

St. Joseph Church

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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08/09/20

Monday NO MASS
Tuesday 10:00AM + Pete Schmaderer- Good Sam.
Wednesday 8:15 AM + Fr. James Schwertley
Thursday NO MASS
Friday 8:15 AM + Helen Straka
Saturday **6:00PM** + Elmer & Doris Vogel,
Rosemary LeMunyan
Sunday **10:30AM** + George & Emma Ries
Family Descendants

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 Stations of the Cross at The Cloisters on the Platte reopened to the public on Monday, August 3. Precautions will be taken to implement social distancing and to sanitize audio equipment and indoor areas to prevent spreading COVID-19. Plan to wear a mask for your shuttle ride & gift shop visit. Experience the 2,500 foot long walking tour comprised of 14 sculptures depicting Christ's trial through his burial. Visitors may remain at the Stations of the Cross for up to an hour after closing time. For more info, visit cloistersontheplatte.com Location: 23332 Fishery Road, Gretna, NE 68028.

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 & Boyd County. Cards can reach him at: Via Christe, 3636 California St., Omaha, NE 68131.

August 3, 2020

Dear Parishioners and Friends of the Catholic Parishes of Western Holt and Boyd Counties,

On August 1st, the North Central Health District moved into Phase 4 of the governors Directed Health Measures. Phase 4 allows churches within certain guidelines to open at 100% capacity. However, the "guidance and recommendations" of the Phase 3 DHM remain in force.

In order to do this in the most responsible way, we need everyone's cooperation. Please be aware of the following policies and procedures that will govern our behavior the next several weeks.

MASS OBLIGATION DISPENSED

Despite the resumption of Masses, the obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day Masses continues to be dispensed by Archbishop Lucas until further notice. Those especially encouraged to stay at home are the following: the elderly,

younger children, those with underlying medical conditions, those accessing hospitals nursing institutions and care centers, those showing any signs of illness, those with or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19.

LIVESTREAMING SCHEDULE

The following liturgies and programs will be livestreamed on our Facebook page and on YouTube until further notice. (You do not need to have a Facebook account to watch them—simply visit our Facebook page, accessed from our website’s homepage. You may need to reload it until the event goes live.) This week’s livestreaming schedule is:

- Sunday Mass will be at 9:00 a.m.
- Daily Masses will resume their regular schedules:
 - Tuesday: 5:15 p.m.
 - Wednesday: 5:15 p.m.* (8:10 a.m. will be added after school starts)
 - Thursday: 7:00 a.m.
 - Friday: 7:00 a.m. * (will move to 8:10 a.m. after school starts due to having to split St. Mary’s into two separate masses.)
- Saturday: 5:00 p.m. (Mass of Anticipation)

SOCIAL DISTANCING AT CHURCH

Beginning August 8th and 9th, every other pew in church will be utilized for seating. Only members of a single household may sit together in the same pew/row. Seating should be arranged such that six feet of distance can be maintained between parties. Children should stay with their families. At the conclusion of Mass, each pew/row will be released one-by-one. People should refrain from socializing indoors before and after Masses. Socializing outdoors after Mass is also discouraged as it would violate the rule of 10 or less people mandated by the Directed Health Measure.

FACE MASKS IN CHURCH

We will continue to encourage everyone wear a face mask in the church building,. If you choose to wear protective gloves, they must be removed prior to receiving Communion on the hand

Obviously, allowing more people into our churches also means we increase the risk of exposure to COVID – 19 and other communicable diseases, please be considerate of others.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be distributed only by the Sacred Host. Communion ministers will use hand sanitizer before and after distributing Communion. During this time, all the faithful are encouraged to receive Holy Communion on the hand. Masks should be lowered when you are the next person in line to receive Communion. Gloves, if worn by the communicant, must be removed in order to receive the Host in the hand. Those who choose to receive on the tongue are asked to present themselves at the end of the Communion line. Communicants, unless part of the same household, must keep six feet away from other communicants while in line.

