

St. Joseph Church

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January 9, 2022

The Baptism of the Lord

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon 10:30AM + Algene Briese Funeral

Tue 10:00 AM + Ethel Bogue @ Good Samaritan

Wed 8:15 AM + Pat Baker

Thu NO MASS

Fri 8:15 AM – Special Intention—Health

Sat 6:00 PM + Nick & Lena Klein

Sun 8:30 AM **IN STUART**

10:30 AM + Lawrence, Alben & Rollin Kramer

*Confessions 1/2 hour prior to weekend
Mass*



TODAY! Remove Christmas decorations after Mass

Tue., Jan. 11—Altar Society Meeting, 6pm @ KC Hall

Tue., Jan. 11—Parish Council Meeting, 7pm, north sacristy

Wed., Jan. 12—Adoration from 9am—3:00pm

Wed., Jan. 12—CCD Classes

Jan. 22/23—One Rose, One Life collection

Thu., Jan. 27—Ministerial Soup Supper @ West Holt

Fri., Jan. 28—Parish Carnival @ Community Center

Feb. 5/6—Mass Time Rotation...**Stuart**—Sat. 6pm;

Sun. 10:30am.

Atkinson—Sun. 8:30am

MEN—Through prayer, keynotes, fellowship & challenge, the Rooted conference aims to help men establish a firm foundation rooted in Christ. We are excited to offer it on Feb. 12 in Norfolk @ Faltys Barn. Check out ROOTEDNebraska.com for more info.



BAPTISM

“JESUS,
FILL ME
WITH
YOUR

SPIRIT. LET ME KNOW YOUR LOVE IN A NEW WAY
TODAY!”

GOD DOESN'T WANT TO FILL YOU WITH HIS SPIRIT ONLY AT YOUR BAPTISM. HE WANTS TO IMMERSE YOU IN HIS SPIRIT AGAIN & AGAIN SO THAT YOU CAN BE FILLED WITH HIS LOVE & EQUIPPED FOR THE WORK GOD HAS FOR YOU. HE WANTS TO TELL YOU, “YOU ARE MY BELOVED CHILD. I LOVE YOU. I AM PLEASED TO HAVE YOU IN MY FAMILY.”

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—Ben Sholes Family. The
week of Jan. 16 —Pat & Sandy Kennedy

One Rose, One Life will be celebrated in our
parish the weekend of Jan.22/23. There will
be a second collection taken up to promote
LIFE!



MUSIC

Looking for
volunteers to help
with music at
Mass. If you
enjoy having
music when there
isn't an

organist...THIS IS FOR YOU! All that is
required is pushing buttons on the
clavinova. Please contact Diane Osborne
for more info...402.340.0968.



PRAY FOR ...

...those in need of
restoration of health: Emma

Lou Gunther, John Gilg,

Garrett Scholz, Barb

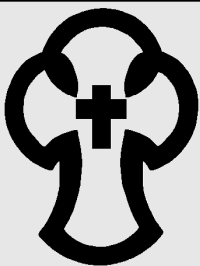
McTavish, Judy Steimle,

Adalynn Bouska, Nancy Krysl, Marian Cook, Lois
Tunender, Barb McMains (sister of Fr. Luke).

*SJ Home & School..is
planning the Parish Carnival
for Fri., Jan. 28. They are
seeking monetary donations to
purchase raffle prizes. To
donate call/text Lindsey
Nemetz, 402.925.2457 or Kylie
Troidl, 402.340.1576.*



*ATTENTION EMHCs—Would you like
to be on the schedule to take
communion to the residents of Good
Sam. on Sundays? It'd be approx.
every 4 or 5 weeks. Please contact the
parish office this week.*



