

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 23rd, 2020

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The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A



When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed

are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so, I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matt. 15:13-20).

Sunday Readings

The **first reading** is taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 22:19-23. Because of the reference to the "key of the house of David" in this text, some Fathers saw in it a messianic prophecy, foretelling the removal from power of the leaders of the Chosen People of the Old Testament, and the transfer of that power to Christ, who in turn handed it to Peter as head of the Church, the new Chosen People.

The **second reading** is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 11:33-36 in which he offers praise and thanks to God for including everyone in the salvation He offered, first to the Jews, then to the Gentiles.

The **Gospel** is from St. Matthew 16:13-20. Jesus, the true Son of God, became man in order to make all men His brothers and co-heirs with Him, to the divine, eternal kingdom. To carry on His divine mission on earth (after He had ascended into heaven), He founded the Church on the twelve Apostles. This Church was to be God's new Chosen People (hence perhaps the twelve Apostles take the place of the heads of the twelve tribes of the Chosen People of old). It was to be made up of all races from all parts of the world. As its mission was to bring the message of salvation to all men, it was to go on until the end of time. For this Church, this divinely instituted society of human beings, to carry out its mission of helping all men to reach their eternal kingdom, it was necessary to be sure of the road and the aids offered to its members. In other words, the Church should be certain that what it told men to believe and to practice was what God wanted them to believe and to practice. Today's reading from St. Matthew tells us how Christ provided for this necessity. In making Peter the head of the Apostolic College, the foundation-stone of his Church, the guarantor of its stability in the symbol of the keys and the promise that all his decisions would be ratified in heaven, Christ gave him the power of freedom from error when officially teaching the universal Church.

In other words, Peter received the primacy in the Church and the gift of infallibility in his official teaching on matters of faith and morals. As the Church was to continue long after Peter had died, it was rightly understood from the beginning that the privileges given to him and which were necessary for the successful mission of the

Church, were given to his lawful successors-the Popes.

This has been the constant belief in the Church from its very beginning. The first Vatican Council solemnly defined this dogma and it was reconfirmed recently in the second Vatican Council. In giving these powers to Peter and to his lawful successors Christ was planning for our needs. In order to preserve and safeguard the right conduct of all its members He provided a central seat of authoritative power in His Church. Through the gift of infallibility, He assured us that whatever we were commanded to believe (faith) or to do (morals) would always be what He and his heavenly Father wanted us to believe and to do. How can we ever thank Christ for these marvelous gifts to his Church, that is, to us? Let us say a fervent: "thank you, Lord; You have foreseen all our needs and provided for them, grant us the grace to do the little part you ask of us in order to continue our progress on the one direct road to heaven."

*Excerpted from The Sunday Readings
by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.*



From Fr. Vincent's' Desk:

Appreciation of recent construction and maintenance projects

We just finished construction of a new driveway to the rectory garage of St. Joseph as well as repairs of the sidewalks along Avenue G. The driveway was so worn out and several parts were sinking. I want to thank all the volunteers who showed up to help on this project from start to finish. Giving of your time and talents is very much appreciated!! Also, a pergola has been constructed at the back of St. Joseph's rectory together with a nice fence. I would like to thank an anonymous donor who gave the funds for the patio project and the Knights of Columbus who donated the furniture.

We are also aware of the need for several repairs at both parishes. There is tuck-pointing at St. Joseph church together with the basement which needs renovating and at Holy Cross Church, the front steps and sidewalks. The parish councils have discussed and approved the projects and we are working on them.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Registration 2020 / 2021

Once again, a new year is here with us and we are now open for registration of the RCIA program for 2020/21. I'm taking candidates from both parishes of Holy Cross and St. Joseph. We will do it together. Who can join this program? Any adult who was baptized as an infant but never went through catechism instructions and hence was never initiated into First Holy Communion and neither Confirmation; a baptized Christian who would like to be admitted officially into Catholic faith; one who has never been baptized; and anyone else who would like to renew his or her Catholic faith. To register, visit our website RCIA program which is under "Faith Formation", and click on "more". Download the registration form and fill it out and send it back to me not later than August 31st. Our First class will be on Tuesday September 8th, 2020. If you have any questions, contact me at:

vsunguti2018@gmail.com or 402-529-3531.

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer

Weekend of August 30th

WORD: Shelly Wellman
EMHC: Tom Peatrowsky, Dawn Peatrowsky
USHER: Fred Gentrup
PRAISE: Duane Neesen, Bev Francis

| Stewardship of God's Gifts | |
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| Holy Cross—August 16, 2020 | |
| Sunday Envelopes: | \$950.00 |
| Plate: | 11.00 |
| Assumption: | 175.00 |
| Totals: | \$1,136.00 |

AUGUST MOWING GROUP:

Chairman— Alan Batenhorst

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

SEPTEMBER MOWING GROUP:

Chairman— Scott Ortmeier

Members: Ethan Ortmeier, Mike Gentrup, Keith Anderson, Alex Schulz, Tom Peterson, Ron Stieren

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 31st. 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 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)

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner

Weekend of August 29th & 30th

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

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EMHC: Anne Ausdemore
USHER: Men's August Work Group

| Stewardship of God's Gifts | |
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| St. Joseph—August 16, 2020 | |
| Sunday Envelopes: | \$1,030.00 |
| Plate: | 32.00 |
| Heating/AC: | 25.00 |
| Assumption: | 10.00 |

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

MEN'S WORK GROUP—September 2020

Chair: Chad Dixon

Co-Chair: Brad Cornell

Members: Sid Kneifl, AJ Burki, Keith Schroetlin, Trevor Cyboron, Alan Harms, Dylan Kneifl



Fr. Vincent not afraid to pitch in & help!!!

We would like to give a huge **THANK YOU** to those that helped with the new driveway and sidewalks!! Thank you to Chico and his crew at Big Rock Cement Co. of Norfolk for their hard work and exceptionally good pricing on the cement; to Pilger Concrete & Recycling that donated the one inch sub-base; to Jeremy Uhing Trucking for the hauling; to Larry

and Dean Thompson for their time on the skid loader; and to Larry Hansen and Brian VonSeggern for helping to seal around the concrete.

BIBLE STUDY will be held the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month at 8:30 am in the church basement. The next meeting is this Thursday, August 27th. Read Exodus 5-6.



KIDS IN CRISIS BACKPACKS: One of the CCD projects that we will complete this summer is the necessity back packs 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.



| MASS INTENTIONS | | | | |
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| Mon | 24 | NO MASS | --- | NO MASS |
| Tue | 25 | 9:30 AM | WCC | NO MASS |
| Wed | 26 | 8:00 AM | HC | NO MASS |
| Thu | 27 | 8:00 AM | SJ | + Jayda Oligmueller |
| Fri | 28 | 8:00 AM | HC | + Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Emanuel |
| Sat | 29 | 5:00 PM | SJ | + John Davies |
| Sun | 30 | 8:30 AM | HC | + Mr. & Mrs. Francis Hetherington |
| Sun | 30 | 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"