

## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time August 30th, 2020

### Saint Joseph's Parish

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### The 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he*

*will repay everyone according to his conduct. Amen, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom. (Matt. 16:24-28).*

### Sunday Readings

The **first reading** is taken from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah 20:7-9 in which we hear Jeremiah giving voice to this internal anguish of mind; he hates what he has to say to his people, yet he is compelled by God to say it.

The **second reading** is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 12:1-2 in which he tells the Roman Christians (converts, for the most part, from paganism) that they must prove themselves worthy of this great favor, they must live truly Christian lives.

The **Gospel** is from Matt. 16:21-27. From all eternity this was God's plan for mankind. But because sin had entered the world before the Incarnation took place, the Son of God in his human nature had to suffer the violent death of the cross at the hands of sinners. In this very suffering he became the Lamb of God who took away the sins of the world, as the second Isaiah had foretold in his "suffering servant" prophecies (Is. 53: 1-7; 42: 1-9 etc.). His death, because he was God as well as man, was a sacrifice, an atonement, of infinite value, and therefore obtained forgiveness from the Father for all the sins of the human race.

In foretelling his sufferings and death, which took place some months later, Christ intended to prepare his disciples and other followers for what he knew would be for them a severe crisis of faith. He also took occasion from it to remind his disciples, and all others who would follow him, of what their attitude to suffering and death should be. He told them, and us too, that we must be ever ready to accept sufferings in this life, and even an untimely death if that should be demanded of us, rather than deny our Christian faith.

To prove their loyalty to their faith in Christ thousands of Christians in the early Church, and thousands more during persecutions in later centuries, gladly took him at his word and went joyfully to their martyrdom. It is to be hoped that, aided by God's grace, we would all be ready to imitate their example, if called on to prove our fidelity to Christ and our Christian faith. But at the moment what Christ expects and asks of us is that we should bear the sufferings and hardships of daily life cheerfully and gladly for his sake.

This daily carrying of our Christian cross can be, and is for many, a prolonged martyrdom. Poverty, ill-health, cruelty, and hardheartedness met with in the home and in one's neighbors, are heavy crosses which only a truly Christian shoulder can bear. But, if we were offered health, happiness, peace, wealth, and power for the next

fifty or seventy years on this earth, in exchange for an eternal heaven after death, what rational one among us would accept that offer?

Christians know that this life is a period of training, which makes us ready hereafter to receive the eternal reward which Christ has won for us. Every trainee knows that one must endure certain hardships and sufferings in order to merit graduation into one's chosen profession or trade. On our Christian graduation day we shall, please God, hear the welcome words: "Well done good and faithful servant; because you have been faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater, come and join in your Master's happiness" (Mt. 25: 21). May God grant that every one of us will hear these words of welcome.

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



### From Fr. Vincent's' Desk: Booking Mass Intentions

Mass intentions have been part of our tradition in our Church for many years. We have so many of our dear people in life that we would like to pray for. One of the most powerful way of offering a prayer for a beloved one whether alive or dead is to ask Mass to be offered for your dear one. As Catholics, we believe Mass is the climax of our prayers. I therefore encourage you to let us know a person or people you would like me to offer Mass for. I prefer to use week day and some Weekend Masses for people's intentions. You can ask Mass to be prayed for a sick person, safety of one travelling, elections of good leaders, an institution like safety of our nursing homes, good health of your loved ones, the dead, safe pregnancy, for promotion of human life etc. To book a Mass, simply call the office or email us or take an envelope of Mass intentions at the back of the church, fill out and drop into the offertory collection basket.

### 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 31<sup>st</sup>. Our First class will be on Tuesday September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020. If you have any questions, contact me at:

[vsunguti2018@gmail.com](mailto:vsunguti2018@gmail.com) or 402-529-3531.



**Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer**

**Weekend of September 6th**

**WORD:** Renae Carlson  
**EMHC:** Ken Schlickbernd, Marjorie Gentrup  
**USHER:** Melvin Niewohner  
**PRAISE:** Diana Dinslage, Alvin Dinslage

<b>Stewardship of God's Gifts</b>	
<b>Holy Cross—August 23, 2020</b>	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$2,832.83
Plate:	50.00
Youth:	2.00
HELP/Fuel:	100.00
Building Fund:	50.00
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$3,034.83</b>

**SEPTEMBER MOWING GROUP:**

**Chairman— Scott Ortmeier**

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

**BIBLE STUDY:** Although the Beemer Bible Study group is scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month we will NOT MEET on Sept 4th. Our next meeting will be September 18th at 2 p.m. in the church basement. We will be reading and discussing Exodus 5 & 6. Everyone is welcome.

**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)

**Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner**

**Weekend of September 5th & 6th**

**LEC:** Bonnie Styskal  
**EMHC:** Richard Schultz  
**USHER:** Men's September Work Group

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**EMHC:** Martha Schweers  
**USHER:** Men's September Work Group

<b>Stewardship of God's Gifts</b>	
<b>St. Joseph—August 23, 2020</b>	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1146.14
Plate:	40.00
Heating/AC:	50.00

**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

**Religious Education**

**ST. JOSEPH—GRADES K-12**

It is time to get ready for the 2020-2021 school year for Religious Education. Below is just a highlight with more information to follow soon.

**September 9th** - Teacher's meeting for all grades (K-12) at 5:30 p.m. in church basement.

**September 16th** - Classes start for all grades:  
 K-6 from 4:00 to 5:30  
 7th-12th from 7:00 to 8:30

Teachers are still needed for 3rd, 9th & 10th grades. If you are interested, please contact Sarah Jacobs at 402-841-6144 or Capri McGuire at 402-380-2925.

<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>				
Mon	31	<b>NO MASS</b>	---	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue	01	9:30 AM	WCC	- OPEN -
Wed	02	8:00 AM	HC	+ Mary Ann Schlickbernd
Thu	03	8:00 AM	SJ	Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of the Ron & Mary Ann Wemhoff Family
Fri	04	8:00 AM	HC	+ James Hetherington
Sat	05	5:00 PM	SJ	+ Beata Batenhorst
Sun	06	8:30 AM	HC	+ Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of the Henry & Eleanor Spenner Family
Sun	06	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>				
St. Joseph—"Joseph Wisner"				
Holy Cross—"Holy Cross Catholic Church—Beemer"				

