



St. Joseph Church

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27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10/04/20

Monday NO MASS
Tuesday NO MASS @ Good Sam.
Wednesday 8:15 AM + Paul & Karen Seger
Thursday NO MASS
Friday 8:15 AM + All Souls
Saturday 6:00 PM + John Mathis
Sunday 10:30 AM + Pat Baker

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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BAPTISM Our Parish..warmly welcomes Hallie

Lucille Olson. Hallie, the daughter of Joseph & Laura Olson was cleansed in the waters of baptism 9.26.20.

We Remember...those in need of special prayers:
Emma Lou Gunther, Blakely Bouska, John Gilg, Michelle Bulau, Garrett Scholz, Barb McTavish, & 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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We Welcome...Merritt James Gokie & Waverly Clark Gokie to the faith community of St. Joseph's. They are the children of Brent & Jamie Gokie. Merritt & Waverly were baptized September 26, 2020.

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The Parish Auction...is scheduled for Sunday, October 25. There are auction coupons in the vestibule of church. The community center will be open @ 9am on Saturday & until after 6pm Mass in order for you to drop off items. Direct ?? to Tyler Mitchell (402.340.1745) or Megan Mitchell (402.340.3056).



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.



THIS AFTERNOON...THE LIFE CHAIN is in O'Neill! 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.



Our Parish...extends condolences to the family of Evelyn Ohde. Evelyn was called to her eternal home on 9.29.20. May perpetual light shine on Evelyn and all the faithful departed.



The Golf Tourney...was a success thanks to many of you for your generosity! The net amount was **\$6,297.35**. We are grateful to Clay & Nicky Cadwallader for giving of their time chairing this bi-annual event.

Reserved Parking-----The last valid day for the reserved parking space in front of church is **10/25/20** (date of auction). The space will be offered at the parish auction again this year. You can purchase either Sat. evening or Sun. morning privileges.



PASTORAL SHARINGS

Dear Parishioners and Friends of the Catholic Parishes of Western Holt and Boyd Counties, The second of three parables in as many weeks greets us on this weekend of the Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. Matthew has inherited this parable from Mark and edited it slightly. Most scholars agree that the parable goes back to the historical Jesus, even if they differ on where the story “originally” ended. Often it is maintained that Jesus’ words ended with “they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.” That is, Jesus’ words end with the narration of the story. The question and what comes later was developed by the early tradition, especially the citation of Psalm 118:22-23 with its saying that the stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This psalm was popular in the early church and we hear it in Acts 4:11 and 1 Peter 2:7. Moreover, it is thought that Jesus’ words ended with “and killed him” as they are so stark. There is no resurrection or exaltation imagined. Instead, it is the tradition that adds the psalm citation that was so popular among early believers.

The image of the vineyard itself is rooted (so to speak) in Isaiah 7, which is the first reading this weekend. Jesus was familiar with Scripture and often used images from the sacred text in his teachings. Often this parable is read in a way that reflects relations and tensions between Christians and Jews of Matthew’s time. It’s clear from Matthew’s telling (even though this weekend’s gospel ends before we read this section) that the chief priests and Pharisees certainly had no misunderstanding—they saw themselves in this parable and did not take kindly to this verbal dagger. They tried to arrest Jesus. But in the story proclaimed this weekend, we do not hear the reaction of the chief priests and Pharisees.

From the early Christians’ point of view, articulated in the Gospel of Matthew, the Jews had Jesus killed and the Father had effectively opened the vineyard (the kingdom of God) to the nations (Gentiles). The church today is clear that this reading does not mean the Jewish people were rejected (e.g., Pontifical Biblical Commission, *The Jewish People and Their Sacred Scriptures in the Christian Bible* [2002] 71). This parable and others like it in the Gospel of Matthew must be read with care, especially in light of both historical and modern Jewish-Christian relations.

Though the gospel was written two thousand years ago, it unfortunately has been misused throughout history as justification for Christians to persecute Jews. The church tells us that the words here echo words of the prophets and their critiques of the people of God. But when Christians definitively separated from Jews, the words were understood differently, not as an internal critique between members of a family but as a forceful condemnation of the “other.”

But it must be admitted that many of these passages are capable of providing a pretext for antiJewish sentiment and have in fact been used in this way. To avoid mistakes of this kind, it must be kept in mind that the New Testament polemical texts, even those expressed in general terms, have to do with concrete historical contexts and are never meant to be applied to Jews of all times and places merely because they are Jews. (Pontifical Biblical Commission, *Jewish People* 87)

Now in the modern world, especially in light of the holocaust, we must do all we can to put away any anti-Jewish reading of the text. In so doing, we will walk in the newness of life. Ad multos annos, Fr. Starman



- **TODAY!** Life Chain in O’Neill
- **Sundays**—RCIA, 5pm @ SJ School (**it’s not too late to join the group**)....contact Fr. Weeder
- **Wed., Oct. 7**—Adoration, 9am—3pm. **CCD @ 6:30pm**
- **Sun., Oct 25**—Parish Auction

LITURGICAL MINISTERS...Oct.10/11

MASS TIMES	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMHC	Brian Mlady	Andrea Borer
LECTOR	Madison Tunender	Dan Kramer
GIFT BEARERS		
ORGANIST	Jayne Fetherston	
SERVERS		
<u>USHERS</u>		

THE LORD’S PORTON...09.27.20

Adult envelopes (17)	730.00
Loose checks (4)	425.00
Loose cash	32.70
Energy (3)	55.00
Online Giving (2)	314.70
TOTAL	1,557.40

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
Ten words that makes one a servant-
“If it is to be, it is up to me”