

Father Tony's Corner

drawn curtains, we will not benefit from the light. God is respectful of our freedom; he wants our friendship, not slavish obedience. And so he gives us opportunities and instruments to receive his generous grace, but he does not force us to use them. He gives us the Sacred Scripture, a heavenly storehouse of wisdom and inspiration - but it is up to us to study it, read it, and discover its treasures. He gives us the gift of prayer: he is always 'online', ready to listen to us and speak in the quiet of our hearts - but it is up to us to make prayer a priority, to develop a life of prayer, to pray on a daily basis and improve our methods of prayer, so that we become better and better at hearing his voice. He gives us the sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and confession, each one of which is a flowing fountain of grace and spiritual strength - but it is up to us to come frequently and drink deeply from these fountains.

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Faith Formation News by Cathy Hicks, Director of Religious Education

We are all familiar with the famous verse from Proverbs that states, "The family that prays together stays together." One of the most important characteristics of a Catholic family is praying together. Family prayer creates a spiritual connection between members of the family that is almost unbreakable. Family prayer strengthens the bond in families and is the foundation of a Catholic home along with love, kindness, respect, and honor. Some benefits of praying together as a family include the following.

Family prayer inspires grateful hearts.

It builds bonds with one another and God.

It opens hearts to forgiveness.

Family prayer teaches children to seek God first.

And it makes faith a priority.

If you pray together now as a family, keep up the practice. If not, it is never too late to start!

May God be ever at your side and hold you in the palm of His hand.

Altar and Rosary Society by Jodi Bassett, President

It seems as though everything is "going up." That is, costing more: utility bills, gasoline, insurance premiums, groceries. Everything except our incomes. That means the same money doesn't go as far as it used to or that we would like. Most of us would like to have more money, but not so we can gloat or "keep up with the Joneses." I think the majority of people just want to be able to meet their expenses and to be able to have things they and their families need and want. But in the second reading, Saint James gets his jabs in at the wealthy that have lost their riches. It is said that the love of money is the root of all evil. He is speaking to those who have cheated, stolen or otherwise obtained or increased their wealth at the expense of others. He pokes at the greedy that have flaunted their wealth but have now lost their financial standing.

Aren't we all afraid of that? Not that we are all necessarily wealthy or greedy, but that we could lose what we do have. For many, one misfortune could mean the loss of all that is near and dear to us. The loss of a job, a major illness, a house fire or natural disaster could mean tragedy for a family. Insurance coverage helps, but can't fix everything. Sometimes the losses aren't monetary but sentimental, perhaps the most humbling loss of all.

It is here that our priorities face a reality check. What is really important to us? How much wealth do we really need? It is our responsibility to be good stewards of our resources. If we use our resources well, we may not need as much money as we think we do.

Mission Statement

"Rejoicing with gratitude in God's blessings, we invite and welcome all to share in the fullness of the Catholic faith. We live our baptismal call through worship, teaching, and serving one another."

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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

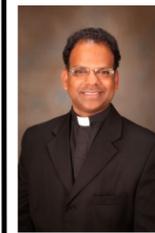
Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 10am

St. John Mass Schedule

Wednesday: 8:30am

Sunday: 8am

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Every once in a while it is a good thing for us to take time to reflect on topics that make us uncomfortable. Today the Church is inviting us to do just that. Jesus is explicit that un-repent sin has consequences. It leads to damnation, to hell, which was commonly called 'Gehenna'. The word originally referred to a valley on the outskirts of Jerusalem that had been used for human sacrifice during royal apostasies in Old Testament times. By the time of Christ, the valley had come to be used as a kind of outdoor public incinerator. Worthless and rotten trash and refuse, including the dead bodies of animals and criminals, were dumped into the valley and gradually consumed by a smoldering fire that was always kept burning. Thus, Gehenna became a symbol of the state of eternal separation of a soul from God, and the unending spiritual destruction and frustration that goes with such a separation. According to Jesus, that is what un-repent sin leads us to. These comments of Jesus are not meant to scare us into feeling guilty. It is not some psychological manipulation technique. Rather, they are simply informing us about the facts: sin, willfully turning away from God and his moral law, has consequences, and they are not good, and we should strive to avoid them. Jesus is generous. He says that the slightest (or mightiest) good deed done for him or for his Kingdom will not go unrewarded - even if it is only giving a glass of water to someone who is thirsty. Unfortunately, many times we, like the Apostle John in today's gospel passage, are less generous than our Lord, and concern ourselves with hoarding the grace of God. Sometimes we refuse to give freely to others what we have freely received from God. Other times we envy the good that others are doing, as if it somehow detracted from the good we are doing or made us look bad. But it is not for us to limit the range of divine benevolence by our pettiness. Rather, it is for us to extend it, to encourage whatever good is being done anywhere, whether or not we get the credit. Think of the sun and the stars. It is their nature to shine, to spread light and warmth; that is just what they do. It is similar with God. It is his nature to shine with goodness, to spread goodness. He is always surrounding us with signs of his love, always wanting to fill our hearts with wisdom, grace, mercy, and virtue. But if Jesus is so generous, why do we so often fail to experience his generosity? If God's goodness is like the sun, shining brightly and constantly all around us, why do we so often find ourselves in darkness, sadness, and difficulty? The full answer to this question comes only with a lifetime of knowing, loving, and following Christ, as the saints can attest to. But at least part of the answer is readily available. Many times we do not see God's light shining in our lives, because we do not bother opening up the shutters. It can be a bright, brilliant day outside, but if we close ourselves up in our room behind locked shutters and

