



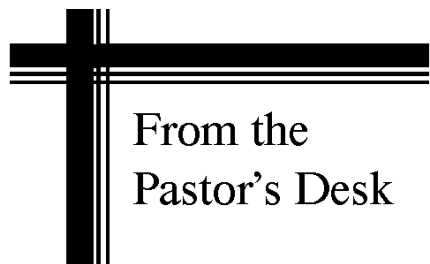
St. Joseph Church

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 01/19/20

Monday NO MASS
 Tuesday 10:00 AM + Ries Family @ Good Sam
 5:30 PM @ St. Boniface
 Wednesday 8:15 AM + Ed & Marianne Jansen
 Thursday 11:15 AM @ St. Boniface
 Friday 8:15 AM + Kenny Lane
 Saturday 6:00 PM + Bill & Sylvia Morgan Family
 Sunday 10:30 AM + Joe Langan

	Jan 25/26	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	No Mass	11:00am
	Ss. Peter & Paul, Butte	No Mass	10:30am
	St Mary, Spencer	5:30pm	No Mass
	Assumption, Lynch	No Mass	8:30am
	Sacrament of Reconciliation for Ss. Joseph and Boniface: One half hour before each weekend Mass or by appointment		



From the Pastor's Desk

As we make the leap from the Christmas Season back into Ordinary Time for a few weeks, Fr. Weeder, Fr. Sund and I want to express our gratitude to all those who made our Christmas celebrations wonderful experiences. Thank you.

Most children love magicians; they love to see them perform at birthday parties, events, and special shows. Magicians sometimes say they are more properly called "illusionists," because that title more closely reflects what they actually do. They perform illusions rather than magic. We might say they are creating the illusion of magic. We think we see something,

maybe a rabbit pulled from a hat or a card that disappears, but it is only an illusion.

In reading weekend's gospel from John 1:29-34, we may think Jesus is baptized. But when we look at the story more carefully, we see that there's no baptism at all. The story is about John the Baptist, but his role is not to baptize Jesus. Instead, it is to testify to Jesus—a testament that, namely, Jesus is the Son of God. This title is significant for the Gospel of John, and it appears in the closing verse of the gospel): "These things are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name" (20:31; NABRE).

So, what John the Baptist testifies to in the beginning, that Jesus is the Son of God, is the entire purpose of the gospel. And all of this is done without Jesus being baptized. We would need the other gospels to learn that Jesus was indeed baptized by John. This gospel gracefully omits that detail.

In addition to this narrative sleight of hand, the Gospel of John also claims that Jesus "existed before" John the Baptist. The prologue makes this clear in identifying the word of God in the beginning, and that the Word was made flesh. But here we have pre-existence on the lips of the Baptist himself. No other gospel is quite so explicit about this theological point. And the Baptist continues by saying the only reason he was baptizing at all was to give testimony to this one who "might be made known to Israel."

When we read the Gospel of John, let's pay special attention to the words he uses and the theological claims he makes. Otherwise, we might miss the essential truth and mistake it with a glance of an illusion. We are so familiar with these stories and the gospels, we can see what we already "know" and miss a deeper insight.

St. Paul tells us that we have been baptized into Christ's death (Rom 6:3). Mark speaks of John's baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, which Jesus also underwent (Mark 1:4, 9). But John the Baptist appears in the Fourth Gospel not to baptize Jesus, but to testify to him. Baptism, this foundational sacrament of water, has a multiplicity of meanings and interpretations in the New Testament and also for us today. When we dip our fingers into the holy water at church, we are reminded that we have been baptized into Christ's death, with the forgiveness of sins. Then we, as his followers, are to testify to him in the world. Our belief in Jesus as the Son of God gives life in his name. We live this life having undergone the paschal mystery in our own baptism from death to new life.

Ad Multos Annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman

The HARVEST IS GREAT, LABORERS ARE FEW --- Taking the vocation crucifix this week—George & Udonna Schmit. The week of Jan. 26—Dennis & Roxanne Ryan.



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

Catholic Schools Week



The Parish Carnival... will be held in conjunction with CSW! The event is planned for **Friday, January 31** @ the community center with food being served from 5:30—7pm and games played from 6:30—8. Games will be \$5 per player, ages 2 & under are free. The carnival committee is seeking volunteers to help with running the carnival games as well as monetary donations to purchase raffle items. Please contact Lindsey Nemetz, 402.925.2457 or Kylie Troidl, 402.340.1576 to

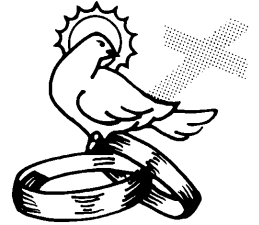
volunteer, donate or ?????? See attachment of what is needed & thank you in advance!

