



St. Joseph Church

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ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon NO MASS
Tue 10:00 AM - NO MASS @ GOOD SAMARITAN
10:30 AM + Terry Greger Funeral
Wed 8:15 AM + KCs
Thu NO MASS
Fri 8:15 AM + Sharon Welsh
Sat 6:00 PM + Ray & Eleanor Slaymaker
Sun 8:30 AM In Stuart
10:30 AM + All Souls

*Confession 1/2 hour before weekend
Mass*



Calendar

Tue., Aug. 17—Rosary prayed in church @ 1:30
Wed., Aug. 18—Adoration, 9am—3pm
Thu., Aug. 19—KC Meeting
Sun., Aug. 22—Pancake breakfast @ KC Hall
Mon., Aug. 23—St Joseph School begins...noon dismissal
Wed., Sept. 1—Holt-Boyd Counties Road Trip
Sept. 4/5—Mission Co-Op Appeal...please warmly welcome the mission-ary

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! WE CANNOT HAVE A PROGRAM WITHOUT TEACHERS.

SUPPORT

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JOSEPH'S

SCHOOL...

PURCHASE

**A TICKET FOR SAT. OF HAY
DAYS!!!**



We Offer Sympathy...to the Dan & Joan Greger family with the death of Dan's brother, Terry Greger. May the Lord console you today and in the days ahead. May perpetual light shine on Terry & all who have been called home by the Father.

The Harvest Is Great, Laborers Are Few
Vocation crucifix this week—B & C Sholes. The week of Aug. 22—P & S Kennedy.

****KC NEWS****

The meeting will be Thu., Aug. 19 beginning with praying the rosary @ 7:15pm. 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 Kurpgeweit, 50444 852nd Rd., Ewing, NE 68735.

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.

DUCK RACES

**FOLLOWING PARADE
IN FRONT OF
SOMETHING SPECIAL BY MARILYN**

**OVER \$500
IN PRIZES**



Call Cheleigh for tickets 340-1929

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



The assumption of Mary into heaven, an event that is not described in the biblical tradition, has nevertheless been a part of the church's tradition since the early centuries. It emerged out of reflection among the faithful on the profound role Mary had in the salvation of all humanity, especially in her openness and faithfulness to God. Her openness and faithfulness to God were most profoundly witnessed in her bearing and giving birth to the Son of God, her son Jesus. It was understood that her role in the divine plan warranted her being taken bodily to heaven, to be in the home of God, the one to whom she gave a home in God's earthly sojourn.

Some have seen support for the church's teaching regarding Mary in the image of the "woman clothed with the sun" in Revelation. The woman certainly could stand for Mary, since the woman "gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod." But like so many images in Revelation, the symbol is polyvalent, having more than one meaning. Remember, the woman had "on her head a crown of twelve stars," which could signify the twelve tribes of Israel or the twelve apostles, so referencing the church. Later, the woman "fled into the desert where she had a place prepared by God." The Lectionary omits the conclusion of the verse: "that there she might be taken care of for twelve hundred and sixty days" (NABRE)—most certainly a reference to the church, as the "twelve hundred and sixty days" refers to a symbolic number in Daniel regarding a period of three and a half years before the time of the end.

The point is that Mary is in heaven with her Lord, and she is not simply the stuff of legendary, mythic, or symbolic numbers. She was an actual flesh and blood woman, chosen above all people, male or female, to play the most significant human role in the divine salvific plan. We should never lose track of her humanity. There is this temptation to dehumanize her, but this pays no justice to her faithfulness or to Mary as a model woman, someone women and men can follow as exemplary in trust and joy.

When Mary heard the word from the angel, she went to confide in another woman, not in the men of her family. She traveled "in haste" to the Judean hill country to see her relative Elizabeth. It was Elizabeth to whom Mary entrusted her momentous news and Elizabeth, far from questioning Mary, was open to Mary and her greeting. The Holy Spirit filled Elizabeth and she cried out, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"

Elizabeth was there for Mary, open to her joy and faithfulness, open to being with her and listening to her story. It was in response to Elizabeth's belief, recall, that Mary recited the Magnificat. In this song of praise, Mary speaks of her joy at being chosen, of being blessed in spite of being what she calls "lowly." More significantly, Mary places her own role in the context of God's promises and faithfulness to the people of Israel and the lowly and forgotten of the world. So often the lowly and the forgotten in the world are comprised of women, like Mary and Elizabeth, whose roles are denigrated and whose bodies bear the brunt of abuse and pain.

Mary did not just stop by to talk to Elizabeth; she needed to stay with Elizabeth and so "Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home." They were women together because though Mary had been called and chosen for a role unique among women, had been set apart to return bodily to God's kingdom, she needed another woman, a friend and relative, to talk to, to be with, to share her story.

Ad multos annos!

Fr Bernard Starman, Pastor

THE LORD'S PORTION—08.08.21

Adult Env (32)	1,624.00
Loose Checks (2)	250.00
Loose Cash	161.01
Online Giving (5)	430.85
TOTAL	2,465.86

LITURGICAL MINISTERS — AUG 21/22

MASS TIMES	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMHC	Kenny Tunender	Patti Skrdla
LECTOR	Brian Mlady	Chris Jelinek
GIFTS	M/M Dennis Ryan	Ben Sholes Family
ORGANIST	Jayne Fetherston	
SERVERS	Daphne Mitchell	Marek Dvorak
	Calla Mitchell	Berkleigh Dvorak
	Emersyn Mlady	A. Cadwallader
USHERS	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.

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. 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 in front of churches. Board the bus in front of St. Patrick's by 7:30am. Direct ??? to Jane Reiman, 402.336.0691.