




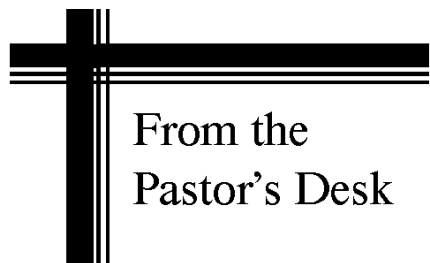
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5th Sunday In Ordinary Time 02/09/20

Monday NO MASS
 Tuesday 10:00 AM + Pete Schmaderer @ Good Sam
 5:30 PM @ St. Boniface
 Wednesday 8:15 AM + Don Petsche
 Thursday 11:15 AM @ St. Boniface
 Friday 8:15 AM + Helen Straka
 Saturday NO MASS
 Sunday 8:30 AM + Francis & Mildred Fritz

	Feb 15/16	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

This weekend's gospel Matthew 5:13-16 opens with the words "Jesus said to his disciples," thus giving us not only an account of something two thousand years ago, but something that is addressed to us today. There are two "you are" statements that cannot be missed. The metaphors are simple but sublime: "salt" and "light."

Jesus is telling his disciples as he tells us that we are the salt for the earth and the light of the world. What an impressive name! Are we up to it? Whether or not we deem the terms appropriate appellations, we are given those names, nonetheless.

Jesus continues the metaphor in each case, spelling out some implications. With respect to salt, today we do not experience it losing its flavor. Scientifically speaking, sodium chloride is extremely stable. But in the ancient world, people were not buying table salt in convenient packaging at the grocery store. Instead, salt came from natural sources and its chemical composition included more than merely sodium chloride, which when exposed to water (rain, humidity, condensation) would have been removed, leaving only the crude remains. In other words, salt in antiquity was impure; in certain circumstances it could seem like it lost its taste. At that point it was not good for anything.

About light, this, too, is expressed in the ancient imagery of bushel baskets and lampstands. Of course, in antiquity a lamp would have meant burning oil, thus "light a lamp." Still the meaning of the metaphor is clear. Disciples are the light of the world. Their good deeds—that is, clothing the naked, feeding the hungry, and giving drink to the thirsty—should be seen by others. We disciples are not to do these good deeds for the sole purpose of being seen, but the deeds are to be done before others.

Even now, we consider an example of this gospel passage to be someone like St. Mother Teresa, whose good deeds were seen by others who in turn gave glory to God. Mother Teresa was not doing this for her own benefit. She was motivated by love; she was a "light of the world." We, too, are called to be salt for the earth, the light of the world, performing deeds of justice and mercy, for we are disciples of Jesus. His words to the disciples are addressed to us.

Oftentimes it can be easy to read gospel stories of Jesus and the disciples without recognizing that we are disciples too. When Jesus speaks to his disciples, he is speaking to us. One prayer that is particularly appropriate in this gospel is to exchange one's own name for "his disciples." So instead of reading, "Jesus said to his disciples," we read, "Jesus said to Kelly" or "Jesus said to Greg." Reading that passage over to oneself several times, replacing the text in this way, can give the gospel new meaning. Essentially, we are Jesus' disciples and the words to his disciples apply equally to us. We are invited to be part of the paschal mystery with Christ. Let us journey with him and his disciples, learning from the ultimate teacher, whose destiny is known.

----Fr Starman

The HARVEST IS GREAT, LABORERS ARE FEW----Taking the vocation crucifix this week—Brian Mlady Family. The week of Feb. 16—Harold & Jeanne Krumwiede.





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, & Phil Schmaderer.

EMHCs @ Good Sam. & Prairie Winds --- Feb. 16 --- Don & Chris Slaymaker

Much Gratitude......to all who had a part to make Catholic Schools Week a memorable one for our school children. To all who gave of their time at the Book Fair, those who supported the carnival last Friday evening by your donations, preparing food & helping with the games and all who enjoyed breakfast on Sunday. Your donations to the collection 'Food for the Poor' are most appreciated! St. Joseph's grateful hearts gave \$679.34 to others who are less fortunate.

New CDs......from Lighthouse Catholic Media have been placed in the Koisk in the back of church. **Amazing Angels and Super Saints—Cat. Chat...**...is a Catholic Audio Show for kids ages 3-11 to help them learn and love their faith like never before! Using prayer, great conversations, faith-filled stories, and catchy songs, each CD discussed the Catholic faith while teaching kids powerful lessons for living out their faith every day. Join Moses the Talking Cat, Papa, Hanna, and friends for an unforgettable experience! **Check out this CD!!!** Suggested fee is \$3.00.

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 100th 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.

LEAVE MONEY STRESS BEHIND!!!! The Stuart-Atkinson Ministerial Association is hosting **Financial Peace University** where together we will learn how to gain control of money, pay off debt, and plan for the future. The group will meet from **4 – 5:30pm each Sunday (except Easter) for nine weeks from Feb 23 - April 26 @ Faith Wesleyan Church in Atkinson.** The cost for a membership is \$99. Contact Fr Weeder, 402.925.2122, message your ?????, or sign up at <https://fpu.com/1114199>



ALTAR SOCIETY: Tue., Feb. 11, 6pm @ KC Hall

EVENTS

- **Today**—District Free Throw Contest @ West Holt. Doors open @ noon, competition begins at 1:00
- **Tue., Feb. 11**—OACCW at St. Edward
- **Wed., Feb. 12**—Adoration, 9am—3pm
- **Wed., Feb. 12**—CCD
- **Thu., Feb. 20**—7pm Healing Mass @ Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church in Clarkson
- **Sun., Feb. 23**—Financial Peace University sessions begin
- **Wed., Feb. 26**—Ash Wednesday...**NO CCD in Atkinson**---**Mass Schedule...**Atkinson-8:15am; Stuart-7pm; O'Neill-8:10am; Amelia-7pm; Butte-7am; Lynch-5:30pm; Spencer-7pm.
- **Fri., Feb. 28**—Lent Fish Fry @ Stuart

LITURGICAL MINISTERS...FEB 16

MASS TIMES	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMHCs		LWolf KTunender BMLady JRamm, RFrickel
LECTORS		Jack Wolf
GIFT BEARERS		Fritz Family
ORGANIST		Diane Osborne
SERVERS		Daphne Mitchell Calla Mitchell Ezra Sholes
FEB USHERS		Brendan Borer Chris Skrdla Tim Borer Joe Skrdla

THE LORD'S PORTION --- 02.02.20

Adult envelopes (40)	1,785.00
Loose cash	99.00
Loose checks (1)	25.00
Midweek deposit	295.00
Online donations (3)	<u>120.00</u>
TOTAL	2,324.00
Budget...Sunday	3,561.58
	-1,237.58
Energy	100.00
4-IN-1	146.00