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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 prep-

arations 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

- **Priest's Residence Updating:** We are in the process of updating our pastor's residence, since it is the responsibility of the parish to maintain and upkeep the residence. Your kind and generous financial support is essential for this much needed project. Your contributions are tax deductible, and all the appliances and furniture bought with your financial contribution will remain at the residence. If you are willing to support this much needed project, *Kindly, make your generous contribution to All Saints Catholic Church, and mark on the memo (residence updating).* Thank you so much for your love and support of your pastor. We are really blessed by your love, kindness, and generosity. *Contributions to date: \$ 5,140.*
- **Formal Installation of the pastor:** Most Rev. Richard E. Pates will be at All Saints Catholic Church, Stuart, and St. John Catholic Church, Adair on the weekend of October 20th and October 21st for the formal installation of Rev. Antony Mathew as the new pastor of All Saints Catholic Church, Stuart, and St. John Catholic Church, Adair. There is a reception following the Mass that weekend, and please plan on being there.
- **Bishop Pates' retirement/50th anniversary celebration:** Mark your calendars! On Sunday October 14th at 4:00 pm Bishop Pates will be celebrating mass in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of his Priesthood Ordination and his upcoming retirement as Bishop of Des Moines at St. Ambrose Cathedral, 607 High Street, Des Moines, IA 50309. A reception with appetizers will follow the mass. A great chance to say congratulations and thank you to Bishop Pates!
- **BOLDLY SENT (formerly DCYC) - All 6th-12th graders, along with their parents & parish leaders, are invited to this year's BOLDLY SENT youth rally (formerly DCYC). On Saturday (10/20) youth will gather at their parishes for a day of evangelization, followed by a Diocesan-wide Dodgeball tournament at the downtown YMCA. On Sunday (10/21), Katie Prejean-McGrady will keynote our rally, which will end with Mass at 4pm. Registration is at www.dmdiocese.org/boldlysent, and is \$40 for both days, \$30 for Sunday only. For more information email Jill Gerling at jillgerling@gmail.com or call 515-789-4076.**
- **Live and Silent Auction to benefit Moose:** October 14th from 12 noon to 6.00 p.m. at the Barne's place, 20932 – 350th Street, Adel, just north of I-80 off the 106 exit.
- **Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive:** The Knights of Columbus will conduct the CPID (Tootsie Roll) drive next weekend Saturday September 29th and Sunday the 30th. Proceeds support programs for people with intellectual disabilities such as the Special Olympics.
- **FATHER TONY AWAY FROM THE OFFICE:** Father Antony Mathew will be away from the parish office from Monday, October 1st through Wednesday, October 3rd attending the annual priests' workshop with bishop Richard Pates and other priests of the diocese of Des Moines. There will not be a daily Mass on Tuesday, October 2nd., and Wednesday, October 3rd. However, he will be concelebrating Mass with the bishop on those days, and fulfilling the Mass intentions of our parishioners on the calendar for Tuesday, and Wednesday.
- **Attention CWO ladies:** The fall collection of \$25.00 is now due. This replaces our fall dinner. Please pay Wilma Fagan or your monthly Chairman. Thank you.
- **St. John T-Shirt Offer:** St. John t-shirts are available for pre-order. Proceeds will be combined with the Food for the Poor fundraiser. Shirt color is light blue and available in adult sizes - small, medium, large and extra large are \$20; 2x is \$25. Orders with payment are due by September 30 as orders will go in Oct. 1. Contact Annie at 402-216-9488 or message the FB page: www.facebook.com/stjohnsfaithformation/
- **Annual Fire Prevention French Toast Supper:** The Stuart Fire Department invites everyone to their Annual French Toast Supper on Saturday, October 13th from 5:30pm to 8pm at the Stuart Fire Station.

