

St. Joseph Church

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October 17, 2021

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon NO MASS

Tue 10:00 AM + Jay Jungman @ Good Sam

Wed 8:15 AM + Paul & Karen Seger

Thu NO MASS

Fri 8:15 AM + KCs

Sat 6:00 PM + Bill & Sylvia Morgan Family

Sun **10:30 AM In Stuart St Boniface Confirmation**

8:30 AM + Elmer & Rita Borer

*Confessions 1/2 hour before weekend
Mass*



Mon., Oct. 18—SJ Home & School meeting, 8pm

Tue., Oct. 19—Rosary, 1:30 @ church. Everyone welcome!

Wed., Oct. 20—Adoration, 9am—3pm & CCD Classes

Thu., Oct. 21—KC meeting...begins with rosary @ 7:15pm

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

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

Oct. 30/31—Woodcutting, 10am, south of SJ Cemetery

November 1—All Saints Day

November 2—All Souls Day

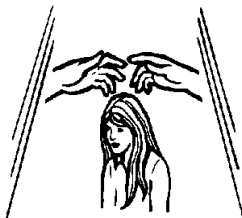
Nov. 6/7—Woodcutting, 10am...same location

November 7—Daylight Saving Time ends

November 14—Parish Auction...**Mass will begin @ 8:30am**

Sun., Nov. 21—Annual KC Poultry party

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IN THE
SPIRIT**



**Congrats to the
following:**

Brianna Anderson,
Makinley Cadwal-
lader, Shaylee
Campbell, Monica

Chavez, Marek Dvorak, Kruz Jelinek, Ian Laetsch, Abigail Mathis, RyAnna Mathis, Olivia Micheel, Anel Monasterio, Kellen Monasterio, Drake Nemetz, Avery Nemetz, Braydon Olson, Trayton Olson, Madalyn Pistulka, Irisbelsy Sanchez, Itzel Sanchez, Naomi Sanchez, Makenna Schaaf, Lily Vogel & Arideth Weekley.

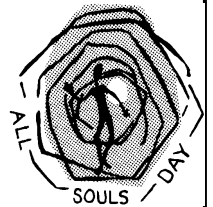
Many thanks to the teachers, Nicky Cadwallader & Paul Pistulka who have taught these young people the last couple of years & especially the parents who were their first teachers of the faith. *God bless them as they prepare to take a more adult role on their journey of life!*

'Domestic Awareness'...containers have been placed in church. Items needed: paper towels, household cleaning supplies, dryer sheets, personal care products such as soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc. Thank you so much for whatever you're able to donate to help those in need. "Whatsoever you do to the least of my brother, you do for me."

The Harvest Is Great; Laborers Are Few
Vocation crucifix this week—Mike & Brenda Dobias. The week of Oct. 24—Jim & Rosemary Ketteler

Our Auction...is less than a month away!!!
There are coupons available in the church vestibule for you to make your donation, in case no one called you. Doors will be open at the Community Center @ 9am on Sat., Nov. 13 for you to drop off items. Coffee, rolls & juice will begin @ 8 am on Sunday. Bidding starts @ 11:00. The 'best lunch ever' will be served all day! **Direct ??? to Megan & Tyler Mitchell, 402.340.3056 or Paul & Corinne Pistulka, 308.961.0503.**

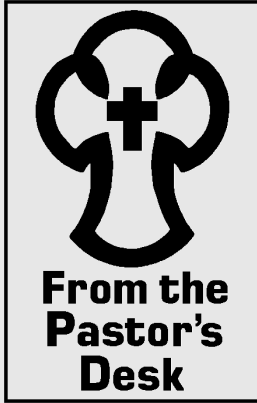
You Will Find...All Souls envelopes in the vestibule. If you'd like your loved ones remembered @ Mass during November, please return the envelope to the parish office.



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,



No one in Mark's gospel approaches Jesus as arrogantly as James and John in this weekend's reading. But perhaps our criticism of these two disciples who, with Peter, comprise the most intimate core of the Twelve, needs to be modified if we are honest with ourselves. How often do we, too, approach Jesus with self-centered demands about our own plans rather than with deep faith in *his plans for us*?

