

St. Joseph Church


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August 01, 2021
18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week

- Mon NO MASS
- Tue 10:00 AM + James Mullen @ Good Sam.
- Wed 8:15 AM + Walt & Cecelia Ries
- Thu NO MASS
- Fri 8:15 AM + SJ Memorial Society
- Sat 6:00 PM + Larry Kliment
- Sun 8:30 AM In Stuart
10:30 AM + Elmer Borer

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!

COMING UP!

The Harvest Is Great; Laborers Are Few
Vocation crucifix this week—B. Borer Family.
Week of Aug. 8—Brian & Marie Welborn.

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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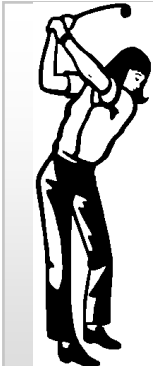


- Wed., Aug. 4—Adoration, 9am—3pm
- Thu., Aug. 5—Welcome meal for Frs. Ross & Sund
- Aug. 7/8**—Notice Mass time change above
- Sun., Aug. 8—Annual Golf Tourney
- Tue., Aug. 10—Altar Society meeting, 6pm, KC Hall
- Sun., Aug. 15—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Mon., Aug. 23—St Joseph School begins...noon dismissal

*Our Parish...*offers sincere sympathy to Cheleigh & Ben Sholes with the death of Cheleigh's sister, Julie Ford. May the Lord comfort you today & in the days ahead & may perpetual light shine on Julie.

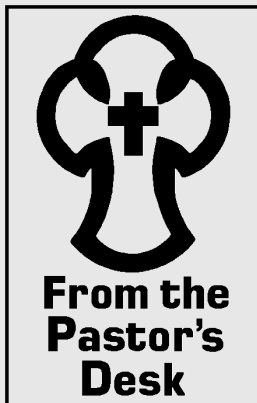
*St. Joseph's Contribution...*of \$690 for the 2021 Pontifical Good Friday Collection on 5.14.21 was well-received! Through this appeal, the Holy Father is committed to maintaining critical support for Christians in the Holy Land. The funds provide pastoral care, schools, housing, employment, refugee assistance & services for the vulnerable young & elderly. Thank 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.



*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

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



After the multiplication of the loaves the crowds hail Jesus as prophet and want to make him king, so he withdraws from them. When they find him, they ask, “When did you get to Capernaum?” The question serves as foil for Jesus to say that they were interested only in the material benefits of the feeding without seeing that it was a symbol of the “food that endures for eternal life” and which the Son of Man will give. Highly condensed in this answer is a summary of the whole ministry of Jesus. He will come to bring eternal life, that is, the fullness of life to people, and this will be brought about through the cross, when the Son of Man who is lifted up will draw all people to himself (John 12:32).

The misunderstanding continues in the next question posed by the crowds, who seek some easy way to perform the works of God (such as the multiplication of loaves). The Johannine Jesus responds with another foundational theme of the gospel: “This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent.”

At the conclusion, in John 20:31, the evangelist will comment, “But these things are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name” (NABRE). Believing, which is never a noun in John (that is faith), is the aim of the whole gospel and challenges readers to accept the extraordinary claim that in the very text of the gospel they encounter the transcendent God in the person of the Word made flesh.

Yet another misunderstanding is posed to Jesus, where the crowd seems to oppose this “work” with the gift of manna in the desert (a miraculous work of God), which Jesus again counters by saying that the manna was not a miracle of Moses, but God’s gift of bread from heaven, and that God’s bread from heaven gives life to the world, and he is the Bread of Life, so that “whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.” The next major section of the discourse extends from this saying to its repetition in 6:51, when in clear eucharistic language Jesus will speak of eating his flesh and drinking his blood.

Two major themes are woven into the tapestry of this discourse which help to shape eucharistic theology today. In the Jewish tradition the manna in the desert came to be associated with the giving of the Torah, so that believers are nurtured by God’s teaching as were their ancestors in the wilderness, and the wisdom of God is often portrayed by the metaphor of food. Throughout the first section of the discourse (6:24-51), while speaking of the bread of life, Jesus uses language of believing, drawing near, and listening, terms that are associated more with assimilation of wisdom than eating. The full participation in eating the body and drinking the blood of Jesus (6:55-56) follows upon personal commitment and love which draws a person to absorb the teaching of Jesus and imitate his life given for others (John 13:34; 15:12).

John’s Jesus today says the bread of God that comes down from heaven “gives life to the world” and “whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.” Jesus then says, “I will not reject anyone who comes to me.” The eucharistic discipline of the church, especially by not exploring more open Eucharist hospitality, is in tension with this Johannine theology. Should people who have been nurtured by the teaching of Jesus be excluded from eucharistic participation? Can Christians be urged to respond fully to John 6:1-51 and be denied the gift of John 6:52-59? Baptized Christians, in the words of the second reading, form a new people “created in God’s way in righteousness and holiness of truth.” How will they participate in the fullness of this life?

Ad multos annos! Fr Bernard Starman, Pastor

THE LORD’S PORTION—07.25.21

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| Adult Env (25) | 1,305.00 |
| Loose Checks (2) | 200.00 |
| Loose Cash | 120.00 |
| Mid-week deposit (7 envelopes) | 250.00 |
| Online Giving (2) | 40.00 |
| TOTAL | 1,915.00 |

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – AUG 7/8

| MASS TIMES | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
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| EMHC | Brian Mlady | Shirley Rossman |
| LECTOR | Landyn Mlady | Patti Skrdla |
| GIFTS | Kathy Kliment | B. Borer Family |
| ORGANIST | Jayne Fetherston | Diane Osborne |
| SERVERS | Mason Troidl Isabella Schaaf Brinley Kerkman | Payton Skrdla Noah Sholes Ezra Sholes |
| USHERS (AUGUST) | Tom Keogh Wayne Pacha Randy Rentschler Gerald Winings | Brendan Borer Tim Borer Chris Skrdla Joe Skrdla |



If You Or Someone You Know... is interested in joining the Catholic Church, RCIA classes will be beginning Sun., Sept. 12 @ 5pm. More info. will be in the upcoming bulletins & on our parish website or call the parish office for more info.

A NOTE FROM BEGINNINGS—Thank you so much St. Joseph Parishioners for being a part of our ‘Baby Bottle Fundraiser’. The gifts you gave bless us in so many ways! From basic needs like rent and electricity, to more specific needs such as pregnancy tests & sexual risk avoidance educational resources. We couldn’t do what we do without your support. You are helping to save & change lives!