

St. Joseph Church

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10/20/19

Monday NO MASS
 Tuesday 10:00 AM (Good Sam) + Joe Langan
 5:30 PM at St. Boniface
 Wednesday 8:15 AM + Francis & Mildred Fritz
 Thursday 11:15 AM @ St. Boniface
 Friday 8:15 AM + Paul & Karen Seger
 Saturday 6:00 PM + Larry Kliment
 Sunday **8:30AM** – Parishes of Western Holt &
 Boyd Counties

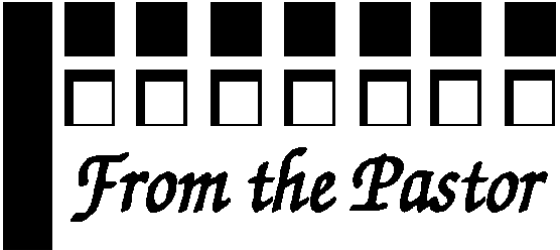


Mass Schedule

Oct 26/27	Saturday	Sunday
Atkinson, St Joseph	6:00pm	8:30am
St. Boniface, Stuart	No Mass	10:30am
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



“Are we there yet? Are we there yet?” Persistent questioning bordering on bothering behavior is something with which we are all too familiar. Children have a knack for this, especially at an inquisitive age. But office drama can bring it out too, as well as adult family relationships. This is something Jesus was familiar with as well, as today’s parable demonstrates.

In the parable, the judge is named “unjust.” He is willing to (and likely has) perverted justice in cases before him, which is a clear violation of Mosaic Law. The point of naming him as an unjust judge is to make clear that his decision is for sale, whether to the widow (who likely has little money) or to her adversary. The judge is willing to make a decision in her favor simply to get rid of her, regardless of the merits of the case.

If an unjust judge is willing to do what is right simply to get rid of a persistent hag, how much more will a loving Father in heaven do what is right? This simple but profound insight forms the core of the message today.

Then, the gospel ends on a puzzling note, “But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” The story opens with the necessity to pray always, but concludes with a question about faith. It’s as though the song started in a major key but ends on a minor. This is no mere “throwaway” line, but is something significant and even vital to interpreting the parable.

Luke writes at a time when Jesus’ expected return has been delayed, thus the injunction “to pray always without becoming weary.” Perhaps Luke himself is aware of some in his own generation who have given up on this expended return of Jesus, and gone back to a former way of life. This might be the reason, too, for the explanation of the parable on Jesus’ lips: “Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily.” The ceaseless praying is about justice, not necessarily Christ’s return. And then the story ends on a wistful note, wondering whether, when the Son of Mad ultimately does return, he will find faith. Or will it be that the disciples have effectively abandoned the injunction to pray always and thereby lost their faith? This question, pertinent as it was nearly two thousand years ago, is applicable still.

It can be so difficult to be patient. Lessons we learned or attempted to learn in childhood are still with us as adults. Opportunities to learn patience abound! One clever prayer, inspired by St. Francis of Assisi, reads: “Lord, grant me patience...NOW!”

Early Christians, and maybe even modern, grew impatient with the delayed Parousia, the promised coming of Christ. Some Christians eventually abandoned this hope and therefore abandoned their discipleship. Luke’s gospel is a reminder that disciples are “to pray always.” And not only that, but to do so “without becoming weary.” That may seem like a tall order, equivalent to telling a child on a long drive to “sit patiently; we’ll be there soon enough.” Yet, that’s the exhortation we receive, along with a final question wondering whether the Son of Man will find faith when he returns. This, too, in a nod to the children in the car, might be the equivalent of, “I wonder if there will be ice cream for children who were quiet the entire way?” The issues that concerned the early church concern us. When will Jesus return? How long will this be? Is he slow to answer? The response is that we continue praying, doing justice, and God will act when he does.

TODAY’S NEWS

NEXT SUNDAY...is the Parish Auction----our **LARGEST** fundraiser of the year!!! If you have an item to donate, please drop

it off at the community center on Sat., Oct. 26 from 9am until after 6pm Mass & again on Sunday morning. Join fellow parishioners for rolls, coffee or juice in the morning. Bidding will begin @ 11am & the usual menu of wonderful food will be served all day. Clean-up help will also be needed. Thank you very much to everyone and may God richly bless all of you!!!