It is as though James and John have not heard one word of what Jesus has told them about the suffering and death that await him in Jerusalem. All that they are concerned about is what Jesus can make happen for them when he comes into his "glory." What they want, they tell him, are the two best places next to him, on his right and on his left. Perhaps it is Jesus's deep sorrow at the ignorance of the brothers' request that tempers his response to them. He answers with the images of "cup" and "baptism." In the Old Testament, the cup was a rich and uncertain symbol. It could refer not only to overflowing joy and communion with God (Ps 23:5) and God's salvation (Ps 116:13), but also to the draining of the painful cup of punishment (Ps 11:6; Isa 51:17; Jer 49:12).

In his passion Jesus will gulp down the sins of the world, drain the cup of suffering and wrath so that it may be refilled with the joy of salvation. Can the brothers drink this same cup? The baptism of which Jesus speaks is his total submersion in the flood of suffering and death. Can James and John go with him into these depths of his passion? Again, before we pass judgment on them, we need to ask ourselves if we accept the consequences of our sacramental baptism—a baptism into Christ's death so that we may rise with him in newness of life (cf. Rom 6:3-4). In the mention of the cup, do Christian communities hear and obey that echo of the Eucharist that also initiates us into participation into the self-giving of Jesus and a sharing in his thirst for justice? The paradox of Jesus's Good News must be constantly repeated: that there can be no glory without a share in his suffering.

The failure of his disciples to understand him, his mission, or his relationship to his Father, was an aspect of Jesus's suffering. Their desertion on the eve of his passion would add to the bitterness of the cup he would drink, would be another flood of pain sweeping over him. Power and triumphalism, the desire for first places in the kingdom, have nothing to do with Christian leadership, yet into the hands of these frail and failing human beings Jesus entrusts the Christian community that would, in the power of his love and forgiveness, struggle through to resurrection with him. This is both our challenge and our consolation.

The other ten disciples, who were so glum and dumb when confronted by Jesus's earlier prediction of his passion, regain their voices to argue and bicker among themselves, angry over James and John's approach to Jesus. We might suspect that this reaction is not so much because of the inappropriateness of the brothers' approach, but more because these two had beaten the other ten to it! Knowing that earthly ambition (transferred to heaven!) and competitiveness were what the disciples had in their sights, Jesus calls them together to try to teach them, yet again, what is to be the foundation of their identity: the service of others that reflects the self-sacrificing service of Jesus. Kingdom greatness is the gift for those who make no claim to power and status. The demand of James and John—"Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you"—needs to be transformed for and by all disciples into this: Teacher, we want to do for you and for many whatever you ask of us.

Ad multos annos! Fr. Bernard Starman, Pastor

THE LORD'S PORTION—10.10.21

Adult Env. (29)	1,387.00
Loose Checks (1)	25.00
Loose Cash	195.00
Midweek Donation Insurance (9)	190.00 592.00
Online Giving (8)	785.85
TOTAL	3,174.85

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – OCT 23/24

MASS TIMES	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMHCs	Jim Ramm	Joe Skrdla
LECTOR	Tim Hamik	Patti Skrdla
GIFTS	M/M Harry Morgan	B. Borer Family
ORGANIST	Terri Vrooman	
SERVERS	Leah Pistulka	Mason Troidl
	Madalyn Pistulka Volunteer	Taylor Schaaf Volunteer
USHERS (OCT)	Lee Friedel	Allen Tooker
	Dennis Ryan	Phil Fritz
	Volunteer	Darrell Miksch
	Jeff Mathis	Troy Schaaf

KC News....Meeting is planned for Thur., Oct. 21 with rosary being prayed @ 7:15pm. There will be 2 drawings...\$100.00 & \$10.00. On the menu: chili soup & dessert. On the agenda will be the upcoming wood-cutting for the Parish Auction.

Bright Horizons Gift Card Drive continues! These cards will be given to clients for gas, food & more. If you have any ??? contact the O'Neill office...318 E Douglas St or call 402.336.1774.