

# St. Joseph Church

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## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon NO MASS

Tue 10:00 AM + Bill & Theresa Krysl @ Good Sam

Wed 8:15 AM + Tom & Sharon Welsh

Thu NO MASS

Fri 8:15 AM + SJ Memorial Society

Sat 6:00 PM + Francis & Mildred Fritz

Sun 8:30 AM **In Stuart**

10:30 AM + Juli Ford

*Confession 1/2 hour before weekend  
Mass*



### Calendar

TODAY! Priesthood Sunday

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

Wed., Sept. 29—Adoration, 9am—3pm

**Wed., Sept. 29—CCD classes begin, 6:30pm**

Wed., Sept. 29—Deadline to order Watkins Products

Sun., Oct. 3—Life Chain in O'Neill

Sun., Oct. 17—Confirmation @ St. Joseph's, 10:30am Mass

**Sun., Oct. 24—Confirmation @ St. Boniface...Mass Time**

**Change...Atkinson SJ @ 8:30am; Stuart SB @ 10:30am**

### Our Parish Of-

*fers...*sincere sympathy to the family of Rita Borer. Rita was called to eternal life on 9.17.21.

Also, we offer condolences to Fr Starman with the passing of his aunt, Mary Rose (Schmit) Beckman Schainost. May God grant peace & consolation to the families today and in the days ahead & may perpetual light shine on Rita & Mary Rose.



World Mission Sunday...October 24

Parish Auction...November 14



**Members...**If you haven't paid your dues of \$10.00, please do so today or mail your check to Diane Rentschler, 47691 883rd Rd., Atkinson, NE 68713. THANKS!

**DID YOU KNOW...**If you're registered @ St. Joseph's, you're automatically a member of SJ Altar Society? Group lists are available in the vestibule.

### *The Harvest Is Great; Laborers Are Few*

Vocation crucifix this week—John & Marsha Thomassen.  
The week of Oct. 3—Tim & Joan Laible.



**Spice Up The Flavor Of Your Baking...**with Watkins Products! The school's fundraiser will end on Sept. 29. If a SJ student hasn't yet contacted you, please call the school office, 402.925.2104. Thank you!



## BAPTISM

*We Welcome...*Miles

Garrett Kilmurry, son of Wes & Kellyn

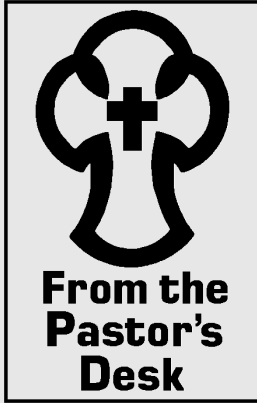
Kilmurry to the Church of St. Joseph's. Miles was cleansed in the Waters of Baptism on 9.18.21.

### WE PRAY FOR...

those in need of special prayers: Emma Lou Gunther, John Gilg, Garrett Scholz, Barb McTavish, Judy Steimle, Adalynn Bouska, Nancy Krysl, Sally Manzer.

**Priesthood Sunday...**serves two important purposes. It provides an opportunity for lay Catholics to express their love & appreciation for the men who have responded affirmatively to the call to Christ's Holy Priesthood. Secondly, it is hoped that publicly celebrating the vitality of the priesthood will touch the hearts of many young men who may have their own calling to a priestly vocation. Please take time out of your busy day to thank our priests and let them know how much they are appreciated!

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



“But they’re not one of us!” is an exclusive catch cry that can be raised in many contexts, from the bullying on the school playground to that in the much more serious social, political, and religious arenas. Just consider, say these criers: migrants will take our jobs, asylum seekers will threaten our security, community housing in our street for people with disabilities will lower our property values, ecumenism and contact with other religions will dilute our faith! And those who hold these views consider that they have a monopoly on wisdom and insight!

