

Parish Auction Today!

November 14, 2021
33rd Sunday in Ordinary time

Mass Intentions for the Week
Mon NO MASS
Tue 10:00 AM + Marjorie Johnson @ Good Sam
Wed 8:15 AM + KCs
Thu NO MASS
Fri 8:15 AM + Michael Gonderinger Family
Sat 6:00 PM + Bill & Theresa Krysl
Sun 8:30 AM **IN STUART**
10:30 AM + Bill Dexter
Confessions 1/2 hour before weekend Mass



TODAY! PARISH AUCTION!
THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!
Mon., Nov. 15—Home & School meeting, 8pm
Tue., Nov. 16—Rosary in church, 1:30pm...everyone welcome!
Wed., Nov. 17—**Adoration will begin @ 11am.** CCD classes
Thu., Nov. 18—KC meeting, 7:15pm
Sun., Nov. 21—Annual KC Poultry party
Thu., Nov. 25—Thanksgiving Mass, 9am
Tue., Nov. 30—Avanti @ the KC Hall, Atkinson beginning @ 6:30 with a potluck supper. All CECers or 4th dayers are welcome to join us. Direct ??? to Cathy Minchow, 402.942.2721.
Dec. 4/5—Tootsie Roll Drive-to benefit those with intellectual disabilities...a second collection

religious education **NEEDED**—Volunteers to help with the confirmation class each Wednesday evening @ 6:30. You won't need to teach, just help the students with completing the materials.
BE THE FIRST TO VOLUNTEER!!!
Call Linda Wolf, 402-340-0741

Aluminum Cans...brought our school \$301.00. Thanks to all who make this possible. First & foremost those who bring their cans in addition to Jimmy Corkle, Jozette Kozisek, Eli Hurley & Joe Skrdla who transport the cans, etc.

St. Joseph Church

Rev. Bernard Starman, Pastor
Rev. Ross Burkhalter, Senior Associate Pastor
Rev. Joseph Sund, Associate
Deacon MJ Kersenbrock
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We Welcome...newly registered—
Michael, Samantha, Jack & Carson Sholes. So happy you are here!!!



The Harvest Is Great, Laborers Are Few
Vocation crucifix this week—George & Udonna Schmit.
The week of Nov. 21—Dennis & Roxanne Ryan.
It Has Been Brought ...to our attention that the Vocation Cross isn't being taken to the homes of those who have signed up for this most important ministry. For the next few weeks you'll find the cross on the north side altar due to the candles of our deceased on the south side altar. PLEASE watch the bulletin for your name. There is a strong need for vocations to the priesthood/religious life so please take the cross the week you are designated.

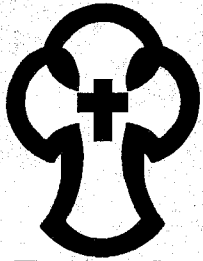
SEE YOU AT THE AUCTION!!!
Coffee, rolls & juice will begin @ 8 am today. Bidding starts @ 11:00. Lunch will be served all day! Do your Christmas shopping ... take home a bargain!
Direct ??? to Megan & Tyler Mitchell, 402.340.3056 or Paul & Corinne Pistulka, 308.961.0503.
AS in the past, we'll need several to stay after to help clean up. **THANK YOU!**

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

****KC NEWS****
The meeting is planned for Thu., Nov. 18. Rosary prayed @ 7:15pm. Menu: Chicken noodle soup & dessert. The lotto is: \$100. & \$20. On the agenda—planning the Annual Poultry Party which is Sun., Nov. 21. Card playing & lunch will begin @ 11:30 and evening games @ 6pm. **KNIGHTS—PLEASE BRING ONE PIE.**

Attention Parents **Did you remember to pay the CCD fee of \$20.00 per child? If not, please do so! Checks can be given to Linda Wolf. Thank you so much!**

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



**From the
Pastor's
Desk**

When Jesus outlines the apocalyptic scenario found in the Gospel of Mark, he warns, "But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." Patristic discussion of this verse focused on what this admission indicated about Jesus's divinity and the relationship between Jesus's divine and human knowledge, but in context the intent of this saying points to the need for vigilance and perseverance regarding the coming end, since no one knows when it will occur.

