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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 21st, 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 12th Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A



Jesus said to the Twelve: "Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body

in Gehenna" (Matt 10:26-28).

The **first reading** is taken from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah 20:10-13. This reading has the tone and force of a lamentation psalm where persecutors are all around the just man, and his only strength is the Lord himself. — *A Celebrants Guide to the New Sacramentary - A Cycle* by Kevin W. Irwin

The **second reading** is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 5:12-15. St. Paul is speaking of some of the immediate effects of Christian salvation, as brought to mankind by Christ. St. Paul stresses the fact that Christ through his death not only conquered sin but poured out divine grace so abundantly and lavishly on mankind, making them his brothers and therefore sons of God, that there is no comparison between the world redeemed by Christ's death and the world of sin which prevailed up to then. — *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

The **Gospel** is from St. Matthew 10:26-33. What our Lord said to His Apostles applies to all Christians in the practice of their faith. By the very fact of living our faith openly and fully we are apostles by example. If we are always truthful and faithful to our promises, if we are honest in all our dealings, if as employers we pay a just wage and treat those working for us not as "hands" but as whole men and women, if as employees we give an honest day's work for an honest day's pay, if we live chaste lives whether in single life or in marriage, we are true Christians. Above all, if we have true love of God and show our appreciation of all that he has done for us, and if we prove that love, by helping his other children, our neighbors, we are a light shining in the darkness, because we are helping others to see the true meaning of the Christian religion.

This true light is needed more today perhaps than ever before. Our world is three quarters pagan or neo-pagan. The neo-pagans are those who once were Christians but abandoned their religion, sometimes through their own fault, but more often than not, because of the bad example they were given by their fellow Christians. These are worse off spiritually than the pagans who have never heard of Christ or the true God. These latter have at least some idols, some ancestral deities, to whom they pay respect. The neo-pagans have only themselves to venerate, and they can find little spiritual uplift in this form of religion.

A large majority of today's teenagers, in most so-called Christian countries, have come to despise, or at least to neglect, the religion of their ancestors. In most cases the cause of this is that Christianity was never really put into practice in their own homes. There are cases of very black sheep coming out of very white Christian homes, but these are cases of weak personality—they prefer to follow the mob rather than try to force their way against it. On the whole, the decline of religion among today's youth is due to bad example from their elders.

In today's gospel message, our Lord is asking each one of us to be a fearless apostle. We will be, if we live up to our religion at home and abroad. "Have no fear of men," He tells us, "don't mind what your fellowmen think of you, if you object to obscene language in your work-place. Don't fear what will be thought of you if you say your grace before and after meals in a public restaurant or hotel. Don't take that extra drink just because your companions at the party might ridicule your control ..."

These acts and many others like them, may seem trivial to some but they are giving testimony to the faith that is in us. Those who scoff at such things at first, may begin later to look into their own hearts, and come to realize what it is to be a man of principle. Eventually they may become men of principle themselves.

Let us remember our Lord's promise "Everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven."

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



From Fr. Vincent's' Desk:



Mass Servers

I'm in need of volunteer Mass servers for both Holy Cross parish and St. Joseph too. We are not scheduling anyone without their permission and therefore, I need some help on a voluntary basis. If you are interested, please contact Sarah Jacobs for Wisner at 402-529-3891 or Renae Carlson for Beemer at 402-528-3475 so that you can be scheduled. You may also contact me at 402-529-3531 or by email at vsunguti2018@gmail.com. All volunteer Mass servers will have to sanitize their hands before Mass and after and wear face masks when serving.

Congratulations to all the 2020 Graduates

Congratulations to our high school seniors, college and university graduates of 2020. On behalf of all our parishioners, I would like to recognize and appreciate you on your academic achievements. For those graduating this weekend, those in the course of this month and the ones of July, let nothing stand on your way when celebrating the fruits of your hard-earned academic work. May you all have a bright and successful future full of God's blessings.

N/B: For June Updates on COVID-19, Read the attached document with this email if you are reading a soft copy of the bulletin. Otherwise hardcopies are available in both churches.

