

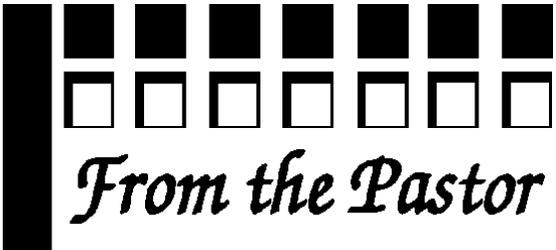
St. Joseph Church

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10/13/19

Monday NO MASS
 Tuesday 10:00 AM (Good Sam) + KCs
 5:30 PM at St. Boniface
 Wednesday 8:15 AM + Clara Straka
 Thursday 11:15 AM @ St. Boniface
 Friday 8:15 AM + All Souls
 Saturday 6:00 PM + Robert & Mary Straka
 Sunday 10:30 AM + Eleanor Jones

	Oct 19/20	Saturday	Sunday
 Mass Schedule	Atkinson, St Joseph	6:00pm	10:30am
	St. Boniface, Stuart	No Mass	8:30am
	St Patrick, O'Neill	5:00pm	9:00am
	St Joseph, Amelia	7:00pm	No Mass
	Ss. Peter & Paul, Butte	7:00pm	No Mass
	St Mary, Spencer	No Mass	9:30am
Sacrament of Reconciliation for Ss. Joseph and Boniface: One half hour before each weekend Mass or by appointment			



From the Pastor

Expressing gratitude is essential for positive, healthy relationships. Many of the Psalms are prayers of gratitude. And of course, the word “Eucharist” means “thanksgiving,” essentially giving gratitude. A pithy rhyme sums it up best in exhorting us to cultivate an “attitude of gratitude.” This weekend Luke reminds us that Jesus is continuing his long journey to Jerusalem, now through Samaria and Galilee. We recall that Jesus is a Galilean for whom the Samaritans were considered

foreigners. The most famous Samaritan is probably the character in one of Jesus’ parables known as the Good Samaritan, who offers care and comfort to the man left for dead in the ditch. That such mercy and kindness were performed by a foreigner rather than a priest or Levite would have been shocking. Today we have not a fictional Samaritan but a Samaritan leper who interacted with Jesus, along with nine other lepers.

Of course, the challenge is that the Samaritan was the only one of the ten who, upon being healed, went back to thank Jesus. Jesus himself seems to be surprised that no one but the foreigner, the Samaritan, expressed gratitude. Even Jesus could be surprised. And even Jesus appreciated a word of thanks.

Then, the Samaritan is sent on his way with the knowledge that his faith saved him.

Among many lessons we learn in this short story is the power and importance of saying thank you, as well as the fact that salvation is extended even to the foreigner. We try to instill an “attitude of gratitude” in children, when we teach them to write thank-you notes after birthday parties, graduations, and even weddings. The lack of a thank you says much about the one who received the gift. An expression of gratitude comes from a place in the heart that recognizes the kindness done for another and acknowledges it, not because it’s required, but because it is an authentic expression of one’s thoughts and feelings.

Though we instill this lesson in children, we hope it becomes internalized by the time they grow to adulthood. When it’s not internalized it can be a bit surprising, as Jesus himself expresses: “Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine?”

Today let’s make a point to express thanks to someone, cultivating an “attitude of gratitude.”

Saying thank you is much more than polite manners. When we express thanks, we are forging and strengthening personal bonds. Whether it be a phone call, a handwritten note, or even a text, acknowledging an action or gift with a word of thanks does as much if not more for the receiver of the gift as the giver. There are so many occasions in our daily life to express gratitude that it can become something of a prayer, punctuating our day. Our ancient forebears in faith knew this quite well. The Psalms give voice to much of this attitude, as does the eucharistic prayer itself, “Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.”

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This week we also congratulate the nearly 60 youth from St. Patrick’s & Amelia, St. Joseph’s who were confirmed by me at the weekend Masses in O’Neill. Thank you to the parents, the first teachers of their children in the ways of the faith, and all the Religious Education Instructors and Youth Leaders throughout the years that helped prepare them for this milestone event in their lives. May the Holy Spirit take deeper root in their hearts and lead them to lives of faith, love and service. Go and proclaim the

Good News!



TWO Weeks From Today...is our LARGEST fundraiser!!! This event helps keep our doors open. If you are able to donate or purchase an item, please do so! If by chance the caller didn't reach you, please contact Tim or Janelle Wallinger, 402.340.2095 or Tyler or Megan Mitchell, 402.340.3056. The community center will be open Sat., Oct. 26 from 9am until after 6pm Mass & again on Sunday morning to drop off your item. Join fellow parishioners for rolls, coffee or juice in the morning. Bidding will begin @ 11am & the usual menu of wonderful food will be served all day. Please see attachment as to how you can donate food for the lunch stand or work. Clean-up help will also be needed. Thank you very much to everyone....because of you we are a *thriving* parish....may God richly bless all of you!!!

Good Sam. & Prairie Winds---Oct. 20---Phil & Linda Fritz



The Harvest is Great, Laborers Are Few!

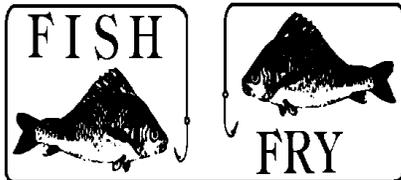
Taking the vocation crucifix this week—Ben Sholes Family. The week of October 20—Pat & Sandy Kennedy.

Someone Is Needed...to fill the time slot of 10am—10:30 each Wednesday at adoration. Please call the parish office if you are willing to spend ½ hour in prayer away from all the distractions that life brings us.

