

St. Joseph Church

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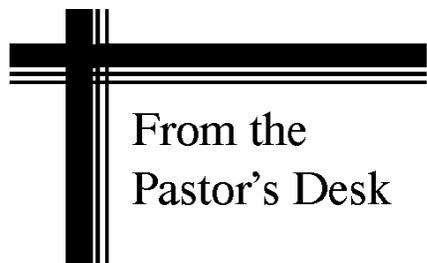
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1st Sunday of Lent

03/01/20

Monday	NO MASS
Tuesday	5:30 PM @ St. Boniface 10:00AM - Special Intention...For Health @ Good Samaritan
Wednesday	8:15 AM + Sandy Jansen
Thursday	11:15 AM @ St. Boniface
Friday	8:15 AM + SJ Memorial Society
Saturday	NO MASS
Sunday	8:30 AM + Larry Kliment

 <i>Mass</i>  <i>Schedule</i>	<i>Mar 7/8</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

Temptations can be difficult to avoid! Even the Lord's Prayer concludes with the exhortation to "lead us not into temptation." But what is a temptation in the modern world? Sometimes, for people attempting to control their weight or lose weight, a temptation can be dessert or an especially delightful meal. For others who tend to procrastinate, a temptation can be a movie, a good book, some TV, or nearly anything else but the task at hand! In this weekend's gospel [Matt 4: 1-11] we learn that Jesus himself faces temptation, and not only once but three times during his time in the desert. The early church fathers recognized that these temptations were metaphorical

for (1) the needs of the body, (2) one's relationship with the divine, and (3) one's own desire for power and glory. In each instance, of course, Jesus overcomes the temptation. He recognizes that one does not live on bread alone, that one does not put the Lord to the test, and that power and glory are not to be had by worshiping anything other than God. If these temptations seem beyond us, we need only look more carefully at our own lives. Bodily needs, desires, and wants can easily overtake us. We are reminded that there is much more to life than food, clothes, shelter, a car, the latest gadget, or any other physical thing. When we become captivated by sophisticated marketing and believe we must have the next best thing, we can take comfort in knowing that we do not live by bread alone. In other words, there is more to life than creature comforts or satisfying the needs of the body. Not many of us will be tempted to throw ourselves down from a cliff to see if God's angels will catch us, but how many of us ask God for a sign or test God in another way? Jesus reminds us that we are not to test God. In times of stress, or prior to making a major decision, we want to know the right path and so we might place limitations or strictures on God and how God might interact with us. Such is not the way of Christ. Instead, we must live our lives without putting God to the test. Finally, it may seem strange that Jesus would be tempted to worship the devil himself. But upon reading the story, we see that the temptation was "all the kingdoms of the world." The price for that was prostrating oneself before the devil. Jesus does not succumb. But what compromises do we make to get ahead in the world? Rarely, if ever, will we be tempted to prostrate ourselves before the devil. But we might be asked to neglect family or to choose power instead of the sanctity of a relationship. In the end, temptation does not necessarily approach us as the devil incarnate. Christians have known this for centuries. The story in Matthew's gospel was meant to be understood broadly, addressing fundamental temptations of humankind for the self. In those circumstances, we rest in our baptism, knowing that our relationship with God is secure. As disciples of Christ, we are confident sons and daughters of God.

The pursuit of bodily pleasures, a God who acts on our behalf for our wants and desires, and our own accumulation of power are fundamental temptations for human beings. Food, shelter, and clothing are all necessary and good as a means of something more. But they are not ends in themselves. God is there by our side, but not as our enforcer. And power and glory are not ends in themselves either.

This weekend's gospel invites us to consider the human condition from the viewpoint of Christ who overcame temptation. Turning away bread is not so much about fasting as it is about recognizing that there is more to life than food. Our god is not the belly. When we come to the end of our lives, what will we have? With the power of Christ, let us overcome the temptation to see the value of our lives only in terms of the world. Instead, may we see with the eyes of faith that human relationships are good in and of themselves. Bonds formed in this way last through life eternal.

