



St. Joseph Church

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May 30, 2021
The Most Holy Trinity

Mass Intentions for the Week
Mon 8:30 AM + Robert & Mary Straka @ Cemetery
Tue 10:00 AM + Pete Schmaderer @ Good Sam
Wed 8:15 AM + Elmer & Doris Vogel & Rosemary LeMunyan
Thu NO MASS
Fri 8:15 AM + SJ Memorial Society
Sat 6:00 PM **in Stuart**
Sun 8:30 AM + Joan Murphy
10:30 AM **in Stuart**
Confession 1/2 hour before week-end Mass

WE REMEMBER...those in need of special prayers:
Emma Lou Gunther, John Gilg, Garrett Scholz, Barb McTavish, Judy Steimle, Carolyn Anderson, Ron Schaaf, Adalynn Bouska, Leo Seger, Carleigh Jackson, Dan & Nancy Krysl, Phil Keating.



TODAY! KC Pancake Breakfast, 8am—11
Tue., June 1—Pillow cleaning, 9—3:30, KC
Wed., June 2—Adoration, 9am—3pm
Wed., June 2—SJ School Board, 8pm
Thu., June 3—Celebration for Fr Starman
Sun., June 13—Farewell for Fr Weeder



Totus Tuus will be held in Stuart July 10–16



Bostyn Alan Miller, son of Seth & Haley Miller was baptized 05.23.21. Welcome to the Catholic faith, Bostyn!

The Harvest Is Great, Laborers Are Few... Taking the vocation crucifix this week—Mike & Brenda Dobias. The week of June 6—Jim & Rosemary Ketteler.

You are encouraged to bring a lawn chair to the 8:30 am Mass @ the cemetery on Mon., May 31. In case of inclement weather, Mass will be celebrated in church.



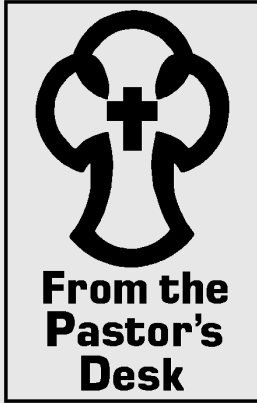
Please join us to celebrate **15** years in the Priesthood and a Masters of Science on Ecclesial Administration and Management for

FR. BERNARD STARMAN
Thursday, June 3 from 5-8PM @ Handlebend, 215 E Douglas St., O'Neill, NE.
Shuttle service from Biglin's, the Presbyterian Church & Handlebend lots. Cards can reach Fr Starman @ 301 E Adams St. O'Neill, NE 68763

Marjorie Johnson Memorial to SJ School—\$425.00. May she rest in peace.



On Sunday, June 13...our parish will have a farewell party for Fr Weeder @ 5pm at the KC Hall. Everyone is invited to bring a meat dish and a salad OR a vegetable OR dessert. Tableware & drinks will be provided.



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

Columnist Ronald Rolheiser has written: “The most pernicious heresies that block us from properly knowing God are not those of formal dogma, but those of a culture of individualism that invite us to believe that we are self-sufficient, that we can have community and family on our own terms, and that we can have God without dealing with each other. But God is community—and only in opening our lives in gracious hospitality will we ever understand that” (*“Finding God in Community,” Canadian Western Times*). *And so we need this solemnity that reminds us that God is a Trinity, a flow of relationships between Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—and ourselves.*

The Lectionary readings chosen for this weekend, therefore, are about relationships of love. This weekend’s gospel gives us the concluding words of Matthew. The risen and authoritative Jesus meets with the Eleven, wounded by betrayal and failure, still a very human mix of hopeful faith and hesitant doubt, of adoration and indecision. For our consolation, these are the disciples to whom Jesus entrusts the inclusive mission of making disciples of “all nations,” without distinction of race or culture. With the authority of the risen Jesus, they are commissioned to baptize “in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,” and to teach these new followers to obey everything that Jesus has revealed to them during his earthly mission. On their first missionary journey (Matt 10:1, 5-8) there had been no command to teach, but now that they have experienced not only Jesus’s life but also his death and resurrection, they are equipped to teach the full significance of his instructions. We who have gathered to celebrate the Most Holy Trinity have been baptized and taught, called and schooled by Jesus through the mission of his church. We have been drawn into the divine-human communion of that first “trinitarian” moment of Jesus’s baptism by John in the Jordan when the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit were named. Matthew gives us the solemn assurance that Jesus, Immanuel, “God-with-us” (cf. Matt 1:23) as the personal promise of God, will be with the church until the end of human history. His is no “absentee lordship” but a presence of a servant Christ who wishes to liberate rather than dominate. His church, therefore, must also be a humble servant that remembers that its authority is not absolute but is derived from Jesus; a church that identifies with those who are a very human mix of faith and doubt; a church that avoids all triumphalism and insensitivity to the wounded people of our world.

And as we are the church, are we this kind of people? When we sign ourselves “in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,” could we sometimes reflect on this rather than making a very perfunctory “brush and babble” gesture? Can we instead have something of the passion of John Donne’s “Holy Sonnet XIV,” where Donne expresses his faith that, free, we must be rescued from sin and then taken captive again—but this time by the to be truly love of the “three-person’d God”:

“Batter my heart, three-person’d God; for you
As yet but knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend;
That I may rise, and stand, o’erthrow me, and bend
Your force, to break, blow, burn, and make me new.”

Ad multos annos! Fr. Starman, Pastor

Supporters of SJ School—We sincerely thank you for your support of our most recent fundraiser to update our SMART Boards in the classrooms. With the generous support of many, we have surpassed our goal & will be receiving matching funds in the amount of \$5,000 from Gerard Keating in memory of his parents, Dolores & John Keating. We ask you to continue praying for Fr Weeder as he trains for his marathon on June 5. Please join us in praying for vocations during the week of May 30—June 5. Again, thank you for your generous support. God’s Blessings, St. Joseph School

THE LORD’S PORTION—05.23.21

Adult Env. (30)	1,967.00
Loose Checks (4)	120.00
Loose Cash	25.00
Ascension (2)	75.00
Online Giving (5)	484.70
TOTAL	2,671.70

LITURGICAL MINISTERS — JUNE 6

MASS TIMES	Saturday	SUNDAY
EMHC		Patti Skrdla
LECTOR		Pam Bergstrom
GIFTS		
ORGANIST		Jayne Fetherston
SERVERS		Isabella Schaaf Dvorak Children

GOD BLESS OUR VETERANS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY!!!



The Archdiocese is sponsoring a week of prayer for vocations from May 30–June 5. Some of you know that Fr Weeder will be running a marathon for vocations on June 5th. He will be running 26.2 miles and is asking you to pray 26.2 minutes for vocations. Moreover, St. Boniface and St. Joseph will together offer 26.2 hours of Adoration for vocations at St Joseph in Atkinson from

8:48am on Wednesday, June 2 to 11am on Thursday, June 3. There is a sign-up at the entrance of the church to make sure the 26.2 hours are covered.