We Pray With Special Love & Concern For The Ill...Janice Ries, Emma Lou Gunther, Darrin Wedige, Gianna Slaymaker, Lois Tunender, Michelle Bulau, Garrett Scholz, Marilyn Morrison, Blakely Bouska, Miranda Ijames, John Mathis.

Wood Cutting...for the parish auction will continue today (Sunday) south of the cemetery with lunch being provided. The event will also be held next Sat. & Sun. @ 10am. Direct ??? to Randy Schaaf, 402.925.2127 or 402.340.6054.

Plan To Attend					
SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.
1	2	3	4	5	6
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A Benefit...to help defray medical expenses for John Mathis is planned for Sun., Oct. 20 from 4:30—7:30. The free will offering event will be held @ the KC Hall. There will be a couple tables of silent auction items.

It's Not Too Late...to pay your Altar Society dues of \$10.00. If you were out of town, you are most welcome to mail your dues to: Diane Rentschler, 47691 883rd Rd, Atkinson, NE 68713, drop off @ Cindy Kubik or the parish office. THANK YOU to all who have paid. It is most appreciated!



Our Parish Offers...deepest sympathy to the family of Tim Manzer. He was called to eternal life October 7. Tim, Sally & family were former parishioners of St. Joseph's. Be assured that our prayers & thoughts are with you today and in the days ahead. May perpetual light shine on Tim and all whose life journey has ended.



KCs: Thu., Oct. 17. Work night at 5 pm @ the rectory for any parishioners wanting to help. Rosary will be prayed at church @ 7pm (all parishioners are invited). Meeting will follow at the KC Hall. Lotto is up to \$100.00. On the menu: turkey, stuffing & dessert.

A Second Collection...World Mission Sunday will be taken up next weekend. You'll find the designated envelope in your box.

EVENTS

- **Today---**woodcutting south of cemetery...after morning Mass
- **Wed., Oct. 16**—Adoration
- **Wed., Oct. 16**—CCD classes
- **Thu., Oct. 17**—Grief Share sessions continue
- **Thu., Oct. 17**—Healing Mass @ Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church in Clarkson, 7pm
- **Thu., Oct. 17**—Work evening @ rectory, 5pm
- **Oct. 19 & 20**—Woodcutting, 10am
- **Sun., Oct. 20**—Pancake breakfast @ Stuart, St. Boniface
- **Sun., Oct. 20**—Fish supper—benefit @ KC Hall
- **Sun., Oct. 27**—Parish Auction ...**8:30am Mass @ St. Joseph's**
- **Sun., Nov. 3**—Daylight saving time ends. We will honor the deceased of this past year (11.1.18 through 11.1.19) @ the 10:30am Mass

LITURGICAL MINISTERS...Oct 19/20

MASS TIMES	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMHCs	GThurlow KTunender Dliewer	J&P Skrdla, SRossman, C&L Nemetz
LECTORS	Tim Hamik	Dan Kramer
GIFT BEARERS	M/M H. Morgan	M/M G. Schmit
ORGANIST	Terri Vrooman	Diane Osborne
SERVERS	Landyn Mlady Emersyn Mlady Weston Mathis	Daphne Mitchell Ezra Sholes Ian Laetsch
<u>OCT USHERS</u>	Lee Friedel Dennis Ryan Jon Gotschall Volunteer	Allen Tooker Phil Fritz Darrell Miksch Troy Schaaf

THE LORD'S PORTON...10.06.19

Adult envelopes (40)	2,140.00
Loose cash	146.00
Loose checks (1)	35.00
Midweek deposit	60.00
Online Giving (6)	<u>510.85</u>
TOTAL	2,891.85
Budget...Sunday...	3,561.58
	-669.73
Insurance	2,113.00
World Mission Sunday	50.00

Parish Lunch Stand....Marion Schaaf, 402.340.3287 or Elizabeth Krumwieder, 402.340.3319

4 dozen rolls, 1 gal. orange juice, 40 lbs. ground beef, 2 lg. shaved hams, 14-8 ct. pkgs. hamburger buns, 4 lg. pkgs hot dogs, 7 pkgs hot dog buns, 64 oz. ketchup (Sat. am), 3 boxes small bags assorted chips, 7 loaves bread-4 wheat, 3 white, 2-16 oz. jars pickle relish (Sat am), 4 chickens cooked & ground (Sat. am), 3 beef roasts cooked & ground (Sat. am), 12 packs for following: 5 Pepsi, 4 Mt. Dew, 4 Dr Pepper, 1 Sprite, 3 Diet Pepsi, 1 Coke, 6 Diet Coke, 1 Orange Crush, 2 cases bottled water, 20 pkgs taco seasoning (Sat. am), 4 lg jars salsa, 8 lg chopped tomatoes, 8 squeeze bottles sour cream, 4-2 lb bags cheddar cheese, 1 lg can cheddar cheese sauce, 2 lg cool whip, 1 lg can nacho cheese, 300 lg styrofoam plates, 100 plastic forks, 100 solo cups, 3 lg pkgs napkins, 2 rolls paper towels.

WORKERS: 8am—11am 11am—2pm 2pm—4pm 4pm—6pm
Four workers will be needed for each shift. Marion & Elizabeth will be anxiously waiting to hear your voice!!!!

***IF THE WORDS YOU SPOKE APPEARED ON YOUR SKIN,
 WOULD YOU STILL BE BEAUTIFUL?***

The O'Neill Ministerial Association is considering forming a Community Choir and/or Band with participants from all churches throughout our area. If there is enough interest, the first event for the group would be a "Christmas Through Carols" event sometime during the month of December. Please respond by Mon., October 28 to 402.340.4140 or pastormike@oneillag.org