

St. Joseph Church

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August 08, 2021
19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon NO MASS
Tue 10:00 AM + Schulte/Schaaf Families @ G.S.
Wed 8:15 AM + Harold & Evelyn Ohde
Thu NO MASS
Fri 8:15 AM + Tom Welsh
Sat 2:00 PM - Miksch/Kolar Wedding
6:00 PM + Bill & Theresa Krysl
Sun 8:30 AM In Stuart
10:30 AM + Jesse Wolf

*Confession 1/2 hour before weekend
Mass*



Calendar

TODAY! Golf Tourney hosted by St. Boniface
Tue., Aug. 10—Altar Society Meeting, 6pm, KC Hall
Wed., Aug. 11—Adoration, 9am—3pm
Sun., Aug. 15—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tue., Aug. 17—Rosary prayed in church @ 1:30
Thu., Aug. 19—KC Meeting, 7:15 pm-rosary
Mon., Aug. 23—St Joseph School begins...noon dismissal
Sept. 4/5—Mission Co-Op Appeal—We'll welcome a missionary

The Date... for our Parish Auction has been set for **Sun., November 14, @ the Atkinson Community Center.** Please watch for bulletin announcements.

The Harvest Is Great, Laborers Are Few
Vocation crucifix this week—Brian & Marie Welborn. The week of Aug. 15—Ben & Cheleigh Sholes.

****KC NEWS****
The meeting will be Thu., Aug. 19 beginning with praying the rosary. The lotto goes to \$90. as Don Mlinar wasn't present. Menu will include: turkey & noodles on mashed potatoes & dessert.
PANCAKE BREAKFAST: SUN., AUGUST 22 FROM 8AM—NOON @ THE KC HALL

OACCW Convention...is scheduled for Sept. 27 from 9:00-3:00 @ Divots in Norfolk. Cost is \$25. Send registration & fee to Ann Kurpgewit, 50444 852nd Rd., Ewing, NE 68735.

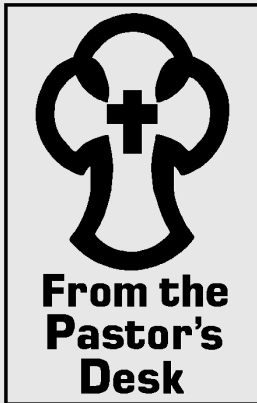
NEEDED*WANTED***GOT TO HAVE
CCD TEACHERS FOR OUR RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR MANY OF OUR
GRADES. Classes will begin in Sept. After you
have prayed about stepping forth, PLEASE contact
Linda Wolf, 402.340.0741. The students will
not only be awarded, but you will, as well!
THANKS!**

WE PRAY FOR...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, Sally Manzer, & Carolyn Falk, (aunt of
Kandie Haase).



St. Boniface/St. Joseph 4-Person Scramble Golf Tournament... will be hosted by St. Boniface this year. The event is planned for **THIS AFTERNOON** @ 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,



In the continuation of the reading from John 6 there is movement to another level of understanding of what Jesus means by “bread”: from material bread to the bread that is the work of faith, and now to the bread that is Jesus himself. We should not be too eager to hurry on to eucharistic references—not yet (on this, see Raymond E. Brown, *The Gospel According to John I–XII*, The Anchor Bible, 272–73). The challenge to the people is to recognize Jesus as the revelation of God’s word. When they come to him and accept to be taught his wisdom, his words become a source of life. In his person and words, Jesus sets before the people a feast that will be nourishment for eternal life.

The religious leaders (named as “the Jews,” the fourth evangelist’s selective terminology for those who oppose Jesus) are foolishly certain that they know all about him because they know his parentage. They have closed the ears of their hearts to anything Jesus has said about “my Father” and the unique relationship of this Father and Son. They are not ready for a surprising God, for a God who can be present in the mundane and ordinary, present in this man who claims to have been sent by God, to speak the words of God, to have seen God, and who has the temerity to endorse himself by the teaching of the prophets (e.g., Isa 54:13) and compare himself more favorably with some of the wonderful events of Israel’s past, such as the feeding with the manna that was God’s gift from heaven. From speaking of “this bread” of his teaching, Jesus now unambiguously points to himself: “I am the living bread that came down from heaven,” says Jesus. The manna was sustenance for a time, but Jesus’s revelation will nourish for eternity; the manna fell from heaven but, as John proclaimed at the beginning of his gospel, Jesus is the Word who was with God and was God from the beginning, and who came from the place close to the Father’s heart to make God known in our human flesh (John 1:1, 14, 18).

This weekend’s gospel concludes with Jesus speaking of the bread he will give for the life of the world as “my flesh.” There may be some eucharistic hints here, but the word “flesh” refers first of all to Jesus’s humanity, his way of being in the world and his self-gift to the world. This is his mission, a result of the Father’s love for the world (John 3:16), that will lead him into his death and resurrection for the life of the world. How this relates to the Eucharist will be further revealed as we listen to the bread of life discourse on the following two Sundays.

There are always options available to us in our journey of faith. Like Elijah, we may feel it would be easier to opt out, perhaps with a struggle, perhaps with a whimper, and often because there is no “angel” around to help us. Or we may join the ranks of the murmurers, resistant to new ideas, new wisdom, new interpretations, even if from the highest teaching authority in the church—an ecumenical council such as Vatican II. Or we may continue to do the hard work of faith and come to Jesus to feed on his word and wisdom, given to us especially in the Scriptures, in the eucharistic Liturgy of the Word, and in our personal *lectio divina*.

Ad multos annos! Fr. Bernard Starman, Pastor

Fr Starman, Jane Reiman & Randy Hupp invite you to join them on Wed., Sept. 1 on a historical guided tour of 3 beautiful churches in our archdiocese. Our stops will include: Madison, St. Leonard’s; Humphrey, St. Francis & Tarnov, St. Michael’s. A homemade lunch will be provided by the women of St. Michael’s Parish. This tour is open to ALL parishioners of Western Holt & Boyd Counties. Contact St. Patrick’s Parish office, 402.336.1602 to reserve your spot on the bus! Cost is \$20, all inclusive. Very little walking required, bus will pull directly in front of churches. Please board the bus in front of St. Patrick Church by 7:30am. We’ll plan to return to O’Neill at approx. 4:30pm. Direct any questions to Jane Reiman, 402.340.0691.

THE LORD’S PORTION—08.01.21

Adult Env (28)	1,907.00
Loose Checks (4)	215.00
Loose Cash	89.00
Mid-week deposit (5 envelopes)	453.00
Online Giving (4)	145.00
TOTAL	2,809.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – AUG 14/15

MASS TIMES	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMHC	Scott Osborne	Joe Skrdla
LECTOR	Kenny Tunender	Don Slaymaker
GIFTS	Keith Kerkman Fam.	Jack & Linda Wolf
ORGANIST	Terri Vrooman	
SERVERS	Brinley Kerkman	Madalyn Pistulka
	Makenna Schaaf	Leah Pistulka
	Taylor Schaaf	Ian Laetsch
USHERS (AUGUST)	Tom Keogh	Brendan Borer
	Wayne Pacha	Tim Borer
	Randy Rentschler	Chris Skrdla
	Gerald Winings	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.

Gayle Jungman will be out of the parish office Wednesday & Thursday—(Aug. 11/12).

