

St. Joseph Church

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April 18, 2021
3rd Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions for the Week
Mon NO MASS
Tue NO MASS
Wed 8:15 AM + Joan Murphy
Thursday NO MASS
Friday 8:15 AM + Larry Kliment
Saturday **MASS @ STUART, 5PM**
Sunday 8:30 AM + Leo & Elsie Mlady
Confession 1/2 hour before weekend Mass

*Names Are Being Accepted...*for school board election. Please call the school office, 402.925.2104, if you'd like to be a candidate.

*The Harvest Is Great,
Laborers Are
Few...* Taking the vocation crucifix this week—Beverly Cone. The week of April 25—Don & Brenda Wedige.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION IS AN INVITATION TO SLOW DOWN, TO STOP, LOOK & PAY ATTENTION

Each 3rd Tuesday (except holidays) the Rosary Guild will pray the rosary for world peace & parishioners' intentions. Please join us @ 1:30 pm in church beginning April 20.

WE REMEMBER...those in need of special prayers: Emma Lou Gunther, John Gilg, Garrett Scholz, Barb McTavish, Judy Steimle, Carolyn Anderson & Ron Schaaf.

Welcome—Aislynn Pearl Seger, daughter of Derek & Bailey Seger & Kennedy James Dvorak, son of Brad & Morgan Dvorak. The children were baptized April 11, 2021.



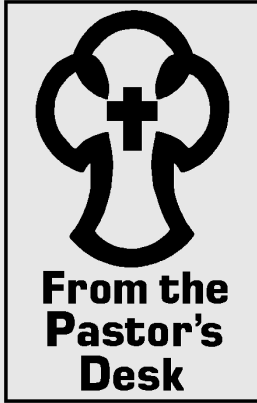
Wed., Apr. 21—Adoration, 9am—3pm, CCD class for 2nd grade only
Wed., Apr. 21—Cemetery cleanup, 4-12 grades CCD
Sun., Apr. 25—Birthday Blessings, Fr. Weeder!
Sun., May 2—First Communion, **10:30am Mass**
Sat., May 8—SJ Graduation, **5pm Mass**
Sun., May 9—Seniors honored @ 10:30am Mass

Many thanks to all who made an Easter offering. \$10,231.00 has been received. \$11,000. was budgeted ...\$769.00 to go to reach this goal! *God bless all of you!!!*

Hot dogs will be served @ cemetery cleanup (6pm). Please bring rakes. Thanks in advance to whoever can help groom our parish cemetery.



HOME & SCHOOL: Mon., Apr. 19 @ 8pm



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

This weekend's gospel [Luke 24: 35-48] follows the appearance of the risen Jesus to the two disciples on the way to Emmaus. The Emmaus meal was a welcoming event; the meal with the risen Jesus in Jerusalem will be a missioning event. Despite the witness of the two disciples who have hurried back from Emmaus and the news of Jesus's appearance to Simon, the eleven and their companions are still startled and terrified when Jesus appears among them and greets them with peace. They think he is a ghost! In this gospel of Luke, as in John's narrative last Sunday, Jesus makes clear to them the reality of his glorified human presence, his full embodied existence, by showing them his wounded hands and feet, inviting them to touch him, asking them to give him something to eat, and then taking the piece of grilled fish and eating it before their eyes.

In Luke's Last Supper account, Jesus was among his disciples "as the one who serves" (Luke 22:27; NABRE); now he is among them as one who is to be served. Just seeing with their human eyes is not enough. As Jesus had done in the passion predictions during his ministry, as he had done for the disciples on the way to Emmaus, as the two messengers at the tomb had done for the women on Easter morning, Jesus now opens the eyes of the Jerusalem disciples' hearts so that they may understand the Scriptures. Luke mentions the three-fold division of the Hebrew Scriptures: the teaching of Moses (the Pentateuch/ Torah), the Prophets, and the Writings (represented by the psalms). These were the Scriptures that had nourished Jesus throughout his life.

Jesus tells his disciples clearly that they cannot stay in this Jerusalem house of ecstatic joy, listening to his words and serving him at table. This experience must burst through the doors in the service of those outside, people of all nations who are waiting to hear the Good News of repentance and forgiveness of their sins. At the first meal with Jesus that is recorded in Luke's gospel, the great banquet that Levi hosted for Jesus, Jesus spoke of the metanoia (Luke 5:32), that life-changing repentance that turns one's life around, and which Levi had just experienced in his call to follow Jesus. At that meal, Jesus had addressed the call to repentance to the tax collectors and sinners; at this last meal after his passion and resurrection "the same message had to be preached to all the nations, beginning with Jerusalem. Jesus's passion-resurrection transformed the table of Jesus the prophet into that of Jesus Christ the Lord and made it the springboard for the church's universal mission. Jesus's message at this point in his final discourse looks directly to the story of the church on mission in the Acts of the Apostles" (Eugene LaVerdiere, Dining in the Kingdom of God).

This is what the disciples are to witness. And we, who at the Eucharist also sit at the "transformed table" of Jesus, share in the same urgent mission. As individuals and as church, we must admit our own sinfulness, continually turn to Jesus in repentance, and then go out in the strength of the Eucharist we have received to bear credible, outreaching witness of the need for conversion to the following of Jesus in our own small or larger worlds. Many places in our contemporary world are obviously not founded on repentance and forgiveness, but on war and entrenched animosities that we may publicly lament, or rationalize or even excuse, while at the same time still allowing violence and bitterness to inhabit our hearts. If we are to be disciples who take seriously Jesus's Easter greeting of "Peace be with you" and who offer this peace to one another around the eucharistic table with a present and future intent, we need to create a space in our lives and our hearts where such peace with God and with our sisters and brothers can truly be at home.

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman
Pastor

THE LORD'S PORTION—04.11.21

Adult Env. (23)	2,027.00
Loose Checks (2)	50.00
Loose Cash	26.00
Easter (8)	4,030.00
Holy Land (1)	20.00
Online Giving (Sun)	614.70
" " (Easter)	300.00
TOTAL	7,067.70

LITURGICAL MINISTERS — April 25

MASS TIMES	Sat. @ Stuart	SUNDAY 8:30
EMHC		Brian Mlady
LECTOR		Cheleigh Sholes
GIFTS		
ORGANIST		Jayne Fetherston
SERVERS		VOLUNTEERS
USHERS		



**Please notice on CALENDAR (front page)
.....there will be a few changes in the DATE
& TIME of weekend Mass schedule in May
due to parish/school events.**