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THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 10, 2022

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Sacraments

Reconciliation: 30 min. before Mass or by appointment

Baptism: **St. John** – Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
St. Joseph – Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

Baptism Class: Contact the Director of Faith Formation

Marriage: Arrangements at least six (6) months prior to marriage. Interview with the pastor is required before date for marriage can be given.

Questions of the Week

Inspiring Us to Live in the Holy Spirit

Adults: What situations or circumstances have summoned me to compassion and taught me the practical side of the commandment of love?

Children: How can I love other people as God loves them?

The Pastor's Toolbox

The media has focused on the abuse of children by priests. I know such news is disturbing to everyone, Catholics and non-Catholics alike, as it is to me, and I want to address it.

As a priest, I ask pardon for the horrific actions of members of the Catholic clergy who exploited their positions of trust to abuse children. Nothing can be said to justify such actions, or of any attempts to cover them up. Priests have traditionally held places of privilege and honor among Catholics and to betray that trust is indefensible.

The Charter for the Protection of Minors from Sexual Abuse, adopted by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2002 and revised in 2005, says it well. "The sexual abuse of children and young people by some deacons, priests and bishops, and the ways in which these crimes and sins were addressed, have caused enormous pain, anger, and confusion," says the document's preamble. "As bishops (and priests), we have acknowledged our mistakes and our roles in that suffering, and we apologize and take responsibility again for too often failing victims and the Catholic people in the past. From the depths of our hearts, we bishops (and priests) express great sorrow and profound regret for what the Catholic people have endured."

The Diocese of Sioux City subscribes to the charter, which provides uniform guidelines on reporting sexual abuse, accountability, reports to a national board and mandatory education programs in parishes and schools. In our diocese and around the country, civil authorities are notified of any allegations of sexual abuse of a minor. And, pending an investigation, any cleric guilty of such an act is permanently removed from ministry. (*Continued on page 2*)

Mass Schedule for St. John and St. Joseph Churches

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Parish</u>
Monday	July 11		No Mass	
Tuesday	July 12	9:00 AM	No Mass	St. Joseph
Wednesday	July 13	9:00 AM	Matthew Benjamin	St. John
Thursday	July 14	9:00 AM	Bud Mareau	St. Joseph
Friday	July 15	9:00 AM	Maurice Benjamin	St. John
Saturday	July 16	4:00 PM	Deceased members of Nick Topf Family	St. Joseph
Sunday	July 17	9:00 AM	Pete Mortensen	St. John
		11:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Bernard, St. John & St. Joseph	St. Joseph

The Pastor's Toolbox, *continued*

The diocese has a victim assistance advocate who can be reached at (712) 279-5610 or (866) 435-4397, and the Victims' Assistance Coordinator will lead you through the process. For details on diocesan policies regarding abuse of children, go to <https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/child-and-youth-protection/upload/Charter-for-the-Protection-of-Children-and-Young-People-2018-final.pdf>.

One other feature of the bishops' efforts to address and understand this problem is an extensive study that has been commissioned to the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York on the "Causes and Context" of this problem which was most problematic in the 1970s and 1980s. While the church accepts responsibility for the issue among its members, sadly, the matter is much broader and is a societal problem. It is the hope of the bishops that their experience in addressing the problem will be of benefit to society at large and that insights gained by the John Jay study will be illuminating to all. The Catholic Church cares about children and wants to protect them. Jesus wanted the little children to come to him. Abuse of children by priests, the overwhelming majority of whom are dedicated, caring people, is a great embarrassment and causes pain for victims, their families, and all the Church's members.

Sowing the Seeds of Knowledge

New! Programs for Young Adults

Mountain Climbers

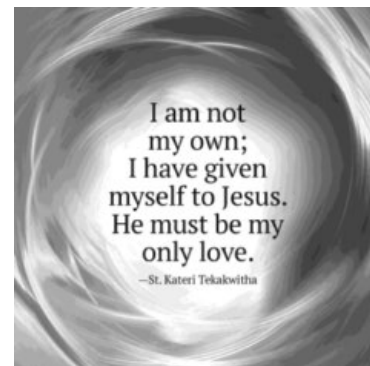
Join us on **Sunday, July 10, 6:30 PM, St. John Church.** Please RSVP by 4:00 PM on Friday, July 8 to Michelle Rethman at stjoseph6712@gmail.com or 712-202-6641. We look forward to seeing you there!

Virtual Bible Study for All Young Adults: Two young ladies of our diocese have established a new young adult group, Frassati Fellowship of Northwest Iowa. Check out more about this exciting new group on Facebook and Instagram! And join the virtual Bible study which begins on **Tuesday, July 5, 7:30 PM.** This is a great way to meet young Catholics in our area, grow deeper in your faith, *and* stay connected to home if you are away.

