

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

because of original sin, we could no longer raise ourselves up to friendship with God, so he lowered himself down to our level instead. And this is exactly what he continues to do, every day, through the Church, the extension in time of his Incarnation. The Samaritan woman was so overcome with joy at encountering Christ, so eager to spread the news, that she left behind her empty water jar, the very reason she came to the well in the first place. Christ wants to make a real difference in our lives, to redeem us, to give us a fresh start. We all experience two kinds of thirst in life, and unless we understand the difference between them, we will always be frustrated. The first kind of thirst is horizontal thirst. We thirst for, we desire, the good things of this earth: food, drink, companionship, fun, entertainment, a nice house, a good income, success at work or school. It is part of our nature to desire these things; there is nothing wrong with them. But we also have another kind of thirst - vertical thirst. This is a deeper thirst, a deeper desire. It is a desire for meaning and purpose. This desire is also built into our nature. There is nothing we can do to destroy it, just as there is nothing we can do to destroy our natural desires for food and water. But unlike horizontal thirst, our vertical thirst cannot be satisfied by our own efforts. Only God himself can satisfy it. And he created us like that on purpose. When we forget that, when try to satisfy our vertical thirst with horizontal stuff, we put ourselves on the road to frustration, tragedy and disappointment. The Samaritan woman has learned the hard way that she needs a Savior. She needs to find the 'spring of water welling up to eternal life'. She needs to find 'the gift of God'. She needs to discover Christ. And she does - Jesus reveals himself to her, and her life turns around, one-hundred-and-eighty degrees. She runs back to the village announcing the good news to anyone she can find. And we know from the Gospel that Jesus and his disciples ended up spending three days there, and the whole town came to believe in him. She and the people of her town had been wandering through a spiritual desert, their souls slowly dying the death of frustration, boredom, and meaninglessness, even while they enjoyed material pleasures and prosperity. But Christ changed all that. We need look no further for the secret to happiness; Christ himself is the rock and the water flowing in the spiritual desert of this fallen world. Jesus is waiting for us at the well of prayer, just as he was waiting for the woman - thirsting to fill our hearts with peace, courage, and true self-esteem - the kind that only he can give.

Calendar with Mass Times, Birthdays and Anniversaries

<u>Sunday 3/15</u>	<u>Monday 3/16</u>	<u>Tuesday 3/17</u>	<u>Wednesday 3/18</u>	<u>Thursday 3/19</u>	<u>Friday 3/20</u>	<u>Saturday 3/21</u>
<u>Adair</u> 7:30am Rosary & Confession	BD: Jeremy Trichel	<u>Stuart</u> 6:00 pm Mass	<u>Adair</u> 8:30 am Mass for Isabella Lawlor	<u>Stuart</u> 9:00am Mass Stuart Care Center	<u>Stuart</u> 8:30am Mass	<u>Stuart</u> 3:30pm Confessions
8am Mass for Genevieve De Souza (health)		ANN: Jason & Jennifer Tigges 2013	5:30pm Stations of the Cross followed by soup supper sponsored by the Altar & Rosary Society	BD: Phyllis Tigges	BD: Connie Drake, Kaylie Plowman & Belle Fagan	4:05pm Rosary 4:30pm Mass for the People
3/22 Mass for Felix Lawlor						BD: Mei Riordan & Ryan Steensen
<u>Stuart</u> 10am Mass for the People						
BD: Brooke Smith						

MONEY COUNTERS

Thursday, March 19 @ 9:00am: Donna Olson & Diane Messinger

Tuesday, March 24 @ 9:00am: Diane Messinger, Dave Vigon & Dennis Van Pelt

All Saints Financial Partnership

March 8, 2020

Weekly Offering: \$ 1,619.00

Children's Offering: \$ 9.82

Building Fund: \$ 851.00

St. John Financial Partnership

March 8, 2020

Weekly Offering: \$ 376.00

Children's Offering: \$ 12.00

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Office Hours

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

Bulletin Deadline:

