

St. Joseph Church


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July 25, 2021
17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week


Mon NO MASS
Tue 10:00 AM + Eleanor Jones @ Good Sam.
Wed 8:15 AM + John & Marilyn Wenner
Thu NO MASS
Fri 8:15 AM + Ray Keogh
Sat 6:00 PM **In Stuart**
Sun 8:30 AM + John J. Dvorak
10:30 AM **In Stuart**

Confession 1/2 hour before week-end Mass

 **WELCOME...to Atkinson, St. Joe's—**
-Fr. Ross & Fr. Sund! An evening meal to celebrate YOU is planned @ the KC Hall on Thu., Aug. 5 @ 6:30—
-meal will be served @ 7:00. ALL FOOD will be furnished! All you have to do is.....SHOW UP! The entire parish is invited!

The Harvest Is Great; Laborers Are Few
Vocation crucifix this week-H&J Krumwiede .
Week of Aug. 1—Brendan Borer family.


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. Apply by contacting Andrea Borer 402.340.3145.



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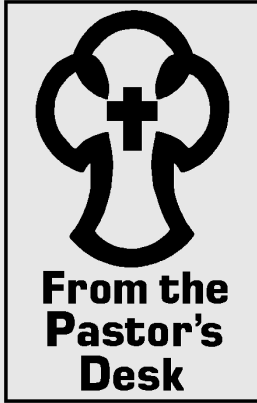
Wed., July 28—Adoration, 9am—3pm
Thu., Aug. 5—Welcome meal for Frs. Ross & Sund
Aug.7/8—Mass time change for 6 mos...**Atkinson**-Sat. @ 6pm; Sun. @ 10:30am. **Stuart**-Sun. @ 8:30am
Sun., Aug. 8—Annual Golf Tourney
Tue., Aug. 10—Altar Society meeting, 6pm, KC Hall
Sun., Aug. 15—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In Memoriam  Merle Liewer Memorial to SJ Church in the amount of \$500.00. May perpetual light shine on Merle.

We Salute *A BIG Thank*
You....to all who continue to save their aluminum cans. The profit goes to our school. The most recent load brought in \$275.00. We recognize Jimmy Corkle, Jozette Kozisek, Joe & Patti Skrdla for their hand in making this happen. God bless all of you!

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.

GOLF *St. Boniface/St. Joseph 4-Person Scramble Golf Tournament...* will be hosted by St. Boniface this year. The event is planned for Sun., Aug. 8 @ the Atkinson-Stuart Country Club. Registration begins @ noon, tee off @ 1pm. To register a team call Kyle Connot, 340.0493 or Jared Wolf, 340.7213. Kids 12 yrs. old & over are welcome to play. Dinner-only tickets can be purchased before dinner begins at the club house. Tickets are \$25. with serving from 5:30—7:30pm



**From the
Pastor's
Desk**

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

In the three-year Lectionary cycle, we have no “Year of John.” So that the significant John 6 may be proclaimed at some time in the cycle, it is inserted beginning on this Sunday through to the Twenty-First Sunday of Year B. The account of the feeding of the five thousand is the only miracle recorded in each one of the four gospels. John’s narrative is true to his portrait of a more self-sufficient Jesus who knows what is in everyone (cf. John 2:27-28). For John, miracles are “signs” that point to a reality beyond themselves, to the identity and truth of Jesus. It is Passover, but the disciples and the crowds that follow Jesus to a mountain by the side of the Sea of Galilee are a long way from where the religious leaders would expect them to be for this festival, namely, in Jerusalem.

John’s account is concerned with how people respond to Jesus. The crowd is enthusiastic about his healing of the sick and they hope that they will get something out of their following of this miracle worker. Although he knows what he will do, Jesus asks Phillip what they should do about buying bread for the people, and Phillip’s response is logical: it would cost more than half the annual wage of a laborer to give this number even a few crumbs, and Jesus and his disciples do not have that kind of money! Andrew’s response is pragmatic, producing one small boy with five coarse barley loaves and two dried fish, a typical and minimal meal for two poor people, not five thousand! All these responses are inadequate, then as now, for what is most important is not utilitarian satisfaction, not logic or reason, not even the miracle that Jesus will work. The gospel concern is that people see what happens as a “sign” that points to something more and beyond, to who Jesus really is, and how he will satisfy not only empty stomachs but also empty hearts.

Jesus takes the little that is offered to him, and in his hands, it becomes an abundant meal. Jewish memories and Christian eucharistic themes (well established in the Johannine communities near the end of the first century) are woven together as Jesus takes the bread, gives thanks, and, unlike the synoptic gospel accounts, distributes both the bread and fish himself. John is not concerned with practical catering logistics, but with the theological emphasis that in this Passover feeding Jesus becomes a personally nourishing presence to each person. This food that he distributes is more precious than the manna, for the people were not to leave any manna until the next day (Exodus 16:19-20) because it would decay. Whatever fragments (*ta klásmata*) are left over from the lakeside meal are not perishable; they are to be gathered up (*synágete*) and cared for by the disciples. In the early church, the eucharistic assembly was sometimes spoken of as the “gathering,” and the eucharistic bread as the “fragments” (for example, in *Didache*, *1 Clement*, and *Ignatius’s Letter to Polycarp*).

The response of the crowd is to hail Jesus as a prophet, one like that promised in Deuteronomy 18:15, who would usher in the messianic era. Knowing their intent to “carry him off” to manipulate him to their own political and material expectations of what the Messiah should be and do, Jesus “withdrew” only to return later for a deeper engagement with the crowd, as we will hear in the continuation of the bread of life discourse on the following Sundays. We bring to this Eucharist the little that we have, all the fragments of our inadequacies, our successes and failures, our hopes, and fears. We offer them to God with the fruits of the earth and the work of human hands, and these small gifts are transformed and offered back to us as the gift of Jesus’s sacramental Body and Blood, into whose life we are gathered. This is not logic, pragmatism, or self-satisfaction; this is *eucharistía*, thanksgiving for God’s abundant and eternal generosity.

Ad multos annos! Fr Bernard Starman, Pastor

We graciously WELCOME Fr. Joseph Sund to Atkinson!!!
Welcome! Fr. recently moved into the rectory of St. Joseph’s.
We’re so happy to have you here, Fr. Sund!

THE LORD’S PORTION—07.18.21

Adult Env (31)	1,455.00
Loose Checks (1)	25.00
Loose Cash	92.00
Mid-week deposit (1 env)	10.00
Online Giving (5)	835.27
TOTAL	2,417.27

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – AUGUST 1

MASS TIMES	Saturday	SUNDAY
EMHC		Landyn Mlady
LECTOR		Jack Wolf
GIFTS		G&U Schmit
ORGANIST		Terri Vrooman
SERVERS		Emersyn Mlady Madalyn Pistulka Leah Pistulka
USHERS (AUGUST)		Brendan Borer Tim Borer Chris Skrdla Joe Skrdla

FEED YOUR FAITH: SEPT.—APRIL SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM—A program open to men & women who desire to deepen their relationship with God monthly gatherings (by Zoom), selected readings, 7 a silent retreat experience. Participants will meet once a month at the Benedictine Peace Center, Yankton, SD on Sat. morning 9:30-11:30 for prayer & a facilitated group dialogue about the selected reading. Registration deadline is August 24. For more info. go to <https://yanktonbenedictines.orgspiritual-enrichment-program>