

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." To him Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." - Lk 9:61-62

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULES

EFFECTIVE JULY 1ST, 2022

Saturday

5:00 pm—St. Patrick, O'Neill 5:00 pm—St. Boniface, Stuart

Sunday

9:00am—St. Joseph, Atkinson 10:30 am—St. Patrick, O'Neill 11:15 am—St. Joseph, Amelia

Sacred Heart of Boyd County:

Saturday

Week 1: Spencer—7:00 pm Week 2: Lynch—7:00 pm Week 3: Spencer—7:00 pm Week 4: Lynch—7:00 pm Week 5: Spencer—7:00 pm Week 1: Butte—8:00 am Week 2: Butte—8:00 am Week 3: Butte—8:00 am Week 4: Spencer—8:00 am Week 5: Butte—8:00 am

FAREWELL FROM FR. SUND

This weekend, June 26th is my final weekend in the Parishes of Western Holt and Boyd Counties. It's hard to believe that I've been here for four years! I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude to all of you for my time here. I pray that in some way I was able to bring Christ into your lives through my time in ministry here. I won't be too far down the road, and will likely see many of you at sporting events or parish events again. I've already received numerous cards and want to thank all of you for the kind send off dinners and lunches. May God Bless and remember to keep Jesus Christ first in everything! — Father Sund

LIVE THE LITURGY

God calls us in the midst of ordinary things. Often only looking for God in the dramatic, spectacular, the ritual or the sacred places, we miss that He is walking beside us, "Follow me." Sometimes, we are too distracted to hear this call. Other times, we would rather ignore it or pretend it wasn't heard. God, however, is very persistent. Whether we fine tune our hearing to receive this invitation now or when we close our eyes in death, we need to make a choice. The choice involves leaving some things behind and moving forward, taking risks. Choosing to keep focused and single-minded, the lens we then use to see our world and one another is God's, not our own. Life is no longer about what is important or matters to me but what matters to God. We acquire a new filter and are asked to use that filter to make choices, establish priorities, and determine what direction we will take, and how to love. Once we accept God's invitation, we cannot keep looking back to what was left behind, only forward to the surprises yet to come.

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Actually, This Sunday is the Company Picnic, Then Next Weekend I'M Booked to Go Fishing With The Guys, Then...

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Sunday

FROM FATHER STARMAN

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

The road Jesus takes to Jerusalem is signposted with encounters, events, stopping places. This serves to universalize the way of discipleship; it has nothing to do with map reading or chronology, and everything to do with following Jesus in our own time and place. To help us along the way, Luke describes three encounters with would-be disciples. We hear the request, we listen to Jesus's response, but we learn nothing of the outcome of these meetings. It is as though, by this narrative silence, Jesus is saying to us: Listen to the answer your own life makes.

The first would-be disciple takes the initiative in approaching Jesus. He seems to be brashly confident, the enthusiast who needs to be tested for staying power, for readiness to be a powerless, homeless, and dispossessed disciple of a rejected Son of Man. Into Jesus's reply is woven the suggestion that in Roman-occupied Palestine everyone is at home except the true Israel. The "foxes" referred to are not just burrowing animals, but people like "that fox," Herod Antipas (Luke 13:32), who have dug themselves into politically secure positions. The "birds of the sky" were an apocalyptic symbol for the "roosting" Gentiles, the Romans who had disinherited Israel and now lord it over them. If you want to follow me, says Jesus, be prepared to be a powerless and dispossessed follower of a rejected Son of Man.

In the second encounter, it is Jesus who takes the initiative in calling the person to follow. We probably have a sneaking sympathy for this one who seems to make a very human and religious request of Jesus: "Let me go first and bury my father." But there is a cultural context to these words that persists even today in some Middle Eastern communities, and which throws a very different light on Jesus's demand. Sons were and sometimes still are expected to remain close to their family home at least until their father has passed away. In Jesus's invitation was the urgent and present call not to delay, not to put off the "today" demands of the reign of God. For all who answer the gospel call, there will be some contradiction of cultural expectations, some necessary reordering of priorities in our relationships. "Let the dead bury their dead" is Luke's literary device of exaggeration to emphasize the priority of Jesus's call. In no way does it deny the love for our parents that God explicitly commands.

The third would-be disciple wants to follow Jesus, but on condition that he is allowed to "first say farewell to my family at home." This seems a reasonable request, especially in the light of the first reading that describes how Elijah gave Elisha permission to go and say goodbye. But the following of Jesus has to be unswerving; not even this detour is allowed. The mini-parable of the plow explains further what is also Luke's literary device of exaggeration. The light Palestinian plow was guided with one hand, usually the left, while the plower's other hand carried a stick used to goad the oxen that pulled the plow. To make a furrow that was straight and of the right depth, to lift the plow over rocks that might shatter it, demanded great concentration and dexterity. To take one's eyes off the plow for a moment could spell disaster. So it is with his disciples, says Jesus. The eyes of our heart must be fixed on the reign of God with unwavering commitment so the field of this world may be well plowed and made ready for God's harvesting.

