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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 19th, 2020

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Reconciliation:

St. Joseph's-Saturday: 4:15-4:40 PM or by appointment
Holy Cross-Sunday: 8:00-8:20 AM or by appointment

The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



"Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear." (Matt 13:40-43)

The **first reading** is taken from the Book of Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 where the author reminds us that the kind of judgment we receive depends not on the scales of godless justice, but instead on the mercy and love of God for those who strive to live life in response to His love.

The **second reading** is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 8:26-27. The theme is the activity of the Spirit in helping us in our weakness to pray as we ought, for it is the Spirit who makes intercession for us and intercedes for us before God.

The **Gospel** is from St. Matthew 13:24-43. Today's parable is Christ's answer to the question so frequently asked: "Why does God permit evil to triumph so often in this world, why are the wicked allowed to prosper?" The triumph of the wicked is short-lived, the reward of the Christian who suffers from their wickedness is everlasting. The very wickedness and injustices of evil doers are one of the ways that God uses to perfect his elect. It is only on a battlefield that a true soldier can be proved.

In the parable, the weed does not destroy the wheat. It only makes it more difficult for the wheat to grow to maturity. So, it is with the Christian. No one can take his faith from him but living up to it is made more difficult by the evil influence and bad example of sinners. If some succumb to this evil influence and give up the practice of their faith, the fault is theirs. God can force no man to serve him.

The patience of the farmer in letting the weed grow on until harvest time, exemplifies the infinite mercy of God toward sinners. The weed could not change its nature, but the sinner can change his ways and God gives him every chance and every help to do this, up to his last moment of life. No sinner will be excluded from heaven because of the sins he committed but because he did not repent of these sins while he had the opportunity.

We must learn a double lesson of patience from this parable. First, to be patient with those who make our spiritual progress more difficult for us—they are actually helping us to be better Christians if we bear with patience the injuries, they inflict on us. Second, we must try to imitate the patience God shows in his dealings with sinners. While we must not approve of their evil deeds, or their sins, we must still look on them as our brothers and do all in our power to put them back on the right road to heaven. We can do this by good example, and by fervent prayer for their conversion. This is not easy for human nature, but we can be certain that God will give us the necessary grace and strength to subdue our natural weakness and aversion, if we try to act with charity and true brotherly interest toward our erring fellowmen.

By acting thus, we will not only be helping a weak brother on the rugged road to heaven, we will also be making doubly sure of our own arrival there, for God will never be outdone in generosity.

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

From Fr. Vincent's' Desk:



Updates on Temporary New Mass schedule

Last weekend, I had announced that from August 1st, 2020, we would be having Mass on every Tuesday at 8:00 am at St. Joseph's Church. Fortunate enough, the Wisner care Center has now opened for Mass on every **Tuesday at 9:30 am as from next week July 21st**. However, they will not allow nonresidents to attend the Mass due to the risks involved.

Just to let know that if there will be no opening up of Colonial Haven in Beemer, my plan of saying Mass in the Church on Fridays at 8:00 am as from August 1st will remain.

Finance report summery July 1st, 2019-June 30th 2020

FYI: The Finance report summery of last fiscal year was out last weekend and in case you missed it, you may pick up a copy from the back of the Church or from the parish office. Thank you all for your stewardship.

COVID- 19 Phase III Updates for July 2020

There is not much change from what we have been doing. "To get these latest updates, copy the below link and paste into your browser."

General link: <http://dhhs.ne.gov/Documents/COVID-19-Outline-of-Changes-to-Upcoming-DHMs-Phase-III.pdf>

For Churches link: <http://dhhs.ne.gov/Documents/COVID-19-Guidelines-for-the-Conduct-of-Faith-Based-Services.pdf>

Communion to the Homebound

- Since the [DHHS still recommends](#) limiting volunteers from visiting Assisted Living, Nursing Homes, and Independent Living facilities except for "compassionate care situations", and since homebound calls often minister to a similar population, EMHCs are not yet to be permitted to carry out Communion calls.
- For those who are quarantining at home, Holy Communion should not be brought to them, since they are quarantining.
- For those who are sick (and especially those in need of viaticum), Holy Communion can be brought to them, but clerics who do so should wear a mask, wash hands before and after, visit only briefly, and maintain social distancing as far as possible.
- For those who are homebound because they are in at-risk categories (or homebound for non-COVID-19 reasons, such as disability), Holy Communion can be brought to them, but clerics who do so should wear a mask, wash hands before and after, visit only briefly, and maintain social distancing as far as possible.
- Those who are not in the above categories should not receive Communion calls. Please recall that Communion calls exist for those who are impeded from joining the community, not those who simply choose not to do so.
- The brief version of this is:**
 - no EMHC Communion calls yet.
 - no Communion calls to people in quarantine.
 - clergy can visit the sick and homebound with proper precautions.