From the Pastor's Desk

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

Hopefully, we have at some time in our lives witnessed: the priest rolling up his sleeves in readiness for the ministry of the waters, the invitation of the children in the assembly to gather around the font, the reverent taking of the naked, tiny, and vulnerable scrap of humanity, and the holding up of him or her to the people into whose faith this child will be baptized. Then there is the triple immersion: in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—sometimes with slightly outraged protest, more often with the quietness of pleasant familiarity with the waters of the womb. Then another elevation, and this child of God is shown with a new christened identity to the assembly. There is always applause, always a smile on even the most bored faces, and a moment in which human and holy solidarity is felt, not only by the proud parents but also by the gathered local church. It is a moment that is truly “sacramental,” a sign of some greater and hidden mystery of God’s extraordinary love; and it is a humbling realization. The child has done nothing to deserve this, except for the wonderful obedience of being born. One can almost hear

the biblical question echoing down the centuries, with all its hopes and fears: “What, then, will this child be?” (Luke 1:66). In Luke’s gospel, that question had been asked about John the Baptist at his circumcision. It is the adult John whom we meet again in today’s gospel, and it is in the context of water and baptism.

The solidarity of a parish baptism, the communal event that it is, reflects Luke’s narrative. Jesus is surrounded by people who had been baptized by John. John the Baptist is humble and strong, for when the people express a wondering expectancy that he might be the promised Messiah, John resists the temptation to self-aggrandizement and is quick to dispel any illusions about his status. He is only a servant, he says, who is not even worthy to perform the menial task of doing up the sandal straps of the coming One. He points out to the crowd the differences between himself and the One who is to come: his is a baptism of water and repentance; the Messiah’s will be a baptism of transformation through fire and the Holy Spirit. John the Baptist is probably referring to the end time, but Luke announces this with the insight of a post-Pentecost evangelist and the experience of the transformation of that fire and wind-struck day (Acts 2:1-4).

To the good news of solidarity and humility, Luke adds the significance of prayer. Several times in his gospel, Luke sets important events in Jesus’s life and mission in the context of prayer (e.g., Luke 6:12-13; 9:28; 22:42-46). Jesus dies with the words of Psalm 31:5 on his lips. The baptism of the Lord could be called a prayer event, for Luke does not describe the moment of baptism but rather its aftermath. It is Jesus’s prayer that tears open the heavens for the descent of the Holy Spirit and the revelation of his true identity by the Father’s voice that acclaims him as the beloved Son on whom God’s favor rests.

It is the same for us. Prayer is a necessary part of our identity as baptized sons and daughters of God. It opens heaven to us and reveals who we are—for, in a very real sense, we are who we pray. At prayer, we struggle to hear what God is calling us to be, to know who we are in our deepest truth, at the still point where the Spirit has descended into our depths and anointed us for mission.

Happy New Year to one and all!

Ad multos annos! Fr Starman

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

JANUARY 30—FEBRUARY 6

THE LORD’S PORTION—01.1/2.22

Adult Env. (38)	1,877.00
Loose Checks (4)	240.00
Loose Cash	126.00
Initial Offering (5)	17.00
Christmas (3)	1,075.00
Midweek Donations	5,071.00
Seminary (1)	50.00
TOTAL	8,456.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS — Jan 15/16

MASS TIMES	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMHCs	Diane Osborne	Cheleigh Sholes
LECTORS	Kenny Tunender	Chris Jelinek
OFFERTORY GIFTS	G&U Schmit	Dan & Jan Kramer
ORGANISTS	Terri Vrooman	Volunteer
SERVERS	Mason Troidl Felycia Kerkman Maddox Kerkman	Madalyn Pistulka Leah Pistulka Lainey Skrdla
USHERS	Phillip Hamik Mike Laible Bryan Rentschler Volunteer	Dan Ziska George Schmit Todd Seger Roger Frickel

- **What does a greeter do?** They arrive approx. twenty-five minutes prior to Mass beginning, open the door for people and greet them with a “Good Morning” or stand in the vestibule and simply say hello. They can introduce themselves to visitors & welcome them to St. Joseph’s.
- **Who can be a greeter?** Anyone! No age limit.
- **How often would I be a greeter?** Probably only once every two months.
- **There is much joy in greeting fellow parishioners & visitors as they come to worship our Lord. If this is something you’d like to try, contact Diane Rentschler, 402.925.2237. Thank you!**

Welcome!