MISSALETTES

The missalettes have been removed from church and will not be used. The Scripture Readings will not be printed. If you want to follow along with the Readings, please bring your own printed publication (e.g., *Magnificat*), missal, or mobile app to do so.

OFFERTORY PROCEDURES

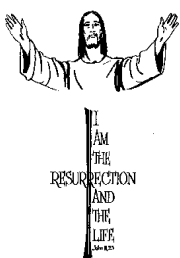
The bread and wine will not be brought forward from the Assembly at Offertory. We will not pass the basket in church, and the children’s collection will not be taken up. Upon arriving or leaving Mass, you may drop your envelope into the newly constructed collection box, located near the entrances of the church. Likewise, you may make your offering online or via electronic bank-to-bank transfer or USPS.

DISINFECTING AFTER MASSES

After each Mass, door handles, pews/chairs, and bathrooms will be wiped down with disinfectant. Because of this, parishioners are asked not to linger or visit with each other in the building before or after Masses.

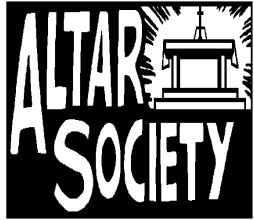
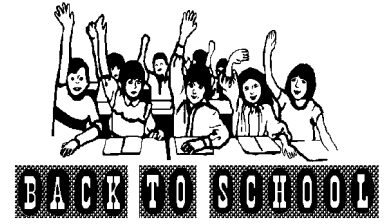
You should also be aware that if there is a spike of surge of coronavirus cases in our health district, the DHM’s could be rolled back to Phase I, II or III on short notice.

Sincerely,
Rev. Bernard G. Starman
Pastor



*Our Parish Offers Sympathy...*to the Marsha & John Thomassen family with the passing of Marsha’s mother, Joan Mlinar. May perpetual light shine on Joan & all whom the Lord has called to eternal life.

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.



Says...Thank You So Much... to the ladies who have remembered to pay their dues of \$10.00! There are a few options that you are welcome to do in the next few 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!

Golf Tournament Is Happening This Afternoon! Golfing begins @ 2pm. 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.



Spiritual Enrichment Program... at the Benedictine Peace Center (Yankton) is a one-year program to nurture your desire for a deeper life of faith...September, 2020 through May 2021.

- Meet two hours one Saturday morning a month
- Read a chapter of selected book
- Gather for in-put, discussion facilitated by Peace Center staff, and prayer
- Enjoy a personal silent retreat, (2 nights) scheduled at your convenience
- For more info & to register **by August 24: Phone: 605.668.6023**

Email: pbingham@yanktonbenedictines.org



- **TODAY!** Golf Tourney
- **Tue., Aug. 11**—Altar Society Meeting, 6pm @ the KC Hall
- **Wed., Aug. 12**—Adoration, 9am—3pm
- **Sat., Aug. 15**—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary...**Mass at St. Boniface @ 9am**
- **Wed., Aug. 19**—St. Joseph School begins with ½ day
- **Fri., Aug. 21**—School Mass @ 8:15am

LITURGICAL MINISTERS...Aug. 15/16

MASS TIMES	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMHC	Jim Ramm	Chris Nemetz
LECTOR	Harry Morgan	Dan Kramer
GIFT BEARERS		
ORGANIST	Jayne Fetherston	Diane Osborne
SERVERS		
<u>USHERS</u>	FOR TWO WEEKS	1 Volunteer

THE LORD'S PORTION...08.02.20

Adult envelopes (25)	2,335.00
Loose cash	25.00
Loose checks (12)	25.00
Online Giving (3)	<u>115.00</u>
TOTAL	2,500.00

GOD IS...THE BREAD OF LIFE. IF YOU DON'T FOLLOW HIM...YOU ARE TOAST