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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 28th, 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 13th Sunday in ordinary Time- Year A



Jesus said to his apostles:
"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it" (Matt 10:37-39).

The **first reading** is taken from the second Book of Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a. The account of Elisha and the woman was a minor incident in the life of this prophet, who worked greater miracles, but it is narrated to show that God rewards those who are charitable to his friends. The **second reading** is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 6:3-4, 8-11. St. Paul stresses that we are buried with Christ in baptism. We die with him to sin. Then we rise with him to a new life.

The **Gospel** is from St. Matthew 10:37-42. In the first part, Christ tells his representatives, his delegates the Apostles, and those who succeed them, that they must be prepared to undergo great sacrifices, even death itself, if called on to do so for the sake of Christ. Even though they had only a very vague idea then of what he meant, when the time came, they remembered his words and gladly suffered imprisonment, hardships, and finally martyrdom for Christ. This shows how the resurrection of Christ, and the descent of the Holy Spirit on them, changed them from worldly weaklings into fearless heroes. They had become convinced that Christ was the Son of God who had come on earth to bring all men to heaven. They came to realize how transitory, and unimportant; the few years of the earthly life were when compared with the eternal life of bliss to follow.

It was not only the Apostles who gave their lives gladly for Christ. There are thousands of martyrs who, during the first three centuries of the Church, not only accepted but welcomed death for Christ's sake, because they were convinced that it was the door to eternal life, the only life that mattered. Nor did occasions for martyrdom cease when the Church was granted freedom by Constantine, the first convert Roman emperor. Here and there, down through the centuries, the followers of Christ have been persecuted because of their belief in him, and many of us can be proud that we have had among our ancestors men and women who died for the faith.

Today, too, there are still those who are suffering a lingering martyrdom, worse than quick death on the scaffold, because they obey God rather than man. We can help them to persevere, by our prayers. We ourselves, who are free from any overt persecution, must show our gratitude to God for being allowed to practice our religion openly and without fear, by doing just this. We must live according to the convictions of our Christian faith. We are here in this world for a few short years, our real and lasting home is in heaven. We must keep this thought uppermost in our minds, in all our doings and dealings.

As well as carrying out our own personal duties, we must remember the spiritual needs of our fellowmen. They, too, need to go to heaven and anything less will be eternal disaster for them. We may not be able to preach, or teach them the truth of the Christian faith, but we can and must help all those who are doing so.

Remember our Lord's words today. He who receives or gives hospitality and help to a prophet will have the reward of a prophet. He who helps those who are preaching and teaching the message of salvation, the good news of Christ, at home and abroad, will himself share in the reward of these preachers and teachers. When we get to heaven, one

of the many pleasant surprises awaiting us will be the gratitude we will receive from saints we've helped to send to heaven, people we never knew or perhaps thought about. We helped those who thought about them and worked for their salvation, and we thus have a share in their reward.

Remember Christ's promise: even a cup of cold water will not go unrewarded, every little helping hand we give to bring our fellowmen to heaven will help us, too, toward the same goal. Heaven is our real goal in life—it alone will satisfy all our desires and it alone will last forever.

In Courtesy of 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.

COVID-19 Phase III Updates as from June 19th, 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

a. Since the [DHHS still recommends](#) limiting volunteer 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 permitted to carry out Communion calls.

b. For those who are quarantining at home, Holy Communion should not be brought to them, since they are quarantining.

c. 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.

d. For those who are homebound because they are in at-risk categories (or homebound for non-CV19 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.

e. 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.

f. 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 5th

WORD: Shelly Wellman
EMHC: Marjorie Gentrup, Ken Schlickbernd
USHER: Melvin Niewohner
PRAISE: Diana Dinslage, Alvin Dinslage

Stewardship of God's Gifts Holy Cross—June 21, 2020	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$2,972.23
Plate:	9.00
GA/CC:	1,564.82
Totals:	\$4,546.05

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



RETREAT: The Lord Took Me from Following the Flock: The Message of the Prophet Amos, *August 1*, one-day retreat at *Saint Benedict Center*, Schuyler, with *Father Prior Joel Macul, OSB, S.T.L.* The first of the written prophets, Amos was filled with an urgency to speak the unspeakable. We will take time to look at how he gives shape to the word of the Lord he says he must speak, at the words and images he draws upon to shake up Israel. This way the prophet can lead us to look closely at our own world and find a voice to name where God wants his mercy to work justice. In that lies hope for the future, for the rebuilding of what has fallen down. Social distancing will be observed, please bring your mask. Lunch is available at the Center for \$11.02 (includes tax). Register at www.StBenedictCenter.com or call (402) 352-8819.



MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	29	NO MASS	---	NO MASS
Tue	30	—	WCC	(private Mass only) Residents of Wisner Care Center
Wed	01	8:00 AM	HC	+ John & Nola Mostek
Thu	02	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Herb Albers
Fri	03	—	CHB	(private Mass only) + Jack Liewer
Sat	04	9:00 AM	HC	Independence Day Mass
Sat	04	5:00 PM	SJ	+ Ron Wemhoff
Sun	05	8:30 AM	HC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sun	05	10:00 AM	SJ	+ John Davies
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"				

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner

Weekend of July 4th & 5th

LEC: Joyce Stalp
EMHC: Richard Schultz
USHER: Men's July Work Group

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EMHC: Madonna Servi
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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 21, 2020	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,175.00
Plate:	62.00
Heating/AC:	10.00



BUTTERFLY RELEASE 2020 - "See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands . . . "(Isaiah 49:16). Faith Regional Health Services cordially invites those who have experienced the loss of a baby or child to attend this year's Butterfly Release Memorial Service. The gathering will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 25 in the Bradford Spirituality Garden on our West Campus. If you are interested in participating or if you have any questions, please call Jim Wonnacott at 402-992-2468 or Patrick Roche at 402-644-7522. Please RSVP by July 8.

**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.

More Than Ever

In today's chaotic world,
 With everything around us crumbling,
 Morality held in contempt,
 Our leaders false, corrupt, or bumbling,

More than ever, we need Christ
 To lead us through this darkening place;
 His absolute truth will light our way;
 He'll lift us with His love and grace.

The Bible is our cornerstone;
 In God's word, we take our stands;
 Role models we will strive to be,
 Examples of our Lord's commands.

Dear Lord Jesus, strengthen us
 To complete the tasks you'd have us do;
 We pray you'll lead us, guide us now
 To know and love and follow you.

By Joanna Fuchs

