




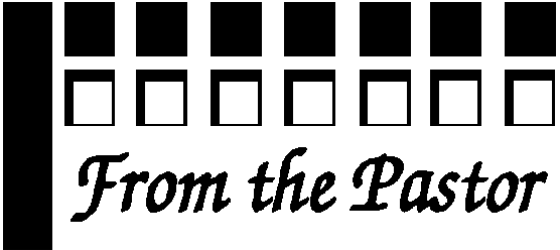
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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10/27/19

Monday NO MASS
 Tuesday 10:00 AM (Good Sam) + Madonna Miksch
 5:30 PM at St. Boniface
 Wednesday 8:15 AM + Frank & Rosemary Kilmurry
 Thursday **7:00 PM** @ St. Boniface *ALL
 Friday **8:15 AM** + SJ Memorial Society *SAINTS
 Saturday 6:00 PM + Bill & Sylvia Morgan
 Sunday 10:30 AM + Art & Elsie Humpal, Kathleen
 Gaylor

	Nov 2/3	Saturday	Sunday
 Mass  Schedule	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		



From the Pastor

This Weekend As We Celebrate... Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, we come to the conclusion of the Lukan material on the journey to Jerusalem, also known as the “major insertion” from Luke 9:51 through 18:14. We began reading from this section in June, on the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. We have been with Luke’s special material for some time and we remain on the journey to Jerusalem with Jesus even after this week.

The parable this weekend strikes one’s conscience with the desire most if not all Christians have to “be right with God.” This desire animated the Jewish people of Jesus’ time too, and it continues to be a goal of many religious people regardless of faith or denomination. But Jesus’ parable penetrates deep into the attitudes that often lie below the surface. And for the Pharisee in the parable, his attitudes were on full display. He prays in thanksgiving that he is not like “the rest of humanity” (quite a broad stroke!) or “even like this tax collector.” The Pharisee has justified himself before God by following the rules, obeying Mosaic Law, doing “what God wants” as he understands it. On the other hand, the tax collector approaches God with sincere humility, admitting his sinfulness. For that, he, rather than the Pharisee, is justified, or “right with God.”

We are not the authors of our own salvation. Nothing we do or accomplish will achieve a right relationship with God other than admitting we are sinners and asking for God’s mercy. A fundamental temptation for religious people the world over is to fall into the false notion that by our actions we make ourselves pleasing to God. The good deeds we do, attending Mass, keeping holy days, praying the rosary or other special prayers, being active at the parish are all well and good. But none by itself or in combination with the others will put us in a right relationship with God. Only by acknowledging our own shortfalls without excuse and by simply relying on the mercy of God will we be placed upright before God. There is a reversal at work as the concluding line of the gospel indicates: “whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

The Christian life and the entire paschal mystery is a reversal of the norms, standards, and structures of the world. We do not need to look far in our world to see those who seek to exalt themselves. We too are likely part of that group from time to time if we are honest with ourselves. Each of us has a bit of the Pharisee’s attitude. Today’s parable tells us that we are to identify with the tax collector, the one who comes humbly before God confessing himself to be a sinner. Only by humbling oneself will exaltation come. And those who seek exaltation will be humbled. This echoes a theme announced by Mary’s canticle in the opening chapter of the gospel. “He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones / but lifted up the lowly” (Luke 1:52).

Jesus, too, will be humbled to the point of death on the cross, and subsequently exalted to heaven. This fundamental reversal is an essential Christian message, and it can be difficult to absorb. In our modern world (and in the ancient) the proud are exalted, the humble are brought low. But we proclaim the Good News. The lowly will be exalted and the proud will be brought low. It is the paschal mystery.

TODAY’S NEWS

TODAY...is the Parish Auction-----our LARGEST fundraiser of the year!!! Join fellow parishioners for

biscuits/gravy, rolls, coffee, 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---NOV. 3---Diane Rentschler & Linda Wolf

HARVEST IS GREAT, LABORERS ARE FEW

Taking the vocation crucifix this week—Kelly Jelinek Family. The week of November 3—Edna Gardner

*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 Gilg, John Mathis.

SJ Home & School...is hosting a “**Game Night & Taco/Nacho**” Bar on **Sun., Nov. 3** at the KC Hall from **5pm—7**. Board games & card games from the Company Game Wright will be available to **play & purchase!** This will be a **FUN** family event with games to play for **ALL** ages. **Do your Christmas shopping early----& avoid the stress!!! *****EVERYONE IS WELCOME---COME & EAT, PLAY GAMES OR JUST BROWSE!!!*******

All Women...are invited to the OACCW meeting planned for Tue., Nov. 12 at Holy Cross Parish Hall (508 Park St) in Bancroft. Registration begins at 9am followed by Executive Meeting @ 9:30. Mass at 11am followed by lunch & meeting. Agenda items: Convention Review, Journaling, Faithfully Departed Prayer Service & Service Committee Update. Please come & enjoy our new meeting style!



SCHOOL BOARD: Wed., Nov. 6, 8pm

EVENTS

- **Today**-Parish Auction
- **Wed., Oct. 30**—Adoration
- **Wed., Oct. 30**—CCD classes
- **Thu., Oct. 31**—Grief Share sessions continue @ Presbyterian Church
- **November 1**—All Saints Day...see Holy Day Mass schedule below
- **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**—Taco/Nacho Bar & Game Night @ KC Hall, 5pm--7
- **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
- **Tue., Nov. 12**—OACCW meeting @ Bancroft, Holy Cross Parish Hall

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

ALL SAINTS DAY----AREA MASS SCHEDULE

Thu., Oct 31...Vigil

O’Neill, St. Patrick’s...7pm
Sacred Heart of Boyd County-Butte...7pm
Stuart, St. Boniface...7pm

Fri., Nov. 1

O’Neill, St. Patrick’s...8:10am
Atkinson, St. Joseph’s...8:15am
Stuart, St. Boniface-Parkside Manor...2pm
Sacred Heart Boyd County-Butte Care Center...2:15pm
Sacred Heart Boyd County-Spencer...6pm
Amelia, St. Joseph’s...7pm

LITURGICAL MINISTERS...NOV 2/3

MASS TIMES	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMHCs	BLaible, DLiewer, GThurlow	C&L Nemetz, SRossman, HKrumwiede, SDvorak
LECTORS	Brian Mlady	Patti Skrdla
GIFT BEARERS	M/M H. Morgan	M/M G. Schmit
ORGANIST	Terri Vrooman	Diane Osborne
SERVERS	Mathis Children	Dvorak Children Tyler Jelinek
<u>NOV USHERS</u>	Rylan Olson 3 Volunteers Are Needed	Jim Torpy Jeff Laetsch Greg Straka Volunteer

LORD’S PORTION.10.20.19

Adult envelopes (35)	4,614.92
Loose cash	238.00
Loose checks (6)	160.00
Online Giving (5)	<u>790.00</u>
TOTAL	5,802.92
Budget...Sunday...	3,561.58
	+2,241.34
World Mission Sunday	381.00
Insurance	45.00