But Jesus also tells us in Mark that "this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place." The sense of imminence here is profound, though later Christians would argue whether Jesus meant the generation of his disciples or the generation of all human beings, while others discussed whether "all these things" referred to Jesus's death and resurrection, the destruction of Jerusalem, or "the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory," which is the clearest meaning.

The themes of imminent preparation for the end, the *eschaton*, and the fact that no one knows when the end will occur, therefore, have been joined in Christianity from the earliest days, maintaining a tension between what has been accomplished (realized eschatology) and what is still to come (future eschatology).

Whether we understand, or believe we understand, much about the last things—not only when these things will occur but what sort of process we go through in death; what the interim period between our death and the resurrection is like, the process of purgatory; what the heavenly life is like, whether it takes place on a renewed earth or in a heavenly, otherworldly domain—these mysteries will in many ways remain mysteries on this side of death and appear to us as vague and incomplete.

We have the assurances of revelation, however, that there is a world to come and that it may come in fullness at any time. In an odd way, though, the dramatic and mythic apocalyptic scenarios of the coming end can be distractions from the realities to which they point: death, judgment, heaven, and hell—the four last things. How? Calculating the end times and whether the apocalypse will play out now or then, in this way or that, can draw us away from preparation for our own end.

For death is coming for each of us, whether we will confront it in our own personal eschaton or in the cosmic apocalyptic drama as described in the Gospel of Mark. Even if "the end" does not occur in our lifetime, and even if another group of end-time prophets falsely calculate Jesus's return and offer precise dates that do not come to pass, we will still come to our end. How are we preparing for it?

For this is not just a future reality. This is our life to live now and then. It is incumbent upon us to live for God, to begin the process of righteous living now that will be brought to perfection then, at the time of the end. Our time is short, even from the perspective of human history, but especially in the scope of eternity, and it can end at any time.

But as Jesus tells us, the time of the end is the coming of the Son of Man, the time of the fullness of revelation—the time, that is, when God makes all things new. And though it is true that apocalyptic scenarios speak of persecution and torment, this is not the final story, though modern apocalyptic movies, books, and video games give an inordinate and theologically unsound emphasis to darkness and desperation. Death can create fear for us, as do judgment and hell, but we were created for one last thing, heaven, to be like and to be with God. Jesus encourages us to prepare now, for this is the time to get ready for whatever happens and whenever it takes place.

Ad multos annos! Fr Starman, Pastor



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!! THE SJ SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL BEGIN PRACTICING FOR THEIR EVER-SO-POPULAR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM. THERE'LL BE A SLIGHT CHANGE IN ADORATION ON THE FOLLOWING WEDNESDAYS: NOV. 17, DEC. 1, 8, 15. ADORATION WILL BEGIN @ 11:00. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

THE LORD'S PORTION—11.07.21

Adult Env. (25)	1,626.00
Loose Checks (2)	75.00
Loose Cash	84.00
Midweek Donation	25.00
All Saints	50.00
CCHD	100.00
Online Giving (8)	805.25
TOTAL	2,765.25

LITURGICAL MINISTERS — Nov 20/21

MASS TIMES	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMHCs	Kenny Tunender	Lindsey Nemetz
LECTORS	Harry Morgan	Heather Slaymaker
GIFTS	M/M Dennis Ryan	B. Borer Family
ORGANISTS	Terri Vrooman	
SERVERS	Madalyn Pistulka	Ezra Sholes
	Leah Pistulka	Payton Skrdla
	Mason Troidl	Isabella Schaaf
USHERS	Jeff Mathis	Jim Torpy
	3 Volunteers	Jeff Laetsch
		Greg Straka Volunteer

CCHD (Campaign for Human Development) will be taken up next weekend. Your gift will help groups of low-income Americans address the causes of poverty in their communities. Your generosity will secure job training opportunities, improved education, affordable housing, and other tools for reducing poverty in our nation. Thank you in advance for whatever amount you are able to sacrifice.