

St. Joseph Church

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon NO MASS
Tue 10:00 AM + John & Dolores Keating @ G. Sam
Wed 8:15 AM + Pat Baker
Thu 9:00 AM + Gordon Dvorak Thanksgiving
Fri NO MASS
Sat 6:00 PM + Tom & Sharon Welsh
Sun 8:30 AM IN STUART
10:30 AM + Paul & Karen Seger

*Confessions 1/2 hour before weekend
Mass*

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"WE ARE A COMMUNITY WITH A CALLING TO BUILD AND STRENGTHEN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST SO THAT WE MAY LEAD OTHERS FORWARD IN FAITH."

The Harvest Is Great, Laborers Are Few

Vocation crucifix this week—Dennis & Roxanne Ryan.
The week of Nov. 28—Karen Thompson.

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.



TODAY! POULTRY PARTY...BEGINS @ 11:30

Wed., Nov. 24—Adoration will begin @ 9am & NO CCD Classes
Thu., Nov. 25—Happy Thanksgiving!
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. 1, 8, 15—Adoration begins @ 11:00am
Dec. 4/5—Tootsie Roll Drive-to benefit those with intellectual disabilities...a second collection
Dec. 8—Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary...a Holy Day of Obligation
Wed., Dec. 15—St. Joseph School Christmas program, 6:30 @ church

THE AUCTION WAS INDEED A SUCCESS!!

THE TOTAL TO DATE: **\$90,596.**

MANY BLESSINGS TO ALL WHO HAD A HAND IN THIS VERY IMPORTANT FUNDRAISER...FROM CHAIRMEN, CO-CHAIRMEN, AUCTIONEERS, CALLERS, BOOKKEEPERS, KITCHEN HELP, DONORS & THOSE WHO GRACIOUSLY RAISED THEIR HANDS!!!

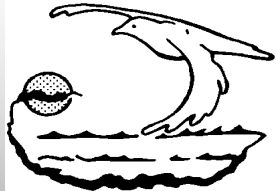


PRAY FOR...

...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.

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.

Remember...Jon

Gotschall of our parish with a 'thinking of you' card/note: 6791 Montana

Ave., El Paso, TX 79925. He was called to active duty the end of October. He would really appreciate hearing from his hometown people...offer a prayer for his safety as well!

Community News

Safe Environment

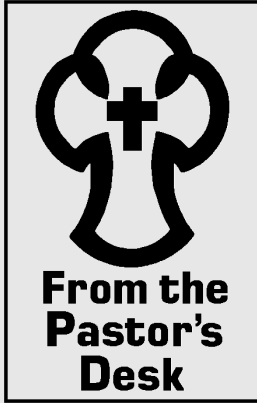
For your information

Training...will be offered on Wed., Nov. 24 @ 2pm in the Stuart St. Boniface Church basement. Contact Jan Kunz (402.340.2303) to sign-up.

The Poultry Party...is this Sunday at the KC Hall beginning with card playing & lunch @ 11:30. Evening games will start @ 6:00. Try your luck at winning poultry for your Thanksgiving meal. Knights—you still have time to bake that pie!!!



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



Is our God cozy or cosmic? That is the large and exciting question that challenges us on this last weekend of the liturgical year as we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King. It is the celebration of the climax, not only of this year of grace, but also of the end, the omega point of the mystery toward which we orient our lives.

This weekend's gospel (John 18:33b-37) proclaims that in Jesus the reigning presence of God comes among us in the flesh. Rather than Jesus being put on trial by Pilate, it is the Roman governor who is put on trial by the eloquent Word who stands before him bound as a prisoner.

"Are you the King of the Jews?" asks Pilate, understanding kingship as political, with possibly religious implications, and therefore wary of any claim that could be a challenge to absolute Roman authority. Jesus replies with a question that seeks to confront Pilate with his own personal commitment as opposed to what "others" tell him about Jesus. The issue is no longer Jesus's guilt or innocence, but whether Pilate will respond to the truth of Jesus's kingship. Three times Jesus speaks of what his kingdom is not. It is not of this world in the sense that it neither takes its origin from here, nor is it an earthly kingdom that would be a rival to Caesar and Roman imperialism. But it does belong in this world and its followers do have a role to play in human affairs of justice.

Like Jesus, his followers are not power brokers or mercenaries defending their own "kingdoms" of political or religious power; violence, exploitation, and opportunism have no part in the following of Jesus.

"Then you are a king?" pushes Pilate, and Jesus responds to what Pilate has called him by speaking of what his power really is: the power of the truth John proclaimed in the Prologue:

*"And the Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory as of the Father's only Son,
full of grace and truth"
(John 1:14; NABRE).*

The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus testify to this truth, and all who listen to Jesus and commit themselves to his wisdom will belong to the truth and to his kingdom. Pilate can make no sense of this. His world is more concerned with illusions of grandeur than with truth.

On this day we all stand not before Pilate but with him, to be interrogated by Christ the King. What power do we seek and how would we like to get it? Do we excuse ourselves of manipulating and exploiting others for the sake of safeguarding our own status or progress? How often do we strike out with the violent word or the cutting silence? Timothy Radcliffe queries whether our fascination with the countless TV shows and books that are concerned with the "naked" something or other, with either self-revelation or the exposure of others, is an indicator of a frustrated hunger for truth? He goes on to comment that in Dante's Inferno "the icy heart of hell was kept for those who undermined the human community of truth: the liars, the fraudulent, the flatterers, the forgers, and worst of all the traitors" (What is the Point of Being a Christian?). Do we belong to the community of truth that listens to and follows Jesus?

Behind Christ is the God who reveals himself in Christ, the "I AM" who is the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the Almighty, who is not the cozy God but the dynamic, transforming, and cosmic God, the only one whose mystery is big enough to show us a new way into the experience of the holy and large truth when we are disenchanted by unholy minutiae and legalisms.

Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving!

Ad multos annos! Fr Starman, Pastor

THE LORD'S PORTION—11.14.21

Adult Env. (23)	1,172.00
Loose Checks (4)	175.00
Loose Cash	99.00
Midweek Donation All Saints	180.00 25.00
Online Giving (5)	241.94
TOTAL	1,892.94

LITURGICAL MINISTERS — Nov 27/28

MASS TIMES	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMHCs	Kenny Tuender	Joe Skrdla
LECTORS	Tim Hamik	Patti Skrdla
GIFTS	Jim Welsh Family	Brendan Borer Fam.
ORGANISTS	Jayne Fetherston	Diane Osborne
SERVERS	Dvorak Children	Brody Borer Mason Troidl Payton Skrdla
USHERS	Jeff Mathis 3 Volunteers	Jim Torpy Jeff Laetsch Greg Straka Volunteer



Thanksgiving Mass...9am (Nov. 25)

EMHC: Andrea Borer
LECTOR: Harry Morgan
SERVERS: Volunteers