

St. Joseph Church

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August 22, 2021
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions for the Week

- Mon NO MASS
- Tue 10:00 AM - NO MASS @ GOOD SAMARITAN
- Wed 8:15 AM + Pete Schmaderer
- Thu NO MASS
- Fri 8:15 AM + Harvey & Loretta Grof
- Sat 6:00 PM + Max & Agnes Hamik
- Sun 8:30 AM In Stuart
10:30 AM + Ed & Marianne Jansen

*Confession 1/2 hour before weekend
Mass*



Calendar

- TODAY! Pancake Breakfast 8am—noon
- Mon., Aug. 23—St Joseph School begins...noon dismissal
- Wed., Aug. 25—Adoration, 9am—3pm
- Aug. 28/29—Olive Wood Art will be on display in church
- Wed., Sept. 1—Holt-Boyd Counties Road Trip
- Wed., Sept. 1—SJ School Board, 8pm
- Sept. 4/5—Mission Co-Op Appeal...please warmly welcome the missionary

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.**

*We Offer Sympathy...to the
Keating family with the death of Phil
Keating. Also, to the Schaaf family
with the passing of Leo Schaaf. May
perpetual light shine on Phil & Leo
all who have been called home by
the Father.*

*The Harvest Is Great; Laborers Are Few
Vocation crucifix this week—P&S Kennedy. The week of
Aug. 29—Kelly Jelinek Family*

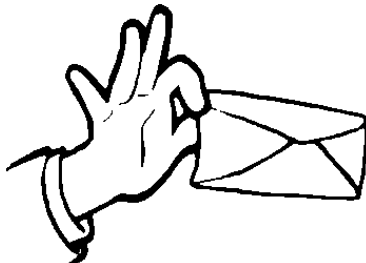
*Congratulations...to Katie
Miksch & Nicholas Kolar who were
united in the Holy Sacrament of
Matrimony August 14, 2021. May
you allow Jesus to be the center of
your lives as you begin your mar-
riage journey.*

**OACCW Convention...is scheduled for
Sept. 27 from 9:00-3:00 @ Divots in Norfolk.
Cost is \$25. Send registration & fee to Ann
Kurgeweit, 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 &

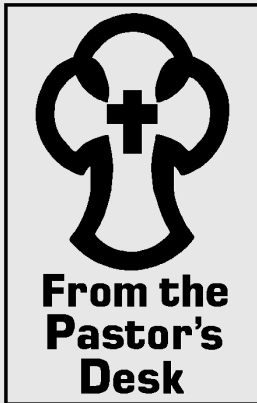
If you are able to take the 10:00-
10:30 slot @ adoration each Wed.
please call the parish office. Thanks!

Next Weekend...you will find Mission Co-Op envelopes in the pews. You are asked to take one home
with you & if you feel moved to donate to the missions, please return it the following weekend. If you would
like credit, write your name and/or envelope number. Thank you!



*The Energy Envelope...found in your packet
dated Sept. 4/5 will not be used until Sept. 11/12 as the
missionary will be here for the annual appeal on Sept.
4/5.*

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



The time of decision-making has come for those listening to Jesus's bread of life discourse. It is not only his opponents, but his followers, his own disciples, who are scandalized by his words. They complain that it is an intolerable teaching, too hard, too offensive to accept. They have been nourished at the table of Torah wisdom and are not prepared to accept any new spiritual food. Surprisingly, after all the talk about "flesh," Jesus now says that it has nothing to offer.

But here Jesus is saying that from a purely human point of view (especially one's own) what he has been saying makes no sense. He will not conform to the expectations of those who want to judge him according to their own superficial experiences. Jesus descended from heaven to speak the words of spirit and life in a way no one else can (cf. John 3:31-36), but some of those listening to him would like to see him ascend to heaven as the Jewish tradition held that their revelatory ancestor Moses had ascended. Jesus leaves his followers free, neither asking them to stay nor giving them permission to go. Their choice, this

crisis moment, is personally theirs . . . and ours.

Then Jesus asks those who are still with him one of the most moving of gospel questions: "Do you also want to leave?" It is Simon Peter who answers, and for the first time in John's gospel someone explicitly accepts Jesus for the most foundational and significant of reasons: because he is the Holy One of God who offers them the words of eternal life. This weekend's Lectionary portion finishes here, no doubt to conclude the bread of life discourse on a positive note, but we also need to hear the last two verses, to realize that even at the moment of this profession of profound faith (John 6:71-72), the church is haunted by the reality of betrayal that lurks in the background and is always a tragic possibility for any of Jesus's disciples. One night Peter will huddle in the dark corner of denial, and Judas will betray his master. To continue with Jesus is an ongoing struggle with the possibility of right or wrong decisions for or against him.

There are times when we, too, may have felt like walking away from the Eucharist: tired of words about it that seem empty of spirit and life, bored with poor celebrations of it, some of us leaving because change is too slow, others because it is too fast. Basically, we are like the people listening to Jesus in this gospel, and like the community for whom John wrote his gospel: we can be tempted to want Jesus to conform to our expectations of how he should be present in and to his church in word and sacrament; we are intolerant of his willingness to be present in the poverty of so many eucharistic liturgies— which is not to say that we do not do all we can to have good liturgies. But perhaps our greatest betrayal is our failure to realize that when we are not in communion with our sisters and brothers we fail to be in communion with the Body of Christ. Peter's response— "Master, to whom shall we go?"— faces us with the memory of the Servant Jesus who went to death, who gave his full human reality, his body and blood, for us, so that we might share in his eternal risen life.

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman
Pastor

THE LORD'S PORTION—08.15.21

Adult Env (20)	955.00
Loose Checks (4)	200.00
Loose Cash	142.00
Midweek Donations	245.00
Energy (1)	25.00
Assumption (9)	210.00
Online Giving (5)	451.94
TOTAL	2,228.94

LITURGICAL MINISTERS — AUG 28/29

MASS TIMES	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMHC	Jim Ramm	Chris Nemetz
LECTOR	Tim Hamik	Pam Bergstrom
GIFTS	M/M Randy Rentschler	M/M Joe Skrdla
ORGANIST	Terri Vrooman	
SERVERS	Felycia Kerkman Mason Troidl Brinley Kerkman	Landri Nemetz Avery Nemetz Payton Skrdla
USHERS	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.

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.