

St. Joseph Church

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon NO MASS

Tue 10:00 AM - NO MASS @ GOOD SAMARITAN

Wed 8:15 AM + Karon Bussinger

Thu NO MASS

Fri 8:15 AM + SJ Memorial Society

Sat 6:00 PM + Michael & Lesta Schaaf Families

Sun 8:30 AM In Stuart

10:30 AM + Joseph Mack

*Confession 1/2 hour before weekend
Mass*

FYI

Wood will be sold at the Parish Auction which is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 14. Please be thinking about what you are able to donate so you're ready when you get the call. Thank you in advance for your support of SJ Parish & School!

The Harvest Is Great, Laborers Are Few

Vocation crucifix this week—Kelly Jelinek Family. The week of Sept. 5—Jozette Kozisek.



Let Us Warmly
VISITING PRIEST *Welcome...Fr Augustine Gama next weekend as he makes an appeal for Mission Co-Op. Some give by going to the missions. Others go to the missions by giving.*



Today!—Olive Wood Art will be on display & available to purchase

Wed., Sept. 1—Adoration, 9am—3pm

Wed., Sept. 1—Holt-Boyd Counties Road Trip

Wed., Sept. 1—SJ School Board meeting, 7:30pm, north sacristy

Sept. 4/5—Mission Co-Op Appeal

Sept. 11/12—Energy collection

Sept. 12—RCIA begins, 5pm

Sept. 18/19—Haiti collection...more on this next weekend

Sept. 27—OACCW Convention, Divot's in Norfolk

Sympathy...to the Jungman, Fetherston & Keogh families with the passing of Fred "Jay" Jungman on 8.27.21. May perpetual light shine on Jay & all who have been called home by the Father.



****WAITING FOR YOUR CALL****

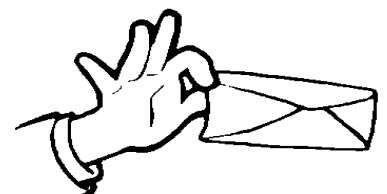
CCD TEACHERS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR GRADES 4, 5, 6&7-combined, (they will begin confirmation) and 10-12 grades. PLEASE contact Linda Wolf, 402.340.0741.

Looking at the potential starting date of Wed., Sept. 22.

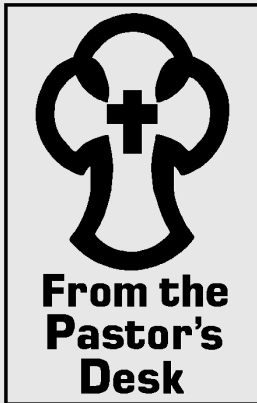
WE PRAY FOR...those in need of special prayers: Emma Lou Gunther, John Gilg, Garrett Scholz, Barb McTavish, Judy Steimle, Adalynn Bouska, Dan & Nancy Krysl, Sally Manzer & Carolyn Falk.

A Word About The Holy Land Olive Wood Art... on display & for sale in church. The Christians living in the Holy Land have been severely hurt by the effects of the Global Pandemic & are relying on the sale of their olive wood art to support the Catholic Community living there. Thanks for your generosity!

*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,



This weekend's gospel [Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23] proclaims an encounter of Jesus with some of his opponents, named as "Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem." Jerusalem was the center of formal opposition to Jesus by those who were fearful of the loss of personal power, overly concerned with the externals of religious appearances, or devoted to censorious inquiry into minor deviations from the established way of doing things religious while ignoring more serious matters. In this sense, every religious group, in the present as well as the past, has those who "come from Jerusalem"—self-appointed custodians of the orthodox faith.

Traditions are necessary for the identity of any group, both secular (think of sports teams) and religious. As Eugene LaVerdiere writes: "Traditions are tenacious and important, but they are not absolute, and their value can be questioned. Traditions spring from a particular history. They nourish a community's ideals, and they in turn are nourished by those ideals. When a life context that inspired a set of traditions dies or is drastically altered, traditions it once sustained become lifeless and meaningless. That does not mean they are immediately abandoned" (The Beginning of the Gospel).

The life context of the early Markan church was being drastically altered by the numbers of Gentiles who were entering into the Christian community. Tension inevitably arose between these new converts and the Christians whose faith had been nourished in the rich soil of Judaism. Many of the latter felt that the traditions they held dear, and that were reconcilable with following Jesus, had been carelessly trampled down or uprooted by the Gentile Christians to whom such traditions meant little or nothing.

On the other hand, the Gentile Christians felt coerced by what, to them, were meaningless laws and rituals. To reconcile both groups in baptismal freedom and love was an ongoing challenge for community leaders. The "tradition of the elders," rightly understood, were not an attempt to bury the commands of God under suffocating trivia, but rather to aerate the whole of Jewish life with mindfulness of the people's identity and responsibilities as God's people. For the sake of the non-Jewish readers, Mark enumerates some of the traditional rituals of washing that are observed.

Jesus responds to the Pharisees' challenge about the behavior of his disciples with a quotation from the prophet Isaiah, addressing them as "hypocrites." Out of the strong Jewish prophetic tradition of self-criticism, Isaiah spoke of religious practices that were on the lips but not in the heart as a superficial and external playacting at true religion. The Pharisees have fallen into the same religious trap of absolutizing their own human traditions of outward observance, not the commands of God. What should be washed is not so much pots and pans and hands, but their own hearts. External rituals have value only insofar as they encourage or express the dedication of our hearts. Before we eat as a eucharistic community, are our hearts clean?

Finally, Jesus tells his disciples that what truly defiles a person does not come from without, from the food that we take into our bodies; what defiles a person is the moral impurity and ethical evil that is first savored in the heart, not in the mouth. As if to emphasize that he is not setting aside God's tradition, Jesus enumerates a catalogue of vices, all of which are either directly proscribed in the Ten Commandments or indirectly related to them. Nineteen centuries later, another Jew would make a choice against "defilement" and for purity of heart in the tradition of true religion. Etty Hillesum, a young Jewish Dutch woman living in Nazi-occupied Amsterdam, and soon to die in Auschwitz at the age of twenty-nine, wrote in her extraordinary diary: "Every atom of hate we add to this world makes it more inhospitable . . . and every act of loving perfects it" (Etty: A Diary 1941-1943)

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman
Pastor

THE LORD'S PORTION—08.22.21

Adult Env (24)	1,152.00
Loose Checks (2)	150.00
Loose Cash	165.00
Midweek Donations	110.00
Assumption (2)	45.00
Online Giving (6)	835.27
TOTAL	2,457.27

LITURGICAL MINISTERS — SEPT 4/5

MASS TIMES	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMHC	Linda Wolf	Andrea Borer
LECTOR	Harry Morgan	Cheleigh Sholes
GIFTS	Troy Schaaf Family	M/M Geo Schmit
ORGANIST	Jayne Fetherston	
SERVERS	Isabella Schaaf MaKenna Schaaf Taylor Schaaf	Ian Laetsch Noah Sholes Brooks Brummer
USHERS (SEPT)	Gary Thurlow Jim Ramm Joe Schaaf Volunteer	Rylan Olson Chris Jelinek Tyler Jelinek Volunteer



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.