gift of confession frequently. But we also know plenty of people who do not - and they are suffering deeply on the inside because of it. Jesus wants to nourish our souls with his truth this Lent. Let us help him out. Let us do the one thing that he cannot do for us: take a step in his direction, and help someone else do the same. At first glance, this might seem discouraging: Life is a battle that would not end until we die; there is no escape from the struggle. But Original Sin is only the beginning of the story. God did not abandon us. He had every right too. But he did not. He searched out Adam and Eve when they were hiding in the garden, and he searches for us. He sent us a Savior. Unlike the first Adam, Christ, the new Adam, never disobeyed God the Father; he never let his trust in the Father die. From the dire temptations in the desert up to death on a cross, he stayed faithful. He defeated the devil, repairing the rift torn open by original sin. True, our lives will always be a struggle against both our own sinful tendencies and the power of sin active in the world around us. But it is in that very struggle that our lives take on transcendent meaning - we become soldiers of Christ's Kingdom. Because God has revealed the truth about the origin of evil and the way of Redemption, we never have to be surprised either by our own weakness or by the injustice and suffering we encounter in the world. When Jesus comes to strengthen us for the battle by giving us his own strength in Holy Communion, let us renew our commitment to follow in Christ's footsteps.

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](mailto: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, July 19      Sunday, August 8  
 Sunday, October 11      Saturday, November 14      Sunday, December 6



**Calendar with Mass Times, Birthdays and Anniversaries**

<u>Sunday 3/1</u>	<u>Monday 3/2</u>	<u>Tuesday 3/3</u>	<u>Wednesday 3/4</u>	<u>Thursday 3/5</u>	<u>Friday 3/6</u>	<u>Saturday 3/7</u>
<u>Adair</u> 7:30am Rosary & Confession	BD: Julie Trichel & Lilah Aubert	<u>Stuart</u> 6:00 pm Mass	<u>Adair</u> 8:30 am Mass for Eugene Seilhan (health)	<u>Stuart</u> 9:00am Mass Stuart Care Center	<u>Stuart</u> 8:30am Mass	<u>Stuart</u> 3:30pm Confessions 4:05pm Rosary 4:30pm Mass for the People
8am Mass for Gary Seilhan (health)	ANN: Pete & Debi Kasap 1991	BD: Marilyn Wagers & Jill Gerling	BD: Brenna Bird	BD: Nick Doud	BD: Scott Fillman & Erin Carney	
3/8 Mass for Patricia Seilhan (health)					ANN: Craig & Brenda Wedemeyer 1982	
<u>Stuart</u> 10am Mass for the People						
BD: Gary Riordan & Zach Beaman						

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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**



As we enter in to lent, we are reminded that one of the greatest blessings we have received from God is the power to decide. We are free to choose. Freedom to choose also implies that we can choose something bad. Lent is a time when we remember and repent for the horrible choices we have made personally and as God's people. Jesus fasts and prays before beginning his public ministry, and, like all of us, he too has to face temptation in making the right decisions. He does so to teach us how we can face and overcome temptations to decide well. The devil tempts him to turn stones into bread to satisfy his hunger. Jesus could turn that stone to bread in a snap. There are more important things to life than just filling your stomach. These stones being stones, and Jesus being hungry are all part of God's plan, all part of God's will. God's will for us and others should always shape our decisions. Since the devil saw that Jesus was a scriptural man, he tried to use some scripture of his own. He took him to the top of the Temple in Jerusalem. The devil insisted that Jesus demands proof of God's protection, and he had the gall to back it up with Bible verses. We need to have faith in God to make right decisions. Scripture helps us to know his will, not just justify our actions. We can try to make a Biblical case, but it is God who justifies or condemns our actions, not us. The devil showed Jesus in an instant all the kingdoms of the world, and all Jesus had to do was grovel at his feet. He offered Jesus everything except the one thing the devil would not give up: being number one. Jesus stays focused on who was number one: his Heavenly Father and the mission he had received. Serving God should always shape our decisions. If he is not in first place, our decisions will take a wrong turn. Right now the biggest obstacle to our happiness and holiness is our culture's commercialist mentality. The commercialist mentality says that all our problems can be solved by stuff, by bread. The commercialist mentality is the attitude encouraged by the commercials, advertisements, and billboards that we run into a hundred times a day, every day. All of these material things, all these loaves of bread, are good. They are part of this wonderful creation that God has generously given to us. But they are not enough. They are necessary, but insufficient. They cannot solve our most important problems. Because the human soul is much greater than a machine. We need something much greater than fuel and axle grease to make our lives run smoothly. We need to know and follow the truth about who we are and what we were created for. We need to drink in the truth that we are loved by

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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.