Ad Multos Annos!-----Fr. Starman

The HARVEST IS GREAT, LABORERS ARE FEW----Taking the vocation crucifix this week—Miguel Monasterio Family. The week of March 8—Brendan Borer Family



What Is CEC? Christians Encounter Christ is a Catholic movement within the Archdiocese of Omaha. CEC believes that Christianity can penetrate all areas of the secular world—living, growing and transferring Christ's values to society. The CEC Method is introduced in a highly structured three-day "weekend" experience, beginning on Friday evening and ending Sunday night. It is a combined effort of laity and clergy toward evangelization of the world in which we live, by strengthened spirituality, lived and shared in everyday environments. It's a weekend you will wonder...why didn't I attend one of these sooner! Contact: Kelly Tomjack, 402.336.1446; Chris Slaymaker, 402.336.6360; Cathy Minchow, 402.482.5953 or Steve Minchow, 402.340.3174.



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 area fish suppers

Fish Fry Schedule

Stuart

5 to 8pm

Atkinson

Fridays During Lent

March 13

March 27

March 6

March 20

April 3

EMHCs @ Good Sam. & Prairie Winds---March 8---Joe & Patti Skrdla

New CDs...from Lighthouse Catholic Media have been placed in the Koisk in the back of church. **Featured this week...Our Lady of Guadalupe by Luis Soto.** Many people have heard of Our Lady of Guadalupe, but few people know her story. In this talk, speaker and catechist Luis Soto (who himself was born and raised in Mexico) shares the little-known history and life-changing importance of Mary's appearance to a peasant man named Juan Diego, and the miraculous image she left behind. Loved by millions (including St. John Paul II), Our Lady of Guadalupe is a patron and example of how to share the Gospel with the whole world.

Beginning TODAY After Mass!!! 'No Greater Love' Bible Study...at SJ Jr. High this morning after Mass. Babysitting is provided. Contact Heather Slaymaker...**308.530.8827.**



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

Join Fellow Parishioners...at a breakfast on Sunday, March 8 from **8—11:00am** at the KC Hall. On the menu is biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, cinnamon rolls & fruit. **Please note the change of time...it was advertised earlier as 'breakfast for supper'.** We thank the school families for their dedication & hard work to make these events possible for all parishioners to enjoy!



EVENTS

- **Today...**Bible Study after Mass
- **Wed., March 4**—Adoration, 9am—3pm
- **Wed., March 4**—NO CCD...due to spring break
- **Wed., March 4**—Catholics @ the Capitol in Lincoln
- **Fri., March 6**—Stations of the Cross, here @ 5pm. Fish fry to follow @ KC Hall
- **Sun., March 8**—Parish breakfast
- **Sat., March 21**—Mass time change....St. Joseph's will have a **5pm** Mass (due to WH prom). No Mass in Stuart. Sunday schedule **will not change**
- **Tue., March 24**—Avanti @ the KC Hall beginning with a potluck @ 6:30pm
- **Tue., March 24 & 31**—Confessions @ Stuart from 6-7pm
- **Thu., March 26 & April 2**—Confessions here from 6-7pm

Our Sympathy...to the Mathis Family with the death of Jeanne Mathis. May perpetual light shine on Jeanne & all whom the Lord has called to eternal life.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS...March 8

MASS TIMES	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMHCs		CSholes, J&P Skrdla, SSchrunck, LWolf
LECTORS		Harry Morgan
GIFT BEARERS		Kathy Kliment
ORGANIST		Diane Osborne
SERVERS		Charlie Flannery Elle Hoffman Volunteer
<u>MARCH</u> <u>USHERS</u>		Rylan Olson Chris Jelinek John Vogel Jake Dvorak

THE LORD'S PORTION---02.23.20

Adult envelopes (37)	1,496.00
Loose cash	132.00
Loose checks (3)	145.00
Midweek deposit	130.00
Online donations (4)	390.00
TOTAL	2,293.00
Budget...Sunday	3,561.58
	-1,268.58
Energy (23)	1,653.00
Mid-week deposit..energy	42.00