

St. Joseph Church

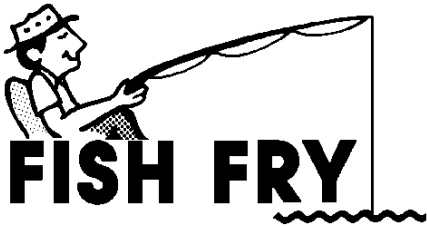
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1/24/21

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

Mon NO MASS
Tue NO MASS
Wed 8:15 AM + Lawrence, Albena & Rollin
Kramer
Thu NO MASS
Fri 8:15 AM + Tim Manzer
Sat 6:00 PM + John Mathis
Sun 10:30 AM + Art Laetsch

*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.

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Taking the vocation cross this weekend-
George & Udonna Schmit. The week of
Jan. 31—Dennis & Roxanne Ryan.

*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.



Everyone is
invited to browse
the Book Fair.
The event will be
held on Sat., Jan.
30 after 6pm
Mass, after each
Sunday Mass, and during the week after school.

Catholic Schools Week



A PRAYER FOR LIFE

O Most Holy Lord, Creator of heaven & earth, from your gentle hand flows the gift of life.
To your sons & daughters You have given the role of stewards to care for all of Your creation from womb to
tomb.

Hear us as we pray for a greater respect for all of life throughout our world:

- that the unborn be born
- that the child may be safe
- that the teen may be prepared
- that the young adult may be other-centered
- that the adult may be selfless
- that the aged may be revered
- that the dying may have dignity
- that the deceased may rest in peace
- that the resources of creation may be used well
- that all Your creation may be blessed

Having served You loyally on earth, may we obtain the rewards of everlasting life. Amen



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

From the Pastor

In the wilderness Jesus has withstood Satan’s temptation, and, strengthened in spirit by this personal combat, he comes into Galilee, the “springtime” place of first preaching, first ministry, first calling of disciples. Yet there has also been a winter: the arrest and imprisonment of John the Baptist, which add urgency to Jesus’s first spoken words in Mark’s gospel [Mark 1:14-20]. The time of God’s reigning presence is at hand, and this Good News of God demands a response. “Repent, and believe in the gospel” may have been repeated as an early Christian baptismal call to the catechumens (the elect) as they descended into the Easter waters to rise up as God’s new creation. At infant baptism our parents and our faith community made this response for us; the challenge is for us to say our own continuing adult “Yes” to this call and grow in our discipleship.

Urged on by his sense of mission, Jesus passes along the lakeside, the Sea of Galilee. He “saw” Peter and Andrew, with a seeing that penetrates to their deepest selves and their future potential as his disciples whom, with all their successes and failures, he will make fishers of people to draw others into the kingdom. All that Simon and Andrew will become will be because of Jesus and, with contagious gospel urgency, “they abandoned their nets”—the source of their income—and follow him. A little further on another two brothers, James and John, sons of Zebedee, are called while they are involved in their fishermen’s task of mending nets. Once again the call and response is immediate and the dispossession is radical when they follow Jesus. It is significant that the first disciples whom Jesus calls are people who must leave what is indicative of their success in a brotherly and family venture: boats, nets, hired servants, parent. They follow Jesus, not hoping for a better lifestyle, but urged by his words to an unconditional obedience to him. From the beginning of his ministry, Jesus gathers a community around himself in a relationship of “brotherliness” that the call of two sets of brothers may also suggest.

Whereas our consumer society has to package and market every commodity, every offer has to have a good sales pitch, even in some megachurches and by some TV evangelists, Mark’s narrative of Jesus’s call is stark and unadorned. Like any relationship, this is the “honeymoon” period (the terminology of Joel Marcus in Mark 1–8, The Anchor Bible 27). Much of what they understand at this moment they will progressively forget, and compromises, obtuseness, status-seeking will replace following until, on the eve of Jesus’s passion and death, the disciples leave everything to run away from him (Mark 14:50-51). The traditional prophetic calling accounts, such as that of Samuel or Elisha’s call by Elijah (1 Kgs 19:19-21), are transformed because now it is Jesus who calls. Jesus does not issue orders to his followers like a charismatic military leader (e.g., Judg 3:28; 1 Sam 11:6-7); he offers no rallying call to a revolutionary war (1 Macc 2:27-28), but he does make promises. Do we live as though we believe these promises? How constant, how radical are we in our following of Jesus to which we are invited by our baptism? How discerning of its demands are we in our contemporary society, and has Jesus priority in our lives? Do we continually try to launch out into a shared mission with Jesus that will transform us from day to day and draw other people into a relationship with him, or do we cling to the safe and familiar?

Ad multos annos! Fr. Bernard Starman, Pastor



- **Wed., Jan. 27**—Adoration, 9am—3pm
- **Jan. 31 through Feb. 7**—Celebration of Catholic Schools Week
- **Sun., Jan. 31**—Free Throw Contest
- **Sun., Jan. 31**—Drive-Thru Fish Fry (Stuart-KCs)
- **Feb. 6/7**—Mass Time Rotation Begins For Six Months...**Stuart:** Sat. 6pm & 10:30am. **Atkinson:** Sun. 8:30am
- **Feb. 6/7**—4-IN-1 Collection
- **Feb. 17**—Ash Wednesday

LITURGICAL MINISTERS...JAN. 30/31

MASS TIMES	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMHCs	Gary Thurlow	L. Mlady
LECTORS	Harry Morgan	H.Slaymaker
GIFT BEARERS		
ORGANIST	Jayne Fetherston	Diane Osborne
SERVERS		
USHERS		

THE LORD’S PORTION...01.17.21

Adult envelopes (23))	1,987.00
Loose checks (6)	245.00
Loose cash	19.00
Seminary (3)	285.00
Initial Offering (1)	1.00
Solemnity of Mary (1)	10.00
Online Giving (3)	511.94
Donation	<u>5,000.00</u>
TOTAL	8,058.94