- **Abstinence on Fridays:** Abstinence from meat is to be observed on all Fridays of Lent by all who have celebrated their 14<sup>th</sup> 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 6th, March 20th and April 3rd 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.

### Lenten Devotions



Sunday, March 1 - 8:00am - Mass/stations of the cross at St. John  
 Wednesday, March 4 - 5:30pm - Mass/stations/soup supper at All Saints  
 ~ soup supper sponsored by Faith Formation

### Lenten Parish Mission at All Saints: Seminars

Sunday, March 22 - 6:30pm "Responding to the Spirit in the Soul"  
 Monday, March 23 - 6:30pm "Responding to the Spirit in the Church"  
 Tuesday, March 24 - 6:30pm "Responding to the Spirit in the World"  
 Healing Prayer Service on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at All Saints



- **All Saints Study Group:** The Tuesday Morning Study Group will meet each week starting Tuesday, March 3rd at 10:00am in the music room. The sessions last 60-90 minutes, or until we're done. The group is open to anyone wishing to go deeper into the Scripture readings for the week. The sessions are free. Please bring your Bible and a Rosary. Coffee will be provided. Contact Brenda Wedemeyer at 641-740-1079 if you have any questions.

### 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:

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)

## Altar & Rosary by Jodi Bassett, President

In this, our first weekend of Lent, we enter a time of fasting, a time of almsgiving, a time of sacrifice. It can be quite a challenging time, probably especially for the younger ones, who may have a trying time giving up candy or pop. It can be hard enough to go without something we greatly enjoy, but it can be extra difficult when others tempt them to break their sacrifice. Several years ago, a couple of women, who didn't share my beliefs, tried to entice me with chocolate, my sacrifice that year. They thought they could get me to cave; they did not.

That's what Satan was trying to do with Jesus in this week's Gospel from Matthew. The devil tried to trick Jesus into doing what the devil wanted him to do, in order to convert Jesus to follow him. However, Jesus could not be tempted. At each turn, he met Satan and rebuffed his attempts with scripture.

In our daily lives, we probably won't quote scripture as we face challenges this Lent, as we most surely will. After all, it is supposed to be at least a little difficult; later in Lent we will be reminded of the torture Jesus endured for us. But we can—and should—support each other in our faith journeys, and guide children how to respond if their friends try to cajole them to drop their sacrifice.

### Food Drive for Stuart Food Pantry

by Lasha, WCV Foreign Exchange Student



Hi! My name is Lasha Totladze. I am a Foreign Exchange Student at West Central Valley School, working on a project to help the Stuart Food Pantry for Global Youth Service Day. My goal is to donate as much food and money as I can collect in the month of March. On Saturday, March 28th, I will come to All Saints Church to pick up collected food, and share a bit about myself and my home country. As a thank you for your donations, I will also bring some of my home country traditional foods for anyone to sample. I appreciate all monetary and food donations, and thank you for helping me, help others who are less fortunate.

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### All Saints

#### Saturday, March 7

**Rosary:** Frank Holle  
**Ushers:** Vince & Christy O'Brien  
**Altar Server:** Jodi Bassett  
**Lector:** Roni Wilson  
**Commentator:** Sharon Doud  
**Greeters:** Vince & Christy O'Brien  
**EMHC:** Connie Drake, Sister Nesta & Sister Andre

#### All Saints

#### Sunday, March 8

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

#### St. John

#### Sunday, March 8

**Cross Bearer:** Joseph Fagan  
**Greeters:** Mr. & Mrs. Tom Gettler  
**Lector:** Barb Bachman  
**Host:** Sister Andre  
**Cup:** Dave Richter & Adella Vogl  
**Altar Servers:** Belle Fagan & Cole Plowman  
**Traveling Chalice:** Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

### MONEY COUNTERS

Tuesday, March 3 @ 1:00pm: Janet Bassett, Mary Morgan & Cindy Boucher  
 Tuesday, March 10 @ 1:00pm: Eric Tiernan, Donna Donnelly & Gina James

#### All Saints Financial Partnership

February 23, 2020

**Weekly Offering: \$ 1,564.00**  
**Children's Offering: \$ 17.10**  
**E-Giving: \$ 450.00**

#### St. John Financial Partnership

February 23, 2020

**Weekly Offering: \$ 1,331.00**  
**Children's Offering: \$ 19.00**