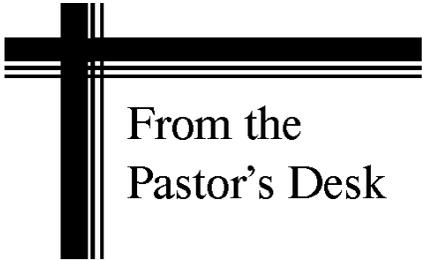


# St. Joseph Church

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<i>Christ the King</i> 11/24/19					
Monday	NO MASS	 <b>Mass</b>  <b>Schedule</b>	<i>Nov 30/Dec 1</i>	Saturday	Sunday
Tuesday	10:00 AM (Good Sam) + Tim Manzer 5:30 PM at St. Boniface		Atkinson, St Joseph	6:00pm	10:30am
Wednesday	<b>11:00AM</b> + Paul & Karen Seger 7:00 PM at St. Boniface		St. Boniface, Stuart	No Mass	8:30am
Thursday	<b>9:00AM</b> + Dick & Evelyn Wolf <b>Thanksgiving</b>		St Patrick, O'Neill	5:00pm	9:00am
Friday	No Mass		St Joseph, Amelia	No Mass	11:00am
Saturday	6:00 PM + All Souls		Ss. Peter & Paul, Butte	No Mass	8:30am
Sunday	10:30 AM + Francis & Mildred Fritz		St Mary, Spencer	No Mass	10:30am
		Assumption, Lynch	5:30pm	No Mass	
			<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>		
			for Ss. Joseph and Boniface: One half hour before each weekend Mass or by appointment		



Though we repeat it at church often without thinking, it can be odd to call Jesus, "King." There are not many kings or queens today and those that do exist are usually figureheads. Perhaps the most famous is Queen Elizabeth II. When we call Jesus a king are, we equating him in some ways with a figure like Queen Elizabeth II? Or is the queen in some ways equivalent to Jesus? Jesus has many titles in Scripture, one of which is Christ (Messiah, the Anointed), others are Lamb of God, the Alpha and the Omega, Lion of David, Savior, Lord, Son of God, Son of Man, and King. Of course, this weekend's reading [Luke 23: 35-43] tells us that he was given the title "King" by Pilate, or at least by the Romans who crucified him, as they were the ones who would have had the authority and responsibility for placing any sign above the cross.

What is a Christian response to the Romans calling him "king" in such a mocking, derisive way? Christians embraced it and said he was king in a way unlike earthly kings, for his kingdom was not of this world. Even the thieves crucified alongside him encouraged him to save himself if he really is the Anointed One (Christ, Messiah). But again, his kingdom is not of this world. What he does have he offers the repentant thief, "Today you will be with me in Paradise."

The true king of a kingdom not of this world offers repentance, forgiveness, and paradise to those who seek it. The suffering encountered in this world will be reversed and overcome in the next. The one dying on a cross is destined for paradise. The authorities of this world are putting to death the king of the kingdom of God. But this king will upend the ways of the world.

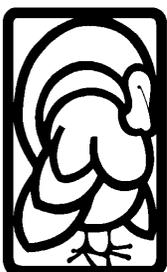
We proclaim Jesus as king, but he is no mere figurehead. He rules a kingdom of God where justice reigns, the lowly are raised up, and the mighty brought low. Those who hunger and thirst are satisfied whereas the rich are sent away empty. Is this our king? Are we subjects in this kingdom? Or are we more content being subjects of the kingdoms of this age? Jesus is our king, the crucified, humiliated one whose destiny is paradise. Let us align ourselves with him and all the poor and lowly in the world.

The two thieves on either side of Jesus have remarkably different attitudes toward Jesus. One reviled Jesus, prodding him into saving himself and them. The mockery from the bystanders wasn't enough. Jesus faced mockery from one of his fellow condemned criminals. The other placed faith in Jesus with a simple request to "remember me when you come into your kingdom." That request belies a faith statement that Jesus is a king. What was said in mockery on the cross is true, and the thief knows it. Not only will Jesus remember him, but he promises to be with him in paradise that day. There seems to be no "descent into hell" in Luke's understanding. That very day Jesus and the thief will be in paradise.

Our call is to recognize Jesus' kingship as well, though knowing it is a kingdom not of this world. The paschal mystery gives us hope that upon death Jesus is in paradise without a pit stop along the way. Death leads to new life. And Jesus will bring others with him as they too experience the paschal mystery.

Happy Thanksgiving! Celebrate well, even though it has been a challenging year, we still all have much to be thankful for!

Fr. Starman



**KC Annual Poultry Party...** is planned for TODAY @ the KC Hall. Lunch will be served @ 11:30 with card playing all afternoon & evening games beginning @ **6:00**. **KNIGHTS---don't forget to bake your pie!**

**THERE CANNOT BE THANKSGIVING WITHOUT  
'GIVING'**



*Warm Up With...* a bowl of soup, relish & dip, bars & cookies at the KC Hall beginning @ 4:30 on **Sunday, Dec. 1** prior to enjoying the **Live Nativity & Parade of Lights** downtown Atkinson. If anyone would be willing to donate 3 large bottles of ranch dressing, please contact Cindy Kubik, 402.340.0049.

