




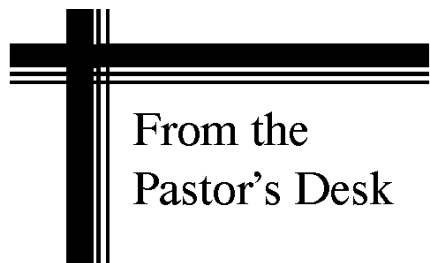
# St. Joseph Church

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## The Presentation of the Lord 02/02/20

Monday NO MASS  
 Tuesday 10:00 AM + Tim Manzer @ Good Sam  
 5:30 PM @ St. Boniface  
 Wednesday 8:15 AM + Vern Salyers, Bill & Mary Ryan  
 Thursday 11:15 AM @ St. Boniface  
 Friday 8:15 AM + SJ Memorial Society  
 Saturday NO MASS  
 Sunday 8:30 AM + Pat Baker

	Feb 8/9	Saturday	Sunday
 Mass  Schedule	Atkinson, St Joseph	No Mass	8:30am
	St. Boniface, Stuart	6:00pm	10:30am
	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

When dealing with children or even with adults, it's good to keep things fair. We do not want to favor one over the other, for such is the breeding ground of jealousy and resentment. It is important to make sure that there is an even or equitable distribution. This weekend's gospel is from Luke 2:22-40. As we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord this weekend, Joseph and Mary are fulfilling the obligations of Mosaic Law, the precepts of their faith. Both Simeon and Anna are in the temple, and each encounters the child Jesus—Simeon having been there at the

prompting of the Spirit, and Anna because she never left the temple. Both are prophets, though Luke properly uses the feminine form, "prophetess," of Anna. Not only does Anna give thanks to God, but she also speaks about the child to those in her midst.

Luke sets this story in Jerusalem, in the temple, where Zechariah, the priest and father of John the Baptist, first learned that his wife, Elizabeth, would have a son. Jerusalem will also be the location where the gospel ends. Luke is geographically bookending his story as it were.

After Joseph and Mary leave the temple, having fulfilled the precepts of the law, they return to their home in Nazareth, and we never hear of Simeon and Anna again. Their respective prophecies continue themes from Luke that were sounded by Elizabeth and by Mary herself. Jesus is destined to be the rise and fall of many. The hungry will be filled and the rich will be sent away empty.

The gospel story for the presentation of the Lord is "rich" with theological significance and meaning. Luke gives us not only the perfunctory fulfillment of Mosaic Law, but also those actions accompanied by a prophet and by a prophetess. We would do well to read the story to include both Simeon and Anna, and not snub the significant role of a woman to save a few minutes during Mass.

It should go without saying that women figure prominently in some of the most remembered stories about Jesus, including his birth, death, and resurrection. And here today we have the story of his presentation, accompanied by the presence of Simeon and Anna. Many other stories about Jesus feature men so prominently that it seems only right to read today's gospel in its entirety. In so doing, we are reminded of something we know well: women speak the powerful words of God just as men do. In the Old Testament and in the New, women were prophets (prophetesses). When given the opportunity, let us showcase this too often neglected aspect of our rich faith. And in our own world, in our own day and age, let's listen attentively to the prophetesses in our own midst. Luke gives equal voice to the women. We would do well to follow his example.

I will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land beginning on Monday February 3<sup>rd</sup> and will return to the Catholic Parishes and Schools of Holt and Boyd Counties on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Please pray for me and my fellow pilgrims, and be assured that your prayers and intentions will be with me as we pray at the Holy Sites.

---Fr Starman

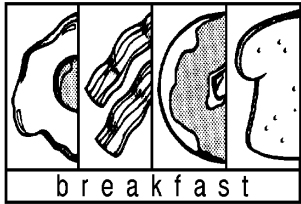
**The HARVEST IS GREAT, LABORERS ARE FEW**---Taking the vocation crucifix this week—Karen Thompson. The week of Feb. 9—Brian Mlady Family.



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.