New CDs... from Lighthouse Catholic Media have been placed in the Koisk in the back of church. We thank the SJ Altar Society for making these available for the spiritual growth of our parishioners. Please listen & enjoy! There is a suggested donation of \$3.00. **A Scriptural Walk through the Mass-Edward Sri...** For Catholics, the Mass is entirely familiar, but often not well understood. Scripture scholar and well-known author Dr. Edward Sri takes listeners on a journey through the sacred liturgy that is sure to help Catholics experience the Mass more fully as the most powerful and important prayer of the Church. Dr. Sri examines the historical and biblical roots of the words, prayers, actions, and gestures contained within the Mass in order to arrive at a deeper understanding of their significance. **Check this CD out soon!**



We Have The Opportunity... to listen to all three of our shepherds each week! Weekend homilies can be found by visiting Homilies, Holt-Boyd Catholic.org or search for “Holt-Boyd Catholic” on Apple Podcast, Spotify, or your favorite podcast app

As A Parish... we congratulate Seth Miller & Haley Schmeichel who were united in the sacrament of Matrimony on January 11, 2020. May they allow Christ to be the center of their marriage journey as their hearts & lives are united together, forever!



EVENTS

- **Wed., Jan. 22**—Adoration, 9am—3pm
- **Wed., Jan. 22**—CCD
- **Jan. 26 through Feb. 2**—Catholic Schools Week
- **Tue., Jan. 28**—Avanti, 6:30 @ the KC Hall
- **Fri., Jan. 31**—Parish Carnival
- **Feb 1st & 2nd**—Mass time rotation for six months...Saturday-Stuart @ 6pm Sunday-Atkinson @ 8:30am
-Stuart @ 10:30am
- **Feb. 1/ 2**—“Food for the Poor” collection will be taken up as in past (in conjunction with Catholic Schools Week); therefore the 4-IN-1 collection will be moved to Feb. 8/9
- **Sun., Feb. 2**—Pancake breakfast

LITURGICAL MINISTERS...Jan 25/26

MASS TIMES	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMHCs	JRamm, GThurlow, LWolf	ABorer, LSeeger, RFrickel, CSholes, DLiewer
LECTORS	Tim Hamik	H. Krumwiede
GIFT BEARERS	M/M H. Morgan	M/M D. Kubik
ORGANIST	Terri Vrooman	Diane Osborne
SERVERS	A.Oligmueller Ian Laetsch L.Slaymaker	Brinley Kerkman Kearsten Keogh G. Monasterio
FEB USHERS	Tom Keogh Wayne Pacha Randy Rentschler Volunteer	Brendan Borer Chris Skrdla Tim Borer Joe Skrdla

THE LORD'S PORTION ---01.12.20

Adult envelopes	1,598.00
Loose cash	186.00
Loose checks	105.00
Midweek deposit	25.00
Online donations	361.64
TOTAL	2,275.64
Budget...Sunday...	3,561.58
	-1,285.94
Initial Offering	28.00
Christmas	100.00
Seminary	1,099.85

DO NOT BE DECEIVED, I CANNOT BE FOOLED...A MAN REAPS WHAT HE SOWS. ---GOD

SJ Altar Society is in charge of the lunch stand for the carnival on Fri., Jan. 31. Items can be delivered to the Community Center after 2pm. This list will also be on google docs or contact Patti Skrdla, 402.340.1964 with donations:

40 lbs browned ground beef (can be donated & browned by multiple individuals)

10 pkgs hamburger buns, 8 count

2 bags brown sugar

4 lg pkgs hot dogs

7 pkgs hot dog buns

2-64oz ketchup

1 lg mustard

4 bags small assorted chips, 22 count

1-12 pack Pepsi

1-12 pack Mt. Dew

2-12 pack Dr. Pepper

1-12 pack Sprite

1-12 pack Diet Pepsi

1-12 pack Coke

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2 cases bottled water

8 bags shredded cheese

5 bags shredded lettuce

12 pkgs taco seasoning

1 lg container cool whip

6 jars or 1-1/2 gal jug salsa

6 squeeze bottles or tubs sour cream

1 jar instant tea

15 lg bags tortilla chips

4 lg cans nacho cheese

150 small dessert plates

250 lg Styrofoam plates

250 plastic forks

400 napkins

100 Styrofoam coffee cups