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman Pastor



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Sharing is caring!

JUNE 25 & 26, 2022

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Mass Intentions

Sunday 11:15 am masses are at St. Joseph Amelia SATURDAY, JUNE 25 5:00 pm † Larry Murphy, † Duane Gettert, † Jim Boyle SUNDAY, JUNE 26 9:00 am † Virginia Gokie

11:15 am Pro Populo MONDAY, JUNE 27

No Mass

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

No Mass

WED., JUNE 29, SS. PETER & PAUL 7:00 am † Jesse Peetz

5:15 pm + Mary Jo Closson

THUR., JUNE 30, FIRST MARTYRS OF THE CHURCH OF ROME

7:00 am + Jimmy Shoemaker, + George Shoemaker, & + Maggie Pierce

FRIDAY, JULY 1

7:00 am + All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, July 2

5:00 pm † Dorotha Mudloff

SUNDAY, JULY 3

9:00 am † Charline Gaughenbaugh 11:15 am Pro Populo

Ministry Schedule, July 2 & 3

Servers

5:00 pm Trevor Reiser, Remington Risinger 10:30 am Waylin Scofield, Wyatt Scofield Greeters 5:00 pm Matt Otte Family 10:30 am Ron & Barb Mejstrik USHERS Mel McKlem, Scott Novak, 5:00 pm Mike Parks, Ryan Parks 10:30 am Joe Krotter, James Krotter, Ron Mejstrik, Gary Pistulka EMHCS 5:00 pm Deacon MJ 10:30 am Dawn Schneider

5:00 pm 10:30 am

MUSICIANS

5:00 pm

10:30 am

Brian Corkle Steve Bahrij

Toni Schneider, Kay Stepp Will Otte

Dick Mlnarik



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Congratulations to **Taylan & Mariah (Fahrenholz) Reiser** on their recent wedding! May the Lord bless them with many happy years together!

June 26 - July 3 Calendar

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

Totus Tuus	
Peter's Pence	e Collection
8:30 AM	Rosary—SP
9:00 AM	Mass—SP
10:30 AM	Baptism—SP
11:15 AM	Mass—SJ
3:00 PM	Divine Mercy Chaplet/Rosary/Fr. Flanagan Prayer - SP
MONDAY	

Monday, June 27

Totus Tuus

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

Totus Tuus

Wednesday, June 29

Totus Tuus7:00 AMMass—SP5:15 PMMass—SP5:30 PMTotus Tuus Potluck—Parish Hall7:00 PMBaptism—SP8:30 PMCEC Meeting—SMH Conference Room

Thursday, June 30

Totus Tuus 7:00 AM Mass—SP

FRIDAY, JULY 1

Totus Tuus 7:00 AM Mass—SP 10:00 AM Staff Meeting—PC

SATURDAY, JULY 2

4:00 PMConfession—SP4:30 PMRosary—SP5:00 PMMass—SPSUNDAY, JULY38:30 AMRosary—SP9:00 AMMass—SP10:30 AMBaptism—SP11:15 AMMass—SI

Please Pray For...

John Heitz, Sharon Reichmuth, Viona Cuddy, James Widtfeldt, Charol Ann Zakrzewski, Jessi Lenz, Erica Alder, ♦ Tiffany Tkepkes, Ayden Bazelman, Coni Dowd Molvig ,Melissa Drevecky, Paula Havranek, Adam Stone, Gabrielle Leggitt, Mikel Leggitt, Cecelia Bazelman, Nathan Boyle, Janet Fletcher, Genevieve Nachtman, Annabelle Adamson ♦Leo O'Malley, John Gilg, Coni Hollenbeck, Terry "Beak" Tomjack, Tom Coker, Scott Kunz, ♦ Jim Gokie, Nancy Young, Karen VanEvery, Kathy Nichols, Larry Cleary, Elaine Storms, Ann Davis, and all those with longterm illnesses.

If you would like someone added to the email/phone prayer list, please contact Norma Skjold, OCDS, at 336-3380 or norma.skjold@gmail.com.
Prayer requests listed in the bulletin are included for 4 weeks, unless otherwise requested. For prayer requests to be listed in the bulletin, blease call the Parish Office.

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ST. JOSEPH NEWS

UPCOMING MASS TIMES Call 402-482-5422 for Mass Updates Sunday, July 3 11:15 am Sunday July 10 11:15 pm

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 3	
Offertory:	Gary Nachtma
Lector:	Ashley Harriso
EMHCs:	Daryl Tomjac
Servers:	Rose Woeple
Cleaning:	Karen Sladek

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Leo O'Malley, Clayton Whiting, Kelly Waldo, Helen Bohn, Lew Mueller, and their families.