EMHCs @ Good Sam. & Prairie Winds---Feb. 9---C&L Nemetz

The Book Fair...ends TODAY! Last chance after Mass to check it out at the elementary school.



**THIS Morning...**join fellow parishioners at a breakfast of pancakes, sausage & eggs @ the KC Hall from 8—11:00 to wrap up Catholic Schools Week.

**As A Parish...**we remember in prayer the pioneers who have gone before us who made it possible for the children of our parish to receive a Catholic education. It took much sacrifice, hard labor & much volunteering to build the facilities that St. Joseph's has. May perpetual light shine on these special souls! We also thank all who continue to support our parish & school. You will be rewarded for your giving & caring hearts. May God richly bless all of you!



**New CDs...**from Lighthouse Catholic Media have been placed in the Koisk in the back of church. **Our Lady of Fatima for Children—Quiet Waters.** The Truth to Inspire Series offers captivating dramatizations for children of the lives of saints & well-known Marian apparitions in order to teach them more about the Catholic Faith. In this presentation hear how the three shepherd children, Lucia, Jacinta, & Francisco were graced with visits from Our Lady of Fatima. **Check out this CD!!!** Suggested fee is \$3.00.

**Brad and Heather Slaymaker & Family...**met amazing people along Gianna's journey! They felt the power of prayer & much support of the entire community which carried them through Gianna's fight with neuroblastoma. Unfortunately, one of the amazing people they met..... Wyatt Smidt relapsed in Sept. with the disease appearing in his brain. To receive treatment, he & his family must travel to New York City. As a gift in celebration of Gianna's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday, the Slaymaker family is hosting a hot chocolate stand with funds going to the Smidt family to defray medical expenses. The event is planned for Tue., Feb. 4, from 3:30 to 5 @ the KC Hall in Atkinson. Everyone is welcome!

**The Council of Catholic Women (OACCW)...**will meet Feb. 11 @ St. Edward Parish Hall in St. Edward, NE, 805 Washington St. Executive Meeting: 9am. Registration, 9:30—11:30, meeting. ANY AND ALL are welcome to attend. 11:00-registration for afternoon meeting; 11:30-Mass & lunch; 1-3:00-Council Meeting. The agenda includes Holy Mass, plans for 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, preparation for lent, scholarships, Catholics @ Capitol and Convention. Bless us with your presence. Direct ??? to Deanna Reardon, 402.678.2567 or 402.316.6157.

**EVENTS**

- **TODAY!** --Book Fair @ school & breakfast, KC Hall
- **Tue., Feb. 4**—Hot chocolate stand, 3:30 @ KC Hall, proceeds going to the Smidt family
- **Wed., Feb. 5**—Adoration, 9am—3pm
- **Wed., Feb. 5**—CCD
- **Feb. 9** —4-IN-1 collection
- **Sun., Feb. 9**—District Free Throw Contest @ West Holt. Doors open at noon, competition begins at 1:00
- **Tue., Feb. 11**—OACCW at St. Edward

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS...FEB 9**

MASS TIMES	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMHCs		SSchrunk SRossman HKrumwiede S&D Osborne
LECTORS		Dan Kramer
GIFT BEARERS		W&J Baker
ORGANIST		Diane Osborne
SERVERS		Felycia Kerkman Makenna Schaaf Taylor Schaaf
<b><u>FEB USHERS</u></b>		Brendan Borer Chris Skrdla Tim Borer Joe Skrdla

**THE LORD'S PORTION---01.26.20**

Adult envelopes	1,673.00
Loose cash	90.00
Loose checks	160.00
Midweek deposit	151.00
2019 donation	40.00
Online donations	45.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,159.00</b>
<b>Budget...Sunday</b>	<b>3,561.58</b>
	<b>-1,402.58</b>
<b>Initial Offering</b>	<b>11.00</b>
<b>Seminary</b>	<b>60.00</b>
<b>Christmas</b>	<b>300.00</b>
<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	<b>20.00</b>

**THE LORD CREATED THE WORLD IN SIX DAYS & RESTED ON THE SEVENTH. ON THE EIGHTH DAY, HE STARTED ANSWERING COMPLAINTS**