

St. Joseph Church

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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

09/06/20

Monday	NO MASS
Tuesday	10:00AM + Kenny Lane @ Good Sam.
Wednesday	8:15 AM + Michael & Michael Shane Bussinger
Thursday	NO MASS
Friday	8:15 AM + Richard Davis
Saturday	6:00 PM + Dick & Evelyn Wolf
Sunday	10:30 AM + Don & Sandra Maybon

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

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If you'd like a Mass offered for your loved ones, please contact the parish office. Mass stipends are \$10.00.
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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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Bake Me A Cake... as fast as ya can! 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, Conflict resolution is a hot topic in management manuals, business leadership books, and of course familial relations. Even though we may all approach an issue with good intent, since we are human beings, conflict will naturally arise. Even in churches—communities dedicated to the love of God and the service of neighbor—we experience conflict. Such conflict in the church is unfortunately nothing new. Matthew’s gospel this weekend [Matt 18: 15-20] tells us how conflict resolution is to take place in a community of believers. Generally, he is reflecting the rule of subsidiarity, which is, handle the issue at the lowest, or closest, level possible, as opposed to bringing it to a central authority. In modern terms, it’s as though Matthew is telling us that each conflict at the parish level need not go to the bishop, much less to the Vatican.

It should be noted that the conflict resolution pattern is to be applied to a member of the community (“a brother”). Matthew is not giving instructions on how to resolve conflicts with outsiders. These rules (for Matthew) apply only to fellow Christians, members of the church. Each disciple is empowered to correct any other when there is the occasion of sin. But this

correction is to be done privately as a way to honor the reputation of the one being corrected and in light of the familial relationships that are the model for this community of disciples (cf. Matt 12:46-50).

Only if this one-on-one correction fails does the circle widen to include others, echoing Mosaic Law (Deut 19:15). If this, too, fails, the matter comes to the “church.” Significantly, this and Matthew 16:18 are the only verses in the gospels where the term “church” appears. Interestingly, there seems to be no role for the leader, whether that be a Petrine figure (cf. Matt 16:18) or a “bishop,” as Paul will reference in some of his letters. Instead, Matthew envisions the church acting collectively and punishing a sinner by treating him “as you would a Gentile or a tax collector.” That is to say, the sinner is to be excommunicated, or cast outside the community. This advice might sound odd to us, but it reflects the Jewish roots of the Matthean community. Similar advice is found in Paul (1 Cor 5:1-8).

When we join a community of believers, it’s not that we’ve found heaven on earth, or a community of perfection. Instead, we have a community of human beings—with faults, failings, and even sin. The church, and even individual believers, has an obligation to act when faced with sinful actions.

Wouldn’t it be so much better if we could all get along? Our lives would be happy, and joy would mark our existence. But the church is not like that. Even the most secure and safe nuclear families—individuals raised in the same household, for whom love may be a given—have challenges with one another. As long as we are living in the period before the coming of Christ, we will experience sin and the fragmentation and fracturing of relationships. How do we respond when this inevitably happens? Certainly not in kind. Matthew gives us some practical steps to follow.

Only when we experience the new life of the resurrection will every tear be wiped away and relationships restored. Until that time, we do the best we can, motivated by love and guided by the wisdom of Christ.

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman, Pastor

A PRAYER FOR THE ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

O God, our hope and refuge, in our distress we come quickly to you. Shock and horror of that tragic day have subsided, replaced now with an emptiness, a longing for an innocence lost.

We come remembering those who lost their lives in New York, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania.

We are mindful of the sacrifice of public servants who demonstrated the greatest love of all by laying down their lives for friends. We commit their souls to your eternal care and celebrate their gifts to a fallen humanity.

We come remembering and we come in hope, not in ourselves, but in you.

In commemorating this tragedy, we give you thanks for your presence in our time of need and we seek to worship you in Spirit and truth, our guide and our guardian. Amen.



Our Parish..offers sincere sympathy to Marion & Troy Schaaf with the passing of Marion's nephew, 3-year-old Isaac Schulte from Burke, SD. May God welcome this precious one into His kingdom & hold the family in the palm of His hand today & in the days ahead.

