



St. Joseph Church

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All Saints Day 11/01/20

Monday NO MASS
 Tuesday NO MASS @ Good Sam.
 Wednesday 8:15 AM + Msgr. Richard Wolbach
 Thursday NO MASS
 Friday 8:15 AM + SJ Memorial Society
 Saturday 6:00 PM + Tom, Natch & Helen
 Rzeszotarski
 Sunday 10:30 AM +Margaret Fries

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

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TODAY... is the oldest you've ever been, yet the youngest you'll ever be... so, enjoy this day while it lasts.

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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



The Knights of Columbus of Stuart are sponsoring a drive-thru fish fry on Sun., Nov. 1 from 4:30 – 7:30. Call

ahead with your order- may be picked up at the west side of the church kitchen door. For orders, call Jeff @ 340.2185 or church basement @ 402.924.3494.

A DAY COMMEMORATING THE SAINTS IS ACTUALLY A DAY OF REJOICING IN THE GREATNESS OF THE LORD AND HOPING IN HIS LOVE

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.



We Extend... sincere sympathy to the family of Elmer Borer. Elmer passed away 10.27.20. Also, condolences to the James Keating family as Jim was also called home by the Father. May perpetual light shine on both Elmer & Jim and all who have been called to eternal life.

**MAY LIGHT ETERNAL
 SHINE UPON THEM,
 O LORD,
 FOR YOU ARE MERCIFUL**

The Reserved Parking Space... in front of church will extend until the parish auction which hopefully will be in March as stated in last weekend's bulletin.



Just to let you know

ALL SOULS DAY...NOVEMBER 2ND-----WE HAVE LOVED THEM DURING LIFE; LET US NOT ABANDON THEM UNTIL WE HAVE CONDUCTED THEM BY OUR PRAYERS INTO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD



Dear Parishioners and Friends of the Catholic Parishes of Western Holt and Boyd Counties, (This weekend's column is a reflection on the readings for the Feast of All Souls which we celebrate on Monday, November 2nd rather than the readings for the weekend.)

Some land developers were surveying what was to be a new subdivision on the far outskirts of the town, close to some of the most arid land in the state. One civil engineer asked where the water would come from. "There's an aquifer here that will last fifty years. That's what code requires." The civil engineer asked, "What happens after fifty years?" "I won't be here to find out! Not my problem" was the reply.

This weekend we celebrate All Saints, whereas Monday we celebrate All Souls. The capital "S" saints are this weekend's focus. These were people like St. Patrick of Ireland, St. Joseph, St. Boniface, St. Mary, Ss. Peter and Paul, Ss. Francis and Clare of Assisi, St. Catherine of Siena, and many others. Today we commemorate all those holy souls, whether they were recognized officially as saints or not, who came before us. We might think of these people when, in the Litany of the Saints that we sing in the liturgy, we hear "all those holy men and women . . ."

It is significant that the church gives us this celebration of All Souls, as it connects us with our ancestors in faith, such as deceased parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, uncles, aunts, and extended family. We recall that together we form a "cloud of witnesses" (Heb 12:1) whose faith has been handed from one generation to the next. As St. Paul says, "So we preach, and so you believed" (1 Cor 15:11). Now in our present day, so many of us share the faith with others, who will in turn pass it down to others. It's hardly likely that we ourselves will be recognized by the church as a capital "S" saint, but due to our identity as disciples of Christ, one day we, too, may be remembered on this day fifty, or one hundred, or more years from now. Let us hope we built our homes on good ground, with access to clean water, clean air, and the like. We think not merely of ourselves but of generations to come.

The gospel passage the church uses to commemorate the feast of All Souls is from John, [John 6:37-40] with its universal character of salvation. In sum, God desires all to be saved. And Jesus himself will be the cause of the resurrection. Then we shall be one family united in Christ. All those who have come before us, and all those yet to come, will be together. For it is the will of the Father that all those who come to Christ will never be driven away.

We live with markers of the past all around us. Our lives are built on the good work of others. The homes we purchase, roads we drive on, monuments, churches, and cathedrals were likely all built before us. We owe much to those who came before us. We owe not only our material blessings but our spiritual blessing as well. We are connected to those ancestors in faith. The world is about so much more than us. And after we depart this earthly life, there will be others who come after us, whose faith might even be built upon our own.

This passing down the faith from generation to generation began with the first disciples and apostles and continues into our own day. The death and resurrection of the Lord becomes the message we share with others. Death is not the end; new life awaits. For centuries past and centuries still to come, a "cloud of witnesses" (Heb 12:1) proclaims the glory of God.

Ad multos annos!
Fr. Bernard Starman, Pastor



- Sun., Nov. 1—Fish fry @ Stuart
- Wed., Nov. 4—Adoration, 9am—3pm. CCD @ 6:30pm

LITURGICAL MINISTERS...Nov 7/8

MASS TIMES	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMHCs	Kenny Tunender	Chris Nemetz
LECTORS	Pam Bergstrom	Don Slaymaker
GIFT BEARERS		
ORGANIST	Jayne Fetherston	Diane Osborne
SERVERS		
<u>USHERS</u>		

THE LORD'S PORTION...10.25.20

Adult envelopes (16)	1,110.00
Loose checks (3)	275.00
Loose cash	11.00
Online Giving (1)	<u>15.00</u>
TOTAL	1,411.00

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

HAVE YOU EVER NOTICED HOW PLEASANT IT IS TO BE AROUND PEOPLE WHO ARE GRATEFUL?