

St. Joseph Church

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26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 09/27/20

Monday NO MASS
Tuesday NO MASS @ Good Sam.
Wednesday 8:15 AM + Schulte/Schaaf Families
Thursday NO MASS
Friday 8:15 AM + SJ Memorial Society
Saturday 6:00 PM + Bill & Mary Ryan
Sunday 10:30 AM + Don Schaaf

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

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The Month of October...is Domestic Violence Awareness. 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 ? to Cindy Kubik, 402.340.0049.

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Peter's Pence collection will take place the weekend of Oct. 3rd & 4th as it was postponed from June 28. Some of you contributed already....thanks!

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We Remember...those in need of special prayers:
Emma Lou Gunther, Blakely Bouska, John Gilg, Michelle Bulau, Garrett Scholz, Barb McTavish (relative of Brian & Kandice Mlady) & 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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Sale Of...aluminum cans was \$189.00 with proceeds going to our school. Thanks to all who had a part in this...the donors as well as Joe Skrdla, Jimmy Corkle & Jozette Kozisek for loading & transporting cans.

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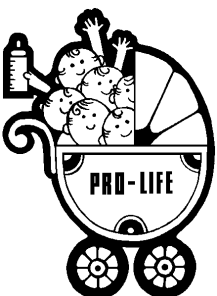
The Parish Auction...is scheduled for Sunday, October 25. There are auction coupons in the vestibule of church. Direct ? to Tyler Mitchell (402.340.1745) or Megan Mitchell (402.340.3056).



We, As A Parish...offer sympathy to the family of Sharon Welsh. Sharon was called home by the Father on Sept. 20. May the Lord welcome her into his loving arms & grant her and all the faithful departed eternal rest and peace.

CCD NEWS---We are **STILL** in need of a **FIFTH GRADE TEACHER**. Please contact Linda Wolf, CCD Coordinator (402.340.0741) if you would be willing to teach this grade. **PARENTS---**remember the fee of **\$20.00 per child** to cover the cost of materials. **Thanks!**

Adult Parishioners....have you considered being a part of the Senior Prayer Partner Program this year? Choose a senior from the Class of 2021: Jaxson Cadwallader, Reghan Kerkman, Nathaniel Ketteler, Javin Klabenes, Aaron Kraus, Jordyn Laible, Madison Tunender. **Submit the senior you choose to Linda Wolf, 402.340.0741.** Remember the 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.



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



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

The teenage daughter said that she was staying out late and not to expect her home until midnight. Her parents told her to be home by ten, to which she replied, “Whatever.” Later that night, around five minutes to ten, she came home. The parents were a bit puzzled and said, “Home already?” She replied, “Well, you said be home by ten.” There is a difference between saying and doing, as reflected in this weekend’s gospel [Matt 21: 28-32].

The parable (cf. Matt 21:33, 45) Jesus utters this weekend is in the Jerusalem temple in the context of a conversation, between Jesus and the chief priests and the elders of the people. In the story we are approaching Holy Week, though liturgically we are in the twenty-sixth week of Ordinary Time. This section of the gospel is the first of three parables, which we will read liturgically in successive weeks: the two sons, the evil tenants, and the royal wedding feast.

As with all of Jesus’ parables, the meaning of the “two sons” parable today is multi-faceted. We can understand it in numerous ways, and this is precisely why the device of “parable” is so effective as a teaching tool. One apparent meaning is the favorite Matthean theme of doing versus saying (cf. Matt 7:21-23; 12:50; 23:3-4). Matthew’s contention throughout the gospel is that not everyone who says “Lord, Lord” will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only those who do the will of the Father, which is to act mercifully particularly to those in need.

It is unfortunate that throughout history and even into the present day, there are many adherents of religion (this is not limited to Jews or Christians) who will talk a good game, but their actions indicate something else. We have many phrases in English that speak to this: “Actions speak louder than words,” “By their actions you shall know them,” “I don’t believe what you say. I believe what you do,” or “People lie, actions don’t.” Each of these maxims get at one of the fundamental meanings of this parable. True, our words and actions should match one another. But as Jesus makes clear, our actions—most especially how we care for those on the margins—matter much more than our good intentions.

Have you ever met a flatterer, or people pleaser? Those who say what you want to hear but have no intention of following through? Or those who over-promise and under-deliver? It can be challenging to hear the words of Jesus in the parable today about such behaviors. Despite our best intentions, it is our actions that truly mean more than our words. Without actions, our words are a “clanging gong,” to use a term from St. Paul. There are many reasons why we might over-promise, but we are reminded of another saying in the gospels: “Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes’ and your ‘No’ mean No” (Matt 5:37).

At some level, this is simply good advice from Jesus the teacher. As we go about our lives, let us make an extra effort to think carefully before we commit ourselves or say we will do something. Simply modifying a commitment with the words “I intend to . . .” or “I’ll make my best effort to . . .” may be all we need to temper expectations. By avoiding the trap of being a people pleaser, flatterer, or one who over-promises, and instead being a person of action and doing on behalf of others, we will be living the gospel message.

Ad multos annos! Fr. Bernard Starman, Pastor



- **TODAY---Priesthood Sunday....**Let Frs. Starman, Sund & Weeder know how much you appreciate them!
- **Sundays—RCIA, 5pm @ SJ School (it’s not too late to join the group)....**contact Fr. Weeder
- **Wed., Sept. 30—Adoration, 9am—3pm**
- **Wed., Sept. 30—CCD, 6:30pm**
- **Sun., Oct. 4—Life Chain in O’Neill**
- **Sun., Oct. 25—Parish Auction....**Mass @ SJ-8:30am; SB-10:30am.....mark your calendar!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS...Oct. 3/4

MASS TIMES	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMHC	Jim Ramm	Andrea Borer
LECTOR	Tim Hamik	Jack Wolf
GIFT BEARERS		
ORGANIST	Terri Vrooman	
SERVERS		
<u>USHERS</u>	Volunteer	Volunteer

THE LORD’S PORTON...09.20.20

Adult envelopes (22)	1,895.00
Loose checks (1)	25.00
Loose cash	57.00
Energy (4)	670.00
Online Giving (4)	<u>760.00</u>
TOTAL	3,407.00

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
**God can live anywhere, but He
 prefers your heart**