



St. Joseph Church

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June 13, 2021
ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week
Mon NO MASS
Tue 10:00 AM + Helen Straka @ Good Sam
Wed 8:15 AM + KCs
Thu NO MASS
Fri 8:15 AM + Gordon Dvorak
Sat 2:00 PM - Wenner/Dvorak Wedding
6:00 PM **in Stuart**
Sun 8:30 AM + Vern Salyers & Bill Ryan
10:30 AM **in Stuart**
*Confession 1/2 hour before week-
end Mass*

HEY EVERYONE...are you remembering to fill the baby bottle you took home with your loose change?!?! Please bring the bottle back to church next Sunday. **THANKS!**

*The Harvest Is Great,
Laborers Are
Few...* Taking the vocation crucifix this week—**Roger & Pam Frickel. The week of June 20—Randy & Diane Rentschler.**

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.

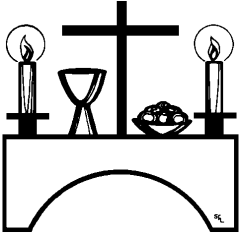

*We Congratulate...*Drew & Payton Stoltenberg as their daughter, Kove Nicklin was cleansed in the waters of baptism on **06.06.2021.**



Calendar

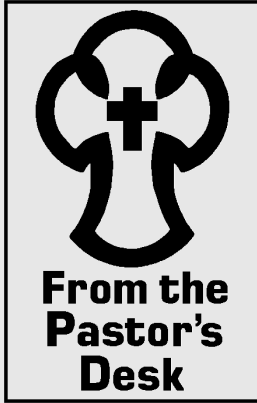
TODAY! Farewell for Fr Weeder
Tue., June 15—Rosary @ 1:30 in church for peace & our parish. Everyone invited!
Wed., June 16—Adoration, 9am—3pm

St Joseph & St Boniface had 11 high school youth attend JC Camp @ Tintern Retreat & Resource Center near Oakdale May 26-30. I was also there for a few days. All JC Campers & Counselors would like to thank everyone who donated money, food, prepared meals, came to visit camp, & keeping us in your prayers. We had a super turnout this year & a very spiritually enriched week. This camp would not have been possible without all of your help & support. Thank you so very much and may God bless you! -Fr Weeder


CONGRATS FR STARMAN...as he recently celebrated 15 years of ordination to the priesthood. We also commend him for a Masters of Science on Ecclesial Administration & Management. May God bless you, Father!

KC Meeting-Thu., June 17.
7:15pm-rosary. Menu-breakfast for supper. Lotto-\$70.00 as Jim Slaymaker was not present.

THIS AFTERNOON...come with an appetite & wish Fr Weeder well as he prepares for a new assignment in West Point. The event is planned for 5pm @ the KC Hall. Everyone is invited to bring a meat dish and a salad OR a vegetable OR dessert. Tableware & drinks will be provided. See ya there!!!



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

Jesus's parables are not nice entertaining little stories. As Jesus proclaims in the first words he speaks according to Mark (Mark 1:14-15), his mission is to announce the Good News of the kingdom, the reigning and transforming presence of God in his person and words and call the people to faith and repentance. Like all the parables, the two parables of green and growing things we hear this weekend are words of Jesus that tease us into contemplating our own lives and our response to the kingdom.

In the first parable, Jesus compares the growth of the kingdom to the seed that is planted by the farmer who then retires from the scene into the rhythm of his everyday life. Day and night he wakes and sleeps, while the seed, once sown, has its own potential for growth independent of the farmer. The mystery of growth belongs to the seed and the soil, to the gradual "dispossession" of the hard little seed to the nourishing earth, and its consequent unhurried and gradual growth: first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain. The only activity required of the farmer is vigilant patience. In the dispossession that is his incarnation, even Jesus had to accept some unknowing, some surrender of events into his Father's hands (Mark 13:32).

Perhaps we have had the experience with children who have planted their seeds in the garden and, excited about the possibilities of the flowers or vegetables to come, must be dissuaded from regular and disastrous digging down into the earth to see how the growth is proceeding! The farmer must wait confidently on God's good time and providence, and eventually the time of growth and the time of harvesting will intersect. Once we have received the seed of God's word in the soil of our hearts, we must be ready for the dispossession, the gradual unfolding of the seed's potential that will push into our consciousness and transform our lives, making us a plentiful harvest and enabling us to become nourishment for others. Because the growth of the seed is God's secret, it can often happen in what, to our limited human perspective, are the most unlikely places: in the lives of the poor, the despised, the persecuted. This was surely a great consolation to Mark's community, for this was the reality of their lives. It should give the same hope and confidence to Christians today in our personal, communal, or national situations. What seems humanly insignificant, and even a failure, is transformed by God's power, just as the seed of Jesus's life fell into the ground of death to be transformed by his resurrection (cf. John 12:24). This is the great encouragement for disciples as we live between the planting and harvesting into the kingdom of God.

The parable of the mustard seed and its surprising growth is also one of inspiration for struggling communities frustrated or dependent because of what seems the small and insignificant growth of the kingdom of God and its impact on the world around them. Jesus makes use of legitimate poetic license in exaggerating the size of the mustard seed ("the smallest of all the seeds on the earth") and the bush that grows from it ("the largest of plants"), in order to stress the extravagant and disproportionate growth of the kingdom. That God is in all our beginnings and endings is the great and faithful hope of Jesus's disciples. The mustard bush, we are reminded, does not exist only for itself, but it offers a welcoming refuge for the birds of the air who nest in its shade. So, the Christian community should spread out its branches in welcome to others, especially to those who are enduring the heat of suffering, who are searching either physically or spiritually for some "shade" or sanctuary.

We often find it hard to be at home and comfortable with mystery; there is still the primeval temptation to be like gods, to know everything, to overreach our God-given humanity. That we have Jesus's word to "explain" to us the deeper meaning of God's action in our lives and our world, is the privilege of Jesus's disciples.

Ad multos annos!
Fr. Bernard Starman, Pastor

Would someone be willing to pray with Jesus for 1/2 hour @ adoration each Wed. for about 6 weeks from 10am-10:30? Contact the parish office if you can do this.

THE LORD'S PORTION--06.06.21

Adult Env. (31)	1,901.00
Loose Checks (2)	50.00
Loose Cash	210.00
CCC (10)	190.00
Ascension (1)	5.00
Online Giving (6)	680.85
TOTAL	3,036.85

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – JUNE 20

MASS TIMES	Saturday	SUNDAY
EMHC		Brian Mlady
LECTOR		Pam Bergstrom
GIFTS		G&U Schmit
ORGANIST		Terri Vroman
SERVERS		Emersyn Mlady Brinley Kerkman A. Cadwallader
USHERS		Tim Laible Jerry Laible Greg Dostal Richard Kilmurry

TOTUS TUUS...will be held the week of July 10-17 in Stuart. Registration forms & info. For the week are available in the back of church. We are in need of people to help with lunches & dinners for the team. Volunteers are welcome to help throughout the day program, as well. Call Jan Kunz @ 402.340.2303, for more info. or to help out.