



St. Joseph Church

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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08/02/20

Monday	NO MASS
Tuesday	NO MASS
Wednesday	8:15 AM + All Souls
Thursday	NO MASS
Friday	8:15 AM + SJ Memorial Society
Saturday	6:00 PM + Bill & Mary Ryan
Sunday	10:30AM + Walter & Cecelia Ries

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

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EMHC/Lector Training & Mandation... will happen this fall. Due to limitations on large gatherings & the variety of local liturgical solutions, the process will differ from previous years. Those interested in being trained & mandated as an **EMHC** or **Lector** can call the parish office & submit their names to be registered **no later than Sept. 9**. You will be provided the necessary forms & links for the virtual meetings. Upon completion of the session, candidates' pastors will be notified & be responsible (or delegate responsibility) for the practical instruction in their current local procedures. The customary mandation Masses in Norfolk & Omaha **will not be held**, but resources for the mandation will be provided to pastors to facilitate local ceremonies during weekend Mass.
Virtual Meeting Dates & Times:
Sunday, 9/20: 3-4:30pm (English)
Monday, 9/21: 6-7:30pm (Spanish)

The Marriage Celebration will be Sun., Sept. 27 @ Norfolk, St. Mary's with a 1:30pm rosary & Mass @ 2:00 with Archbishop Lucas. This is for couples celebrating an anniversary of 5 years, 25, 40, 50, 55, 60+ years. Registration deadline is Fri., Aug. 7 & is limited to the first 50 couples. To register, call 402.551.9003 or visit Family.ArchOmaha.org/enriching-marriage

We Remember... those in need of special prayers:
 Emma Lou Gunther, Blakely Bouska, John Gilg, Michelle Bulau, Garrett Scholz, John Mathis & Andy Hoffman.
Please Extend... 70th birthday greetings (Sept. 2) to Fr. Doug Scheinost, former pastor @ St. Boniface. Cards can reach him at: Via Christe, 3636 California St., Omaha, NE 68131.

This weekend we move into the next chapter of Matthew's gospel [Matt 14:13-21], in which Jesus performs the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Unlike some of the parables from last week and the week before, which are found only in Matthew, the story of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes is in each gospel, and in both Matthew and Mark the miracle happens twice! (Mark 6:32-44; 8:1-10; Matt 14:13-21; 15:32-39). Many scholars will posit that precisely because of the multiple attestation of this miracle, the event is rooted in some historical event in the life of Jesus.

This event was retold a number of times, with various pieces of the story being accented or downplayed, as well as connections made with the Old Testament prophet Elisha and the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples. Indeed, the gospel story as we have it makes it nearly impossible to reconstruct the historical event, as the story had been the subject of theological discussion for some time prior to being written down, and then again by those who wrote it down—the evangelists themselves.

For those who have a familiarity with the Old Testament, the connection to Elisha (2 Kgs 4:42-44) seems clear. In that story, the prophet tells his servant to give bread to the people so they can eat. The servant objects that the bread is not enough for the number of people who need to eat. Elisha merely repeats his command and says, "For thus says the LORD: you will eat and have some left over" (2 Kgs 4:43). The connection between that story and what we have in Matthew seems clear.

The evangelist, or somebody who told the story before him, made the connection between Jesus' acts and those of Elisha.

And yet there is a connection to the Last Supper too. Four verbs serve as the link between the multiplication story and Jesus' actions the night before he died. In both settings, Jesus takes bread, says a blessing, breaks the bread, and gives it. Both the eucharistic tones and the allusions to Elisha are clear.

Jesus' actions are those of a prophet and so much more. The Gospel of John uses the story to launch into the bread of life discourse, but in Matthew, we have the narration of the miracle without any such extended discourse on the part of Jesus. We are reminded by this miracle story, a version of which appears six times in the gospels, that Jesus feeds the hungry and in so doing is a model for his followers to do the same.

Bread is such a simple but profound sign. It does not occur naturally but requires human effort. Grain must be crushed to form flour. Flour is mixed with water or some other liquid to form dough, and the dough must be leavened with yeast to rise. Then the baking begins, and we finally have a loaf of bread, sustenance that will fill us up and last. The human effort required to make bread is significant, and it involves time, all of which perhaps explains why so many of us simply buy bread today. Even so, there are not many things that taste better than a good loaf of homemade bread.

When we consider that Jesus multiplied the loaves so that all could eat, we recall that he acted as the prophet Elisha of old. He also foreshadowed his own Last Supper and the eucharistic gift he would leave his followers. As a result, even today we take bread, bless it, break it, and give it. In so doing we celebrate and consume Jesus himself, who was broken for us and given to us. As we are sustained on our earthly journey by the Eucharist, we live the paschal mystery. -----Fr. Starman, Pastor



NEW Technology Needed...Will You Help?!?! The goal is \$3,200. for a possible match of funds raised. Please mail your donation to St. Joseph School, PO Box 69, Atkinson, NE 68713. Thank you for any amount you are willing to sacrifice to this most worthy project.

BACK TO SCHOOL

CEC (Christians Encounter Christ) Weekends... are canceled until 2021. New weekend dates are: **Men's:** January 29-31, 2021; March 26-28, 2021. **Women's:** February 26-28, 2021; April 23-25, 2021. It's a weekend about building your relationship with the Holy Spirit! If interested, please contact Kelly Tomjack, 402.336.1446, Chris Slaymaker, 402.336.6360 or Cathy Minchow, 402.924.2721.



Will Once Again... be accepting a donation of \$10.00 from each woman in the parish. This fundraiser takes the place of the fall dinner that we had several years ago. There are a few options that you are welcome to do in the next 3 weeks....mail a check to the parish office---PO Box 220, or to the treasurer...Diane Rentschler, 47691 883rd Rd, Atkinson, NE 68713 OR you can drop it in the wooden box at church but PLEASE mark your envelope ALTAR SOCIETY. Thank you in advance!

Hey Golfers...Please Join Us! The St. Joseph/St. Boniface Golf Tourney will be hosted by St. Joseph's this year. The date is set for **Sun., August 9.** For those who don't care to golf, a meal of prime rib will be served at the **KC Hall.** Please contact Nicky Cadwallader (402.340.2312) or Clay (402.340.7777) to sign up to golf or for meal tickets.



- **Wed., Aug. 5**—Adoration, 9am—3pm
- **Sun., Aug. 9**—Golf Tourney
- **Sat., Aug. 15**—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- **Wed., Aug. 19**—St. Joseph School begins with ½ day

LITURGICAL MINISTERS...Aug. 8/9

MASS TIMES	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMHC	Andrea Borer	Lindsey Nemetz
LECTOR	Kenny Tunender	Don Slaymaker
GIFT BEARERS		
ORGANIST	Terri Vrooman	Volunteer
SERVERS		
USHERS	FOR TWO WEEKS	1 Volunteer

THE LORD'S PORTION...07.26.20

Adult envelopes (19)	775.00
Loose cash	44.00
Loose checks (2)	175.00
Online Giving (2)	<u>35.00</u>
TOTAL	1,029.00

SIGN OUTSIDE A CHURCH

If you have problems, come in & tell us about them. If you have no problems, please come in & tell us how you do it!