

St. Joseph Church

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon 8:15 AM + Ray Keogh ALL SAINTS

Tue 10:00 AM + Ries Family @ Good Samaritan

Wed 8:15 AM + Max & Agnes Hamik

Thu NO MASS

Fri 8:15 AM + SJ Memorial Society

Sat 6:00 PM + Robert & Mary Straka

Sun 8:30 AM IN STUART

10:30 AM + Jesse Wolf

Confessions 1/2 hour before weekend

Mass



Calendar

TODAY! Woodcutting & lunch :) 10am, south of SJ Cemetery

Mon., Nov. 1—All Saints Day

Nov. 2—All Souls Day

Wed., Nov. 3—Adoration, 9am—3pm & CCD classes

Wed., Nov. 3—School Board meeting, 7:30pm

Nov. 6/7—Woodcutting, 10am..same location

Nov. 14—Parish Auction...Mass will begin @ 8:30am

Sun., Nov. 21—Annual KC Poultry party

Thu., Nov. 25—Thanksgiving Mass, 9am

'Domestic Awareness'...containers have been placed in church to be given to Bright Horizons. Items needed: paper towels, household cleaning supplies, dryer sheets, personal care products such as soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc. Thank you so much for whatever you're able to donate to help those in need. "Whatsoever you do to the least of my brother, you do for me."

The Harvest Is Great; Laborers Are Few

Vocation crucifix this week—Roger & Pam Fricke. The week of Nov. 7—Randy & Diane Rentschler.

The Auction... is 2 weeks

away! Doors will be open at the Community Center @ 9am on Sat., Nov. 13 for you to drop off items. Coffee, rolls & juice will begin @ 8 am on Sunday. Bidding starts @ 11:00. The 'best lunch ever' will be served all day! **Direct ??? to Megan & Tyler Mitchell, 402.340.3056 or Paul & Corinne Pistulka, 308.961.0503.**



COMING UP!

As in the past, we'll need several to stay after to help clean up. **THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**



You Will Find...All Souls envelopes in the vestibule. If you'd like your loved ones remembered @ Mass during November, please return the envelope to the parish office.



The Omaha Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women...will hold its next meeting for

ALL our Catholic women on Tue., Nov. 9 @ Fremont, St. Patrick's Church. Registration begins @ 9:30am & the Fall Exec. Board Meeting will be from 10-11:00am, Mass @ 11:30, lunch 1-3:00. OACCW Meeting-Presentation will be given by Leadership, Service, and Spirituality. All ladies of the archdiocese are invited to attend the newly formatted day of fellowship, spiritual nourishment and blessings. Please contact OU President, Lauren Bopp, 402.553.7163, if you have any questions.



PRAY FOR...

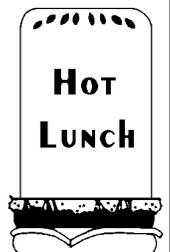
...those in need of restoration of health: Emma Lou Gunther, John Gilg, Garrett Scholz, Barb McTavish, Judy Steimle,

Adalynn Bouska, Nancy Krysl, Ethel Bogue, Sally Manzer, Marian Cook.

Would You Be So

Kind...to take a turn at cooking a meal for Fr Ross & Fr Sund on Wednesday? On a good note, they aren't picky eaters! Please contact Andrea

Borer, 402.340.3145 or Patti Skrdla, 402.340.1964. Thank you very much for your consideration in this service!



Eucharistic Ministers

If you feel you're ready to be on the weekend schedule once again, please contact the parish office.



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 Lin-

da Wolf. Thank you so much!

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



The conclusion to the Pontifical Biblical Commission's 2002 document, *The Jewish People and Their Sacred Scriptures in the Christian Bible*, states: "Without the Old Testament, the New Testament would be an incomprehensible book, a plant deprived of its roots and destined to dry up and wither" (84). This weekend's gospel [Mark 12: 28b-34] bears witness to Jesus's deep insertion into the traditions of his Jewish people and the intrinsic relationship of the two Testaments.

