

St. Joseph Church

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 12/17/17

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	8:15 AM + All Souls
Wednesday	8:15 AM + Lawrence, Judy & Evelyn Skrdla
Thursday	10:00 AM + KCs @ Good Samaritan Home
Friday	8:15 AM + Helen Straka
Saturday	5:00 PM + Dennis Kaup
Sunday	10:30 AM + Clara Straka 4:00 PM + Robert Straka Christmas Eve
Monday	10:00 AM – SJ & SB Parish Families Christmas

Sacrament of Reconciliation: One half hour before each weekend Mass or anytime by appointment

This Week... we hear more about John the Baptist. “He came for testimony, to testify to the light so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.” We all know that the Light is Jesus. Since the Ascension it has been our job to be Jesus to the world. Thus, in a sense we are to be a light to the world and also we are to be John the Baptist—testify to the Light. Are we a beacon in this world? Do we point the way so that others can know Jesus? Is our daily routine at home, at school, at the workplace a testimony to others? Our reading from Isaiah tells us that we have been anointed. Anointed to “bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the Lord, and a day of vindication by our God.” It seems as though we have a lot of work to do this Advent Season!!!

The Harvest Is Great, Laborers Are Few. Taking the vocation crucifix this week—Don & Brenda Wedge. The week of Dec. 24—John & Marsha Thomassen.

We Pray With Special Love & Concern For All Those Who Are Ill: Janice Ries, Kaitlyn Fritz, Nathan Boyle, Michelle Bulau, Emma Lou Gunther, Pat Baker, Ryan Berg, Vikki Hickok, Jim Schaaf & David Gokie.

St. Boniface Weekend Mass Schedule-Sat., Dec. 23 @ 7 pm Sun., Dec. 24 @ 8:30 am

Christmas--Sun., Dec. 24 @ 6 pm and 12:00 midnight

Fr. Weeder...invites parishioners to an open house at St. Joseph’s rectory **today** from 1—4 pm.



The Altar Society...will once again be collecting infant items to be given to Beginnings Pregnancy Resource Center in O’Neill. Items needed are: diapers, blankets, clothing, bottles, pacifiers, lotion, etc. In the vestibule of the church you’ll notice the bassinet. This collection will run from now until Dec. 22.

Come For Supper! The SJ School Faculty will host a ‘walking taco supper’ on **Tues., Dec. 19** beginning @ 5 pm at the **West Holt Cafeteria**.

We’d Love ...to hear your voice! A **practice** for the 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass is scheduled for **Thu., Dec. 21** at **3:30 pm** in church for grades pre-K through 8th. Direct to Terri Vrooman, 402.925.5526 or Andrea Borer, 402.340.3145.

Fa La La La La—Choir practice for the 10 am Mass on Christmas will be held on **Thu., Dec. 21** at 5:00. Direct ??? to Lou Ann Tooker, 402.340.8011.

A Men's Black Cap...was left @ SJ Church last Saturday evening at Mass. If the cap was picked up by mistake, please return it to the parish office. Thank you!

As A Parish...we congratulate Riley Ohde & Jacob Runyan who were united in the sacrament of Holy Matrimony December 9. May your living as husband and wife be an example to our world!



The back confessional will be used @ St. Joseph's.

Monday, December 18

St Joseph, Atkinson: 5-6pm

St Boniface, Stuart: 7-8pm

Wednesday, December 20

St Boniface, Stuart 4:00-5:30pm

St Joseph, Atkinson 6:00-8:00pm

St Boniface: 1st Reconciliation and Parish Penance service **Wednesday, January 3 at 6:30pm**

St Joseph: 1st Reconciliation and Parish Penance service **Wednesday, January 17 at 6:30pm**

Thursday, December 21

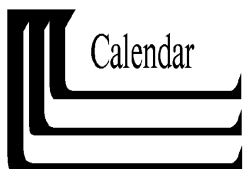
St. Boniface, Stuart 5-6 pm

St. Joseph, Atkinson 7-8 pm

December 19-22

At 7:30 am before daily Mass @ SJ

At 12:00 pm after daily Mass @ SB



- This morning—decorate church for Christmas after Mass
- This afternoon—rectory open house...1—4
- Dec. 18 through Dec. 22—Confessions...see schedule above
- Tue., Dec. 19—SJ Faculty taco supper
- Wed., Dec. 20—CCD
- Thu., Dec. 21—Practice for 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass, 3:30
- Thu., Dec. 21—Choir practice for 10 am Christmas Mass, 5:00



Home & School: Mon., Dec. 18, 8 pm

KCs: Thu., Dec. 21. Rosary will be prayed @ 7:15, meeting to follow. A lunch of soup, sandwiches & pie will be served. There will be 2 drawings...\$100.00 and \$10.00, respectively. Last meeting...Harold Krumwiede's name was drawn for \$100.00. For your insurance needs, contact Tony Swanson, 402.469.8668. For KC rental, call Joseph Kaup, 402.340.9785.

EMHCs:...Good Samaritan Home & Prairie Winds...Sun., Dec. 24—Joe & Patti Skrdla

Solemnity of Mary:

Mon., Jan. 1: 10:30 am @ Atkinson, St. Joseph's

8:30 am @ Stuart, St. Boniface

Liturgical Ministers---DEC. 23/24

MASS TIMES	SAT. 5:00 PM	SUN. 10:30 AM
EMHCs	LFritz, LWolf, EJones	SOsborne, CSholes, SRossman, JRamm, BMrady
LECTORS	Kenny Tunender	Harold Krumwiede
GIFT BEARERS	M/M G. Schmit	M/M R.Rentschler
ORGANIST	Terri Vrooman	Diane Osborne
SERVERS	Landyn Mrady Kruz Jelinek Ian Laetsch	Marek Dvorak M.Cadwallader Trayton Olson
<u>DEC. USHERS</u>	Jim Vrooman Pat Kennedy Bernard Ziska Ethan Welborn	Tim Laible Jerry Laible Greg Dostal Richard Kilmurry

THE LORD'S PORTION

12/10/17

Adult envelopes (53)	1,633.00
Loose cash	146.10
Loose checks (6)	<u>160.00</u>
TOTAL	1,939.10
Budget...(Sundays)	3,163.22
	-1,224.12
Immaculate Conception	334.50
Budget...Holy Days	600.00
	-265.50
Religious Retirement	650.06

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

4:00 PM...Christmas Eve

EMHCs: JKaup, DMorgan, LSeeger, J&P Skrdla
KTunender, ABorer

Lectors: Harry Morgan

Gift Bearers: To Be Chosen

Servers: To Be Chosen

10:00 AM...Christmas Day

SSchrunk, MKrieger, RFrickel

Don Slaymaker

Dennis Hytrek Family

Weston, Abigail & Ryanna Mathis



Two veterans were present at St. Joseph's School to present Maci Nemetz a Patriot's Pen Award. She received an award, a medal, and a cash prize. Congratulations Maci!!