School-Aged Children

Siouxland Catholic Radio's Vacation Bible School: Join KFHC and Fran O'Tool, VBS Director, for Vacation Bible School, August 1–4. This year's theme is *Love Like Jesus: Brave, Bold, Loud, and Proud!* **Space is limited!** Registration deadline is Thursday, July 14, 2022, 12:00 PM. The registration fee is \$40 (if paid with check) or \$43 (if paid with debit/credit card) per student. The registration fee is waived for younger siblings of group leaders, and scholarships are available. For more information, please visit www.siouxlandcatholicradio.com, or call (712) 224-5342.

Religious Education Catechists: If you haven't already had your exit interview with Michelle, please schedule an interview with her before July 22, 2022. *Thank you.*



St. John & St. Bernard Weekly Offering

June 26, 2022
Registered Families: 185

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$828.26
E-Offering	\$134.70
Building Fund	
Hall Rental	
Needy Fund	
Grain	
Catholic Communications	
Candles	
St. Bernard	\$110.00
Peters Pence	\$70.00
Total for June 26, 2022	\$1142.96

Please pray for the sick of our parishes: Margaret Hansen, Pam Turner, Loretta Simoff, John Heisterkamp, Charlotte Zortman, Florence Ibsgaard, Gina Mortensen, Judson Bramow, Anita Gerum, Dana Herman, Denis Herman, and Eddie & Ann Womack. If you know of someone who is ill and needs our prayers and would like to be listed, or if you no longer need to be listed, contact Colleen at the parish office, 423-1004.

The Monona County Fair will be this week, July 12 thru July 17th. The Knights of Columbus will again be manning their booth and suppling all fair-goers with delicious food, snacks and ice cold beverages. Please plan on supporting our knights by stopping by the booth and/ or volunteering some time helping with the booth. All volunteers are welcome and appreciated.

We are looking for volunteers for a committee to help us care for the outside and the inside of the Church. This committee will meet about 4 times a year and will assess the conditions of our church buildings and grounds. The committee will then make recommendations to Father and our Finance committee. If you are interested, please contact the office @ 423-1004, Amy Christensen @ 712-490-4484 or Annette Linden @ 420-869

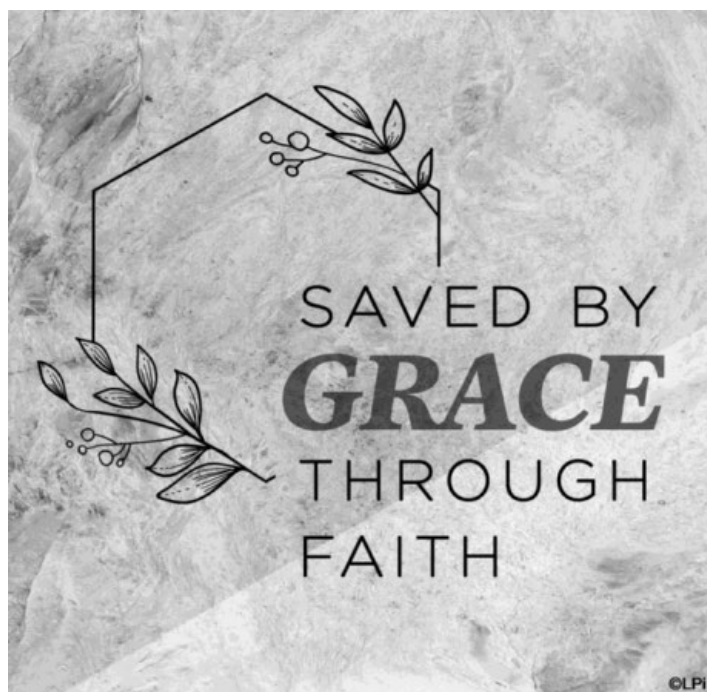
Midge Stanley left this earth and joined the community of saints in heaven. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

St. Joseph Weekly Offering

June 25-26, 2022
Registered Families: 209

Envelopes and Loose Giving	\$3640.00
E-Offering	
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$10.00
Maintenance Fund	\$25.00
Emergency Fund	\$5.00
Candles	\$62.00
Food Pantry	
Peters Pence	\$100.00
Aid to Domestic Church	\$15.00
Ascension of the Lord	
Stained Glass Windows	\$10.00
Cemetery Fund	
Total for June 25-26, 2022	\$3867.00

Remember to pray for the sick of our parish: Doreen Becker, David Bogenrief, Christian Case, Vincent Choquette, Kathy Clayton, Ben Cooper, Linda Donnelly, Colleen Ebner, Mike Franken, Nairna Gnat, Jeri Greiner, Bryson Harder, Sophie Helvey, Richard Hentges, Roger Huot, Elliott Johnson, Sue LaCroix, Gerrie Lamoureux, Justin Lamoureux, Brian Mareau, Helen Martin, David Menard, Fran Mitchell, Tristan Parks, Mark Rinaldi, Mary Lue Schneiders, Stella Serviss, Nick & Ally Spohr, Kathy Stahmer, Connie Wagner, Paula Wagner, Brady Worrell, Frances Schulte and Cal Worrell. For all who travel, those who grieve, those in the military, veterans and their families, and our nation's leaders.