*The Altar Society...* is once again planning to have the Advent Baby Shower. Baby items will be given to New Beginnings Pregnancy Resource Center. A bassinet will be in the vestibule of church the weekends of Dec. 7/8 and Dec. 14/15. Baby products such as diapers (all sizes except newborn), sleepers, blankets & bottles are needed. Monetary donations will also be accepted to purchase car seats. Please make checks payable to Beginning Resources. Direct ??? to Cindy Kubik.



*Auction Total...* grew \$500.00 this past week.....*To Date: \$67,920.50.* Many thanks!!!



*Good Sam. & Prairie Winds---Dec. 1---Don & Chris Slaymaker*

*Dear Problem,*

*GOD is bigger than You!*

*Our Parish...* wishes to welcome the following who were cleansed in the holy waters of baptism: Stratton Joseph Troidl, son of Jeremy & Kylie Troidl....Nov. 16, 2019 and Olivia Marie Welborn, daughter of Jeremiah & Jenna Welborn....Nov. 17, 2019.



**BAPTISM**



*As A Parish...* we welcome newly registered parishioners: Kathleen Geffre and Daryl Jean Pena.

We're happy you're here to worship with us!!!

*HARVEST IS GREAT, LABORERS ARE FEW----* Taking the vocation crucifix this week—John & Marsha Thomassen. The week of December 1—Tim Laible Family.



**PRAY FOR . . .**

Janice Ries, Emma Lou Gunther, Darrin Wedige, Gianna Slaymaker, Lois Tunender, Michelle Bulau, Nathan Boyle, Garrett Scholz, Marilyn Morrison, Blakely Bouska, Miranda Ijames, John Gilg, Phil Fritz, John Mathis, Jerry Schaaf.

*They'll Be Ready In Time For Christmas!!!* Yard signs showing support for our school & church are being sold. They are blue & white, made of steel and personalization can be added. The cost is \$50. per sign & \$10. to have it personalized. Samples are displayed in church along with order forms. There are also forms at the school office. **Orders need to be returned by Monday, Nov. 25 to the school office.**



*The OACCW (Omaha Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women)*...and its deaneries are accepting scholarship applications from high school senior girls who are Catholic and plan to attend a public or private college university. Each deanery may award a scholarship, and the application and essay of the winner of each deanery scholarship will be sent to the OACCW Scholarship Chair to compete for a \$500. OACCW Scholarship.

Requirements & mailing addresses for each deanery contact are available from high school guidance counselors. Scholarship application forms are available on the OACCW Facebook page in “Photos” in the menu bar on the left side of the page. All documentation should be submitted to the applicant’s deanery Council of Catholic Women contact, and be postmarked by **January 15, 2020**. Late applications **will not** be considered. Contact: Kim Estes, OACCW Publicity Chairmen, 402.340.2866/ 402.924.3125

**Everyone Is Invited...**to Amelia, St. Joseph’s Parish Auction TODAY at the Chambers Community Center.

**A CCD Teacher...**will be needed for the juniors & seniors to teach in Atkinson **beginning second semester**. Let’s get this position filled **SOON**. Please pray with an open heart and ask yourself....“Could God be calling me to do this?” Contact Deb Liewer, 402.340.2288.



**EVENTS**

- **Today...**Poultry Party @ KC Hall
- **Wed. Nov. 27**—Mass @ 11am. Adoration will begin after Mass & continue until 3pm
- **Wed., Nov. 27**—NO CCD classes
- **Sun., Dec. 1**—Soup supper by Altar Society & Live Nativity by Ministerial Assoc. in conjunction with Parade of Lights
- **Wed., Dec. 4**—Adoration begins @ noon
- **Tue., Dec. 10**—St. Joseph School Christmas program, 6:30pm @ church



**LITURGICAL MINISTERS---THANKSGIVING... 9AM**  
**EMHC:** Diane Morgan                      **LECTOR:** Harry Morgan  
**OFFERTORY:** Jack & Linda Wolf  
**SERVERS:** Dvorak Children & Malaya Bussinger

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS...Nov. 30/Dec 1**

MASS TIMES	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMHCs	LWolf, DLiewer, JRamm	RFrickel, SOSborne, C&L Nemetz, LFritz
LECTORS	Brian Mlady	H. Krumwiede
GIFT BEARERS	M/M Dennis Ryan	M/M Phil Fritz
ORGANIST	Terri Vrooman	Diane Osborne
SERVERS	Ian Laetsch Mlady Children	Elle Hoffman Arideth Weekley Ezra Sholes
<b>DEC USHERS</b>	Jim Vrooman Pat Kennedy Bernard Ziska Ethan Welborn	Tim Laible Jerry Laible Greg Dostal Richard Kilmurry

**THE LORD’S PORTION---11.17.19**

Adult envelopes	1,751.00
Loose cash	145.00
Loose checks	160.00
Midweek deposit	25.00
Online Giving	<u>541.94</u>
	2,622.94
<b>Budget...Sunday...</b>	<b>3,561.58</b>
	<b>-938.64</b>
<b>Military</b>	<b>320.00</b>

**WHAT DO YOU SEE?**

**TAKE A LOOK AT THIS LINE OF TYPE:  
 GODISNOWHERE  
 DID YOU READ IT AS “GOD IS NOWHERE”  
 OR ARE YOU AN OPTIMIST WHO READ IT AS  
 “GOD IS NOW HERE”        ??????????**