



St. Joseph Church

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September 19, 2021
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon NO MASS
 Tue 10:00 AM + Jay Jungman @ Good Samaritan
 Wed 8:15 AM + Kenny Lane
 Thu NO MASS
 Fri 8:15 AM + All Souls
 Sat 6:00 PM + Mike Tasler
 Sun 8:30 AM In Stuart
 10:30 AM + Janice Ries

Confession 1/2 hour before weekend Mass



Calendar

Tue., Sept. 21—Rosary prayed in church, 1:30pm
 Wed., Sept. 22—Adoration, 9am—3pm
 Wed., Sept. 22—KCs Liver/Onion Feed, 11:30, free will offering
 Sun., Sept. 26—Priesthood Sunday....offer a prayer for Frs. Starman & Sund, Fr Ross & Fr. Luke & thank them for their priestly service
 Sept. 27—OACCW Convention, Divot's in Norfolk
Wed., Sept. 29—CCD classes begin, 6:30pm
 Sun., Oct. 3—Life Chain in O'Neill
 Sun., Oct. 17—Confirmation @ St. Joseph's, 10:30am Mass
Sun., Oct. 24—Confirmation @ St. Boniface...Mass Time Change...Atkinson SJ @ 8:30am; Stuart SB @ 10:30am

We'd like to thank the parishioners of Western Holt & Boyd Counties who joined us on Sept. 1 for a bus trip. Highlights of our trip was learning historical info on 3 beautiful churches! Leon Weiland, our historian for Madison, St. Leonard gave us an inspiring talk on how these churches were built from "prayers" & we should always make sure to "add to these prayers, never take away." The "dome" over the altar at St. Leonard's has murals painted representing the saints that helped form their church. Included on that mural is the devil. The devil is only fully visible when you go behind the altar.

Coffee & cookies were served in their parish rectory. Next we toured the beautiful Humphrey, St. Francis of Assisi. MaryAnne Haschky was our wonderful hostess & enlightened us on the history of their church. Our group learned about the "room" by the altar that the Franciscan monks would witness Mass. The beautiful glass & wooden doors now open to the room they use for adoration. We'd like to know who is responsible for changing the light bulbs in that church..there are hundreds of them! Our last stop was Tarnov, NE. The ladies of St. Michaels served us a delicious meal & were wonderful hosts. We learned from our historian, Judy Hanzel, that St. Michaels in Tarnov is ALMOST an exact replica of a church in Tarnov, Poland! This Polish church is so filled with history & beautiful windows, altars, & flooring. We were surprised to learn the stain glass windows on the north side of church represented all male saints & that is the side of church the men & young boys sat on. The windows on the south side have all female saints, the side where the women & girls would sit! We concluded our visit touring the "old school & boarding house" now a museum. Unbelievable amounts of Catholic school & town history in that building! We hope to get another trip planned soon & look forward to having fellow parishioners join us!—Randy Hupp & Jane Reiman



Members... It's time for dues of \$10.00 per lady in the parish.

They will be accepted @ church this morning & Sept. 26. If you're out of town, you're encouraged to mail your check to Diane Rentschler, 47691 883rd Rd., Atkinson, NE 68713. THANKS!

The Harvest Is Great; Laborers Are Few
 Vocation crucifix this week—Don & Brenda Wedige. The week of Sept. 26—John & Marsha Thomassen.



Spice Up The Flavor Of Your Baking...with

Watkins Products! The school's fundraiser has begun & will end on Sept. 29. If a SJ student doesn't contact you, please call the school office 402.925.2104 to place an order. Thank you!



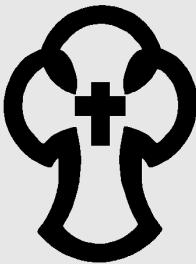
Please Join Our Rosary Ladies... on Tuesday, Sept. 21 @ 1:30 in church to pray the rosary.

There are so many needs these days in our world, so please plan to join us for 20 minutes of PRAYER!

WE PRAY FOR...those in need of special prayers: Emma Lou Gunther, John Gilg, Garrett Scholz, Barb McTavish, Judy Steimle, Adalynn Bouska, Dan & Nancy Krysl, Sally Manzer.

GIFT CARD—Bright Horizons is having a month-long Gift Card Drive in September. We are asking for gift cards or certificates to local businesses. These gift cards will be given to clients for gas, food, & much more. If you have any???? please contact the O'Neill Office...318 E Douglas St. or call 402.336.1774.

CCD Will Begin....on Wed., Sept. 29, 6:30PM. A teacher for grades 11-12 is still needed. THANKS to those who have stepped forth to teach. A REMINDER to PARENTS—PLEASE return your child's registration form to Linda Wolf.