God Laughs

A guy is driving around the back woods of Tennessee and he sees a sign in front of a broken down shanty-style house: "Talking Dog For Sale." He rings the bell and the owner appears and tells him the dog is in the back yard. The guy goes into the back yard and sees a nice looking Labrador retriever sitting there. "You talk?" he asks. "Yep," the Lab replies. After the guy recovers from the shock of hearing a dog talk, he says "So, what's your story?" The Lab looks up and says, "Well, I discovered that I could talk when I was pretty young. I wanted to help the government, so I told the CIA. In no time at all they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders; because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping. I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years running." "But the jetting around really tired me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger so I decided to settle down. I signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security, wandering near suspicious characters and listening in." I uncovered some incredible dealings and was awarded a batch of medals. I got married, had a mess of puppies, and now I'm just retired." The guy is amazed. He goes back in and asks the owner what he wants for the dog. "Ten dollars," the guy says "Ten dollars? This dog is amazing! Why on earth are you selling him so cheap?" "Because he's a liar. He never did any of that stuff."

Ministries Schedule for St. Joseph July 16 @ 4:00 PM

Servers: Hudson & Lawson Schuetz, Kellen Hunold

Eucharistic Minister: Monica Kavanaugh

Lector: Al Stuhrenberg

Greeters: Pete & Marge Rinaldi

Ushers: Bert Ullrich, Lawson Schuetz,
Pete & Marge Rinaldi

Gifts: Pete & Marge Rinaldi

Ministries Schedule for July 17 @ 11 AM

Servers: Jaxton Johnson, Allyson Harpenau,
J.T. Dewald

Eucharistic Minister: Brenda Hinrickson

Lector: Joni Greder

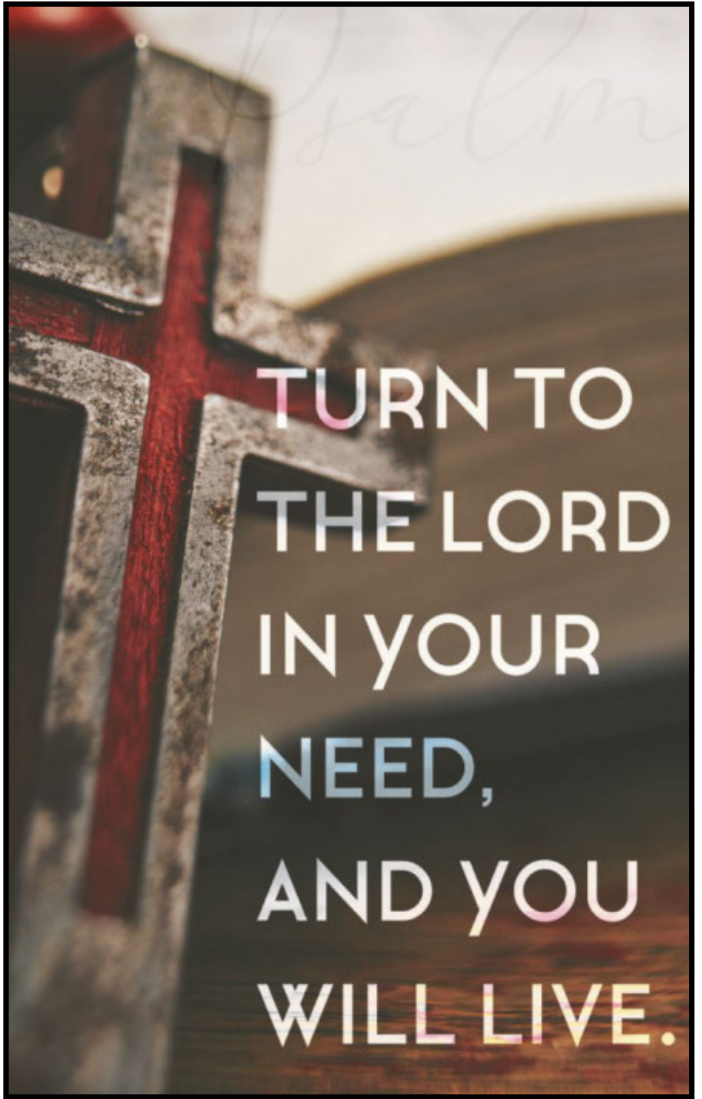
Greeters: Tom & Doreen Becker

Ushers: Ron & Margaret Wood
John & Heather Hensley

Gifts: Tom & Doreen Becker

Communion to Homebound: Mary Parker
Mary Herbst

Stewards: Don & Sue Mohning
10 AM Monday @ St. Joseph



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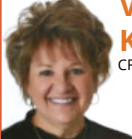
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