

# St. Joseph Church

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## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 08/25/19

Monday NO MASS  
 Tuesday 10:00 AM (Good Sam) + Fr Martin Conley  
 5:30 PM at St. Boniface  
 Wednesday 8:15 AM + Paul & Karen Seger  
 Thursday 11:15 AM @ St. Boniface  
 Friday 8:15 AM + Jim Schaaf  
 Saturday 6:00 PM + Ron Keogh  
 Sunday 10:30 AM + Pat Baker



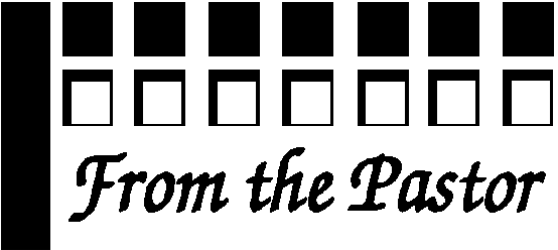
### Mass Schedule

Aug 31/Sept 1	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	<b>5:00pm</b>



### Sacrament of Reconciliation

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



Nobody likes disappointment. Dealing with it can be a difficult lesson that many of us learn in childhood, and some still struggle to learn as adults! We can avoid disappointment in a number of ways including being prepared, having proper expectations, and knowing a given situation.

When we employ these strategies our chances for disappointment diminish. For example, we don't expect a friend who is chronically late to be punctual. It's a matter of managing expectations.

This weekend's gospel [Luke 13:22-32] gives us a somewhat troubling story of those who were undoubtedly disappointed. Can we imagine standing, knocking on the door to the house only to be told by the master, "I do not know where you are from"? or even more, "Depart from me, all you evildoers!" Yet this is precisely the story Jesus tells someone who asks whether only a few will be saved. Matthew (7:21-23; 25:31-46) tells a similar story and we are thereby reminded that simply knowing the Lord is not enough to be saved. Jesus exhorts the man to enter through the narrow door. And what is more, he is advised not to wait too late, for there will come a time when the master will lock the door.

This passage and others in the gospels like it remind us of an uncomfortable, and perhaps even disappointing, truth. The effective answer to the man's question about salvation is that many will attempt it but not be able. And some of those who know the Lord, who ate and drank in his company, are those who will be shut out. Such a message is far from the feel good, open wide, broad path to salvation that we might imagine. And the warning to those who know the Lord should fall squarely on us.

Still, those who will be saved may not be those who expect it, for in an echo of Mary's canticle and earlier Lucan themes, there will be a reversal of fortune. "Some are last who will be first, / and some are first who will be last." Moreover, salvation is not limited to a particular group of people as they will come from all directions to recline at table in the kingdom of God. Are we open to disappointment? Or do we need to be prepared, manage our expectations, and know the given situation? Salvation is for all; many attempt to enter but are not strong enough. Even those who know the Lord are not guaranteed salvation.

A relationship with Christ is not an insurance policy whereby we pay our premiums and expect to receive a settlement when needed. This relationship with the Son of God is not so transactional that we do x, y, and z and Jesus in return grants salvation. If such were the case we would be effectively earning our own salvation by our works. But salvation is a free gift, undeserved, no matter how much we might feel we deserve it.

The master locks the door on the evildoers, barring entry to them. The frightening thing is that some of those locked out know the Lord. Would they consider themselves evildoers? Not likely. This weekend we welcome Archbishop Lucas to St. Patrick's to celebrate the weekend Masses, and to share in our Grace and Gratitude Picnic.

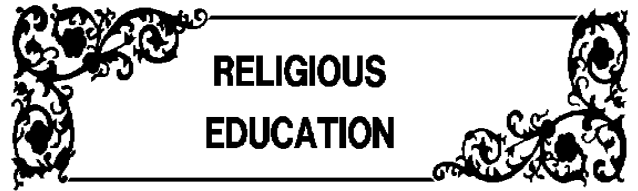
Ad Multos Annos!

*EMHCs... Good Sam. & Prairie Winds---Sept. 1---Scott & Diane Osborne*

*The Harvest is Great, Laborers Are Few!* Taking the vocation crucifix this week—Karen Thompson.  
The week of Sept. 1—Brian Mlady Family.

*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.

*Waiting For Your Call!* CCD teachers are needed for the following grades: 1<sup>st</sup>, 11 & 12 combined. Please contact Debra Liewer 402.340.2288. **Classes begin Wed., Sept. 4. It's time to be thinking of Prayer Partners for the Catholic seniors of 2020.** If you want to be a part of this program, please contact Debra as well.



*We Offer Our Condolences...* to the Krumwiede family with the loss of Jeanne's mother, Elizabeth Ann Kassing, also to the Schmit family with the death of George's sister, Leona Troshynski. May perpetual light shine on Elizabeth & Leona and all whom the Lord has called to eternal life.

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

Plan To Attend					
SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.
1	2	3	4	5	6
9	9	10	11	12	12

*Installation...* of Fr. Starman as pastor of St. Joseph-Atkinson, St. Boniface-Stuart & Sacred Heart Parishes of Boyd County is scheduled for **Sun., Sept. 1 @ a 5 pm Mass at Spencer, St. Mary's.** All members of the parish are encouraged to attend as well as members of the Parish & Finance Councils, SJ School Faculty & Staff, Altar Society, & KCs. A potluck will follow.

*Blest Art...* will be on display & available to purchase at our church both Sat. & Sun. this weekend.

*We Were Blessed To Worship...* in a comfortable church this summer; however this does not happen by chance! It takes a successful **ENERGY** collection for this to be. The special appeal is next weekend.



*If You...* or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, there will be an informational meeting about RCIA on Sun., Sept. 8 @ SJ School in Atkinson at 5pm. Please call the parish office or visit <https://stjosephatkinson.org/rcia> for more info and/or to register.

*Through The High Priesthood...* of Jesus Christ, God has given final rest to Rev. Martin P. Conley who died on August 6. May he rest in peace.

## EVENTS

- **Wed., Aug. 28**—Adoration
- **Sun., Sept. 1**—Installation of Fr. Starman, 5 pm Mass @ Spencer, St. Mary's
- **Sun., Sept. 8**—RCIA meeting, SJ School, 5 pm
- **Looking Ahead**—Sun., Oct. 27—Parish Auction

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS...Aug 31/Sept 1

MASS TIMES	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMHCs	KTunender, JRamm, GThurLOW	DLiewer, J&P Skrdla, MKrieger, DMorgan
LECTORS	Tim Hamik	Don Slaymaker
GIFT BEARERS	Scott Keogh Fam	M/M W. Baker
ORGANIST	Jayne Fetherston	Lou Ann Tooker
SERVERS	Madison Tunender Kearsten Keogh Abigail Mathis	Drake Nemetz Avery Nemetz Tyler Jelinek
<b>SEPT USHERS</b>	Gary Thurlow Jim Ramm Joe Schaaf Volunteer	Chris Jelinek John Vogel Rylan Olson Jake Dvorak

## THE LORD'S PORTON...8.18.19

Adult envelopes (46)	1,705.00
Loose cash	139.00
Loose checks (3)	425.00
Midweek deposit	135.00
Online Giving (4)	<u>541.94</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,945.94</b>

**Budget...Sunday...** 3,561.58  
-615.64

**Assumption** 432.00

**GOD WANTS FULL CUSTODY, NOT JUST WEEKEND VISITS**

