

# St. Joseph Church

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## 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10/18/20

Monday NO MASS  
Tuesday NO MASS @ Good Sam.  
Wednesday 8:15 AM + KCs  
Thursday NO MASS  
Friday 8:15 AM + Mike & Ines Schaaf Family  
Saturday 6:00 PM + Larry Kliment  
Sunday 10:30 AM + John J. Dvorak

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

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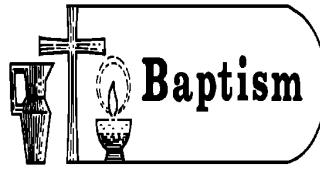
**The Month of October...**is Domestic Violence Awareness. The Altar Society will be collecting items for Bright Horizons. Needed are disinfectant supplies, paper products & cleaning items. There will be a box in church for donated items. Direct ? to Cindy Kubik, 402.340.0049.

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

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**As A Faith Community...**we welcome newly baptized Johanna Jacquelynn Monasterio to our parish.

Johanna, the daughter of Gabriel & Jackie Monasterio, was cleansed in the waters of baptism on October 10, 2020.

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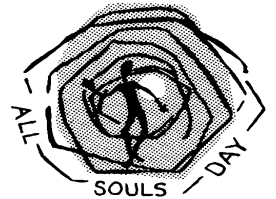
**Candles In Memory...**of your loved one will be placed on the side altar during the month of November and will be lit at each weekend Mass. We won't plan to have families process in on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> as we have done in the past.



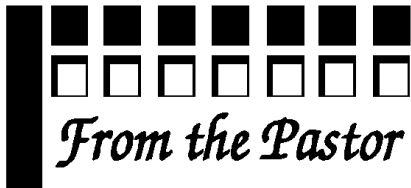
**The Parish Auction...**that was planned to be held on October 25 has been postponed with your health in mind considering the rise of Covid-19 cases in the area. The auction chairs and Fr Weeder are looking at the possibility of incorporating it into a parish celebration around the Feast of St Joseph which is March 19, the option of an online auction for some of the larger items such as farm and ranch products, and a raffle. We will keep you updated as decisions are made. Thank you all very much for your understanding. **Mass time for both parishes will stay on the normal schedule October 25.**

**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!

**You Will Find...**All Souls envelopes in the vestibule of the church. If you'd like a Mass offered for your loved ones during the month of November—the month we especially remember those who have gone before us, please return the envelope to the parish office.



**Thank You...**to the Atkinson Community Foundation for applying for funds through the "Bridging the Learning Gap" program through the Nebraska Community Foundation. The local affiliated fund was awarded \$5,592. to purchase laptops and other technology for St. Joseph's School from the Paul & Karen Seger Family Fund. We are grateful to the Seger Family as well as other supporters of this project: John & Marsha Thomassen, Dick & Pat Galyen, Randy & Diane Rentschler, Joseph & Jessica Thomassen, Dennis & Tonya Hytrek, Dan & Jan Kramer, Maxine Krieger & Lowell Wegener, Richard & Hilda Flannery, Wayne & Jean Pacha, Jerod & Heather Gall, Helen Dvorak in memory of John Mullen, and Gerald & Shelly Winings. Funds from the CARES Act as well as this grant allowed us to purchase 15 laptops, an Apple TV, Projector, and SMART licenses. We appreciate all the support!



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

As we continue to follow and witness Jesus' activities as events in Jerusalem march closer to his crucifixion and death, we have today not a parable. Instead, we hear about a verbal sparring match between Jesus and the Herodians and Pharisees, who were adversaries themselves. But a common threat (Jesus) has united these two competitors. The Herodians and the Pharisees (or at least their disciples) scheme together to entrap Jesus with a clever riddle.

The puzzle posed is sublime. When asked whether to pay the tax, Jesus might say to pay it, in which case he can be said to endorse the political system. Or Jesus might say not to pay the tax, in which case he can be said to endorse the overthrow of the political system. Either answer seemingly dooms him. But their insincerity and their plotting are plain to see. Instead of falling into the "either/or" trap, Jesus does something more cunning. After addressing them directly as "hypocrites," he asks for a coin, something which he does not have. They produce the coin, thereby demonstrating that they essentially endorse the system. He asks them whose image and whose inscription is on this coin they bear. With their reply, their fate is sealed. "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Jesus is not issuing a dissertation on the intersection of politics, religion, and the economy. He is not endorsing or condemning an economic system. But by his reply he has indicted the Pharisees and the Herodians for their inordinate concern about money versus what ought to be a concern for the things of God.

His indictment should strike us too. Where are our concerns? Are we focused on money or on God? Are we sincere of heart, or are we scheming? It is likely to flippant on our part to say with a sincere heart that we are focused only on God. Jesus' words to his verbal opponents are addressed to us too: "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

In the modern, rather individualistic world in which we live, there is a temptation to believe that what we have, we have earned. My possessions are mine, a result of my own hard work or that of others, such as family. But this weekend's gospel is a good reminder that all we have is from God. As such, we should not and cannot be hoarders of God's good gifts. Even money itself should not be thought of as ours.

Jesus calls us to an entirely new way of thinking. We return to be fed at the table of his word and at the table of his Eucharist so often in part because we need to be reminded of this way of thinking when we are so immersed in the world with its ways.

Any resources we have are truly not our own. Even what we acquired through our own labor and efforts cannot be taken with us when we pass on from this life. Let us die to the notion of possessions—what is mine versus yours—and let us instead engage in a lifestyle of discipleship, which shares what we have with the least among us. In that way we will be living the paschal mystery.

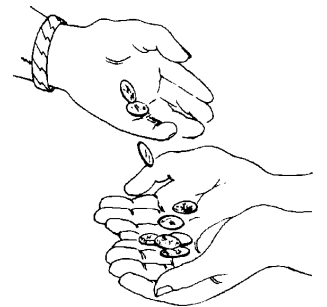
Ad multos annos!

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Pastor



- Wed., Oct. 21—Adoration, 9am—3pm. CCD @ 6:30pm

**Next Weekend...**we'll have the annual tootsie roll drive. There will be a basket available in the entrance of church for your donation. The monies collected will go toward those with intellectual disabilities.



**LITURGICAL MINISTERS... Oct. 24/25**

MASS TIMES	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMHCs	Jim Ramm	Cheleigh Sholes
LECTORS	Tim Hamik	Patti Skrdla
GIFT BEARERS		
ORGANIST	Jayne Fetherston	Diane Osborne
SERVERS		
<u>USHERS</u>		

**THE LORD'S PORTION... 10.11.20**

Adult envelopes (14)	683.00
Loose checks (2)	75.00
Insurance (4)	205.00
Online Giving (4)	<u>621.64</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,584.64</b>

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**  
**When Jesus said *love your neighbor,***  
**He knew your neighbor would act,**  
**look, believe and love *differently***  
**than you. It's kind of the whole point**