




St. Joseph Church

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July 04, 2021
14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week
Mon NO MASS
Tue 10:00 AM + Jim Schaaf @ Good Sam
Wed 8:15 AM + Paul & Karen Seger
Thu NO MASS
Fri 8:15 AM + Francis & Mildred Fritz
Sat 6:00 PM **In Stuart**
Sun 8:30 AM + Marjorie Johnson
10:30 AM **In Stuart**
*Confession 1/2 hour before week-
end Mass*



**Fourth
Of
July**
THANKS TO
THOSE WHO
MADE OUR FREE-
DOM POSSIBLE.
Have a FUN holiday!

*The Harvest Is Great,
Laborers Are
Few...* Taking the vocation
crucifix this week—Dennis &
Roxanne Ryan. The week of
July 11—Karen Thompson.

A Sincere Thank You. to
Bob & Bobbie Touchstone of
Plattsmouth for the *enormous*
donation of crushed aluminum
cans to benefit our school. It is
greatly appreciated each year!

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, Dan & Nancy Krysl, Phil
Keating, Leah Wedge..



Calendar

Wed., July 7—Adoration, 9am—3pm
Wed., July 7—**School Board Meeting, 8pm**
July 10-17—Totus Tuus @ Stuart. Registration
forms are available in the back of church

THANK YOU...to all who remembered me on the
occasion of my 15th Anniversary of Priestly Ordina-
tion and the recent completion of the Masters of Sci-
ence in Ecclesial Administration and Management
degree at Catholic University of America. All the
cards, notes, good wishes, gifts, expressions of grati-
tude and/or your presence at the Open House are
very much appreciated. Thanks also to those who
organized and underwrote the Open House at the
Handlebend on June 3rd. Your time and effort made
for a wonderful evening, and thank you for the Han-
dlebend Copper Mugs. As one of the organizers
said, “We needed a party!” —Fr Starman

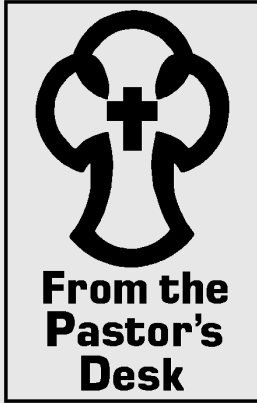


**Fr Ross
Burkhalter—
We're happy to
have you here
with us!**

+++EMHC & Lector Training+++
Anyone interested in this ministry is
asked to sign up for a ZOOM train-
ing...Aug. 8th or 18th. High school
juniors & seniors are also eligible.
More info. & sign up at:
[https://archomaha.flocknote.com/
signup/56208](https://archomaha.flocknote.com/signup/56208)

2021 Marriage Celebration

Archbishop Lucas invites you to attend the annual Marriage Celebration on August 22nd @ Omaha, St. Cecilia's **OR**
August 29 @ Norfolk, St. Mary's. This event honors couples who are celebrating 1, 5, 25, 40, 50, 60+ years of marriage.
Rosary at 1:30pm, Mass @ 2pm with cake reception to follow. Register **by July 12** @ ArchOmaha.org/FamilyLife



**From the
Pastor's
Desk**

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

Viktor Frankl, the Austrian Jewish psychotherapist who endured four years in Nazi death camps, knew by bitter experience that what gives light must endure burning. In *Man's Search for Meaning*, he remembered the light that radiated from those who remained decent human beings amid the darkness of suffering and dehumanizing conditions. Each reading this weekend is about those who were singed by failure and vulnerability, but who continue to be a guiding light to their communities. Ezekiel [Ezek 2:2-5] is sent by God to the people named as rebels, who are obstinate, defiant, and deaf to God's word. Paul [2 Cor 12: 7-10] finds himself facing opposition both from those who regard themselves as "super apostles" and who tout around the word of God for their own reputation, and also from the members of the Corinthian church who have fallen under their influence. And Jesus [Mark 6: 1-6a] is found to be unacceptable and offensive in his own hometown of Nazareth.

