

# St. Joseph Church

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2/14/21

*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

- Mon NO MASS
- Tue NO MASS
- Wed **8:15 AM** + Jim Schaaf  
**7:00 PM** + Dick & Evelyn Wolf
- Thu NO MASS
- Fri 8:15 AM + KCs
- Sat NO MASS
- Sun **8:30 AM** + Mike & Scholastica Schaaf Family

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

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Taking the vocation cross this week — Brian Mlady Family. The week of Feb. 21— Harold & Jeanne Krumwiede.

*God our Father, You made each of us to receive our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to the priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached. Amen.*

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*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, Judy Steimle, Carolyn Anderson, (sister of Diane Keogh).

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*On the face of my loved ones...I only notice the wrinkles & the nervous habits. I know in advance the words that they are going to say & that no longer holds my attention. My selfishness increases. My love diminishes ...ASHES. My prayers are repetitive; the Church is an obligation; my neighbor annoys me. God feels far away & my obligations are boring me. My faith diminishes...ASHES. And yet, buried under the ashes, I find my love, intact. My faith is there, too. Come Lord, rekindle this love & this faith that they may burn fervently, according to their true calling.*

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Donations will be accepted for *Home Missions* next weekend. You will find the designated envelope in your 2021 packet. You're invited to place your envelope in the basket in the vestibule of the church.

## FISH FRY SCHEDULE

## **CLIP AND SAVE**

**ATKINSON: February 19  
March 5  
March 19**

**Dine-in or carry-out. Hours: 5—8pm  
For carry-out orders, call 402.340.1964**

**STUART: February 26  
March 12  
March 26**

**Drive thru ONLY  
Hours: 5--7pm**

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

On Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> we begin the Solemn Penitential Season of Lent with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. As with so many things we do these days we've been instructed to make some adaptations to our celebration. Below is the instruction we've received along with the schedules for all of our parishes:

### **Sacred Heart of Boyd County**

7:00 a.m. Ss. Peter and Paul

5:30 p.m. Assumption BVM

7:00 p.m. St. Mary's

### **St. Patrick**

8:10 a.m. St. Patrick – JH/HS (and general public)

12:30 p.m. St. Patrick – GS (and general public)

5:15 p.m. St. Patrick – Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes – Deacon Kersenbrock

7:00 p.m. St. Patrick – Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes - Deacon Kersenbrock

### **St. Boniface**

7:00 p.m. St. Boniface (RE & public)

### **St. Joseph -Atkinson**

8:15 a.m. St. Joseph (GS/JH & general public)

7:00 p.m. St. Joseph (RE and general public) Fr. Luke

### **St. Joseph – Amelia**

7:00 p.m. St. Joseph

While Ash Wednesday is not a holyday of obligation and while there is no requirement for the clergy and faithful to receive the imposition of ashes, it is rightly observed as a celebration of high importance, and many will surely wish to participate even amid the current difficulties. During this time of pandemic, the Holy See has modified the method of distributing the ashes, as outlined in the following “Note”:

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#### NOTE ON ASH WEDNESDAY

#### Distribution of Ashes in Time of Pandemic

The Priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything. Then he addresses all those present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: “Repent, and believe in the Gospel”, or “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return”.

The Priest then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask and distributes the ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places. The Priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything.

From the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 12 January 2021.

Robert Card. Sarah

Prefect

+Arthur Roche Archbishop Secretary

These changes minimize the necessity of physical contact between minister and recipient and remove the need for the minister to speak while in close proximity to the recipient.

The distribution of ashes via sprinkling is a common practice in some countries but is not well known here in the United States. Therefore, the Committee encourages ministers to provide some explanation to the faithful, to avoid unnecessary confusion.

I know that some parishioners still aren't comfortable returning to church and continue to stay home for their personal safety, and that is completely understandable. I want you to know that you are loved and missed. We look forward to welcoming you back when you find yourself ready to return.

During Lent I would encourage those who are not coming to the weekend Masses to consider perhaps attending one of the daily Masses which are less crowded. Or stop in for prayer before the blessed sacrament, or make the Stations of the Cross, or pray a Rosary with your family.

The churches are sanitized after each Mass or larger gathering. For the meantime we will continue to keep our liturgies “streamlined”, yet reverent, for everyone's safety.

Ad multos annos,

Fr. Bernard Starman  
Pastor



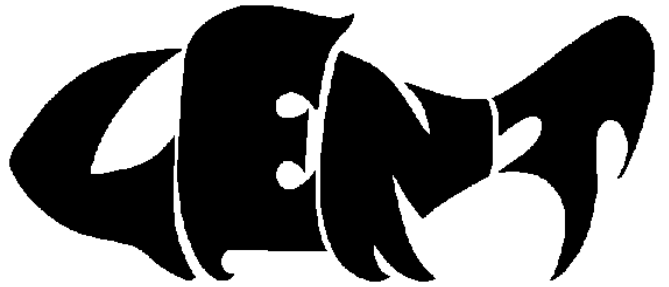
- **Wed., Feb. 17—ASH WEDNESDAY...**Adoration, 9am—3pm. **NO CCD CLASS-STUDENTS ATTEND MASS...** Atkinson @ 8:15 am & 7pm; **Stuart @ 7pm**
- **Thu., Feb. 18—**KC meeting. Rosary @ **7:15**. Menu: turkey/stuffing/dessert. Lotto goes to \$30.00 as Tannon Dvorak was absent. Fish suppers will be discussed.
- **Fri., Feb. 19—**Lenten Fish Fry @ KC Hall-Atkinson



*Sincere Sympathy*...is offered to the Bev McConnell family with the death of Marvin Ziska. May the Lord hold you in the palm of His hand today and in the days ahead. May perpetual light shine on Marvin & all whom the Lord has called to Himself.

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

*Fr. Weeder*...will be offering a teaching on prayer along with Adoration and confession on Sundays from 7:00-8:00 pm during Lent rotating between Atkinson, Stuart, Butte, and Spencer. Locations are still being set and will be in next weekend's bulletin.



**WE LOVE EACH OTHER BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US**

**LENTEN REGULATIONS**----**The Law of Abstinence**...is the responsibility for those 14 years of age and older (with no upper limits) to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. **The Law of Fast**...is the responsibility of those ages 18—59 to fast (not a medical fast, but one ordinary meal and two other times during the day with food necessary to keep strength for one's duties and not eating between meals) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Lent is a time for each person to seek appropriate acts of self-denial, spiritual exercise (such as attendance at Mass during weekdays, reading scripture, deepening prayer life). It is all time to think about 'good works'. What can you as an individual do to strengthen your faith and to prepare for Easter? What can your family do?



**ASH  
WEDNESDAY**

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS...FEB. 17**  
**8:15am:** Regular Weekday Ministers  
**7pm:** EMHCs: Linda Wolf & Joe Skrdla  
**LECTOR:** Landyn Mlady

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS...FEB. 21**

MASS TIMES	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMHC		Patti Skrdla
LECTOR		Brian Mlady
GIFT BEARERS		
ORGANIST		Diane Osborne
SERVERS		
USHERS		

**THE LORD'S PORTION...02.07.21**

Adult envelopes (18)	1,040.00
Loose checks (3)	1,125.00
Seminary (1)	5.00
4-IN-1 (7)	130.00
Solemnity of Mary (1)	50.00
Online Giving (5)	<u>655.85</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,005.85</b>

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