A Prayer For Fathers

God our Father,

In your wisdom and love you made all things.

Bless those fathers who have taken upon themselves the responsibility of parenting.

Bless those who have lost a spouse to death, separation, or divorce, and who are parenting their children alone.

Strengthen all Dads by your love that they may become the loving, caring persons they are meant to be.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen!

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer

Weekend of June 27th & 28th

WORD: Renae Carlson, Doris Guenther
EMHC: Gerald Schlickbernd, Susan Niewohner
 Dennis Mostek, Mary Mostek
USHER: Michael Gentrup, Gerald Gentrup
PRAISE: Betty Guenther, Rosie McNamara

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—June 7, 2020	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$790.00
Plate:	30.00
Easter:	500.00
Works of Mercy:	500.00
Totals:	\$1,820.00
Holy Cross—June 14, 2020	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$860.00
Plate:	27.00
Totals:	\$887.00

CONGRATULATIONS to Allison Harrison who received her First Communion at St. Mary's last weekend. God Bless You!

JUNE MOWING GROUP: Dave Steffensmeier, Mike Guenther, Ben Borgmann, Josh Bramble, Art Fernandez, Sam Steffensmeier, Gerald Wellman, Roy Liermann

Holy Cross Church, Beemer Office Availability

FYI: I will be available in the Beemer parish office every Tuesday from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm during the summer season beginning June 2nd, 2020. Note that you are welcome at any time. No need for appointments.

Fr. Vincent

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	22	NO MASS	---	NO MASS
Tue	23	—	WCC	(private Mass only) Residents of Wisner Care Center
Wed	24	8:00 AM	HC	+ Gertrude Kleffner
Thu	25	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Gary Servi
Fri	26	—	CHB	(private Mass only) + Dec'd Mbrs of the Duane Neesen Family
Sat	27	5:00 PM	HC	+ Pat Weigert
Sun	28	8:30 AM	HC	+ Dec'd Mbrs of the Ed Nitz Family
Sun	28	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 live stream only the 5:00 Saturday Mass via both Facebook pages...

St. Joseph—"Joseph Wisner"
 Holy Cross—"Holy Cross Catholic Church—Beemer"

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner

Weekend of June 28th

LEC: Dave McGuire
EMHC: Martha Schweers
USHER: Men's June Work Group

MEN'S WORK GROUP—June 2020

Chair: Gerald Ruskamp
Co-Chair: Jim Jensen
Members: Jesse Grenier, Jeremy Rehak, Fred Schultz, Chris Ruskamp, Richard Schultz, Caleb Rehak, Beau Ruskamp

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-mann

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—June 7, 2020	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$2,555.00
Plate:	133.00
Heating/AC:	20.00
St. Joseph—June 14, 2020	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,325.00
Plate:	100.00
Heating/AC:	140.00

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

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
 TEACHERS NEEDED**

ST. JOSEPH—GRADES K-12

Looking ahead to the 2020-2021 school year, we will be in need of 5-7 teachers total for elementary and evening Rel Ed classes, as well as the volunteers for prayers, Christmas program, snack, etc. Our program depends 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 let us know by June 15th. Please call Sarah Jacobs at 402-841-6144 or Capri McGuire at 402-380-2925.



Prayer Chain info.....The St. Joseph prayer group is open to all men and women of the parish. The prayer request notifications come to you via text or phone call, and you are not asked to pass on the requests (like past prayer chains have required). You simply include the request in your regular prayers and there is no meeting involved.

If you or a loved one need extra prayers, please let us know. The information you give can be as general or specific as you'd like. All members of the prayer group are asked to keep the intentions confidential. To be added to the prayer group or to ask for special prayer requests, please notify Father Vincent or call or text Anne at 402-750-9616.

**MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES:
 St. Joseph and Holy Cross.**

There are envelopes available in the back of church. If you would like to have a Mass said for a loved one, complete the envelope and place in the collection basket or contact Sarah at the parish office 402-529-3891, or email the info to stj068791@gmail.com. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per mass.