In the gospel proclaimed this weekend (Matthew 9: 38-43,45, 47-48) we hear exclusion spoken from the midst of the Twelve. John is their indignant spokesman, informing Jesus that a man who “does not follow us” is “driving out demons in your name.” The real issue from John’s point of view is not that this *man is not following Jesus—after all, he is doing his healing acts in Jesus’s name, which implies some faith in Jesus; the problem is that he is not following the Twelve!* They tried to stop him, apparently unsuccessfully, since they make an implicit appeal to Jesus to do something about it. Jesus responds to John’s indignation by telling him that they should see such a person not as a competitor but as a companion along the way, even if he is not physically traveling with the Twelve, because “whoever is not against us is for us.” Work for the kingdom is not to be the jealously guarded preserve only of the disciples who are physically accompanying him.

Jesus expands on what being “with” him means. In a land where the availability of water can mean the difference between life and death, offering someone a cup of water symbolizes the simple but generous hospitality that should characterize a Christian disciple, for doing this to another is doing it to Christ. Those who are aiming to be “the biggest and the best,” even religiously, can too easily overlook or disparage the service of the “little ones” of great faith: the behind-the-scenes workers in a parish; those who seem to have the gift of a spontaneously positive response to everyday relationships and crises; the people who welcome demands on their time without fuss and with unfailing generosity. “Little ones” may also refer to those who are young in faith, new members of the Christian community. As a parish, how hospitable have we continued to be toward those who were baptized at Easter, or have we forgotten them and the drama of the Great Night? How inclusive are our attitudes to people who are entering from surprising—and even from what some “established” Christians might consider unwelcome and scandalous—quarters or lifestyles?

Strong feelings evoke strong language, and the Markan Jesus uses vivid images to heighten the impact of his words about the sin and scandal of those who are a stumbling block to the faith of others. Rather than concentrate on criticizing those whom we consider “outsiders,” disciples need to be self-critical. The harsh words about self-mutilation are to be taken figuratively, not literally. It would be better, says Jesus, to go through life physically handicapped than to give scandal by our sinfulness and so become spiritually maimed and unfit for the kingdom of God. The final image of “Gehenna” (or “hell”) refers to what was a valley just outside the city of Jerusalem, and once the site of Canaanite human sacrifice. The Israelites had converted this into a garbage dump where the stench of the burning refuse became a constant reminder of corruption and a symbol of punishment. The alternative is the life of the new heavens and the new earth, the Isaian memory that probably lies behind this verse (see Isa 66:22- 24). As we have prayed in the responsorial Psalm 19, it is only by trusting in God’s guidance as do the simple, those who are wise enough to know their own frailty, that we can live wisely, truthfully, and reverently.

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman, Pastor

**THE LORD’S PORTION—09.19.21**

Adult Envelopes	1,567.00
Loose Checks (4)	170.00
Loose Cash	198.00
Midweek Donations	315.00
Haiti	432.75
Energy (4)	240.00
Online Giving (8)	972.21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,894.96</b>

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS – OCT 2/3**

<b>MASS TIMES</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
EMHC	Gary Thurlow	Maxine Krieger
LECTOR	Harry Morgan	Dan Kramer
GIFTS	M/M Don Wedige	Ben Sholes Family
ORGANIST	Jayne Fetherston	Diane Osborne
SERVERS	Charlie Flannery	Noah Sholes
	Brinley Kerkman	Ian Laetsch
	Mason Troidl	A. Cadwallader
<b>USHERS (OCT)</b>	Lee Friedel	Allen Tooker
	Dennis Ryan	Phil Fritz
	Jon Gotschall	Darrell Miksch
	Jeff Mathis	Troy Schaaf

**COME PRAY FOR OUR NATION, THAT ALL LIFE WILL BE PROTECTED IN OUR HEARTS, AND IN OUR LAWS, COURT DECISIONS, AND PRESIDENTIAL ACTIONS. LIFE CHAIN IN O’NEILL...SUNDAY, OCT. 3. REGISTRATION STARTS at 1:30 @ THE CORNER OF 3RD & DOUGLAS. AFTER REGISTERING, PARTICIPANTS WILL PICK UP THEIR SIGNS & PRAYERS, THEN LINE BOTH SIDES OF DOUGLAS STREET TO WITNESS IN SILENT PRAYER FROM 2-3:00 PM**