

St. Joseph Church

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July 18, 2021
16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon NO MASS
Tue 10:00 AM + Maureen Donlin @ Good Sam.
Wed 8:15 AM + Roy & Betty Mack
Thu NO MASS
Fri 8:15 AM + All Souls
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*



Calendar

Tue., July 20—Rosary in church @ 1:30 for intentions of parishioners—everyone invited
Wed., July 21—Adoration, 9am—3pm
Aug.7/8—Mass time change for 6 mos...**Atkinson**-Sat. @ 6pm; Sun. @ 10:30am. **Stuart**-Sun. @ 8:30am

Our Condolences..to the Bussinger family with the passing of Karon & the Weekley family with the death of Bryor. We especially want to remember the descendants of the Tushla family as the burial of Louis took place on Sat. at St. Joseph Cemetery. May perpetual light shine on Karon, Bryor & Louis & all who have been called to eternal life.

**COMING UP!**
The OACCW Convention...Sept. 27 in Norfolk @ Divot's. Registration & fee of \$25. send to Ann Kurpgeweit, 50444 852nd Rd. Ewing, NE 68735

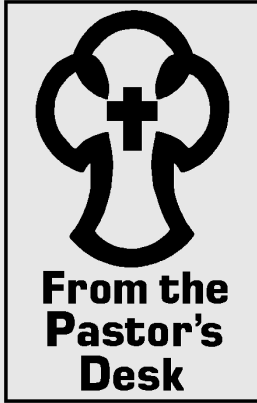
*The Harvest Is Great,
Laborers Are Few...Taking the vocation crucifix this week—Brian Mlady family.
July 25-Harold & Jeanne Krumwiede.*

SJ School is seeking applications for a part-time Administrative Assistant. This position is responsible for aiding the teacher facilitator in various school related duties & special projects. Must have general knowledge of business procedures & experience of office equipment.  **SECRETARY**
Apply by contacting Andrea Borer
402.340.3145 or aborer
@stjosephatkinson.org

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

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 Wedige, Sally Manzer.

******AN EVENING OF VOCATIONS FOR GUYS******
The Catholic Parishes of Western Holt & Boyd Counties is hosting/sponsoring “A Night With Fathers (Priests), Dads, And Sons”...”Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.” (Psalm 40)
The event is planned for Sunday, July 25 @ 6:00 pm @ Stuart, St. Boniface Church Basement
Meal - Talks - Games
All boys entering the 6th grade and up are invited to attend with their dads. This is highly recommended for Confirmation students.
Meal @ 6pm. Program to follow. Final prayer around 7:30. Come hear the stories of our parish priests & deacon & enjoy fun & fellowship with other guys. Bring a device for the game!
RSVP by July 20 to Jan Kunz, 402.340.2303 or email jankunz9@gmail.com



**From the
Pastor's
Desk**

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

The prophet Jeremiah sounded a warning over twenty-five hundred years ago, chastening those who would mislead the Lord's flock: "Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture, says the Lord." It is also a current problem, made tragically clear in the crisis of clergy sex abuse and its mishandling by so many of our bishops, laid bare in the media for all to see. It is a reality that drives people out of parishes, and even from the church.

Each of us is responsible before God for our behavior, but those who have been assigned to care for the people of God, the shepherds who have been asked to guide the sheep, have a heavy burden when the sheep are scattered and driven away due to the actions, or lack of action, by the shepherds. God chastises the shepherds who have "scattered my sheep and driven them away."

Through Jeremiah, God promised that the scattered "remnant of my flock" would be gathered up and good shepherds raised up to guide them. While the historical context of the Babylonian exile is clear in these promises to Israel through the prophet Jeremiah, the eschatological context is also evident in God's promise to "raise up a righteous shoot to David," who "shall reign and govern wisely." This promised Messiah was raised up as the Good Shepherd not just for the people of Israel, but also for all of the sheep who did not belong to that one-fold (John 10:16).

And it was through the life of the Good Shepherd that we "who once were far off have become near by the blood of Christ" (Eph 2:13). The shepherd not only protected his sheep but gave up his own life to bring us to life eternal. This compassion for the flock, both those who knew the voice of the shepherd and those who were not yet aware of their heritage as God's people, enlivened all that Jesus did in his mission. His work was for the life of his flock.

Jesus also raised up shepherds to continue to guide the flock. After being sent out to evangelize, the apostles reported back to Jesus on "all they had done and taught." The Good Shepherd's compassion extended to these protégés, who Jesus knew needed rest, so he took them to a deserted place.

Yet Jesus, when he "saw the vast crowd," did not turn from the flock and focus on the shepherds. Jesus's compassion was poured out on the sheep, "for they were like sheep without a shepherd." Jesus's compassion instead was a model for the shepherds who would continue his mission. In responding to the needs of the flock, Jesus gives us the priorities of the Good Shepherd: serve the people; care for the people; build up the people. These are the priorities not just of the Good Shepherd; they must be the priorities also of the successors to the apostles, who have been called to shepherd the people.

There are no excuses for shepherds who scatter the flock and drive people away. It is not that there is not forgiveness from God for all those who repent, for sin stalks all of the sheep of the flock. But when shepherds are unable to bear the burden of caring for the sheep, protecting the sheep, and even aid in the destruction of the sheep, they will indeed be forgiven when they genuinely repent. Still, even with forgiveness, they must never be allowed to guard the sheep any longer. It is for this reason that Pope Francis has recently established tribunals to deliberate on negligence among bishops.

All of us stumble, but true shepherds do not repeatedly put the sheep, especially the little ones, in harm's way, time after time, year after year, and then claim to be doing the work of the Lord. The Good Shepherd gave himself up for the sheep; woe to those shepherds who give up the sheep to protect themselves.
Ad multos annos! Fr Bernard Starman, Pastor

*As A Parish...*we wish to welcome Jose Jesus Villegas Salas, son of Eustaquio & Viviana Villegas Salas and BriarKate Nila Neiman, daughter of Duane & Elizabeth Neiman. The children were baptized in the living waters on 7.11.21. May God bless all of you!

THE LORD'S PORTION—07.11.21

Adult Env (39)	1,967.00
Loose Checks (1)	150.00
Loose Cash	79.75
Mid-week deposit (14 envelopes)	1,510.00
Online Giving (5)	451.94
TOTAL	4,158.69

LITURGICAL MINISTERS — JULY 25

MASS TIMES	Saturday	SUNDAY
EMHC		Maxine Krieger
LECTOR		Cheleigh Sholes
GIFTS		Brendan Borer Fam.
ORGANIST		Diane Osborne
SERVERS		Kearsten Keogh Marek Dvorak Berkleigh Dvorak
USHERS		Dan Ziska George Schmit Todd Seger Roger Frickel

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