

St. Joseph Church

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September 12, 2021

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon NO MASS

Tue 10:00 AM + Don & Marilyn Gokie @ Good Sam

Wed 8:15 AM + Phil Keating

Thu NO MASS

Fri 8:15 AM + KCs

Sat 6:00 PM + Robert & Margaret Mathis, George

& Margaret Mathis

Sun 8:30 AM In Stuart

10:30 AM + Sharon Welsh

*Confession 1/2 hour before weekend
Mass*



Calendar

Tue., Sept. 14—Altar Society Meeting, 6pm @ KC Hall

Wed., Sept. 15—Adoration, 9am—3pm

Sept. 18/19 Haiti collection

Sept. 19—RCIA, 5pm @ St. Mary's High School

Sun., Sept. 19—Birthday Blessings, Fr. Sund!

Tue., Sept. 21—Rosary prayed in church, 1:30pm

Wed., Sept. 22—CCD begins...IF teachers are in place

Sun., Sept. 26—Priesthood Sunday....let our priests know they are appreciated

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

CCD TEACHERS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR RELIGIOUS

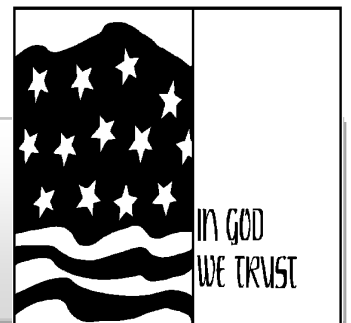
EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR GRADES 4, 5, 6&7-combined, (they will begin confirmation) and 10-12 grades. PLEASE contact Linda Wolf, 402.340.0741.

There will not be classes for kindergarten.

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

9/11...20th Anniversary

The anniversary reminds us to pray not only for those who lost their lives that day but also those who have lost their lives throughout the years because of terrorism & war. We also remember our service men & women who have lost their lives & those who serve community, state, and nation.



Members...It's time for dues of \$10.00 per lady in the parish.

They will be accepted @ church the Sundays of Sept. 19 & 26. If you're out of town, you're encouraged to mail your check to Diane Rentschler, 47691 883rd Rd., Atkinson, NE 68713. THANKS!

The Harvest Is Great, Laborers Are Few

Vocation crucifix this week—Bev Cone. The week of Sept. 19—Don & Brenda Wedige.



Spice Up The Flavor Of Your Baking...with

Watkins Products! The school's fundraiser has begun & will end on Sept. 29. If a SJ student doesn't contact you, please call the school office 402.925.2104 to place an order. Thank you!

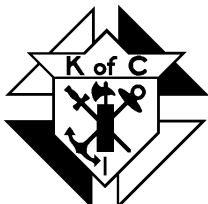
Please Join Our Rosary Ladies... on Tuesday, Sept. 21 @ 1:30 in church to pray the rosary.



There are so many needs these days in our world, so please plan to join us for 20 minutes of PRAYER!

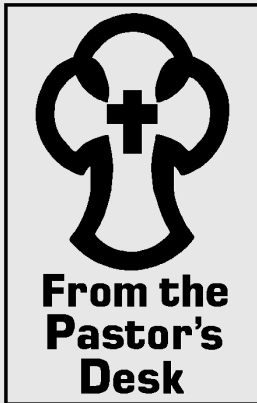
WE PRAY FOR...those in need of special

prayers: Emma Lou Gunther, John Gilg, Garrett Scholz, Barb McTavish, Judy Steimle, Adalynn Bouska, Dan & Nancy Krysl, Sally Manzer.



KC NEWS—Meeting will be Thu., Sept. 16 with rosary recited @ 7:15pm. Lotto will be \$100. as John Peregoy wasn't present. Menu: grilled cheese/ham & dessert. Insurance Needs-Mike Scholz, 308.991.6157; Hall Rental-Wayne Baker, 402.340.0314.

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



In this weekend's gospel [Mark 8:27-35] Jesus bluntly rebukes Peter, telling him, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Mark does not tell us what Peter had actually said to Jesus but given that Jesus has just disclosed that "the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days," it is not a stretch to believe that Peter rejected the need for the Son of Man to suffer and die. Jesus's divinely ordained and freely chosen destiny is, in this context, God's "thinking."

