

St. Joseph Church

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October 10, 2021

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon NO MASS

Tue 10:00 AM + NO MASS @ Good Sam

Wed 8:15 AM + Kenny Lane

Thu NO MASS

Fri 8:15 AM + Joan Murphy

Sat 6:00 PM + Ed & Marianne Jansen

Sun 8:30AM In Stuart

10:30 AM - Pro Populo **Confirmation**

*Confessions 1/2 hour before weekend
Mass*



Calendar

Tue., Oct. 12—Altar Society meeting, 6pm @ KC Hall

Wed., Oct. 13—Adoration, 9am—3pm & CCD Classes

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

Tue., Oct. 19—Rosary will be prayed in church @ 1:30. Everyone is most welcome!

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

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

Oct. 23/24—World Mission Sunday...2nd collection

Tue., Oct. 26—Birthday Blessings, Fr. Ross!

November 7—Daylight Saving Time ends

November 14—Parish Auction



Looking Ahead—wood cutting for the parish auction is planned for the weekends of Oct. 30/31 & Nov. 6/7 south of SJ Cemetery beginning @ 10am. Trailers & workers are needed. A delicious lunch will be served in return for all of your hard work! Direct ??? to Randy Schaaf, 402.340.6054.



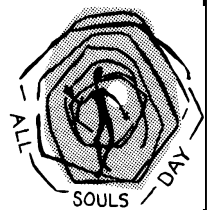
We Offer Sympathy...to Fr Starman with the death of his first cousin's husband, Chris Hansen of Tilden. We pray for Chris's eternal repose and also consolation for the family.

The Harvest Is Great; Laborers Are Few

Vocation crucifix this week—Joe & Patti Skrdla. The week of Oct. 17—Mike & Brenda Dobias.

Auction Coupons...are available in the church vestibule for you to make your annual auction donation. Obviously due to covid, we weren't able to have the auction last fall OR in March as planned. Those who made any type of donation will not be asked to donate again. There are some items being stored in the rectory basement that our 'callers' picked up last year. WE ARE HOPING FOR A SUCCESSFUL EVENT!!!

You Will Find...All Souls envelopes in the vestibule. If you'd like your loved ones remembered @ Mass during November, please return the envelope to the parish office.



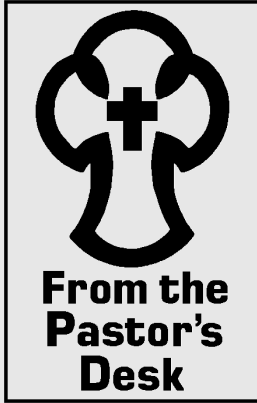
WE PRAY FOR...those in need of special prayers: Emma Lou Gunther, John Gilg, Garrett Scholz, Barb McTavish, Judy Steimle, Adalynn Bouska, Nancy Krysl, Sally Manzer, Marian Cook

Help Wanted

St. Joseph Catholic School is looking to

hire a full-time para-professional. This position provides support to the teacher to ensure a safe & stimulating educational environment. Submit resume to Andrea Borer, PO Box 69, Atkinson, NE 68713 OR email aborer@stjosephatkinson.org. EOE

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



On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus continues to make radical demands of those who want to be his disciples. Last Sunday it was about marriage; today it is about money. We meet a man who has a sense of his own mortality and a hope for eternal life. He comes eagerly and respectfully to Jesus. The eternal life that the man is seeking is the gift of God. Then Jesus places the man within his own faith tradition, quoting to him some of the Ten Commandments, with the Markan addition of “you shall not defraud.” The man replies that he has kept all these commandments.

Jesus gazes at the man and loves him so much that he gives him the radical answer that his radical question deserved. Jesus asks him to discard everything, to extend his love of God to the poor by selling all he owns and giving the money from this transaction to them, leaving himself dependent on nothing but treasure in heaven, and then come and follow Jesus. To stand bare and dispossessed before the God who is good, with radical trust in God’s gifts, is the way to the eternal life for which the man had approached Jesus. But then a shadow falls over the bright landscape of this encounter of eager love. The man is shocked by Jesus’s reply, and instead of following he goes away “sad, for he had many possessions.” There is certainly much of which we can be possessive—ambitions, relationships, social status—but Mark does not want us to leave the question of wealth and material riches too quickly. It is surely significant, especially for disciples in affluent social situations, that this portion of the gospel continues with two more conversations: one with the disciples who are with Jesus and have witnessed his meeting with the rich man, and the other with Peter who wants to clarify the disciples’ situation.

Just as Jesus had looked at the man, he now looks around at his disciples with the same look of penetrating love—and he looks at us, his church. He tells us that riches are a great obstacle to entering the kingdom of God, and calls us “children,” reminding us that we must have a sense of our dependence on God for all good gifts. To drive his point home, Jesus makes an exaggerated and metaphorical comparison. For a rich person to enter heaven is as difficult as a camel getting through the eye of a needle! The disciples do not have the wisdom of the first reading, and are still caught in the convention that sees riches as a sign of God’s blessing; so, more astonished than ever, they ask one another: “Then who can be saved?” But only Jesus can answer them. It may be humanly impossible, he says, but nothing is impossible to God. It may take a miracle for a rich person to be saved—but trust God to work this, because before God we are all beggars of love and salvation.

Then Peter, typically, asks his question, What about us? Peter and the disciples have left what they had to follow Jesus, but such dispossession is not a matter of just one leaving, as Mark’s gospel will show. The disciples are finding it hard to leave their preconceptions about the Messiah, about suffering, about who should be first and last; and in Gethsemane the disciples will leave everything not to follow Jesus, but to run away from him (Mark 14:50-53).

Jesus assures Peter that those who do give up the “everything” of possessions and relationships for the sake of following him and the gospel with which he identifies himself, will receive a hundredfold: new relationships in the new family of Jesus’s followers, new possessions that are the fruit of doing and hearing the word of God and, the most cherished possession of all, the eternal life they had witnessed the man was seeking. But with all these benefits will come persecution, for no disciple can escape the cross.

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman, Pastor

THE LORD’S PORTION—10.03.21

Adult Env. (21)	1,872.00
Loose Checks (3)	165.00
Loose Cash	132.00
Energy (1)	300.00
Midweek Donation	1,523.00
Insurance (6)	780.00
World Mission Sun. (1)	50.00
Online Giving (6)	484.70
TOTAL	5,306.70

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – OCT 16/17

MASS TIMES	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMHCs	Gary Thurlow	Fr Starman & Deacon Kersenbrock
LECTOR	Jack Wolf	Heather Slaymaker
GIFTS	M/M Geo. Schmit	Siblings of Confirmandi
ORGANIST	Jayne Fetherston	Terri Vrooman
SERVERS	Kearsten Keogh Calla Mitchell Daphne Mitchell	Berkleigh Dvorak A. Cadwallader
USHERS (OCT)	Lee Friedel Dennis Ryan Volunteer Jeff Mathis	Siblings of Confirmandi

The Parish Auction is our largest fundraiser of the year! We truly rely on the success of this annual event to keep the doors of our buildings open....the same buildings that the pioneers before us worked so diligently to construct. Therefore, you are asked to kindly respond when you receive that annual phone call to donate. Thank you to all for your continued support & may God continue to bless us as a thriving parish!