




St. Joseph Church

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 11/10/19

Monday NO MASS
 Tuesday 10:00 AM (Good Sam) + Helen Straka
 5:30 PM at St. Boniface
 Wednesday 8:15 AM + MaryAnn Quigle
 Thursday 11:15 @ St. Boniface
 Friday 8:15 AM + Mike Tasler
 Saturday 6:00 PM + Dolores (Engler) Gokie
 Sunday 10:30 AM + Steve Schaaf

	Nov 16/17	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		



Theological sophistication is on display today when Jesus responds to the derogatory question about resurrection. While Jesus is in the Jerusalem temple after making his lengthy journey, he faces a question from a powerful party of religious leaders. The Sadducees did not accept resurrection, as they focused squarely on Mosaic Law, the first five books of the Bible. And in those books the word resurrection is not mentioned. Instead, it's a term more closely associated with the book of Daniel or even 2 Maccabees, which were not accepted by the Sadducees as authoritative.

So, the question the Sadducees pose to Jesus is meant to illustrate how ridiculous the concept of resurrection is. This is a good reminder that not all Jews of Jesus' day had similar beliefs. There were differences in understanding and applying Jewish faith, much as there are differences among Jews today. Just as for that matter, there are doctrinal differences between Christians today too.

But this question allows Jesus the chance to correct their misunderstanding, using Mosaic Law, something they would have accepted as authoritative. Jesus' words indicate that there is no marriage in the afterlife, thereby undercutting the foundation of their question. His response also indicates that resurrection was not for all, but only those who are deemed worthy. This, too, reflects a common understanding at that time by those who believed in resurrection. They held that only the just were raised as a reward for their right conduct.

In later centuries Christians wondered whether the unjust would be raised too, if only to be punished eternally. But that is not the question Jesus faced. For him, the question was a literal understanding of resurrection to such a degree that it involved marriage in the afterlife. Jesus continues his counterargument by citing Mosaic Law and the words of Moses, who spoke of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, all of whom died centuries before Moses.

As God is the God of the living, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob must be alive. This is a clever twist on a familiar passage, and it demonstrates the theological sophistication of this Jew from the backwaters of Galilee. He was in Jerusalem now, arguing with the learned in the temple. His audience was likely growing, and after this encounter so too was the opposition he faced.

This weekend's gospel is one of the few stories where we hear Jesus' thoughts on the question of resurrection. Of course, one of the main reasons it's so interesting is that we know he will experience resurrection after a humiliating public death less than a week later. Though resurrection is a central element of Christian faith, it continues to be debated through the centuries. Even the apostle Paul had issues with preaching the resurrection, as the longest chapter in any of his letters (1 Cor 15) deals entirely with the topic, while some of the Pastoral Letters indicate that other Christians continued to misunderstand resurrection. And the Apostolic Fathers also address the issue, as do many others in every century including our own.

What do we believe about resurrection? How does this central element of our belief animate our daily life? How is our live different because of this promise? We proclaim the paschal mystery suffering and death ultimately lead to joy and new life.

Auction News: \$4,275.00 was added bringing the total to **\$67,420.50**. Thank you to all who are remembering to bring your donation to the parish office. It is most appreciated!



Good Sam. & Prairie Winds---NOV. 17---Joe & Patti Skrdla

Due To Christmas Program...practice, adoration will begin at noon Nov. 13—Dec. 4

HARVEST IS GREAT, LABORERS ARE FEW

Taking the vocation crucifix this week—Jozette Kozisek. The week of November 17—Beverly Cone

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.

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, Ex.Meeting @ 9:30, Mass at 11am, lunch & meeting.

A Black Glove...was left at the community center following the auction. Please claim @ the parish office.



On Christ Man So Return And the Dead Rise Again So Life

Sympathy...to the Wenner family with the passing of Leona Kabeiseman. Leona was the sister of Johnny Wenner & sister-in-law of Sharon Wenner. Be assured our prayers & special thoughts are with you at this time.

We Welcome...Haven Drew Stoltenberg, daughter of Drew & Payton (Kennedy) Stoltenberg as a member of God's everlasting family through the holy sacrament of baptism. May she grow in God's grace and be blessed by His love.



ALTAR SOCIETY: Tue., Nov. 12 @ 6, KC Hall

EVENTS

- **Tue., Nov. 12**—OACCW meeting @ Bancroft, Holy Cross Parish Hall
- **Wed. Nov. 13**—Adoration...**beginning at noon**
- **Wed., Nov. 13**—CCD classes
- **Thu., Nov. 14**—Grief Share sessions @ Presbyterian Church
- **Sun., Nov. 24**—KC Poultry Party
- **Thu., Nov. 28**—Thanksgiving Mass @ 9am
- **Tue., Dec. 10**—St. Joseph School Christmas program, 6:30pm @ church

LITURGICAL MINISTERS...NOV 16/17

MASS TIMES	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMHCs	JRamm, P&L Fritz	J&P Skrdla, DMorgan, C&L Nemetz
LECTORS	Tim Hamik	Harry Morgan
GIFT BEARERS	Ryan Olson Family	Ben Sholes Fam.
ORGANIST	Terri Vrooman	Diane Osborne
SERVERS	Kruz Jelinek B & T Olson	Daphne Mitchell M & A Cadwallader
NOV USHERS	Rylan Olson 3 Volunteers Are Needed	Jim Torpy Jeff Laetsch Greg Straka Volunteer

THE LORD'S PORTION---11.03.19

Adult envelopes (29)	2,454.00
Loose cash	229.00
Loose checks (5)	135.00
Midweek contribution	945.00
Online Giving (3)	<u>120.00</u>
	3,883.00
Budget...Sunday...	3,561.58
	+321.42
All Saints	372.66
Insurance	50.00
World Mission	15.00
Military	55.00
Harvest	70.00
CCHD	50.00

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