And what is human beings' "thinking"? What is the thinking that draws us away from God's ways and desires? Although human "thinking" in itself is not necessarily negative—avoiding suffering and death is not inherently wrong—what seems to be the case is that whenever (divine) values and (human) preferences come into conflict, one chooses God's thinking. Values and preferences are not always at odds, but when they are, the choice must be made for the things of God.

What things did Peter tell Jesus to choose? When we reflect on Peter telling Jesus to choose human "thinking," it is hard to avoid considering the concrete temptations Satan offered Jesus in the synoptic gospel narratives, since it is Jesus who raises the specter of Satan here in Caesarea Philippi. It seems likely that Jesus does not consider Peter as Satan, but that the temptations Peter offers in the guise of helping Jesus are connected to the temptations of Satan that we know from Matthew and Luke—that is, the basic temptations that underlie all "human thinking."

In the temptation accounts, Jesus is offered the power to satisfy all his earthly hungers, the power to presume upon God's will and favor, and the power over all kingdoms. Wealth, authority, and fame—what more could a person want? Did Peter tempt Jesus with a plea for him not to die at the hands of foreign oppressors, the Romans, but to institute God's kingdom by conquering them militarily and installing himself as king? While it is impossible to know precisely what temptation Peter called upon Jesus to accept, it is not too much to believe that he asked him to act on his power and authority and bring about the kingdom of God in a way that aligned with "human thinking," that involved shows of force, might, and revenge.

When Peter identified Jesus as the Messiah, he must have had particular ideas not just of what this meant for the Messiah, God's Anointed One, but for those who were the Messiah's closest friends, his apostles and disciples. Whatever kingdom Peter's mind conjured, it probably did not involve denying himself and taking up his cross to follow Jesus or losing his life for the gospel. What kind of kingdom is that? Feel for Peter for a moment. What kind of ridiculous kingdom is built on the broken body of a defeated Messiah?

This is the kingdom of "God's thinking," the kingdom of paradox. Tomáš Halík, the Czech priest and theologian, says, "If we have never had the feeling that what Jesus wants of us is absurd, crazy, and impossible, then we've probably either been too hasty in taming or diluting the radical nature of his teaching by means of soothing intellectualizing interpretations, or (mostly naively, illusorily, or even hypocritically) we have too easily forgotten just to what extent—in our thinking, customs, and actions—we are rooted 'in this world' where totally different rules apply" (Night of the Confessor).

Jesus offers us the things of God, the things in which we save our lives by losing them and build a kingdom whose divine power is seen as human weakness.

Ad multos annos! Bernard Starman, Pastor

THE LORD'S PORTION—09.05.21

Adult Envelopes	842.00
Loose Checks (6)	275.00
Loose Cash	204.00
Midweek Donations	125.00
Mission Co-Op	842.48
Assumption (1)	25.00
Energy (6)	210.00
Online Giving (4)	256.15
TOTAL	2,779.63

LITURGICAL MINISTERS — SEPT 18/19

MASS TIMES	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMHC	Brian Mlady	Chris Nemetz
LECTOR	Pam Bergstrom	Maci Nemetz
GIFTS	Kenny Tunender	M/M R Rentschler
ORGANIST	Jayne Fetherston	Diane Osborne
SERVERS	Kearsten Keogh Daphne Mitchell Calla Mitchell	Avery Nemetz Landri Nemetz Ezra Sholes
USHERS (SEPT)	Gary Thurlow Jim Ramm Joe Schaaf Volunteer	Rylan Olson Braydon Olson Chris Jelinek Tyler Jelinek



Today we remember the many grandparents who have done so much to raise the family whether it is their own or another's, who passed on the faith, & made many sacrifices to provide a better life.

The Benedictine Peace Center in Yankton, SD... is offering two online Scripture Studies, using the Little Rock Scripture Study created by the Catholic Diocese of Little Rock in Arkansas. Both groups begin Sept. 29, with registration deadline of Sept. 22. S. Doris Oberembt will facilitate The Book of Exodus, part 1, online Wednesdays, 9:30 –11am for 5 wks. The Gospel of Luke, part 1 will meet Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm for 6 wks., also online. For more info, call 605.668.6292.