

# St. Joseph Church

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## 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

09/20/20

Monday	NO MASS
Tuesday	10:00AM + NO MASS @ Good Sam.
Wednesday	8:15 AM + Mike & Lesta Schaaf
Thursday	NO MASS
Friday	8:15 AM + Hank & Rose Schaaf
Saturday	6:00 PM + Bill & Sylvia Morgan Family
Sunday	10:30 AM +Marilyn Gokie

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

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**2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is beginning in our parish. You'll receive an invitation from Archbishop Lucas to support the work of the Church through a personal commitment. The Annual Appeal supports the parishes, schools and ministries across the archdiocese. Now, more than ever, I hope you'll join me in making a gift to the appeal. As disciples of Jesus, we are invited to trust, to let go of fear and open our minds and hearts to God's saving work. Please join me and thousands across our archdiocese in sharing your gifts, recognizing we are all One Church.**

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

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**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 883<sup>rd</sup> 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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**LAST CALL!!!! Wed., Sept. 23 the Watkins fundraiser ends. Please contact the school office, 402.925.2104, if you need any products.**

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*The Parish Auction...*is scheduled for Sunday, October 25. You'll find the auction coupon on the bottom of this bulletin.

# → Did You Know? →

*There is a fish fry TONIGHT (Sunday)...*@ the KC Hall from 5pm—7:30. Carry-

out containers will be available.



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

There is an old joke about a Protestant being led around heaven by St. Peter. They pass a room and St. Peter says, "Be quiet around this room." To which the Protestant asks, "Why?" Peter responds, "In that room are the Catholics, and they think they're the only ones here."

Jesus was a master teacher. His parables inspired and they were remembered in part because they were simple stories that conveyed multiple layers of meaning. Each story seems to have a variety of possible entry points, as does today's gospel. Is the landowner truly just when he gives all the workers the same wage? What would unionized workers say about this practice? Why does the landowner distribute wages in the manner he does, with those who worked the longest receiving their pay last? Is he trying to incite a riot, or maybe inspire jealousy and envy?

All of these questions and more may be conjured up by a quick reading of the parable.

Not only was Jesus a master teacher, but we recall that he taught two thousand years ago! One challenge is that some of his stories are set deeply in the milieu of his context. The parable is not in fact making statements about modern labor law or the role of unions or day laborers. Instead, landowners in Jesus' time had incredible power over workers and over their property. Perhaps because there were no labor unions, guest worker programs, or labor laws to protect workers, the landowner was able to act with immunity. This kind of power makes for an apt image of a powerful and unaccountable God!

So, Jesus uses the character of the landowner in the parable to say that God gives each his or her due at the very least, and he is generous. It is not up to us to tell God how and in what way he is to be generous with his resources. God gives to each what he will, though not less than what he promised.

In the early church this parable was often interpreted in terms of Jews and Gentiles, with Jews being the early workers and Gentiles being those who came late. God gives each a share of his kingdom. All will likely be surprised by the generosity of God and by who appears at the heavenly banquet. Ideally, no one group will think its members are the only ones to share in God's goodness.

It is probably the case that none of us enjoy being beggars. We all tend to work for a wage we consider just and expect to be paid for our labor. When we see acts of generosity, it can be natural to expect that we might receive some of that generosity as well. It sounds strange to hear it said that someone is generous only with one group and not another. And such is the seeming riddle of today's parable.

God is a just and generous giver. When we receive what we have from God, there is no room for complaint, jealousy, or envy. The gifts of God are given to whom he will. We must die to our own sense of who is just and worthy in God's sight and leave room to be surprised by his generosity. None of us can predict the actions of God.

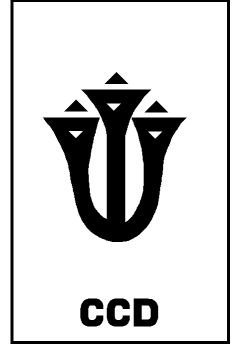
Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman  
Pastor



*If You...* or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will be held at **5pm each Sunday @ 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.

CCD...is underway. We meet each Wednesday @ 6:30pm. We ask that parents also pay a \$20 fee for each student's materials. We are short **ONE TEACHER— FOR FIFTH GRADE.** Please contact Linda Wolf, CCD Coordinator, with ???, concerns, or to **VOLUNTEER.** ...402.340.0741.

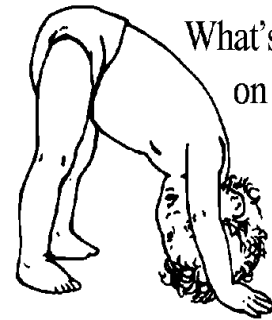


*Would You Consider...*...being a part of the Senior Prayer Partner Program this year? Seniors' names will be placed in bulletin next week. Think about if you would like to commit to this program of remembering a senior throughout the school year with special notes of encouragement, a birthday, etc. You will remain anonymous to whom you choose until the first week of May when names will be revealed, so shhhhhhhhh...don't tell who you chose!



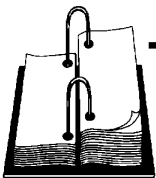
*We Welcome...*Roman Alex Suarez to the faith community of St. Joseph's. Roman, son of Fernando & Katie Suarez was cleansed in the waters of baptism on September 13, 2020.

*We cannot diminish the value of one category of human life - the unborn- without diminishing the value of all human life...LIFE CHAIN in O'Neill on Sunday, October 4!* Pick up signs at the intersection of 3<sup>rd</sup> & Douglas Streets starting @ 1:30 pm and stand in silence witness and prayer along both sides of Douglas St. from 2-3:00.



What's your stand on Abortion?

*The Month Of October...*is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Altar Society will be collecting items for Bright Horizons. Needed are disinfectant supplies, paper products & cleaning items. There will be a box in church for donated items. Direct any ???? to Cindy Kubik, 402.340.0049.



**The Week Ahead**

- **TODAY!** Fish fry...5—7:30
- **Also today—RCIA, it's not too late to join the group....**(contact Fr. Weeder), 5pm @ SJ School
- **Wed., Sept. 23—**Adoration, 9am—3pm
- **Wed., Sept. 23—**CCD, 6:30pm
- **Sun., Sept. 27—**Priesthood Sunday..let our priests know how much they are appreciated & pray for them!!!
- **Sun., Oct. 4—**Life Chain in O'Neill
- **Sun., Oct. 25—**Parish Auction...Mass in Atkinson will be @ 8:30am; therefore St. Boniface - 10:30am

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS...Sept. 26/27**

MASS TIMES	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMHC	Kenny Tunender	Patti Skrdla
LECTOR	Brian Mlady	Don Slaymaker
GIFT BEARERS		
ORGANIST	Jayne Fetherston	Diane Osborne
SERVERS		
<u>USHERS</u>	Volunteer	Volunteer

**THE LORD'S PORTON...09.13.20**

Adult envelopes (26)	2,755.00
Loose checks (5)	2,600.00
Loose cash	57.32
Holy Land (12)	420.00
Energy (7)	440.00
Insurance (1)	200.00
Online Giving (2)	<u>111.94</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,584.26</b>

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

**Make a difference; don't be indifferent**

**AUCTION COUPON  
OCTOBER 25, 2020**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ITEM** \_\_\_\_\_

**FAIR MARKET VALUE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please place coupon in the wood box @ church, drop off or mail to parish office (PO Box 220) or contact:**

**Megan Mitchell: 402.340.3056**

**Tyler Mitchell: 402.340.1745**

**Corinne Pistulka: 308.320.1232**

**Paul Pistulka: 402.961.0503**