



# St. Joseph Church

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## 15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon NO MASS

Tue 10:00 AM + Mike & Lesta Schaaf @ Good Sam

Wed 8:15 AM + KCs

Thu NO MASS

Fri 8:15 AM + Frank & Rosemary Kilmurry

Sat 10:00 AM + Louis Tushla Memorial Mass  
6:00 PM In Stuart

Sun 8:30 AM + Gordon Dvorak

10:30 AM In Stuart

*Confession 1/2 hour before weekend Mass*

### WE REMEMBER...those in need of special prayers:

Emma Lou Gunther, John Gilg, Garrett Scholz, Barb McTavish, Judy Steimle, Carolyn Anderson, Ron Schaaf, Adalynn Bouska, Dan & Nancy Krysl, Phil Keating, Leah Wedige.



July 10–17—Totus Tuus @ Stuart

Wed., July 14—Adoration, 9am—3pm

Thu., July 15—KC meeting

Aug. 7/8—Mass time change for 6 mos...Atkinson

Sat. @ 6pm; Sun. @ 10:30am. Stuart-Sun. @ 8:30am

### KC NEWS

The meeting is scheduled for Thu., July 15. Rosary prayed @ 7:15pm. On the menu: beef sandwiches, beans, chips & dessert. The lotto goes to \$80.00 as Brian Napier was not present.

*Sincere Sympathy*...to the Slaymaker family with the passing of Don's mother, Leone. May God be with you during this most trying time.



The OACCW Convention...September 27 in Norfolk  
@ Divot's. More info. next week!

*The Harvest Is Great,  
Laborers Are Few...Taking the vocation  
crucifix this week—Karen  
Thompson. The week of July  
18—Brian Mlady Family.*

SJ School is seeking applications for a part-time Administrative Assistant. This position is



responsible for aiding the teacher facilitator in various school related duties & special projects. Must have general knowledge of business procedures & experience of office equipment. Apply by contacting Andrea Borer 402.340.3145 or aborer

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*FYI: The Parishes of Western Holt & Boyd Counties have a source called formed.org This resource provides access to movies, e-books, & audio books to help you grow in your faith. Visit formed.org & when registering choose St Patricks O'Neill as the parish*

### +++EMHC & Lector Training+++

Anyone interested in this ministry is asked to sign up for a ZOOM training...Aug. 8th or 18th. High school juniors & seniors are also eligible.

More info. & sign up at:

[https://archomaha.flocknote.com/  
signup/56208](https://archomaha.flocknote.com/signup/56208)

### \*\*\*2021 Marriage Celebration\*\*\*

Archbishop Lucas invites you to attend the annual Marriage Celebration on August 22nd @ Omaha, St. Cecilia's OR August 29 @ Norfolk, St. Mary's. This event honors couples who are celebrating 1, 5, 25, 40, 50, 60+ years of marriage.

Rosary at 1:30pm, Mass @ 2pm with cake reception to follow. Register by July 12 @ ArchOmaha.org/FamilyLife



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

This weekend we hear that Jesus has not been deterred by his rejection at Nazareth (last weekend's gospel) and continues to teach among the surrounding villages, but now it is time to send the Twelve to do what he has been doing. When Jesus called these disciples, Mark described them as "those whom he wanted, and they came to him" to "be with him" and be sent "forth to preach and to have authority to drive out demons" (Mark 3:13-15; NABRE). We might be excused for wondering if they really are ready, for although they have been with Jesus as he taught, exorcised, and healed, and had experienced his rejection by his hometown synagogue, their main recorded response to him has been the accusation of not caring much about them in the middle of the storm, and impatience with him over the "interruption" of the hemorrhaging woman. But, for our consolation, Jesus is willing to work with flawed disciples, and still dares today to send out men and women like ourselves to be instruments of the healing power and authority of God. What we hear in this gospel is both challenge and consolation to Mark's Christian community and every community that, through baptism, is called and sent on Jesus's own mission.

Now the "see, judge, and act" apprenticeship of the Twelve is to be tested in their first mission. Equipped only with the authority of Jesus's word and the memory of his example, the Twelve are sent out like their ancestors, with exodus urgency—with their walking staffs and sandals, for they are on a new and urgent journey to free enslaved bodies, hearts, and psyches as Jesus has done. They are to travel in pairs, with respect for the Jewish tradition that required that the validity of witness must be verified by at least two people (Deut. 17:6; 19:15). There is to be no dallying or packing bags with things that are not really needed and will only become an intolerable burden along the way. Their missionary survival kit consists of the authority of Jesus and his word, the providence of God, and the hospitality of those who will open their hearts and homes to the Twelve. The one tunic they are allowed may also be symbolic of the single-mindedness that Jesus expects of those who, as Paul wrote to the Galatians, "have clothed yourselves with Christ" through baptism (Gal 3:27; NABRE). No matter what the quality of the hospitality offered to them, the disciples are to accept this and stay put. Searching for more congenial accommodation or company is not to be part of their journey. For people to welcome the Twelve, knowing that they have associated with the taboo, marginalized people, will spread the kingdom of compassion, and offer the possibilities of a welcoming reentry into religious and social relationships for the outcasts and shunned who have been healed.

If they are not well received, the disciples are to leave, not responding with any harsh words, but merely with the Jewish symbolic gesture of shaking off from their feet the dust of the unwelcoming place, as Jews did when returning to Israel from foreign soil. All that the inhospitable household was left with was insubstantial dust, rather than the word of God. We all need to be honestly and humbly discerning about when to stay and when to leave a particular mission, "*and take upon's the mystery of things, / as if we were God's spies,*" said King Lear (*Shakespeare, The Tragedy of King Lear*). *In the Christian sense, we are to be "God's spies," exploring the possibilities for announcing the reigning presence of God in human lives in our own situations. And we must be prepared to fail, as Jesus and his followers failed, but without turning such failure into a career of self-pity.*

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman, Pastor

#### THE LORD'S PORTION—07.04.21

Adult Env (35)	1,797.00
Loose Checks (3)	100.00
Loose Cash	40.00
Peter's Pence (2)	60.00
Misc. Donation (1)	617.49
Online Giving (6)	515.85
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,130.34</b>

#### LITURGICAL MINISTERS — JULY 18

MASS TIMES	Saturday	SUNDAY
EMHC		Linda Wolf
LECTOR		Landyn Mlady
GIFTS		Dennis Hytrek
ORGANIST		Jayne Fetherston
SERVERS		Daphne Mitchell Calla Mitchell Felycia Kerkman
USHERS (JULY)		Dan Ziska George Schmit Todd Seger Roger Frickel

IS YOUR MARRIAGE GOING DOWN THE RIGHT ROAD? IS IT A LITTLE OFF TRACK? LIFE CAN BE DIFFICULT AND SO CAN THE CHALLENGES YOU FACE IN MARRIAGE. DOES THE DISTANCE BETWEEN YOU SEEM WIDE? ARE YOU ALREADY SEPARATED? IF SO, RETROUVAILLE CAN HELP AND OFFERS HOPE FOR A BETTER RELATIONSHIP. RETROUVAILLE IS A PEER MINISTRY OF VOLUNTEER COUPLES THAT CAN HELP YOU LEARN THE TOOLS OF HEALTH COMMUNICATION, BUILD INTIMACY AND HEAL, JUST AS THEY HAVE DONE IN THEIR OWN MARRIAGES. IT IS CHRISTIAN-BASED & CATHOLIC IN ORIGIN. FOR MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER FOR AN AUG. 13-15 WEEKEND, CALL 1.800.470.2230. SIGN UP BY JULY 23, 2021