



St. Joseph Church

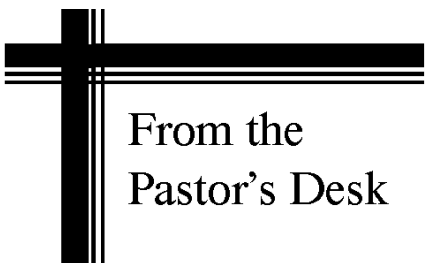
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2nd Sunday of Lent 03/08/20

Monday NO MASS
 Tuesday 5:30 PM @ St. Boniface
 10:00AM + Eleanor Jones - Good Sam
 Wednesday 8:15 AM + Tom, Joseph & Jeff Welsh
 Thursday 11:15 AM @ St. Boniface
 Friday 8:15 AM + Harvey & Loretta Grof
 Saturday NO MASS
 Sunday 8:30 AM + Don Schaaf

|  Mass  Schedule | Mar 14/15 | Saturday | Sunday |
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| | 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

The church gives us Matthew's story of the transfiguration on this Second Weekend of Lent. We are reminded of our faith, which proclaims resurrection from the dead. We are all aware that the Lenten season will culminate with Triduum and then Easter Sunday. The transfiguration gives the disciples and us a foretaste of the kingdom, and a reminder of Jesus' divine glory.

Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets. These two majestic figures in Israelite history each received a revelation from God on Mount Horeb (Sinai). Together they stand as pillars of Judaism, which Jesus himself fulfills.

Peter, as spokesperson for the group, expresses a desire to build three tents, "if you wish." This nod to Jesus is a Matthean addition, absent in Mark. By placing this conditional phrase on the lips of Peter, his boldness is subtly subdued.

Before Peter can finish, the divine presence is made manifest in the cloud and the heavenly voice. The disciples hear the words that accompanied Jesus at his own baptism: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Only now, the imperative phrase "listen to him" is added. The disciples react with fear, falling prostrate and worshiping. Only by the touch of Jesus are they raised up again, to find that they are alone with him. The vision is no more. This remarkable event surely emboldened the disciples in their faith, while it also seized them with fear. This mountaintop experience meant even more after the resurrection when the words of Jesus became clear.

The gospel this weekend reminds us of our ultimate end, which is to be with Jesus in the heavenly realm. With such knowledge, cares of the world may wash away. Even a desire to commemorate such an event, as Peter desired to build three tents, are as nothing when compared to the experience itself. We have a foreshadowing of eternal glory. Let us continue to follow Jesus down the mountain, learning from him the entire way, knowing that the ultimate resurrection requires undergoing death itself.

Jesus fulfills the Law and the Prophets. This statement of faith is represented by the vision in today's gospel where Jesus is present with Moses (Law) and Elijah (Prophets). The story comes from Mark, which Matthew has changed slightly. Matthew clearly refers to this as a "vision," a term which is absent in Mark. This vision shows Jesus in his heavenly, divine glory. This is why Peter offers to make three tents, a term that recalls the abode of the divine.

The disciples are warned not to say anything of this vision "until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." For the Gospel of Matthew, like later theologians, there is a link between understanding and believing, and conversely between believing and understanding. The vision was a foretaste of the heavenly kingdom, where Jesus will reign with God forever and ever. But before that point is reached, Jesus must be raised from the dead, a statement which presupposes his death. There can be no eternal life with God without death. Such is the paschal mystery.

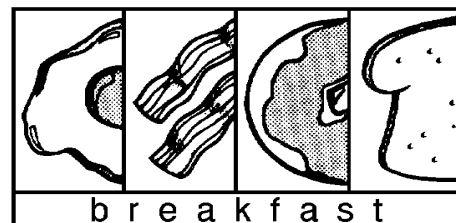
Ad Multos Annos!----Fr. Starman

The HARVEST IS GREAT, LABORERS ARE FEW----Taking the vocation crucifix this week—Brendan Borer Family. The week of March 15—Brian & Marie Welborn.



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.

Join Fellow Parishioners... at a delicious breakfast of biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, cinnamon rolls & fruit **TODAY** at the KC Hall from 8—11am. The free will offering event is being sponsored by the families of St. Joseph School. We thank them for their dedication & hard work!



LENTEN SCHEDULE

The parish hosting the fish fry will have Stations of the Cross @ 5pm. See daily Mass schedule for both parishes to make your Lenten journey more grace-filled!

Fish Fry Schedule

Stuart

5 to 8pm

Atkinson

Fridays During Lent

March 13

March 27

March 20 April 3



Good Samaritan Home & Prairie Winds---March 15---Chris & Lindsey Nemetz

MEETINGS

ALTAR SOCIETY: Tue., Mar. 10, 6pm @ KC Hall

New CDs...from Lighthouse Catholic Media have been placed in the Koisk in the back of church...suggested donation \$3.00 per CD. **Featured this week...**‘Protecting Innocence: Parenting, Your Children, and the Internet’ by Matt Fradd. A best-selling Catholic author, Matt Fradd presents new data to show how the changes in the types and accessibility of pornography being promoted today make it far more dangerous and harmful than ever before. Matt draws from a wealth of experience to guide parents in taking decisive action to protect their children, and he empowers adults with specific wording to effectively address this sensitive topic with children of all ages before they encounter pornography or after they’ve been exposed to it.



Letter From the Bishop

Congratulations To You And Your Parishioners...on exceeding your 2019-'20 Archbishop's Annual Appeal financial and participation parish goals. I am deeply grateful to you, at St. Joseph parish for your support through prayer and financial gifts. The Appeal helps us in our daily work of influencing the culture around us and empowering leaders of local churches and schools to experience unity in Christ, to encounter Jesus, equip disciples and receive and live mercy. Our experience as One Church invites us to recognize that everything we have is given to

deepen our faith and to bring us closer to Jesus and to one another.

We Are Looking For...families to lead the Stations of the Cross at church for the remainder of lent.... Fri., Mar. 20 & April 3 @ 5pm. If this is something you would like to do as a family, please contact the parish office.



EVENTS

- Today...Breakfast
- Wed., March 11—Adoration, 9am—3pm
- Wed., March 11— CCD
- 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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS...March 15

| MASS TIMES | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
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| EMHCs | | DMorgan DLiewer HKrumwiede C&L Nemetz |
| LECTOR | | Don Slaymaker |
| GIFT BEARERS | | S&D Osborne |
| ORGANIST | | |
| SERVERS | | Valeria Nava Nemetz Children |
| <u>MARCH</u> <u>USHERS</u> | | Rylan Olson Chris Jelinek John Vogel Jake Dvorak |

THE LORD'S PORTION---03.01.20

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| Adult envelopes (41) | 2,522.00 |
| Loose cash | 87.00 |
| Loose checks (3) | 155.00 |
| Midweek deposit | 180.00 |
| Online donations (3) | <u>335.00</u> |
| TOTAL | 3,279.00 |
| Budget...Sunday | 3,561.58 |
| | -282.58 |
| Catholic Relief Services (1) | 100.00 |
| Energy (4) | 142.00 |
| Home Missions (11) | 216.00 |