

St. Joseph Church

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22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 08/30/20

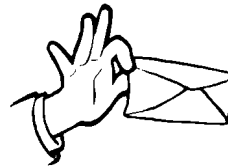
Monday	NO MASS
Tuesday	10:00AM + Mike Wenner @ Good Sam.
Wednesday	8:15 AM + Tom Welsh
Thursday	NO MASS
Friday	8:15 AM + SJ Memorial Society
Saturday	6:00 PM + Jim Schaaf
Sunday	10:30 AM + Harvey & Loretta Grof

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)

We Remember...those in need of special prayers:
 Emma Lou Gunther, Blakely Bouska, John Gilg,
 Michelle Bulau, Garrett Scholz & Andy Hoffman.



The Dues Are Most Welcome!

The Altar Society is most grateful for all the ladies in the parish who are remembering to pay their dues of \$10.00. If you haven't paid yours, you are encouraged to mail a check to Diane Rentschler, 47691 883rd Road, Atkinson, NE 68713 or St. Joseph Church, PO Box 220. Lastly you are welcome to drop it in the wooden box in the middle aisle of church...label your envelope "Altar Society".

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Ladies--fall baking is around the corner. Do you have the ingredients you need to bake those delicious meals? If not, the Watkins Fundraiser has begun! If a school student doesn't reach you, please phone the school office, 402.925.2104. The promotion runs from Sept. 2 through Sept. 23. Thanks to all who support this event as it helps with school expenses.



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

This weekend's gospel reading from Matthew [16:21-27] immediately follows last week's, which is not always the case in the Lectionary. In other words, the episode about Jesus rebuking Peter today comes immediately after the story of Peter proclaiming Jesus the Christ and Jesus in turn saying he will build his church upon this "rock." In some ways, this is a good reminder of the unintended life of discipleship when we can experience extreme highs one moment and fall into such depths the next. For all Peter's exuberance in proclaiming Jesus the Christ, it is only a few verses later that Jesus is rebuking him for thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.

And what precisely is the cause of the rebuke? How is Peter thinking as human beings do? It's because Peter does not comprehend or understand the necessity of suffering and how it is a constitutive element of Jesus' identity as Messiah. Though the Old Testament does not say it, Jesus certainly does. The Messiah will suffer and die. Peter, informed by the Scriptures, has good justification for telling Jesus that he has it all wrong. When Peter proclaimed Jesus

Messiah, he did not have in mind suffering and death, but triumph and jubilation. This is the source of the misunderstanding. But Jesus, ever the teacher, takes the time to explain how and why Peter has it wrong. Jesus will encounter opposition that will lead to his death. The same can be said for the disciples.

As the meaning of discipleship becomes clearer, we can wonder how Jesus had any remaining disciples! If the cost of discipleship is one's very life, perhaps it's better not to be a disciple? In the gospels it's clear that "would-be disciples" do in fact leave Jesus—they cease to follow him.

But Peter and the others maintain their relationship with him, allowing it to go deeper, into a more full and complete understanding. By seeking to save one's life, it will be lost. By giving away one's life, it will be saved. To be the reigning, victorious Messiah means a life that ends in suffering and death. The paradoxical notions of Jesus' teaching are central to his wisdom.

The paradoxical sayings of Jesus are on full display today, following Peter's proclamation of him as Messiah. The paradoxes come to the fore because of Peter's misunderstanding of what it means to be the Messiah. Rather than victory and a glorious reign (which apparently is what Peter had in mind), Jesus rebukes him to say that his Messiahship will lead to his death. Only then will he be raised.

As disciples, we are to take on the mind of God, to think not as human beings do. Our human priorities are often misplaced, focused on temporal well-being and the accolades of our peers. Instead, Jesus reminds Peter (and us) that God is one's true audience. Our ways of thinking need to be inverted, or even turned inside out. When we think as God does, we will know that loss means finding, denial of oneself is ultimate fulfillment, and death leads to life. To think in these ways requires extra effort because it does not come naturally. But once we do think as God does, we are on our way to living the paschal mystery.

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman, Pastor

As A Parish... we welcome & congratulate Marley, Mason & Magnolia Intlekofer children of Kimberly Intlekofer on their baptism. They were cleansed in the waters of new life on August 23, 2020.



This Year... due to the pandemic caused by the Corona virus, it was not possible to take up the Good Friday collection dedicated to supporting Christians living here in the Land of Jesus. Pope Francis has accepted the requested to move this gesture of sharing that concerns the whole **Church to September 13, 2020**. Why, Sept. 13, you may ask? Because it is the Sunday closest to the Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross, which we celebrate here with particular solemnity in Jerusalem. You will find an envelope stapled to the bulletin for your use. Thank you for your consideration to this special appeal.

IF YOU EAT OF THIS BREAD...YOU SHALL LIVE FOREVER! Our parish welcomes the children who were invited to table of the Lord for the first time on August 23, 2020: Brody Borer, Jameson Dvorak, Bentley Farewell, Olive Flannery, Kamryn Hilkemeier, Marley Intlekofer, Mason Intlekofer, Jack Janzing, Maddox Kerkman, Kole Kreitel, AnaLeah Monasterio, Lainey Skrdla, Taylor Slaymaker. Congratulations & may you & Jesus walk side by side each & every day of your life!



- **Wed., Sept. 2**—Adoration, 9am—3pm
- **Tue., Sept. 8**—Parish Council Meeting...7pm
- **Thu., Sept. 17**—Healing Mass @ Ss Cyril and Methodius Church in Clarkson, 7pm. See flyer in church

LITURGICAL MINISTERS...Sept. 05/06

MASS TIMES	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMHC	Brian Mlady	Chris Nemetz
LECTOR	Kenny Tunender	Patti Skrdla
GIFT BEARERS		
ORGANIST	Terri Vrooman	Volunteer
SERVERS		
<u>USHERS</u>	Volunteer	Volunteer

THE LORD'S PORTION...08.23.20

Adult envelopes (22)	1,400.00
Loose cash	30.00
Loose checks (3)	1,275.00
Online Giving (4)	<u>460.00</u>
TOTAL	3,165.00

Church Ladies With Typewriters!
Women, don't forget the garage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things now worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands!