

# St. Joseph Church

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## 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."**

February 6, 2022  
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon NO MASS

Tue 10:00 AM + Ries Family @ Good Samaritan

Wed 8:15 AM + All Souls

Thu NO MASS

Fri 8:15 AM + Mike & Lauretta Troshynski

Sat 6:00 PM STUART

Sun 8:30 AM – Pro Populo

10:30 AM STUART

*Confessions 1/2 hour prior to weekend Mass*



**TODAY!** Pancake Breakfast, 8am—11, KC Hall

**TODAY!** District Free Throw Contest in Stuart, doors open at noon, shoot @ 1:00

Tue., Feb. 8—Altar Society meeting, 6pm @ KC Hall

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

Wed., Feb. 9—CCD Classes

Thu., Feb. 17—KC meeting, rosary prayed @ 7:15pm

*We Offer Sympathy...*to the Krysl Family with the passing of Mike Krysl. Also, condolences to the Brotsky Family with the deaths of Irene Brotsky & Don Brotsky & the Krumwiede Family—as Jeanne lost her uncle, Fr. John Zastrow.

May perpetual light shine on Mike, Irene, Don & Fr Zastrow all whom the Lord has called to eternal life. May they rest in peace & rise in glory!



The OACCW...will hold its next meeting on Tue., Feb. 8 in Elgin @ the KC Hall. There will be NO Executive Meeting. Registration begins at 10:00 with meeting to begin @ 10:30. Mass will be celebrated @ 11:00-St. Boniface Church, followed by lunch. Presentation will be given by Leadership, Service and Spirituality Commissions. All ladies of the archdiocese are invited to attend the day of fellowship, spiritual nourishment and blessings. Please contact Mary Lux (402-841-4016) with any ????

**Those in need of restoration of health:** Emma Lou Gunther, John & DiAnne Gilg, Garrett Scholz, Barb McTavish, Judy Steimle, Adalynn Bouska, Nancy Krysl, Marian Cook, Lois Tunender, Gloria Schmuecker.

**HEAVEN..DON'T MISS IT FOR THE WORLD!**

**We Are Grateful...**for your parish's donation of \$454.00 to Catholic Charities recently. With the help of generous people like you, Catholic Charities is able to continue helping assist over 280,000 in need. Because of your life-changing gift, CC has helped provide food to the hungry & shelter to the abused.

**FOOD for the NEEDY**



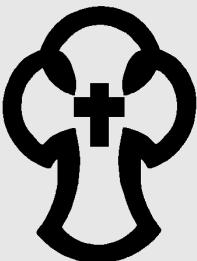
**PLEASE TAKE TIME TO...READ THE ATTACHMENT TO THE BULLETIN THIS WEEKEND! IT IS**

**VERY VITAL THAT EVERYONE PARTICIPATE IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE IN THE COMING WEEKS. THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR INPUT IN THE PREPARATION FOR THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS.**

## LIVE LENT TOGETHER

**Please pray about & consider joining a small group during Lent this year. It promises to be very rewarding! Contact Jan Kunz, 402.340.2303 to join or for more info. See attached flyer.**





## From the Pastor's Desk

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

As we started to journey through Ordinary Time, we met Jesus beginning his public ministry. Today, we hear his call to his first disciples to follow him and companion him in this ministry. All three of the readings for this weekend contain a story of a call: different people, in different circumstances, with different social and religious status, yet all are touched by the divine initiative. Isaiah, perhaps daydreaming, was in the Jerusalem temple; Paul, certainly persecuting, was on the road to Damascus; the fishermen, at the lake of Gennesaret (the Sea of Galilee), were washing their nets.

In the gospel (Luke 5:1-11), Jesus is standing on the lakeside with a crowd pressing around him to hear the word of God. Significantly, Peter and his companions are not part of this crowd. They are tending to their nets after an unprofitable night's fishing. Then Jesus himself becomes a "fisherman" for, as Proverbs 20:5 says, "The intention of the human heart is deep water, but the intelligent draw it forth." He gets into Simon's boat, hauls this probably perplexed man in with him, and puts out a short way from the shore to continue teaching the crowd. After that, Jesus addresses his words to Simon only, telling him to launch out into the deep and put down his nets for a catch. Something that Simon Peter had heard as he sat with Jesus must have made an impression, for he responds to Jesus as "Master," and although he cannot resist reminding Jesus that their nets were empty the night before, in obedience to Jesus's words he casts them into the water.

Then a great reversal happens, as it does so often in the gospels and as it will for all those who are obedient to Jesus. Empty nets become full to the breaking point, and Peter's personal encounter with Jesus leads to the call of James and John to help with the catch; emptiness becomes fullness in not only one boat but two. Peter is as overwhelmed as the boats. He falls down at Jesus's feet, now calling him "Lord," the post-resurrection title that Luke throws back into this early episode so that those who hear this narrative will recognize the presence of the risen One throughout the whole of his gospel. Peter begs Jesus to leave him because he is a sinner. We may admire this as Peter's humble profession of his unworthiness to associate with Jesus. But if we read our own experiences, could there not also be a fear of the deep waters that Peter might be letting himself into, waters that would be less troubled if Jesus just went away and left the fishermen to their nets, empty or full? Are there times when we have said to God, "Why me?" when being asked to cope with this commitment, this vocation, this suffering? One day a young woman whose daughter had just given birth to a child with Down syndrome, said in tears to her mother, "Why me?" Her mother replied, "Why? Because of all my children, you are the one whom I would choose—and God has chosen—to be the mother of this child who needs so much love."

At the dawn of the third millennium, John Paul II reminded the church of this section of Luke's gospel: *Duc in altum! Put out into the deep! These words ring out for us today, and they invite us to remember the past with gratitude, to live the present with enthusiasm, and to look forward to the future with confidence: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Heb 13:8). Now after more than two decades into the third millennium, how are we measuring up to this challenge?*

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman  
Pastor

**The 1:30—2:00 time slot remains to be filled for 1/2 hour of prayer each Wednesday. Won't you pray one-half hour with our Lord? Call the parish office with your "YES"!!!**

### THE LORD'S PORTION—01.30.22

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| Adult Env. (36)      | 1,922.00        |
| Loose Checks (2)     | 50.00           |
| Loose Cash           | 218.00          |
| Initial Offering (1) | 5.00            |
| Midweek Donations    | 210.00          |
| 4-IN-1 (1)           | 150.00          |
| Online Giving (4)    | 379.70          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         | <b>2,934.70</b> |

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS — FEB. 13

| MASS TIMES      | SUNDAY   |
|-----------------|--|
| EMHC            | Brian Mlady  |
| LECTOR          | Don Slaymaker  |
| OFFERTORY GIFTS | Ben Sholes Family  |
| ORGANIST        | Jayne Fetherston   |
| SERVERS         | Avery Nemetz<br>Landri Nemetz<br>Isabella Schaaf         |
| USHERS          | Brendan Borer<br>Tim Borer<br>Chris Skrdla<br>Joe Skrdla |
| GREETERS        | H&J Krumwiede  |

## We Salute

MANY, MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF THE PARISH CARNIVAL LAST FRIDAY. THE DONORS OF FOOD, PRIZES, ETC, ETC...IT WAS A SUCCESS!!!

CHURCH CLEANERS ARE NEEDED. PLEASE, PLEASE CALL CINDY KUBIK, 402.340.0049.

FOR KC HALL RENT, CONTACT WAYNE BAKER, 402.340.0314, INSURANCE NEEDS-MIKE SCHOLZ, 308.991.6157.