EMHCs At Good Sam. & Prairie Winds---Oct. 27---Don & Chris Slaymaker

HARVEST IS GREAT, LABORERS ARE FEW

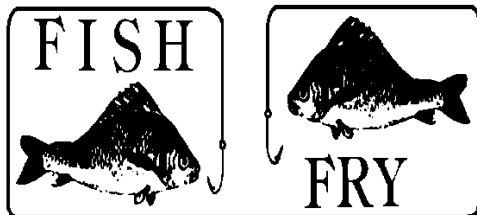
Taking the vocation crucifix this week—Pat & Sandy Kennedy. The week of October 27—Kelly Jelinek Family.

*We Pray With Special Love & Concern For The Ill...*Janice Ries, Emma Lou Gunther, Darrin Wedige, Gianna Slaymaker, Lois Tunender, Michelle Bulau, Garrett Scholz, Marilyn Morrison, Blakely Bouska, Miranda Ijames, John Mathis.

Plan To Attend					
SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.
1	2	3	4	5	6
8	9	10	11	12	13

Wood Cutting...will continue today (Sunday) south of the cemetery.

TRAILERS ARE NEEDED!!!



A Benefit...to help defray medical expenses for John Mathis is planned for **TODAY (SUNDAY)** from 4:30—7:30. The free will offering event will be held @ the KC Hall. There will be a couple tables of silent auction items.

The Altar Society...continues to accept dues of \$10.00. Please mail it to: Diane Rentschler, 47691 883rd Rd, Atkinson, NE 68713, drop off @ Cindy Kubik or the parish office. **THANK YOU** to all who have paid. It is most appreciated!



HOME & SCHOOL: Mon., Oct. 21@ 8 pm

EVENTS

- **Today**—Wood cutting after morning Mass
- **Today**—Fish supper benefit @ KC Hall
- **Wed., Oct. 23**—Adoration
- **Wed., Oct. 23**—CCD classes
- **Thu., Oct. 24**—Grief Share sessions continue @ Presbyterian Church
- **Sun., Oct. 27**—Parish Auction
- **Sun., Nov. 3**—Daylight saving time ends. We will honor the deceased of this past year (11.1.18 through 11.1.19) @ the 10:30am Mass
- **Sun., Nov. 3**—St. Patrick's Parish Auction @ O'Neill Community Center--lunch @ 11; bidding at noon
- **Sun., Nov. 3**—St. Mary's Spencer Fall Festival

You will find All Souls envelopes in the pews. Drop in collection or parish office with names of your loves ones. They will be remembered at all Masses during November

LITURGICAL MINISTERS...Oct 26/27

MASS TIMES	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMHCs	JRamm DMorgan BMLady	LFritz, RFrickel, CSholes, LWolf, ABorer
LECTORS	Harry Morgan	Don Slaymaker
GIFT BEARERS	Kathy Kliment	C. Jelinek Family
ORGANIST	Jayne Fetherston	
SERVERS	Madison Tunender Elle Hoffman Jewel Meusch	Makenna Schaaf Taylor Schaaf Arideth Weekley
<u>NOV USHERS</u>	Rylan Olson 3 Volunteers Are Needed	Jim Torpy Jeff Laetsch Greg Straka Volunteer

THE LORD'S PORTON...10.13.19

Adult envelopes (35)	1,305.00
Loose cash	282.00
Loose checks (5)	575.00
Midweek deposit	145.00
Online Giving (4)	<u>201.94</u>
TOTAL	2,508.94
Budget...Sunday...	3,561.58
	-1,052.64
Insurance	880.00

Parish Lunch Stand....Marion Schaaf, 402.340.3287 or Elizabeth Krumwiede, 402.340.3319

The response for the lunch stand was incredible...items needed yet: 10 lbs. ground beef; 2 chickens (cooked & ground on Sat. am). **WORKERS**----need two for each of the shifts: 8am—11 11am—2pm 2pm—4 4pm—6