

St. Joseph Church

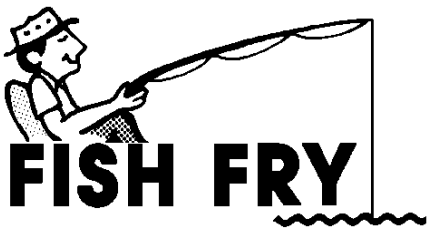
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1/17/21

*Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time
MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK*

Mon NO MASS
Tue NO MASS
Wed 8:15 AM + KCs
Thu NO MASS
Fri 8:15 AM + Leo & Mary Ellen Monahan
Sat 6:00 PM + Helen Straka
Sun 10:30 AM + Eleanor Jones

*Sacrament of Reconciliation: One half
hour prior to Weekend Mass*



FISH FRY

Stuart KCs...are sponsoring a Drive-Thru Fish Fry on Sun., Jan. 31, 5-7pm. Call Jeff Dvorak, 402.340.2185 or the church basement, 402.924.3494 to order & set up a pickup time. Pick up orders on the west side of church.

*We Remember...*those in need of special prayers: Emma Lou Gunther, Kenny Fessler, John Gilg, Garrett Scholz, Barb McTavish, Andy Hoffman, David E. Leiding, Lois Tunender, Mary Jo Closson, Tracy Nelson, & Reese Keating.



KC Free Throw Contest...is planned for Sun., Jan. 31 @ West Holt. The doors will open @ 12:30 with the contest beginning @ 1:00. ALL students ages nine through fourteen are welcome to participate. Direct ??? to Doug Kubik, 402.925.5438.

KC Meeting...Thu., Jan. 21. ---7pm-rosary.
Menu: soups & dessert. Lotto: \$20.00



One Rose, One Life will take place the weekend of Jan. 23/24. A basket will be available in the vestibule for donations as well as prayer cards.

Taking The Vocation Cross... this weekend—Randy & Diane Rentschler. The week of Jan. 24—George & Udonna Schmit.

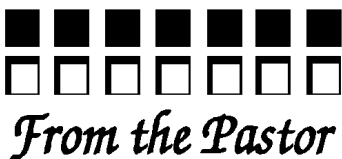


Worship SCHEDULE

Looking Ahead---The two parishes of St. Joseph and St. Boniface will soon begin their rotation Mass schedule. St. Boniface: Saturday @ 6 pm; Sunday @ 10:30am. St. Joseph: Sunday @ 8:30am. This will begin the weekend of **February 6/7**.



*We Congratulate Those...*from our parish who were trained & mandated recently as Liturgical Ministers. **Lectors**-Chris Jelinek, Erin Jelinek, Cheleigh Sholes, Landyn Mlady. **EMHCs**-Brad Slaymaker, Heather Slaymaker, Landyn Mlady.



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

As we begin our journey through Ordinary Time, the gospel [John 1: 35-42] this weekend begins with looking and gazing and responding to the call to discipleship. John the Baptist stands with two of his disciples, ready to decrease in personal significance so that Jesus may increase (cf. John 3:30). After his testimony there will be no hanging onto or hankering for his former disciples. John watches Jesus pass by; the eyes of John’s heart penetrate to the reality of this man, and he points him out to his disciples as the Lamb of God. The Jewish religious experience of the lamb was as the sacrificial offering that overcame the alienation of sin and created unity between the people and God. In whatever way the Baptist’s disciples understood his words, they were spoken with an urgency that made them leave John and follow Jesus. Jesus himself turns and sees them. The word the evangelist uses for “saw” (theásthai) has the sense of gazing contemplatively and engagingly at these two followers. Jesus then asks them his first question in the fourth gospel: “What are you looking for?” It is a question that will persist throughout this gospel, from this first chapter to the garden of the resurrection morning, but by then the “What” has become “Whom” in the intimate encounter of Jesus and Mary Magdalene (John 20:15).

The two disciples ask Jesus, the Teacher (Rabbi), where he is staying, and he responds by inviting them to “Come, and you will see.” Their question is about a place; their experience is about abiding for the rest of the day in a relationship with a person, about the beginning of a new communion between the people and this Lamb of God. The “where” is not as important as the “with whom.” The pattern of discipleship is established: through the witness of John the Baptist, others follow and experience Jesus’s truth for themselves. They in turn bring others to Jesus. One of the first two who followed Jesus remains anonymous, perhaps as a Johannine invitation to future readers to see a challenge to themselves in the following, seeking pattern of discipleship. The other is later named as Andrew, who announces to his brother, Simon Peter, that he has found the Messiah. Like the first disciples, we all see something different in this same Jesus, and Jesus recognizes the truth in us, just as in this first chapter of the fourth gospel, Jesus’s insight into Simon’s role in the community of the disciples suggests his renaming as Cephas (in Aramaic, kepha; in Greek, petra; in English, rock).

This weekend’s gospel proclaims that all discipleship is an active and involving relationship with Jesus: a following, seeking, staying, finding, and dialoguing with him. We hear how each decision to follow Jesus is a response to a statement about Jesus’s identity as Lamb of God, Rabbi, Messiah, by people whose ears and hearts are open to the Word of God, who hear his invitation through the words of friend or stranger, through events of joy or sorrow, or who discern a moment of religious significance in the everyday. As the nineteenth-century English poet Matthew Arnold wrote in his haunting poem “The Buried Life”:

But often, in the world’s most crowded streets,
 But often in the din of strife,
 There rises an unspeakable desire
 After the knowledge of our buried life;
 A thirst to spend our fire and restless force
 In tracking out our true, original course,
 A longing to enquire
 Into the mystery of this heart which beats
 So wild, so deep in us—to know
 Whence our lives come and whence they go.

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman
 Pastor

Many thanks to all who are remembering to drop off or mail their church support envelope.

The Christmas collection to date: \$8,280.00



- **Wed., Jan. 20**—Adoration, 9am—3pm
- **Thu., Jan. 21**—KC meeting
- **Jan. 23/24**—Observance of One Rose, One Life
- **Sun., Jan. 31**—Free Throw Contest
- **Sun., Jan. 31**—Drive-Thru Fish Fry (Stuart-KCs)

All Parishes in Western Holt & Boyd County have met or exceeded the financial goals for the 2020 Archbishops Annual Appeal. CONGRATULATIONS!!!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS...JAN. 23/24

MASS TIMES	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMHCs	Kenny Tunender	A. Borer
LECTORS	Pam Bergstrom	C. Sholes
GIFT BEARERS		
ORGANIST	Terri Vrooman	
SERVERS		
USHERS		

THE LORD’S PORTION...01.10.21

Adult envelopes (21)	1110.00
Loose checks (5)	145.00
Loose cash	10.00
Seminary (15)	1019.00
Initial Offering (4)	12.00
Sunday (12.27.20)	275.00
Online Giving (6)	720.85
Christmas (1)	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL	3391.85