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer

Weekend of July 25th & 26th

WORD: Marilyn Ortmeier, Doris Guenther
EMHC: Mike McTaggart, Jeanie McTaggart
 Mary Mostek, Dennis Mostek
USHER: Gerald Gentrup, Scott Ortmeier
PRAISE: Duane Neesen, Bev Francis

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner

Weekend of July 26th

LEC: Tammie Batenhorst
EMHC: Shane Batenhorst
USHER: Men's July Work Group

MEN'S WORK GROUP—July 2020

Chair: Eric VonSeggern
Co-Chair: Jeff Phillips
Members: Ken Knust, Mark Porter, Andy Bachman,
 Tony Wemhoff, Chuck Ross, Tim Stalp, John Woerde-
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Stewardship of God's Gifts Holy Cross—July 12, 2020	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$720.00
Plate:	17.00
HELP/Fuel:	100.00
Totals:	\$837.00

Stewardship of God's Gifts St. Joseph—July 12, 2020	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$3,367.00
Plate:	12.00
Heating/AC:	50.00
Cemetery:	25.00

CONGRATULATIONS TO VANESSA PRAEST who is receiving her First Communion today. May the Lord bless her today and always!

JULY MOWING GROUP: Chairman- Brian Oligmueller, Members: Gerald Gentrup, Chris Black, Brad Schulz, Joe Hansen, Jeff Robertson, Brian Gentrup, Wayne Emanuel.

LADIES GUILD meeting will be held Monday, July 27th at 7:00 pm in the church basement.

Holy Cross Parish Council Members 2020-2021	
Mike Guenther—Pres.	Tracy Oligmueller—Sec.
Alan Batenhorst	Trisha Robertson
Mike Gentrup	Tanya Oligmueller—VP
For contact information, please see the parish directory	

**YES.....We still need volunteers!!
CAN YOU HELP??**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
TEACHERS NEEDED**

ST. JOSEPH—GRADES K-12

We are still looking for a 3rd grade teacher for the afternoon as well as volunteers for other areas, and we still need two teachers for the high school in the evening.

Our program relies completely on volunteers in order to function, and each year it becomes harder and harder to find help. If you are able and willing to lend a hand, please call Sarah Jacobs at 402-841-6144 or Capri McGuire at 402-380-2925.

Welcome to St. Joseph's and Holy Cross Parishes
 We welcome all our guests and new members to our parishes. There are many opportunities for experiencing the peace and joy of our loving God in liturgy, groups, committees and volunteer service to the church. If you would like to join our parish family, contact the parish office or send an email to:
 For St. Joseph—stjo68791@gmail.com
 For Holy Cross—renaecarlson@hotmail.com

Find HOPE and healing. ARE YOU PREGNANT AND NEED HELP: Call/text 888.550.1588 or visit loveline.com
 HAVE YOU TAKEN THE FIRST DOSE OF THE ABORTION PILL? It may not Be too late to save your baby. Call 877.558.0999 or visit abortionpillreversal.com
 FREE, CONFIDENTIAL COUNSELING FOR WOMEN AND MEN EXPERIENCING GRIEF AFTER ABORTION
 Call 888.456.HOPE (4673) or Visit hopeafterabortion.com

DON'T REMEMBER, August 14-16, retreat at Saint Benedict Center Schuyler, with Father Donald W. Shane. Jesus' desire is that we let the Father's profound personal love for us flow into our hearts. The presentations will highlight Jesus' meetings with Mary Magdalene, Peter, Paul, Matthew, Dismas and others. We will reflect on the real meaning of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick with personal experiences. The theme, "I don't remember" points to the total forgiveness the Father offers us through his Son. There is no better model of trusting in His love than that of our Blessed Mother. We will reflect on her life and ask her to guide us to open our hearts to receive His personal love. Come prepared to celebrate His personal love and forgiveness and to let go of unhealthy guilt forever. Social distancing will be observed, please bring your mask. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to Sunday after lunch. Register now at www.StBenedictCenter.com or call (402) 352-8819.

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	20	NO MASS	---	NO MASS
Tue	21	9:30 AM	WCC	Residents of the Wisner Care Center
Wed	22	8:00 AM	HC	+ Wayne Meier
Thu	23	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Joseph Svoboda
Fri	24	—	CHB	(private Mass only) + Joan Benson
Sat	25	5:00 PM	HC	+ Mr. & Mrs. Francis Hetherington
Sun	26	8:30 AM	HC	Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of the Henry & Eleanor Spenner Family
Sun	26	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		
Fr. will <u>live stream only the 5:00 Saturday Mass</u> via both Facebook pages...				
St. Joseph—"Joseph Wisner"				
Holy Cross—"Holy Cross Catholic Church—Beemer"				

