

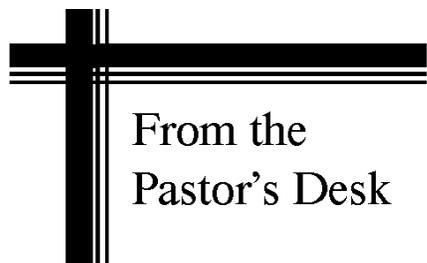
St. Joseph Church

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6th Sunday In Ordinary Time 02/16/20

Monday NO MASS
 Tuesday 10:00 AM + KCs @ Good Samaritan Home
 5:30 PM @ St. Boniface
 Wednesday 8:15 AM + Michael Bussinger & Michael
 Shane Bussinger
 Thursday 11:15 AM @ St. Boniface
 Friday 8:15 AM + Marilyn Gokie
 Saturday NO MASS
 Sunday 8:30 AM + All Souls

 <i>Mass</i>  <i>Schedule</i>	<i>Feb 22/23</i>	Saturday	Sunday
	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	
	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>		
	for Ss. Joseph and Boniface: One half hour before each weekend Mass or by appointment		



From the Pastor's Desk

The child was asked to clean his room before he could go out to play. He replied, "What's the least I have to do?" He wondered if making the bed would count, or if the floor had to be clean too. Do his clean clothes need to be put away, or only left in the laundry bin and tucked away in his closet? What about under his bed? Would that be checked, and would it have to be clean? The exasperated father wondered when the child would want a clean room for his own sake and not simply because the father had asked. Such an attitude on the part of the child is similar to what's on display in

this weekend's gospel. [Matt 5: 17-37]

To those people who want to be right with God but wonder what is the minimum required to achieve that relationship, Jesus has an answer. Jesus takes certain aspects of the law of Moses and expands them. Rather than a command not to kill, Jesus says, do not grow angry. Rather than a command not to commit adultery, Jesus says not to look at another with lust. In other words, the Mosaic Law is not simply the bare minimum we need to do to be right with God. Instead, we need to go above and beyond the letter of the law if we are to be followers of Christ. Merely fulfilling the minimum is not enough. (Pray, Pay and Obey isn't enough!)

When Jesus responds in this way, we may crave a return to the minimum! How can I keep myself from growing angry, which is a natural human response to perceived injustice? The standard Jesus sets may seem impossible to realize. The statement about plucking out one's eye is certainly hyperbole and recognized as such by the early church. The standard established by Jesus fulfills the law rather than abolishing it. Jesus' teaching goes to the heart of the matter. His advice to let "yes" mean "yes" and "no" mean "no" is a clear statement to that effect. Disciples of Jesus speak the truth without equivocation.

So, when we want to ask, "What's the least I have to do?" we may need to reconsider the question. When we desire a relationship with Christ for its own sake, and not simply because we've been somehow coerced, a life of faith flows naturally. We no longer count the minimum but instead live in a relationship of trust, fidelity, and love.

Living our lives as disciples of Jesus means that we follow a standard different from the world's standard. Jesus' injunction not to look on another with lust, or with anger, is a prime indication of that. In the ancient world (and even in the modern), it can seem easier to cover up a temptation so as not to deal with it. If looking on another causes lust, let's cover up the other or remove the other! But Jesus' response goes to the heart of a person. His response is not to cover up the temptation, but to challenge the person not to look on another with lust. Jesus places the responsibility on the individual, not on the object of temptation or anger. In this world there are things that will cause us anger. As disciples, we are not to harbor anger; we are not to harbor lust. Simply acting on these Christian precepts to avoid anger and lust will mark us as disciples, for we will be following a standard **not** of the world.

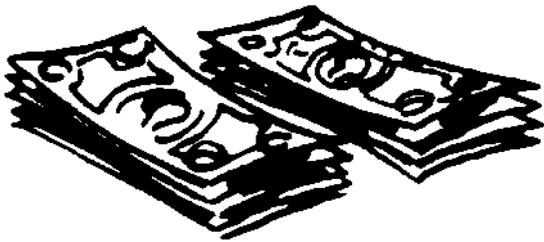
---Fr Starman

The HARVEST IS GREAT, LABORERS ARE FEW ---Taking the vocation crucifix this week—Harold & Jeanne Krumwiede. The week of Feb. 23—Gary & Deb Pospichal.



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. 23 --- Diane Rentschler & Linda Wolf



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>

New CDs...from Lighthouse Catholic Media have been placed in the Koisk in the back of church. **God Made Man by Fr. Shannon Collins**—In this Christmas themed presentation, Fr. Collins sheds new light on the biblical narratives of the birth of Jesus Christ, as well as the beautiful Christmas traditions of the Church. Fr. Collins serves as a preacher of parish missions and retreat master. Fr. Collins has appeared on EWTN and has been stationed at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, Alabama.

No Greater Love---Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *No Greater Love* is a five-part video series and full-length book that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life in this biblical pilgrimage. While taking this study or reading this book, you will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Mount of Calvary.



Beginning Sunday, March 1 following Sunday morning 8:30am Mass – St.

Joseph's Junior High, join Heather Slaymaker & other parish members to encounter God's love to the fullest. Contact Heather, 308.530.8827, ASAP, to sign up in order for materials to be ordered. BABYSITTING WILL BE AVAILABLE.

"Catholics At The Capitol"...in Lincoln on March 4, 2020...8am-Mass @ St. Mary's, 8:30-Registration opens @ basement of St. Mary's, 9:00-Welcome & opening prayer, 9:15-Keynote speaker, Legislative updates & Faithful Citizenship Training 11:00-Capitol for balcony introduction (Capitol), 11:45-Lunch (10.00) with Senators (St. Mary's), 1:00-Meetings with Senators (Capitol), 1:30-Program concludes. Contact Info---Lauren Garcia, 402.477.7517 to register...lgarcia@necatholic.org

Isn't It A Blessing...to be able to worship in a warm church? This wouldn't be possible without the generosity of YOU, our dedicated parishioners! There will be a second collection for ENERGY next weekend. Please sacrifice what you can in order for us to remain comfortable the remainder of the winter. Thank you in advance!



Meetings

HOME & SCHOOL: Mon., Feb. 17, 8pm @ school

KCs: **Thu., Feb. 20.** Rosary to be prayed @ 7:15pm with meeting to follow. Fish suppers for Fridays during lent will be discussed. Menu: turkey, stuffing & dessert. Drawing will go to \$40.00...Kyle Fetherston not present for \$30.00 drawing. Lotto of \$100.00 was won by Wayne Baker. For your insurance needs contact Mike Scholz,

308.991.6157. KC Hall rental--Wayne Baker, 402.340.0314 or 402.925.2752.

EVENTS

- **Wed., Feb. 19**—Adoration, 9am—3pm
- **Wed., Feb. 19**—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 23

MASS TIMES	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMHCs		DMorgan CSholes ABorer DLiewer LNemetz
LECTORS		Harry Morgan
GIFT BEARERS		M/M G. Schmit
ORGANIST		Jayne Fetherston
SERVERS		J. Monasterio Madalyn & Leah Pistulka
FEB USHERS		Brendan Borer Chris Skrdla Tim Borer Joe Skrdla

THE LORD'S PORTION ---02.09.20

Adult envelopes (34)	1,216.00
Loose cash	42.10
Loose checks (1)	200.00
Midweek deposit	245.00
Online donations (5)	<u>364.70</u>
TOTAL	2,067.80

Budget...Sunday 3,561.58
-1,493.78

Initial Offering 1.00
4-IN-1 223.00
Midweek deposit..4-in-1 25.00