

St. Joseph Church

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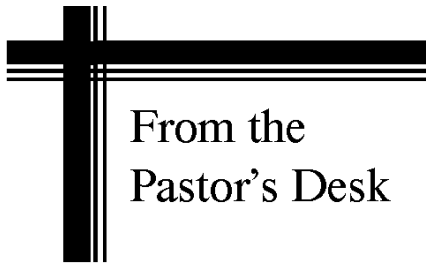
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7th Sunday In Ordinary Time

02/23/20

Monday NO MASS
 Tuesday 5:30 PM @ St. Boniface
Ash Wednesday 8:15 AM + Paul & Karen Seger
 10:00 AM+ Max & Agnes Hamik @
 Good Samaritan Home
 Thursday 11:15 AM @ St. Boniface
 Friday 8:15 AM + Lawrence, Albena & Rollin
 Kramer
 Saturday NO MASS
 Sunday 8:30 AM + Steve Schaaf

	Feb 29/Mar 1	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 reading from Matthew [5: 38-48] picks up where we left off last week, in the midst of the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus' own preaching is on par with and actually fulfills the Mosaic Law, which came from God. Jesus' teaching authority is therefore equivalent to God, as Jesus says, "You have heard that it was said . . . but I say to you . . ." The passive voice "it was said" refers to God's word through Mosaic Law. Jesus uses the active voice, first-person singular, in claiming his own teaching authority. To claim such authority would have been shocking to those who heard it. The words we have reflect not only Jesus' teaching but also Matthew the evangelist's reckoning that the authority of Jesus is

paramount.

In the teachings from last week, Jesus goes to the heart of Mosaic Law, sometimes issuing commands that go beyond the mere letter of the law, such as prohibiting anger (rather than murder) and lust (rather than adultery). In this weekend's gospel, Jesus goes beyond the "law of retaliation" (eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth). The law of retaliation represented a development in its time (centuries prior to Jesus) by limiting retaliation to one for one rather than five for one. Yet, even this is superseded by Jesus' injunction to "offer no resistance to one who is evil." The way of discipleship goes beyond strict justice, beyond "legitimate" retaliation, and represents a significant development.

Something similar is at work in the next injunction Jesus issues, which is to pray for one's persecutors rather than hate them. All too often feelings of exclusion and division can rise up in the face of persecution, which is certainly understandable. Striking back in the face of persecution is a natural human response. But the way of Jesus calls his disciples to the lofty goal of praying for those persecutors. Few people have lived up to this ideal, but those who have are known for it, including Martin Luther King Jr., Mahatma Gandhi, and the Dalai Lama. If we treat with kindness only those who treat us with kindness, we are merely living the values of the world. Jesus demands that we are "perfect," meaning pure in our devotion to God. Then we will be known as his disciples.

Admiring Jesus is easy to do. He was a gifted teacher, who lived an ethical life. His sayings inspire us, to say nothing of his death and resurrection. Yet, merely admiring Jesus is not what we are called to do. As disciples, we are to follow him. The Sermon on the Mount, from which we read today, is addressed to Jesus' disciples. That is, the Sermon on the Mount is addressed to us. His words should certainly challenge us and our basic attitudes toward life. It's much easier to be evangelized by the modern culture with values of the world. And many of these values are not bad, such as treating with kindness those who treat us with kindness. But Jesus has another way. We are to pray for our persecutors. We are to turn the other cheek. In the face of such injunctions, we may choose to admire Jesus for his simple advice, while quietly concluding that is not the way the world works. Jesus would agree. He calls his disciples to be salt for the earth, leaven for the world. The conclusion of this journey is not "to get ahead" but to die on a cross. But then comes the promised resurrection. Such is the paschal mystery, which is to be lived, not merely admitted.

Ad Multos Annos!----Fr. Starman

The HARVEST IS GREAT, LABORERS ARE FEW----Taking the vocation crucifix this week—Gary & Deb Pospichal. The week of March 1—Miguel Monasterio 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, & Phil Schmaderer.

Please refer to Holt-Boyd Counties Newsletter for other area fish suppers

Fish Fry Schedule Stuart 5 to 8pm Atkinson

Fridays During Lent Feb. 28 March 13 March 27 March 6 March 20 April 3

LITURGICAL + ROLES

Would You Like To......take your ministry one step farther? Would you (individuals/families) like to carry offertory gifts @ Mass? Please contact the parish office if you're willing to be placed on the schedule.

EMHCs @ Good Sam. & Prairie Winds --- March 1 --- Scott & Diane Osborne



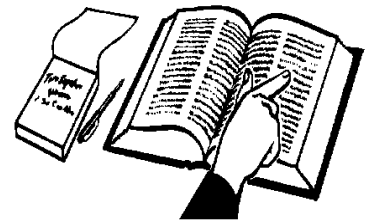
LEAVE MONEY STRESS BEHIND!!!!

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>

2nd collection next weekend...HOME MISSIONS

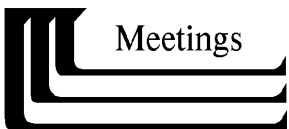
New CDs...from Lighthouse Catholic Media have been placed in the Koisk in the back of church. **Keep Holy the Sabbath-- by Dr. Tim Gray**—He is the president of the Augustine Institute and is a well-known Scripture scholar and Catholic speaker. With fascinating detail and examples, Dr. Gray here discusses the profound importance for individuals, and for modern society, of properly observing Sunday as the Lord's Day by exploring God's gift of the Sabbath in the Old Testament. He aims to help us reclaim our Sunday from the hustle and bustle of our busy lives.

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 so materials can be ordered. BABYSITTING WILL BE AVAILABLE.**



BIBLE STUDY

"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



Meetings

None next week!

Do You Realize......that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you – for you alone?

He burns with the desire to come into your heart.

Adoration is held each Wed. from 9am – 3pm

EVENTS

- **THIS EVE.**—Financial Peace University sessions begin
- **Wed., Feb. 26**—Adoration, 9am—3pm
- **Ash Wednesday...Feb. 26**— **NO CCD...Mass Schedule...**Atkinson-8:15am; Stuart-7pm; O'Neill-8:10am; Amelia-7pm; Butte-7am; Lynch-5:30pm; Spencer-7pm
- **Fri., Feb. 28**—Stations of the Cross in Stuart, 5pm
- **Sun., March 1**—Lenten Bible Study begins

LITURGICAL MINISTERS...March 1

MASS TIMES	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMHCs		ABorer SRossman BMLady JRamm KTunender
LECTORS		Patti Skrdla
GIFT BEARERS		Ben Sholes Fam.
ORGANIST		Terri Vrooman
SERVERS		Malya & Destini Bussinger Ian Laetsch
<u>MARCH</u> <u>USHERS</u>		Rylan Olson Chris Jelinek John Vogel Jake Dvorak

THE LORD'S PORTION---02.16.20

Adult envelopes (33)	1,333.00
Loose cash	64.00
Midweek deposit	465.00
Online donations (4)	<u>541.94</u>
TOTAL	2,403.94

Budget...Sunday 3,561.58
-1,157.64

Midweek deposit...4-in-1 10.00

Corporal Works of Mercy ---*Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, visit those in prison, visit the sick & bury the dead...and, how are we doing?*