Noon Wednesday



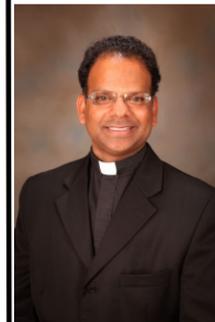
All Saints Mass Schedule

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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For the Third Sunday of Lent we pause briefly on our pilgrimage toward Jerusalem in order to contemplate Our Lord's encounter with the Samaritan Woman. It is a good opportunity to recall our own encounters with the Lord. Ultimately we are thirsting for God and his love, and Lent is a time to return to the well in order to satisfy that thirst again, accepting no substitutes. The Samaritan woman epitomizes someone who was looking for love in all the wrong places. Yet love came to meet her unexpectedly. The Samaritan woman knew the religious traditions of her people, so she had an idea of the importance of God in her life, yet something had not clicked. She knew her religion, but she also experienced rebellion in her heart against God's will regarding marriage, which is why she starts to give Jesus some attitude. Where does this Jew, and a Jewish man no less, get off talking to her and asking for a drink? We see two thirsts seeking each other out. Each one seeks the other in order to satisfy one's thirst. Jesus was tired after his journey. He sat down by the well, thirsty, hungry, worn out. He was so thirsty that he skirted all social protocol and asked a Samaritan woman to give him a drink - Jewish men at that time just did not do that kind of thing. But Jesus' thirst went much deeper. He was really thirsting to save her soul. But his tiredness does not hold back his love for a lost sheep that crosses his path. Jesus has a great thirst for our faith and our love. The Samaritan woman has a thirst for real love. The Samaritan woman came to the well at noon, the hottest hour of the hot, middle-eastern day. The other women of the village would have come in the cooler hours of early morning and evening. This one was a social outcast, avoiding contact with her peers. Jesus notices this, seeing in her eyes the anxiety that comes from an unstable life, but he also sees a spark of sincerity - her rocky path through life had worn down any façade of self-righteousness or self-delusion. Her wounded and suffering heart provides an opportunity for grace, and Jesus forgetting about his own suffering, seizes it, changing her life forever. Jesus knows that he is dealing with a hardened heart, frustrated after a long time looking for love in all the wrong places. Therefore, he knows when to be tactful, addressing her true thirst, but also blunt, telling her the mistaken ways she tried to slake her thirst. He comes to meet her at her level. When the Samaritan woman asks him if he is the Messiah, he responds without hesitation: 'I am he, the one speaking with you'. The Samaritan woman has found that for which she was truly thirsting, and has to share the news. Jesus became one of us on purpose. He knew that

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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.

Altar & Rosary by Jodi Bassett, President

On Wednesday, March 18, the Altar and Rosary Society will sponsor the soup supper after 5:30 Mass and Stations of the Cross. We need 2-3 crock pots of soup, some crackers, cheese, and probably some bread and peanut butter for sandwiches. Please consider helping with this, which helps ensure some of the Faith Formation students get a meal before class.

RSVP to our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/AllSaintsStuartAltarAndRosarySociety/> or contact me at 515-669-0374.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Abstinence on Fridays:** Abstinence from meat is to be observed on all Fridays of Lent by those who have celebrated their 14th birthday.
- **St. John's Lenten Fish Fry:** St. John's Catholic Church is hosting fish fries' during the Lenten season on 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.
- **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.
- **Sponsor the Paschal Candle!** At the Easter Vigil Service, a new fire is lit, blessed, and the celebrant lights the Paschal Candle from the new fire, saying: may the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds. The candle is then processed through the church, and at three different times, singing: the Light of Christ (*Lumen Christi*), with the congregation singing in reply: thanks be to God (*Deo gratias*). Then everyone lights their candle from the Paschal Candle and continue in procession until the whole church is alight. The Paschal Candle symbolizes Christ, the Light of the World.

Would you consider sponsoring the Paschal Candle for All Saints?

Would you consider sponsoring the Paschal Candle for St. John?



- **All Saints, Sponsor Easter flowers!** Our art and environment committee is looking forward to decorating the Church with beautiful Easter flowers. If you wish to sponsor a flower in memory of a loved one, or for any other purpose, please take an offering envelope and return it to the office by April 5th. Easter Lily Offering Envelopes can found on the table in the gathering space area.

- **St. John's Easter Flowers!** St. John's is selling Easter flowers again this year. If you'd like to purchase a Lily, Mum or Begonia, please contact Monica Fagan at 641-742-3067. Pick up is Friday, April 3rd from 5-7pm at St. John's Church Hall. Flowers are \$20, payable at time of ordering.

- **All Saints Building Fund Envelopes:** As a friendly reminder, please make sure to put your name, or envelope number, on building fund envelopes so you will be credited for your donation. Please call the office at 523-1943 if you have any questions. Thank you.



Lenten Devotions
 Sunday, March 8 - 8:00am - Mass/stations of the cross at St. John
 Wednesday, March 11 - 5:30pm - Mass/stations/soup supper at All Saints
 ~ soup supper sponsored by Knights of Columbus

**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"



Food Drive for Stuart Food Pantry in Conjunction with the Knights of Columbus

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."

The Knights of Columbus are working in collaboration with Lasha with their 40 Cans for 40 Days initiative. Please bring non perishable items to the church. Thank you for your support of this mission.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All Saints

Saturday, March 21

Rosary: Frank Holle
Ushers: Jim & Tammy Doud
Altar Server: Riley & Davis Doud
Lector: Bob Bird
Commentator: Donna Donnelly
Greeters: Jim & Tammy Doud & Family
EMHC: Donna Donnelly, Jodi Bassett & Connie Drake

All Saints

Sunday, March 22

Ushers: Tom Doud & Dennis Van Pelt
Altar Servers: Jackson & Jenna Doyle & Carson Tigges
Lector: Gary Riordan
Commentator: Donna Olson
Greeters: Dennis & Joyce Van Pelt
EMHC: Joyce Van Pelt, Amy Doud & Harriet Gulbranson

St. John

Sunday, March 22

Cross Bearer: Francis Hollinrake
Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Cleon Klemish
Lector: Julie Plowman
Host: Les Elgin
Cup: Elizabeth Moreland & Dave Richter
Altar Servers: Baily Lillard & Cole Plowman
Traveling Chalice: Les & Theresa Elgin

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, April 19 at 10:00am - First Communion Mass
 Sunday, May 3 at 10:00am (also Graduate Recognition Mass)
 Sunday, May 31 at 10:00am (Confirmation Mass with Bishop Joenson)