



St. Joseph Church

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June 20, 2021
TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week
Mon NO MASS
Tue 10:00 AM + Eleanor Jones @ Good Sam
Wed 8:15 AM - Special Intention For Health
Thu NO MASS
Fri 8:15 AM + Marjorie Johnson
Sat 6:00 PM **in Stuart**
Sun 8:30 AM + August & Leopoldine Troshynski
10:30 AM **in Stuart** Descendants
Confession 1/2 hour before week-end Mass

HEY EVERYONE...if you brought the baby bottle full of loose change or possibly a check :) to church today...**WONDERFUL!** If you forgot, you are welcome to do so next weekend.

*The Harvest Is Great,
Laborers Are
Few...* Taking the vocation crucifix this week—**Randy & Diane Rentschler. The week of June 27—George & Udonna Schmit.**

Peter's Pence Collection...
will be taken up next weekend. Your generous support of the work of the Holy Father through this collection will help Christ's love be cast upon the world.

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.



Calendar

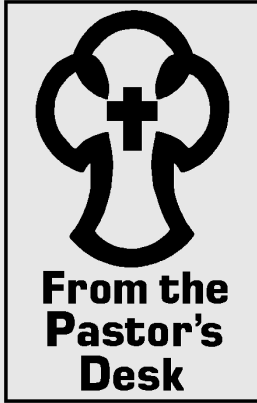
Wed., June 23—Adoration, 9am—3pm
Fri., July 2—Happy Birthday, Fr. Luke!
Sat., July 3—Family Fun Night in Stuart, 5:30—8:30
Mass Time Change...Sat., July 3, 4:30 @ Stuart
Sun., July 4...8:30am @ Stuart; 10:30am @ Atkinson

God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless those fathers who have taken upon themselves, the responsibility of parenting. Bless those who have lost a spouse to death...or divorce who are parenting their children alone. Strengthen them by your love that they may be and become the loving, caring persons they are meant to be. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen

NEEDED...someone to fill in the 10-10:30 slot at adoration for about six weeks. Please contact the parish office if you are willing to pray for 1/2 hour each Wednesday. Thanks!

Would You Like To...carry offertory gifts @ Sunday Mass? If so, you're just who we are looking for!!! PLEASE contact the parish office.

PARENTS....please remember to remove your son or daughter's baptism scroll from the glass case in the vestibule of the church in order to make room for the most recent baptisms.



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

Mark is writing his gospel for a community suffering persecution, Christians who feared that any day they might be overwhelmed by either the waves of their own cowardice and infidelity to Christ or blown off their Christian course by the fear of imprisonment and death. They could be tempted to believe that Jesus is “asleep” and cares nothing for them. In different contexts, we too are familiar with the storms that can brew in our own hearts. The struggle between fear and faith is a constant theme in Mark’s gospel, continuing until the very last verse (Mark 16:8), but that we have a Gospel according to Mark witnesses to the final triumph of faith. Among these disciples are men who know this sea well, and for them to be afraid shows that their fear was humanly well founded. Although they have seen Jesus’s power over the chaos that overwhelms people’s bodies and minds, this crossing had been Jesus’s idea, and their cries to him sound more like accusations of his lack of care for them than proclamations of their faith in him.

In the image of Jesus peacefully asleep in the storm-tossed boat there may be the memory of Jonah fast asleep in the bowels of the ship while God hurled great winds and waves at the vessel carrying the disobedient prophet away from his calling to the conversion of Nineveh (Jonah 1:4-15). Jonah has to resort to the much more dramatic and drastic solution of allowing himself to be tossed overboard before God will calm the storm. In contrast, Jesus rises from sleep, and the brief and powerful words of this most obedient prophet of God are enough to restore order out of chaos. Jesus rebukes the wind and the sea in the same way as he had “rebuked” or exorcised the “unclean spirit” and healed the tortured psyche of the man in the synagogue in Mark’s account of Jesus’s first miracles (Mark 1:23-27; NABRE). And there comes a great calm.

Jesus’s authority over the natural world confronts our faith in an unsettling way. As Michael Casey writes: “We do not mind a man forgiving sins, because the supposed effect is invisible and beyond proof. Cures can be dismissed as merely ‘psychological.’ Our weak faith can dodge the question if there is some possibility of a ‘rational’ explanation. The nature miracles are different. They confront our faith directly” (Fully Human, Fully Divine). Jesus’s authority over the storm reveals him as Lord of Creation and recalls the divine authority over the chaotic waters “in the beginning” (Gen 1:1; NABRE) and when God divided the waters to allow the people to pass through from slavery into freedom (Exodus 14–15). This divine prerogative is also praised in a number of the psalms, including Psalm 107, which is today’s responsorial psalm. But the disciples are looking and not perceiving, listening and not understanding despite the privileged instruction Jesus has given them (cf. Mark 4:10- 12). Jesus’s command of peace and stillness over the wind and waves assures the disciples’ safe crossing, but their crossing from fear to faith is at a perilous beginning point. At least Jesus seems to suggest that the journey is possible. “Do you not yet have faith?” But the disciples turn to one another, not to Jesus, with their questions about his identity.

The Jesus who has risen from the sleep of death is the faithful hope of every disciple and post resurrection community. Often the storms sweep down on us as suddenly as the wind and waves on the Sea of Galilee, and we find ourselves unprepared for sickness, for a terminal diagnosis for ourselves or a loved one, for the upheaval of personal relations, the painful work of retrenchment. The mass media brings tragedies into our homes, and we may find ourselves saying: “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” Yet Jesus is present in the storms and will bring us to the shore of new beginnings and new initiatives.

Ad multos annos! Fr Bernard Starman, Pastor

THE LORD’S PORTION—06.13.21

Adult Env (23)	1,362.00
Loose Checks (3)	1,818.75
Loose Cash	126.00
Online Giving (3)	176.94
TOTAL	3,483.69

LITURGICAL MINISTERS — JUNE 27

MASS TIMES	Saturday	SUNDAY
EMHC		Shirley Rossman
LECTOR		Erin Jelinek
GIFTS		M/M Randy Rentschler
ORGANIST		Jayne Fetherston
SERVERS		Madalyn Pistulka Leah Pistulka Isabella Schaaf
USHERS (JULY)		Dan Ziska George Schmit Todd Seger Roger Frickel

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.