Some cultures speak of the "tall poppy syndrome," the delight that some people have in cutting people down to size—usually a bit smaller than their size—by belittling them through subtle innuendo, and disguising resentment of another person's achievements by damning with faint praise. When Jesus is invited to teach in the Nazareth synagogue on the Sabbath, he fails to live up to the expectations of his hometown. What Jesus spoke to the synagogue assembly we are not told, but they were the authoritative words of the one who has exorcised, healed, raised from the dead, and proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom. But in some way the listeners consider that Jesus's words go against their own comfortable interpretation of family customs or established religion traditions. Here is the Nazareth version of the "tall poppy," so Jesus has to be cut down to the hometown size expected by those who think they know everything about him and his family and recognize him as a local craftsman.

Jesus embodies the "scandal" of the ordinary, and familiarity breeds contempt in the assembly whose perceptions are limited to the domestic and parochial. They are closed to any surprising presence and action of God that would violate their own expectations and insight, and consider their own wisdom to be superior to that of Jesus. They ask the right questions, but their prejudgment supplies them with the wrong answers, and amazement deteriorates into offense and rejection. If the synagogue assembly is amazed at Jesus and has no faith in him, Mark comments ironically that Jesus is amazed at their lack of faith that leads to Jesus's powerlessness, because for his deeds of power to be effective they must be worked in the context of faith. Jesus has failed to call forth faith where he might have most expected to find it.

That the "Word was made failure and died among us" is the source of our hope, not despair, for as Maria Boulding, OSB, writes: "If you have ever been sickened by the failure of some enterprise into which you put your best efforts and the love of your heart, you are caught up into the fellowship of Christ's death and resurrection, whether or not you thought of your experience in that way. God had dealt with our failure by himself becoming a failure and so healing it from the inside. This is why we can meet him in our failure; it is a sure place for finding him, since he has claimed it. So central is failure to the Easter mystery that a person who has never grappled with it could scarcely claim to be Christ's friend and follower" (Gateway to Hope).

We may still be more inclined to listen to those who appear to be prophets on the celebrity circuit rather than those with whom we rub shoulders daily. We need humble ongoing and gospel-based discernment of the authenticity of prophets. Continued success is a dangerous criterion.

As multos annos!

Father Bernard Starman
Pastor

THE LORD'S PORTION—06.27.21

Adult Env (26)	2,102.00
Loose Checks (5)	250.00
Loose Cash	140.00
Peter's Pence (10)	272.00
Online Giving (4)	359.70
TOTAL	3,123.70

LITURGICAL MINISTERS — JULY 11

MASS TIMES	Saturday	SUNDAY
EMHC		Harold Krumwiede
LECTOR		Dan Kramer
GIFTS		Ben Sholes Family
ORGANIST		Terri Vrooman
SERVERS		Makenna Schaaf Taylor Schaaf Payton Skrdla
USHERS (JULY)		Dan Ziska George Schmit Todd Seger Roger Frickel

Because...(some) inquiring minds want to know: Why is there a Mass Intention at Fr. Starman's weekend Masses that's listed as *Pro Populo* (For the People)? When a priest is installed as pastor or group of parishes, Canon Law provides the pastor with certain Rights and Obligations. One of those obligations is that he celebrate one Mass each weekend for the People of the Parish. It is often misunderstood that this intention is only for those who are registered in a parish or attend Mass at a particular church. The reality is that when installed the pastor assumes the responsibility for Pastoral Care of every man, woman and child within the geographic boundaries of the parish or parishes. In our case, that means from the Wheeler County line to the south, to the South Dakota state line to the north, the Holt County line to the west, and 4 miles east of the scales on Highway 20/275 to the east. (2,962 sq. miles). Catholic, non-Catholic, and non-Christian alike. Associate Pastors are not bound by this obligation.