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. There was an envelope stapled to the bulletin last weekend for your use. Thank you for your consideration to this special appeal.



If You..or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, there will be an informational meeting about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) at 5pm on Sun., Sept. 13 @ St. Joseph School in Atkinson. This is for all those in the Western Holt and Boyd County Parishes. Please call the parish office or visit <https://holtboydcatholic.org/> for more information to register.



Classes..are scheduled to begin on Wed., Sept. 16 @ 6:30pm. Parents and their children should plan to meet in the church where Fr Weeder will lead them in prayer and introduce a tool to help families grow in faith together. After this introduction students will meet their teachers, locate their classrooms, address questions/concerns, and the parents will be asked to fill out an information form or fill it out online at <https://stjosephatkinson.org/religious-education.>

We ask that parents also pay a \$20 fee for each student's materials. Unfortunately, at the present time we are short 6 teachers: **Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 11/12 grades students are in need of teachers.** This is truly NOT a difficult job! Many teachers have found that they have learned right along with the students about their religion and strengthened their Christian faith. PLEASE consider sharing your time & talents with our children....you'll be glad you did!!! You may contact Linda Wolf, CCD Coordinator, with ???, concerns, or to **VOLUNTEER.** ...402.340.0741.

Thank you very much for your consideration in this very worthy, faith-filled ministry.

Remembering Generations Past...this holiday with gratitude for their hard work, determination, inventions, and dedication to the American dream.



LUMBERYARD----A man who worked in a lumber yard walked into the confessional.

“Father,” he said, “I’ve been stealing lumber from where I work.”

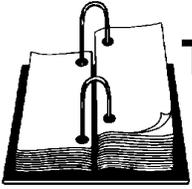
“How much?” asked the priest.

“Enough to build a house,” the man answered.

The priest said, “This is very serious. Not only have you sinned, my son, but you have broken the law. You can go to jail.”

“I know, Father,” said the confessor sadly.

The priest then asked, “Have you ever made a novena, my son?” The man replied, “No Father, but you get me the blueprints and I’ll get you the lumber.”



The Week Ahead

- **Tue., Sept. 8**—Parish Council meeting...7pm @ SJ Elementary School
- **Wed., Sept. 9**—Adoration, 9am—3pm
- **Sun., Sept. 13**—RCIA Informational Meeting, 5pm SJ School
- **Wed., Sept. 16**—CCD begins, 6:30pm
- **Thu., Sept. 17**—Healing Mass @ Ss Cyril and Methodius Church in Clarkson, 7pm. See flyer in church
- **Sun., Sept. 20**—Fish fry sponsored by the KCs

LITURGICAL MINISTERS...Sept. 12/13

MASS TIMES	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMHC	Jim Ramm	Andrea Borer
LECTOR	Madison Tunender	Dan Kramer
GIFT BEARERS		
ORGANIST	Jayne Fetherston	Diane Osborne
SERVERS		
<u>USHERS</u>	Volunteer	Volunteer

THE LORD'S PORTION...08.30.20

Adult envelopes (17)	865.00
Loose cash	40.00
Loose checks (4)	225.00
Holy Land (1)	20.00
Online Giving (3)	<u>334.70</u>
TOTAL	1,484.70

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The formula for failure: Try to please everyone

HOLY HUMOR

TOP 10 WAYS TO BOOST CHURCH ATTENDANCE

10. Have your minister preach from a dunk tank
9. Offer free samples of "Hellfire and Brimstone" BBQ sauce to every visitor
8. Add a slide to your baptistry and advertise the church as a water park
7. Offer a free tank of gas for every five sermons heard
6. Convert your parking lot into a RV campground
5. Convert the sanctuary aisles into putting greens
4. Replace your church sign with one that reads: "Tourist Information"
3. Have your deacon dress up in animal costumes and open a petting zoo on the front lawn
2. Put up roadblocks and tell people there's a manhunt going on
1. Be there yourself!