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- **Cordial welcome to a La Salette missionary:** All Saints and St. John will have the privilege of welcoming a La Salette missionary on the weekend of September 29/30th, there will be a special collection to support the work of the La Salette missionaries. La Salette was an unknown hamlet lost in one of those giant crevices of the French Alps. The missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette are deeply rooted in the apparition of Our Lady of La Salette which occurred near the hamlet of La Salette in southeastern France on September 19, 1846. The missionaries were founded in 1852 by bishop Philbert de Brillard, bishop of Grenoble, France and presently serve in some 25 countries.
- **St. John Liturgical Help:** If you are interested in helping with Mass as a Server, Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Cross Bearer, Greeter, Praying for Vocations or Rosary Leader at St. John's in Adair please contact Les Elgin at 641-742-3854 or elgins2011@gmail.com.
- **Fall Vender Blender:** Join us at All Saints Church Saturday, October 6 from 9am-1pm. Come shop over 20 vendors, peruse yummy baked goods for the bake sale, enter a chance to win in the raffle, enjoy breakfast and stay long enough to enjoy lunch too. All proceeds benefit the Cottage Pantry. For more information contact Barb Boss at bbosslady@msn.com or 515-577-6243.

CALENDAR WITH MASS TIMES, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, SPECIALS

Sunday 9/30	Sunday 9/30	Tuesday 10/2	Wednesday 10/3	Thursday 10/4	Friday 10/5	Saturday 10/6
Adair 7:30am Adoration, Confession, Rosary 8am Mass Joseph Vogl Stuart 9am Adoration 9am Choir Practice 10am Mass for the People	BD: Pat Hohn & Jen Dickson Monday 10/1 ANN: Bruce & Ramona Partlow 1988	Stuart No Mass Fr. Tony concelebrating for Elmer Witkowski BD: Grace Donnelly, Ryan Richter & Quynon Younker	Adair No Mass Fr. Tony concelebrating for Mable Richter BD: Gabby Doud, Michael Tiernan & Olivia Nixt	9am Mass (Stuart Care Center) BD: Easton Lorenzen ANN: Joe & Jane Sherman 1958	Stuart 8:30am Mass for Rev. Peter Hoang Van Khai	Stuart 3:30pm Confessions 4:05 Rosary 4:30pm Mass for Maynard Witkowski BD: Tyler Johnston

All Saints Financial Partnership

September 23, 2018

Weekly Offering: \$ 1,846.00
 Children's Offering: \$ 10.75
 Seminarian Fund: \$253.00
 ADA 2018 Goal: \$29,802.00
 ADA Balance Due: **\$9,222.00**

St John Financial Partnership

September 23, 2018

Weekly Offering: \$ 785.00
 Children's Offering: \$ 24.00
 Seminarian Fund: \$75.00
 ADA Balance Due: \$0 —**THANK YOU!!**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All Saints

Saturday October 6

Rosary: Frank Holle
 Ushers: Dan Hilgers & Wayne Gilman
 Altar Servers: Eli Kasap, Sam Kasap & Connie Drake
 Lector: Anita Hilgers
 Commentator: Sharon Doud
 Greeters/Gifts: Dan & Anita Hilgers
 EMHC: Dan Hilgers, Jodi Bassett & Maria Ladwig

All Saints

Sunday October 7

Ushers: Bob Olson & Patrick Tiernan
 Altar Servers: Lauren O'Brien, Larissa Crawford & Brenndan Arthur
 Lector: Donna Olson
 Commentator: Gary Riordan
 Greeters/Gifts: Jen & Jason Tigges
 EMHC: Joyce Van Pelt, Jo Beaman & Harriet Gulbranson

St. John

Sunday October 7

Cross Bearer: Francis Hollinrake
 Greeters/Gifts: Mr. & Mrs. Larry Ludwig
 Lector: Brian Richter
 Host: Sister Andre
 Cup: Matt Fagan & Dave Richter
 Altar Servers: Addy Richter & Cole Plowman
 Traveling Chalice: Matt & Monica Fagan

Money Counters: October 2nd 1pm: Janet Bassett, Mary Morgan & Pat Hohn