From the Pastor's Desk

On one occasion after the composer Robert Schumann had played a very difficult étude, one of his listeners asked him to explain the piece. Schumann replied by sitting down at the piano and playing the same étude a second time. This weekend's gospel [Mark 9: 30-37] may seem to be like Schumann's reply—a repeat performance for disciples who appear not to have heard much of what Jesus told them in his first passion prediction. But Mark also plays some significant variations on the theme of the gospel we heard last Sunday. The crowds have gone, and Jesus is journeying with his disciples, focusing his full attention on them—and they need it! In the verses immediately before this reading they have rather accusingly asked Jesus why they could not cure the epileptic boy, to which Jesus's response implies that it was because of their lack of prayer and faith [see Mark 9:18-19].

Jesus again names himself as the Son of Man, with memories of the Daniel figure [Dan 7:13-14] who comes to announce the end of one age and the beginning of another. Jesus looks beyond his earlier reference to rejection by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and says that he will be "handed over to men" to be put to death, and in three days will rise again. Silence, dense and dumb, descends on the disciples. This time not even Peter summons up an argument. They don't understand what Jesus is saying and, what is worse, they are afraid to ask and learn what Jesus means—and what might be the implications for them if they keep on following a master who seems headed for suffering. We too know the temptation in difficult times to stop questioning and questing, and to hope that the disturbing problems will go away and leave us to a complacent life in our comfort zones.

Jesus will not allow this, so when they are alone together, "inside the house," he questions the Twelve who, "on the way" of increasingly thick-headed discipleship, have miraculously found their tongues in order to argue with one another about which one of them is the greatest! The silence thickens. It is as though the disciples have been deaf to everything that Jesus has said about his vulnerability and powerlessness. So Jesus sits down, taking up the position of a rabbinical teacher, and calls the Twelve to himself just as he had done initially [Mark 3:13]. They need to be shocked out of their competitiveness and power-seeking, not by reprimand but by reversal, by action that will proclaim that, in the reign of God, to be first is to be last of all and servant of all. Gloomy silence gives way to astonishment when Jesus does what would be almost inconceivable in first-century Palestinian culture, where children, along with women and slaves, had almost no social status. In front of his twelve adult male disciples, Jesus wraps his arms around a disregarded child. Only one other time in the New Testament is such an intimate gesture mentioned—in the father's welcoming embrace of the returning Prodigal Son [Luke 15:20]. Here "inside the house," a symbol of the domestic church, is a parable in action which teaches that what should characterize the ecclesial household is inclusion and equality, not exclusion and superiority.

In Jesus's day to extend hospitality to such little ones would be considered ridiculous because, although hospitality was such a significant Middle Eastern virtue, so was the return of hospitality. What could a child offer in return? But Jesus is teaching his disciples that these are the very "little ones" who are to be welcomed down through the ages: the ones who have no social status, no vote value, those whose human dignity is ignored or violated. To welcome them is to forge a link in the chain of what binds together those who offer such hospitality with Jesus and his Father.

Ad multos annos! Fr. Bernard Starman, Pastor



THE LORD'S PORTION—09.12.21

Adult Envelopes	2,204.00
Loose Checks (1)	50.00
Loose Cash	112.41
Midweek Donations	25.00
Mission Co-Op (2)	100.00
Energy (13)	1,006.00
Online Giving (6)	639.70
TOTAL	4,137.11

LITURGICAL MINISTERS — SEPT 25/26

MASS TIMES	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMHC	Landyn Mlady	Andrea Borer
LECTOR	Brian Mlady	Heather Slaymaker
GIFTS	Diane Tasler	Ben Sholes Family
ORGANIST	Terri Vrooman	
SERVERS	Leighton Slaymaker Isabella Schaaf Taylor Schaaf	Madalyn Pistulka Leah Pistulka Payton Skrdla
USHERS (SEPT)	Gary Thurlow Jim Ramm Joe Schaaf Volunteer	Rylan Olson Braydon Olson Chris Jelinek Tyler Jelinek

**COME PRAY FOR OUR NATION, THAT ALL LIFE WILL BE PROTECTED IN OUR HEARTS,
AND IN OUR LAWS, COURT DECISIONS, AND PRESIDENTIAL ACTIONS. LIFE CHAIN IN
O'NEILL....SUNDAY, OCT. 3. REGISTRATION STARTS at 1:30 @ THE CORNER OF 3RD & DOUGLAS. AFTER
REGISTERING, PARTICIPANTS WILL PICK UP THEIR SIGNS & PRAYERS, THEN LINE BOTH SIDES OF DOUGLAS
STREET TO WITNESS IN SILENT PRAYER FROM 2-3:00 PM**