The Austrian psychotherapist Viktor Frankl recalled what he said was perhaps the deepest experience he had in the Auschwitz concentration camp. On arrival, he was made to surrender the manuscript of his first book on psychotherapy. Stripped also of his own clothes, naked and shaved, he was handed the worn-out rags of an inmate who had already been sent to the gas chambers. Then he describes what happened next: "Instead of the many pages of my manuscript, I found in a pocket of the newly acquired coat one single page torn out of a Hebrew prayer book, containing the main Jewish prayer, Shema Yisrael. How should I have interpreted such a 'coincidence' other than as a challenge to live my thoughts instead of merely putting them onto paper?" (*Man's Search for Meaning*).

In the verses immediately before this weekend's gospel we learn that Jesus is in the temple (cf. Mark 11:27), confronted by the heckling and unsound reasoning of the leaders of the religious establishment. There is not much love around as they question his authority. One scribe, however, stands attentively on the margins, obedient to the primary command of Judaism to "Hear." In Jesus's words he hears truthfulness and integrity, and the ensuing encounter that the scribe initiates by coming up to Jesus is a model for searching faith. The scribe's question — "Which is the first of all the commandments?"—is not intended to provoke argument but is a sincere quest for truth, and dialogue, not debate, is the result. Jesus answers the scribe by quoting the verses of the Shema we have heard in the first reading, but then he adds to this Leviticus 19:18: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The scribe had asked Jesus for one "first of all" commandment; Jesus responds with two commandments that bind together love of God, of neighbor, and of self. Following Jesus's words there is a moment of rare intimacy, of agreement between him and the scribe, between the old law and the new. Then the scribe comments that the love of God and neighbor, which Jesus has joined, should take precedence over any sacrificial cult or ritual empty of such love. In the scribe's words are an echo of the prophetic words that cry out for justice: "I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, / the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings" (Hos 6:6; NRSV; cf. Amos 5:23-24; Mic 6:6-8). Jesus affirms his insight as one that brings him close to the reigning presence of God.

This meeting of Jesus and the scribe becomes an enactment of the great commandment of love. They treat each other as neighbors, transcending party politics and religious differences, crossing the dividing line between "you" and "us." In the sea of hostility that Mark describes in this chapter of his gospel, the mutual affirmation of Jesus and the scribe is like an island of reconciliation. It surely has much to say to us, as individuals or communities, about the course we should set in daily relationships or in ecumenical and interfaith dialogue, for "law can lose its heart; ritual can lose its reason; a relationship can lose its love" (*Fred B. Craddock and others, Preaching Through the Christian Year, Year B*). *With Mark, we should know only too well that Judaism has no monopoly on such distortions of faith.*

Ad multos annos! Fr. Bernard Starman, Pastor



TIME CHANGE

**DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR
WHEN YOU RETIRE FOR THE NIGHT ON SAT., NOV. 6.**

THE LORD'S PORTION—10.24.21

Adult Env. (26)	1,062.00
Loose Checks (7)	515.00
Loose Cash	149.25
Midweek Donation	310.00
Insurance (1)	25.00
World Mission (9)	455.00
Online Giving (4)	314.70
TOTAL	2,830.95

LITURGICAL MINISTERS — Nov 6/7

MASS TIMES	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMHCs	Gary Thurlow	Andrea Borer
LECTORS	Tim Hamik	Erin Jelinek
GIFTS	M/M Harry Morgan	M/M Jack Wolf
ORGANISTS	Terri Vrooman	
SERVERS	Kearsten Keogh Avery Nemetz Landri Nemetz	Marek Dvorak Berkleigh Dvorak Volunteer
USHERS (NOV)	Jeff Mathis 3 Volunteers	Jim Torpy Jeff Laetsch Greg Straka Volunteer

Join us Nov. 14 from 1:30-7pm for a Re-Ignite the Fire Event IF you've attended a CEC weekend. It will be held @ the Norfolk Catholic Activities Center. Re-center your life with Jesus! Hear talks, pray, adore Him and conclude the day with a meal together. Cost is \$15, with registration REQUIRED & limited to the first 300. Register online at bit.ly/reignitethefire No registrations will be taken at the door.

Bright Horizons Gift Card Drive continues! These cards will be given to clients for gas, food & more. If you have any ??? contact the O'Neill office...318 E Douglas St or call 402.336.1774.