

St. Joseph Church

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 08/18/19

Monday NO MASS
 Tuesday 10:00 AM (Good Sam) + Angelo & Ida Marinello
 5:30 PM at St. Boniface
 Wednesday 8:15 AM + Helen Straka
 Thursday 11:15 AM @ St. Boniface
 Friday 8:15 AM + Mike & Ines Schaaf Family
 Saturday 6:00 PM + Roman Filips
 Sunday 10:30 AM + All Souls

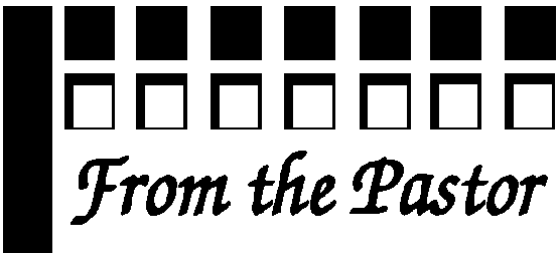


Mass Schedule

August 24-25	Saturday	Sunday
Atkinson, St Joseph	6:00pm	10:30am
St. Boniface, Stuart	No Mass	8:30am
St Patrick, O'Neill	5:00pm	9:00am
St Joseph, Amelia	7:00pm	No Mass
Ss. Peter & Paul, Butte	7:00pm	No Mass
St Mary, Spencer	No Mass	9:30am



Sacrament of Reconciliation
 for Ss. Joseph and Boniface:
 One half hour before each
 weekend Mass or by appointment



Christians are so familiar with “peace on earth” as a tagline of Christianity that today’s gospel can be something of a shock to the system. The angels sang, “Peace to those on whom his favor rests” (Luke 2:14; NABRE), and the cry of the crowds upon Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem will be “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest” (Luke 19:38; NABRE). So it sounds strange today to hear Jesus saying that he is *not* bringing peace but division.

But then, upon a closer reading of the Gospel of Luke we do hear inklings of this theme. As an infant, Jesus is said by Simeon to be “destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel” (Luke 2:34; NABRE). Simeon continues by saying that Mary will be pierced with a sword (Luke 2:35). Moreover, early Christianity was perceived by the Romans and others as we would consider a cult today. No self-respecting Roman wanted their children to be caught up in this Judean “superstition” as they called it. And those who became Christian often pulled away from their families, forming new bonds with other Christians, whom they considered a new family. So given that background, the idea that Jesus brought division might be seen in a different light. The peace that the Christians experienced was with one another, not the peace the world gives. And that peace might have come at the price of family divisions who did not understand this new way of life.

Of course, Christianity has been so domesticated today, with the culture empowering it and supporting it, that we have little experiential sense of what the early Christians encountered simply to be Christian. Any perceived impingement of religious freedom in the Western world today can scarcely be compared to what the first generations of Christians experienced, or Christians in the Middle East or Africa today, when some were and are being executed for their faith.

Though we share many common elements of our faith with those who have gone before us, the divisions they experienced in the early years seem distant. Still, when we take seriously the gospel message and live it boldly, we may be shunned or avoided by those we considered friends or family.

Paradoxically, the peace that Jesus brings comes served with division. It’s as though the poison is within the antidote. Living as a disciple of Jesus means that we will lose company with some, perhaps even family and friends. Disciples are no mere “go along to get along” kind of people. Faith in Christ, service of the poor, and working for justice are essential elements of discipleship. Others may have a vested interest in the status quo, and do not want things overturned or upended. But for a serious follower of Christ, for a disciple who follows in the footsteps of Jesus, opposition can be expected. Jesus himself lost his life in a confrontation with evil. Many of his followers down to the present day have lost their lives as well, or faced imprisonment, persecution, and hostility. “Good news” preached to the poor, the outcast, and the downtrodden, can sound eerily like sedition or revolution. When we stand on the side of the persecuted and marginalized we should not be surprised to face persecution and marginalization ourselves.

Remember, next weekend is the 2nd Annual “Grace and Gratitude” Parish and School Picnic... all are welcome! Archbishop Lucas will be joining us for the weekend as well.

