

**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 2nd, 2020**

**Saint Joseph's Parish**

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**The 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



*"But they said to him, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have here." Then he said, "Bring them here to me," ... Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied... Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children (Matt 14:17-21)".*

**Sunday Readings**

The **first reading** is taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 55:1-3. The prophet, living among the Jewish exiles in Babylon, utters words of consolation for the despairing exiles. Here he tells them that Yahweh is inviting them to a banquet which he freely gives them. Yahweh alone can provide for their real needs; they are foolish to look elsewhere for consolation or help. If they cooperate, he will fulfill the promise he had made to David, the promise of a future Messiah.

The **second reading** is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 8:35, 37-39. St. Paul concludes this chapter with a hymn in praise of God's love for us: "with God on our side," he says, "who can be against us?" Then come today's verses, which are rhetorical questions, showing that there is no power in heaven or on earth that can take away or lessen God's love for us as manifested in Christ, his Incarnate Son.

The **Gospel** is from St. Matthew 14:13-21. This miracle was an act of kindness and loving thoughtfulness on the part of Christ. He saw the people's need - it was late for them to return to their homes and they had had nothing to eat all day - and He worked a miracle to provide for this need. The miracle also helped to convince the people of Galilee - the news spread around quickly - that He was the expected Messiah, but especially it prepared the way for the announcement of the greatest miracle of all - the miracle of the Eucharist. As St. John tells us Jesus referred to this miracle the next day in order to introduce His promise of the heavenly bread which He would give them and which was to be His own body and blood, under the form of bread and wine. The bread He miraculously multiplied that day to supply the bodily needs of the Galilean multitude was but a foreshadowing of that heavenly food which He was about to give as spiritual nourishment to the millions who would become His followers down through the centuries until the end of time.

The Galileans were grateful to Him for providing so kindly and so thoughtfully for their needs. How much more grateful should we not be for the miracle by means of which He has left us Himself to be our daily spiritual food? We are grateful, of course, to our loving Lord who not only handed up His Body to His enemies to be crucified for us, but through His divine power, arranged that His glorified body, triumphant over death, should remain with us, His Church, forever under the Eucharistic species.

Though invisible to mortal eyes, He is as truly present on our altars as He was that day in Galilee, when He miraculously fed the multitude. He is present under the form of bread and wine — so that we can partake of Him as spiritual nourishment during our earthly life. Could love go any further? He Himself said: "A man can have no

greater love than to lay down his life for his friends" (Jn. 15 :13). Yes, once a man has given his life he has given his all; there is nothing more he can give. But Christ was more than man. He was God as well, and, therefore, He was able not only to lay down His human life for us, but was able and willing to remain with us after death under the Eucharistic species: to be our strength and nourishment until we join Him in the promised land of heaven.

When we compare our own unworthiness with this, almost incredible, love and thoughtfulness of Christ for us, all we can do is simply to say: "Lord, you know I am not worthy to receive you, but you say you want to come into my poor and untidy home, please make me less unworthy, forgive all my past sins and offenses, and give me the grace and strength to be better in the future."

*In Courtesy of The Sunday Readings  
by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M*



**From Fr. Vincent's' Desk:**



**Good News! New Parish Website**

I'm glad to let you know we now have our new parish website that was launched last week. It has taken us a bit of time but at last we are there. To get to your parish website, open your browser and simply type in: [www.stjosephwisner.org](http://www.stjosephwisner.org) or [www.holycrossbeemer.org](http://www.holycrossbeemer.org).

Our two parishes are in one website but separate. I welcome you to navigate our content and familiarize yourself with what is available there. You can now download many forms needed like for baptism, RCIA and even for parish membership registration. There is always room for improvement and updates if need be. The website also has an online donation option through the Archdiocese but the money will come directly to our parish account. Once you click the online donation, scroll the arrow, and find your parish that you want to donate to. If you choose to use this option for Sunday and Holiday giving, just let us know.

I would like to thank the website committee Alan Harms (From Wisner), Tracy Oligmueller (From Beemer) and Sarah Jacobs (Parish Bookkeeper) that we worked together with in organizing all this and bringing the content together for a start. We are also looking for one or two people to volunteer and help us in the website updates. If interested, call the parish office at [402-529-3891](tel:402-529-3891) or email us at: [stjo68791@gmail.com](mailto:stjo68791@gmail.com).

**CCD Volunteer Teachers**

From the look of things, the schools seems to be planning on opening for physical class attendance as from this month of August. In order for our program of CCD to continue, we need volunteer teachers. I'm asking for anyone willing to help to notify us ASAP. We will try to follow the Safety Guidelines with regard to Covid-19. We thank all those teachers who have been volunteering to teach this program.

**COVID- 19 Phase III Updates for July/August 2020**

So far, we don't have any new updates for the next month of August.

You are welcome back into the Church for Mass while following the guidelines given especially sitting 6 ft away from each party and sanitizing the hands before and after mass among other guidelines.

**I strongly recommend that if you are attending Mass, wear a face mask but it is not a requirement.**

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Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer

Weekend of August 8th & 9th

**WORD:** Shelly Wellman, Rita Eichelberger  
**EMHC:** Gerald Schlickbernd, Susan Niewohner  
 Ken Schlickbernd, Marjorie Gentrup  
**USHER:** Brad Schulz, Melvin Niewohner  
**PRAISE:** Diana Dinslage, Alvin Dinslage

Stewardship of God's Gifts Holy Cross—July 26, 2020	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$655.00
Plate:	13.00
HELP/Fuel:	15.00
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$683.00</b>

**ALTAR SOCIETY:** Due to the coronavirus and no new business, Holy Cross Altar Society will NOT meet AUGUST 3rd, 2020.

**AUGUST MOWING GROUP:**

Chairman— Alan Batenhorst  
 Members: Gary Batenhorst, Melvin Niewohner, Tom Peatrowsky, Ron Francis, Gerald Schlickbernd, Heath Harrison, Paul Schlickbernd.

**ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS  
 EMHC/Lector Training & Mandation**

Training and mandation will happen this fall to accommodate continued need for new ministers. However, due to continued limitations on large gatherings and the variety of local liturgical solutions, the process will differ from previous years.

The Pastor needs to supply [Dr. Michael Emmerich](#) with names and email contact information of candidates no later than August 31<sup>st</sup>. Dr. Michael will provide candidates with necessary forms and links for the virtual meetings. Upon completion of the session, candidates' pastors will be notified and be responsible (or delegate responsibility) for the practical instruction in their current local procedures. The customary, centralized mandation Masses in Norfolk and Omaha will not be held, but resources for the mandation will be provided to pastors to facilitate local ceremonies during their weekend parish Masses. If interested, send your name and contact information to Fr. Vincent at [vsunguti2018@gmail.com](mailto:vsunguti2018@gmail.com) or call 402 529 3531. Note the dateline above.

Virtual Meeting Dates & Times:

Sunday, 9/20: 3:00-4:30 pm (English)  
 Monday, 9/21: 6:00-7:30 pm (Spanish)

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**Continued From Fr. Vincent's Desk:**

**Bible Study Group**

During this time of pandemic, it can be challenging to get together but we can still do something while following the guidelines given to us by CDC. Apart from other parish groups that are trying to reopen and move on, Bible study is another one.

Every faith is built on knowledge of God that we learn from various experiences which we go through in life. But our primary source of the knowledge of God is from the Holy Bible. Our parish is blessed to have this small group of Bible Study that you are welcome to join. You are also welcome to initiate a new Bible group that meets your needs. Come let us interpret together this word of God into an easier way of understanding by relating it to my story and your story of life. I encourage you to wear face masks if you can.

If you are interested in joining this group or would like to initiate a new one, please contact:

For Wisner- **Ruth Bloedorn at 402-640-3446 or email at [ruthbloedorn@yahoo.com](mailto:ruthbloedorn@yahoo.com).**

For Beemer- **Marylin Ortmeier at 402-380-0676 or email at [marilyn.ortmeier@icloud.com](mailto:marilyn.ortmeier@icloud.com).**

**You may also contact Fr. Vincent at 402-529-3531.**

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner

Weekend of August 9th

**LEC:** Dave McGuire  
**EMHC:** Capri McGuire  
**USHER:** Men's August Work Group

**MEN'S WORK GROUP—August 2020**

**Chair:** Chad Ludwig  
**Co-Chair:** Lorin Batenhorst  
**Members:** Ray Johnson, Nick Heller, Austen Godbersen, Perry Albers, Roger Lampman, Todd Schroeder, Dylan Ludwig

Stewardship of God's Gifts St. Joseph—July 26, 2020	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$680.00
Plate:	37.00
Heating/AC:	20.00

**KIDS IN CRISIS BACKPACKS:** One of the CCD projects that we will complete this summer is the necessity backpacks for Kids in Crisis. If you could donate full-size Shampoo/Conditioner, deodorant, and/or non-perishable snacks, please put them in the receptacle in the vestibule at St. Joseph church by August 26. You can also donate cash enclosed in a marked envelope using the collection baskets. The backpacks are donated to The Bridge, the domestic violence program in our area. The bags of necessities are given to kids who must quickly leave dangerous home situations and stay in a shelter.

**MEALS-ON-WHEELS APPRECIATION:** A big THANK YOU to these adult and youth volunteers who took time from their busy summer days to deliver Meals-on-Wheels on behalf of St. Joseph Parish:

**June:** Danielle & Emma Schroetlin; Norm & Dorothy Weber and Kris Brahmer (delivered during torrential rain!); Carol Oligmueller; Anne Ausdemore; Barb Deitloff; Lori & Chesney Ruskamp; Madonna Servi.

**July:** Danielle & Emma Schroetlin; Anne Ausdemore with Paislie Burki, Ghia Bramble, Ella Jacobs, Joel Good, Erica Good; Norm and Dorothy Weber; Kris Brahmer; Lucy & Devine Streeter; Helen Feller.

Our next delivery time is August 31 to September 4, so check your calendars!

**JOIN THE TEAMMATES MENTORING PROGRAM** in Wisner on Monday, Aug. 3 from 6-7 PM to participate in the One Hour Walk: Making a Difference for Youth! The Walk will be held at the Wisner-Pilger Track. Registration will begin at 5:30. The Walk starts at 6:00 PM. For additional information call Staci Jensen at 529-3338.

Walkers are expected to register for this one-hour event that recognizes the importance of the one hour that mentors spend with their mentees each week. The generous support of TeamMates by our community makes this event possible. All the funds raised locally will benefit the local TeamMates Scholarship Fund.

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	03	<b>NO MASS</b>	---	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue	04	9:30 AM	WCC	Residents of the Wisner Care Center
Wed	05	8:00 AM	HC	Lvng and Dec'd Mbrs of the Leo & Hildegard Hunke Fam.
Thu	06	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Herb Albers
Fri	07	8:00 AM	HC	+ Duane Humlicek
Sat	08	5:00 PM	HC	+ Mildred Knobbe
Sun	09	8:30 AM	HC	+ Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Emanuel
Sun	09	10:00 AM	SJ	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
SJ—St. Joseph's		HC—Holy Cross		
WCC—Wisner Care Center		CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer		
<b>Fr. will <u>live stream only the 5:00 Saturday Mass</u> via both Facebook pages...</b>				
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