

St. Joseph Church

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14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

07/05/20

Monday	NO MASS
Tuesday	NO MASS
Wednesday	8:15 AM + Mark Vanderbeek
Thursday	NO MASS
Friday	8:15 AM + Helen Borer
Saturday	2:00 PM - Krumwiede/Nieman Wedding
Sunday	8:30 AM + Janice Ries

Sacrament of Reconciliation: One half hour prior to Sunday Morning Mass

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Many thanks to Jimmy Corkle, Eli Hurley & Leo Seger for cutting down dead pine trees by the jr. high. Your time and talent are most appreciated!

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**Gracious Lord, God of peace,
who vindicates all injustice,
bless all those defending and
protecting our country and its
ideals of freedom and liberty.
Restore tranquility to all
nations and bless the work of
your creation**

Birthday Blessings...to Fr. Luke as he celebrated his special day on July 2. Wishing you many more, Father!!!

Dear Parishioners and Friends of the Catholic Parishes of Holt and Boyd Counties:

As we journey with Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew, we encounter him teaching, preaching, praying, and praising. In today's gospel, he seems to do all at once! The passage [Matt 11:25-30] opens with Jesus addressing God as "Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth." In some ways this prefigures the language later creeds will use and that we proclaim in the Nicene Creed when we say, "One God, Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth." The phrase "heaven and earth" may also call to mind the opening verse of Genesis, though there the first term is plural: "heavens and earth." The phrase is used to mean all of creation. The Father is the Lord of all creation. It is his handiwork and there is nothing that stands apart from it that is not under his dominion.

The relationship between the Father and Son is intimate and dynamic. Jesus beckons the disciples into this relationship with the invitation "come to me." The term "yoke" that follows would have conjured up the image of Mosaic Law. Of course, a yoke is a type of wooden harness, bar, or frame used to keep oxen (or cattle) driving in the

same direction, at the urging of a master. Wisdom is sometimes referred to as a yoke (Sirach 51:26), as is the law, but not in a negative way. In the New Testament (not only in Matthew but elsewhere), Jesus' ways are also referred to as a yoke.

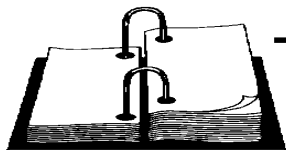
Jesus tells his disciples that he himself is the yoke, meek and humble of heart. The rest he promises comes from emulating his ways, his attitudes, his dispositions, and his general way of being in the world. The disciple is yoked to Jesus, and the disciple finds this to be a lightness in his or her way of being. The yoke is not burdening or overbearing. When we are followers of Jesus, when we imbibe his attitudes, our lives will not be burdened but filled with joy or, as Pope Francis might refer to it, the joy of the gospel.

Bearing a yoke would not seem to be an enjoyable experience. But Jesus gives us this image in today's gospel reading and nearly subverts it. The yoke of Jesus, the one who is meek and humble of heart, is itself easy; the burden is light. This seems to be a different image than "take up your cross and follow me." In today's gospel, we learn that when we are true disciples of Christ, we conform to the person himself. So conformed, we find any burden not to be a burden at all. To live the paschal mystery with Christ is to live with the knowledge that we are his. He has already won the victory. Secure in this relationship with him, we need only act as he would in the world, as another Christ to serve the needs of those around us. Any setback or death we experience will find new life due to the same Christ we serve. This is good news, and a spiritually rewarding way to live the paschal mystery.

I hope everyone has a safe and fun 4th of July weekend! Take time to remember those who gave their all through the centuries so that we could enjoy the freedoms we have, freedom isn't free. Ad multos annos!--Fr. Starman, Pastor

Just A Reminder----With the month of August brings Mass schedule change for six months. **Atkinson-6pm...Saturday; 10:30-Sunday; Stuart-Sunday @ 8:30am.**

We Pray With Special Love & Concern For All Those Who Are Ill... Emma Lou Gunther, Darrin Wedige, Gianna Slaymaker, Lois Tunender, Nathan Boyle, Miranda iJames, Blakely Bouska, John Gilg, Phil Fritz, Michelle Bulau, Garrett Scholz, Marilyn Morrison, John Mathis, Jerry Schaaf, Phil Schmaderer, Sandra Maybon.



The Week Ahead

- **Wed., July 8**—Adoration...9am–3pm
- **Wed., July 8**—School Board meeting, 7pm

Sell of aluminum cans...\$162.00

Thanks!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS...July 12

MASS TIMES	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMHC		Patti Skrdla
LECTOR		Dan Kramer
GIFT BEARERS		
ORGANIST		Jayne Fetherston
SERVERS		
<u>USHERS</u>	FOR TWO WEEKS	Dennis Hytrek Tannon Dvorak

THE LORD'S PORTION...06.28.20

Adult envelopes (18)	2,112.00
Loose cash	13.00
Loose checks (1)	25.00
Peter's Pence (5)	50.00
Catholic Communications (1)	10.00
Online Giving	<u>314.70</u>
TOTAL	2,524.70

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
TO BE ALMOST SAVED IS TO BE
TOTALLY LOST