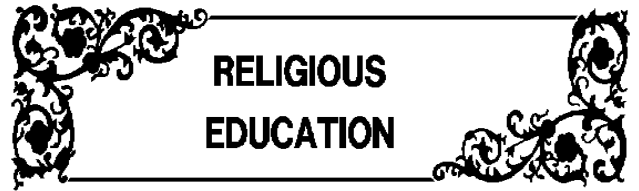
Newsletters can be found at all entrances of St Joseph & St. Boniface Church!

EMHCs... Good Sam. & Prairie Winds---Aug. 25---Diane Rentschler & Linda Wolf

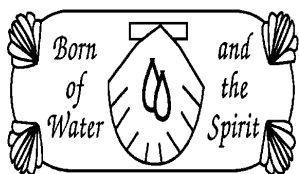
The Harvest is Great, Laborers Are Few! Taking the vocation crucifix this week—Dennis & Roxanne Ryan. The week of August 25—Karen Thompson.

We Pray With Special Love & Concern For The Ill... Janice Ries, Emma Lou Gunther, Darrin Wedige, Gianna Slaymaker, Mary Straka, Lois Tunender, Michelle Bulau, Garrett Scholz, Marilyn Morrison, Nick Schaaf, Blakely Bouska (great granddaughter of Sharon Babl and Don & Pat Bouska).

Waiting For Your Call! CCD teachers are needed for the following grades: K, 1st, 8th, 11th, 12th. Much appreciation to those who have stepped forth. Please consider teaching if you have a child attending by contacting Debra Liewer 402.340.2288. **Classes begin Wed., Sept. 4.**



We Offer Our Condolences... to the Ralph Kaup family with the loss of Ralph's daughter, Angela Eddy. Be assured that our prayers & thoughts are with you at this time. May perpetual light shine on Angie & all whom the Lord has called to eternal life.



Our Parish Welcomes... Kazen Boyce Ruzek, son of Jeremy & Trisha Ruzek to our family of God. Kazen was baptized 8/10/19.

Someone Is Needed... to fill the time slot of 10am—10:30 each Wednesday at adoration. Call the parish office



O'Neill, St. Patrick's... has invited us to a picnic on **Sat., Aug. 24** after their 5pm Mass. Archbishop Lucas will be in attendance! Each family please bring a favorite dish; drinks provided. CDA will provide ice cream. Inflatable bounce house, cornhole & other games will be part of the fun!

Do You Have ... a talent you'd like to share with your parish? We're in need of a musician for Mass. Please pray about this and if you can help us out, contact Terri Vrooman, 402.925.5526. Thank you for your consideration!



EVENTS

- **Today!** Pancake breakfast @ the KC Hall
- **Mon., Aug. 19**—SJ School begins...10:00am—until noon
- **Wed., Aug. 21**—Adoration
- **Wed., Aug. 21**—Blood Drive, 11am to 5pm, Atkinson Community Center
- **Sat., Aug. 24**—Picnic @ O'Neill St. Patrick's approx. 6pm---Western Holt & Boyd Counties are invited.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS...Aug 24/25

MASS TIMES	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMHCs	P&L Fritz, BMLady	LWolf, CSholes, RFrickel, C&L Nemetz
LECTORS	Kenny Tunender	H. Krumwiede
GIFT BEARERS	M/M Dennis Ryan	B. Borer Family
ORGANIST	Terri Vrooman	Diane Osborne
SERVERS	Landyn Mlady Emersyn Mlady Felycia Kerkman	M.Cadwallader A. Cadwallader Ian Laetsch
<u>AUG USHERS</u>	Tom Keogh Wayne Pacha Randy Rentschler Gerald Winings	Brendan Borer Chris Skrdla Tim Borer Joe Skrdla

THE LORD'S PORTION...8.11.19

Adult envelopes (37)	1,535.00
Loose cash	199.00
Loose checks (8)	305.00
Midweek deposit	177.00
Online Giving (6)	<u>495.85</u>
TOTAL	2,711.85
Budget...Sunday...	3,561.58
	-849.73
JP II Newman Center	391.00