STEWARDSHIP—JUNE 19, 2022

Weekly Amount Needed for Budget (till 6/30/22)	\$600.00
Envelopes	\$320.00
Plate	\$19.00
ACH/Electronic Giving	\$120.00
Current Total	\$459.00
Actual Since 07/01/21	\$29,78506
YTD of Annual Budget	\$30,600.00
Under Needed Year to Date	\$(814.94)

Homebound Communion

If you, or someone you know is homebound and wanting to receive communion, please contact the Parish Center and ask to be added to the list.



WORD OF LIFE: JUNE 26, 2022

"O God our Creator... we ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith." USCCB "Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty"

INTERCESSION FOR LIFE:

For the preservation of religious freedom in our country: That the right to freely worship God And live according to His commands May be protected and upheld; We pray to the Lord:

BRIGHT HORIZONS GIFT CARD DRIVE

Bright Horizons is look for your help during the month of June. We are asking for donations for gift cards for our clients. These donations can be local store gift cards, or visa gift cards that can be used anywhere. Throughout June, your congregation can gather these donations to show your support fort our organization. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 319 E. Douglas St, O'Neill, 402-336-1774.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

This Sunday, July 26th, the Peter's Pence Collection is a way for your diocese to show solidarity with the Holy Father. When you participate, you support the ongoing works of the Holy See and the pope's charitable efforts. Your contribution to the Peter's Pence Collection helps fund not only the activities of the Roman Curia that assist the pope in the exercise of his ministry but also solidarity projects that aid those most in need.



WITH SINCERE SYMPATHY

We remember the souls of **Alice Sobotka**, and all who have died. May God grant them eternal rest. We pray that her families will find comfort in God's presence and peace.

Bulletin Reminder

Please have information you would like added to the bulletin emailed to Rebecca at rhyatt@holtboydcatholic.org by **Tuesdays at**

noon.

STEWARDSHIP-JUNE 19, 2022



Wednesday, July 6th & Friday, July 8th 6:15 am FB Morning Conditioning

Monday, July 11th, Tuesday, July

12th & Thursday, July 14th

JH/HS Football Camp @ 5pm

Wednesday, July 13th

6:15 am FB Morning Conditioning Elementary Football Camp @ 5pm

Friday, July 15th 6:15 am FB Morning Conditioning

Monday, July 18th, Tuesday, July 19th & Thursday, July 21st JH/HS Football Camp @ 5pm

Wednesday, July 20th & Friday, July 22nd 6:15 am FB Morning Conditioning

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Tuesday, July 26th—Thursday, July 28th NCA Multi—Sports Clinic

ST. MARY'S UNIFORM EXCHANGE

Did you know we have a uniform exchange program for St. Mary's? We have many tables & racks of used uniforms, for all sizes and ages, **now newly located downstairs in the St. Mary's Grade School**. You simply drop off any gently used uniform items that could be worn by other students, and/or pick up what you need.

Would you like to be a wish-granter for our school and/or parish office? Contact Jennifer Wallwey for more information or just drop off money at the Parish Office. Be sure it is marked

clearly where you would like it applied.

- Parish Office—Latte Kcups, Individual Creamers
- Maintenance Department—Contact the Parish Office
- Elementary School—AR Prizes (\$240)
- Mrs. Schmeichel—"Of Mice & Men" Permabond copies (\$391)
- White Christmas lights to be used for school & parish events

John Newquist Scholarship

Current college students, of any age, please consider applying for the John Newquist Scholarship! You can apply at johnnewquisteducationalfoundtion.org Deadline to apply for funds for the 2022—2023 School year is July 1st, 2022.

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Totus Tuus

Totus Tuus starts this week! We are SO excited to bring this program back to our young believers again this summer!

The elementary program will run Monday—Friday from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm with the help of our missionaries and our high school and adult volunteers! Our elementary students are asked to bring a sack lunch every day as well as a refillable water bottle, but there will be snacks provided for the afternoon! On Wednesday (7/29) there will be a parish pot luck for all of our families! We en-

courage you to bring a main dish and a side or dessert to share, this is a great opportunity to bond and get to know everyone participating! On Friday (8/1), we ask that you send your child with a swimsuit or a set of clothes they don't mind getting soaked, as we have a fun filled water afternoon planned with root beer floats! This will be the final fun filled day for our Totus Tuus elementary program!

Our junior high and high school program will begin Sunday (6/26) and end on Thursday (6/30) with sessions running from 7:00 pm—9:00 pm. There will be snacks provided for our students, but they are asked to bring a refillable water bottle. Our JH & HS students are also encouraged to participate in the parish potluck Wednesday (6/29) with the rest of the elementary group. Thursday (6/30) will be the JH/HS final session where we will have a pizza party to celebrate the end of the program!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who have donated, come out to help, and who have attended this year's Alumni weekend! This weekend wouldn't come together without everyone who pitches in! Again, thank you!

-Peg Gray

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