

St. Joseph Church

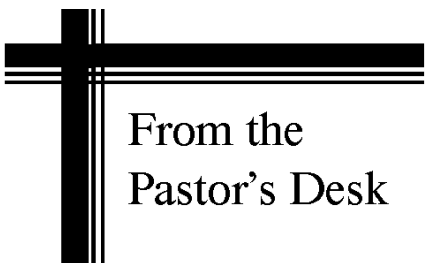
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3rd Sunday of Lent 03/15/20

Monday NO MASS
 Tuesday 5:30 PM @ St. Boniface
 NO MASS @ Good Sam
 Wednesday 8:15 AM + Janice Ries
 Thursday **8:15 AM** + Pete Schmaderer
 11:15 AM @ St. Boniface
 Friday 8:15 AM + Betty Vaisvilas
 Saturday **5:00 PM** + Angelo & Ida Marinello
 Sunday 8:30 AM + Steve Schaaf

 Mass Schedule	Mar 21/22	Saturday	Sunday
	Atkinson, St Joseph	5:00pm	8:30am
St. Boniface, Stuart	No Mass	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



On the next three Sunday's of Lent we will hear from the Gospel of John, marking the "scrutiny Sundays." These gospel readings precede the "scrutinies" (examinations) of adult catechumens and candidates that take place after the homily. Even when the scrutinies take place in Cycle B or Cycle C, the readings from the Gospel of John are used. The stories from the Gospel of John that make up the three scrutiny Sundays are the woman at the well, the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus from the dead. In each story there are those who gradually come to believe in Jesus. The titles used for Jesus are significant in each.

Today we accompany Jesus as he meets the woman at the well. The setting is the Samaritan town of Sychar (Shechem), noteworthy because of its association with the patriarch Jacob (Gen 33:18; 48:22; Josh 24:32), though the Old Testament never mentions the well of Jacob. Samaritans were not considered by Judeans to be truly Jewish, as they worshipped not at the temple (which was in Judea) but at Shechem ("on this mountain"). Jesus tells the woman that there will come a time (considered fulfilled at the time of the writing of the Gospel of John) "when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth." No longer will it matter whether one is at a particular place for worship.

The woman recognizes that Jesus is a prophet, and Jesus himself eventually reveals to her that he is the Messiah, the Christ. Even so, she does not initially refer to him with that title herself. Instead, she goes back to her townspeople claiming that she met someone who could be the Christ. Because of her word, many of the townspeople believed in him. After Jesus stayed with them for some time, many more came to believe in him, hearing him for themselves. They then claim to know that "he is the savior of the world." Though this is a common term in Luke and Paul, this is the only instance of Jesus being called "Savior" during his public ministry in the Gospel of John.

Thus we have a gradual coming to faith in the encounter at the well. The woman recognizes Jesus as a prophet and senses he could even be the Christ. She immediately evangelizes, spreads the good news to her townspeople. Some come to believe on her word alone, but more come to believe upon hearing Jesus for themselves. Such an encounter leads them to proclaim him as "Savior." On these scrutiny Sundays, it seems appropriate to focus on the experience of coming to faith in Jesus.

Each of us came to faith through someone else. Each of us can recall hearing about Christ from another person who likely meant something to us. The woman at the well shared her experience with the townspeople. Many believed upon hearing, and many more heard for themselves and believed. Even the process of believing or, rather, coming to faith is gradual. Terms like "prophet" give way to "Christ" and ultimately to "Savior." Later in the Gospel of John still more titles will be used. Jesus cannot be encapsulated by one title or in one encounter. The initial experience leaves the woman and the townspeople wanting more. Such is the life of faith. We do not

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

The HARVEST IS GREAT, LABORERS ARE FEW----Taking the vocation crucifix this week—Brian & Marie Welborn. The week of March 22—Ben Sholes Family.



PLEASE...view the 'Liturgical Schedule' very carefully for next Sat. evening & Sunday morning. Due to the fact that a 5pm Prom Mass was added, the schedule has changed significantly. Thanks for understanding!

Janice Ries Memorial...to St. Joseph School in the amount of \$200.00. May perpetual light shine on Janice.

Please Notice...the Mass schedule----there will be Mass @ 8:15 am on Thu., March 19...the Solemnity of St. Joseph.

A Second Collection...Catholic Relief Services will be taken up next weekend.



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, Rob Klinetobe (nephew of Brenda Wedige).

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 27

March 20 (tentatively)

April 3



HOME & School: Mon., March 16, 8pm

“MEETINGS”

KC: Thu., Mar. 19. Rosary prayed @ 7:15pm, meeting to follow. Menu-sandwiches, beans chips & dessert. Lotto goes to \$50.00, Leo Seger wasn't present.

Hall rental: Wayne Baker, 402.340.0314 or 402.925.2752

Insurance contact: Mike Scholz, 1.308.991.6157

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...**‘The Life of Padre Pio: Pray, Hope and Don't Worry by Matthew Arnold. Matthew recounts the life story of St. Pio of Pietrelcina, a twentieth century saint and mystic who is known around the world as Padre Pio. This presentation includes fascinating details about St. Pio's ministry of hearing confessions, is ability to read souls, the multitude of miracles attributed to his intercession, and how he bore the stigmata, that is, the wounds of Christ. All are wise to learn from the advice of this holy man to “pray, hope and don't” worry!

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 call office.



EVENTS

- **Wed., March 18**—Adoration, 9am—3pm
- **Wed., March 18**— CCD
- **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 21/22

	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMHCs	Chris Nemetz	Scott Osborne
LECTOR	Madison Tunender	Jack Wolf
GIFT BEARERS	Mlady Family	Ryan Olson Fam
ORGANIST	Terri Vrooman	Diane Osborne
SERVERS	B Kerkman E Mlady D Nemetz	Braydon & Trayton Olson L Slaymaker
<u>MARCH</u> <u>USHERS</u>		Rylan Olson Chris Jelinek John Vogel Jake Dvorak

THE LORD'S PORTION---03.08.20

Adult envelopes (34)	1,031.00
Loose cash	68.00
Loose checks (4)	170.00
Midweek deposit	225.00
Online donations (5)	<u>409.70</u>
TOTAL	1,903.70
Budget...Sunday	3,561.58
	-1,657.88
Energy (3)	310.00
Home Missions (3)	95.00
Mid-week...energy	30.00