

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 9th, 2020**

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The 19th Sunday In Ordinary Time



During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid" (Matt. 14:25-27).

Sunday Readings:

The **first reading** is taken from the first Book of Kings 19:9a, 11-13a and relates the story of Elijah in the cave and the Lord coming to him in a "still small voice."

The **second reading** is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 9:1-5 in which St. Paul speaks of the sorrow of heart that he has because the Jews, as a nation, had refused to see Christ as the Messiah who was promised to them by God through their patriarchs and prophets.

The **Gospel** is from St. Matthew 14:22-33. Our Lord sent His disciples to row across the lake, knowing that they would meet strong, gale-force headwinds and be in danger. He did this because He wanted to strengthen their faith and trust in Himself. He intended to come to them at the right moment, working two miracles — walking on the water and calming the storm. This He did and the result was as He had intended — their faith in Him was strengthened, they declared He was the Messiah, the Chosen of God. Peter, already the recognized leader, and always the most daring among them, showed himself ready to risk drowning in order to prove his trust and confidence in Christ. While he trusted in Christ, all went well, but when his faith weakened, he would have been lost were it not for the outstretched helping hand of his master. This was also a very necessary lesson in the education of Peter and his companions.

For us, too, there is a necessary lesson in this incident. It is that we must continue to trust in Christ and his loving Father, even when God seems to have deserted us. Most of the troubles and trials of our lives are caused by the injustice and lack of charity of our fellowmen. The remainder can be attributed to our own defects and sins or to some weakness in our mental and bodily make-up. But God foresees all these misfortunes and can prevent them. Instead he lets them take their course, because they can and should be the means of educating us in our knowledge of life's true meaning and they should draw us closer to him.

Christ foresaw the storm and the grave risk His Apostles would run when He sent them off across the lake. But that trial and the grave danger they ran was for their own good, because they learned to realize that He was from God and they could always trust Him. Our trials and our earthly ailments are also foreseen by God and permitted by him (even if inflicted on us by a sinful fellowman) so that they will draw us closer to Him and help us on the road to heaven.

This they will do, if we accept them and bear with them until He comes to our aid. Our troubles in life are like the growing pains of our youth — they are necessary if we are to arrive at our full stature as sons of God. They form, mold and shape our religious character and bring us closer to God — if we allow them to do so. For the lukewarm

Christian who rebels against God because of his earthly sufferings, they can do the opposite. He cannot see the purpose and value of suffering because he has never seriously pondered or grasped the real meaning of this life and God's loving plans for him.

As in the first reading today, God may not be in the tornadoes or earthquakes or roaring fires, nor does He cause them perhaps, but He is ever near to His true children when such calamities occur. He has a purpose in every trial or tribulation which crosses the path of our lives, a purpose always to our eternal advantage if only we will see and accept his will in these trials.

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

From Fr. Vincent's' Desk:



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This coming Saturday August 15th is a solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary's assumption into heaven. It is a holiday of obligation and I therefore encourage you to attend Mass as indicated in the schedule. If you can't make it, we will stream it and you can follow it live. You are welcome to make a novena prior to this Feast too. After the Holy Communion, instead of our usual prayer hymn (He is Here) that we use, we will instead recite together a Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe for the protection from coronavirus. Let us all come together and ask Mary the mother of Jesus to intercede for us and our country.



Good News! New Parish Website

I'm glad to let you know we now have our new parish website that was launched last week. It has taken us a bit of time but at last we are there. To get to your parish website, open your browser and simply type in: www.stjosephwisner.org or www.holycrossbeemer.org.

Our two parishes are in one website but separate. I welcome you to navigate our content and familiarize yourself with what is available there. You can now download many forms needed like for baptism, RCIA and even for parish membership registration. There is always room for improvement and updates if need be. The website also has an online donation option through the Archdiocese but the money will come directly to our parish account. Once you click the online donation, scroll the arrow, and find your parish that you want to donate to. If you choose to use this option for Sunday and Holiday giving, just let us know.

I would like to thank the website committee Alan Harms (From Wisner), Tracy Oligmueller (From Beemer) and Sarah Jacobs (Parish Bookkeeper) that we worked together with in organizing all this and bringing the content together for a start. We are also looking for one or two people to volunteer and help us in the website updates. If interested, call the parish office at [402-529-3891](tel:402-529-3891) or email us at: stjo68791@gmail.com.

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer

Weekend of August 16th

WORD: Marilyn Ortmeier
EMHC: Brenda Anderson, Ann Bausch
USHER: Gerald Gentrup
PRAISE: Marge Gentrup, JoAnn Steffensmeier

| Stewardship of God's Gifts Holy Cross—August 2, 2020 | |
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| Sunday Envelopes: | \$1,100.00 |
| Plate: | 2.00 |
| HELP/Fuel: | 420.00 |
| Building Fund: | 100.00 |
| Insurance: | 100.00 |
| Totals: | \$1,722.00 |

AUGUST MOWING GROUP:

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

**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)



Continued From Fr. Vincent's Desk:

CCD Volunteer Teachers

From the look of things, the schools seems to be planning on opening for physical class attendance as from this month of August. In order for our program of CCD to continue, we need volunteer teachers. I'm asking for anyone willing to help to notify us ASAP. We will try to follow the Safety Guidelines with regard to Covid-19. We thank all those teachers who have been volunteering to teach this program.

COVID-19 Phase III Updates for July/August 2020

So far, we don't have any new updates for the next month of August.

You are welcome back into the Church for Mass while following the guidelines given especially sitting 6 ft away from each party and sanitizing the hands before and after mass among other guidelines.

I strongly recommend that if you are attending Mass, wear a face mask but it is not a requirement.

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner

Weekend of August 15th & 16th

LEC: Sally Harms
EMHC: Alan Harms
USHER: Men's August Work Group

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EMHC: Martha Schweers
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| Stewardship of God's Gifts St. Joseph—August 2, 2020 | |
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| Sunday Envelopes: | \$2,775.00 |
| Plate: | 37.00 |
| Heating/AC: | 315.00 |
| Assumption: | 25.00 |

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



MORNING BIBLE STUDY:

Thursday, August 13 at 8:30 AM (after Mass) in the Church basement. Read : Exodus 3-4

ALSO...There is interest for an evening Bible Study. If you would like to join, message or call Ruth Bloedorn at(402-640-3446).

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.

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| Holy Day of Obligation | |
| ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY | |
| Mass Schedule | |
| Holy Cross | —Friday, August 15th at 5:30 pm |
| St. Joseph | —Saturday, August 16th at 5:00 pm |

| MASS INTENTIONS | | | | |
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| Mon | 10 | NO MASS | --- | NO MASS |
| Tue | 11 | 9:30 AM | WCC | Residents of the Wisner Care Center |
| Wed | 12 | 8:00 AM | HC | Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs Of Holy Cross Parish |
| Thu | 13 | 8:00 AM | SJ | OPEN |
| Fri | 14 | 5:30 PM | HC | Assumption of Mary + Alvin & Opal Wieck |
| Sat | 15 | 5:00 PM | SJ | Assumption of Mary Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of Ron & MaryAnn Wemhoff Family |
| Sun | 16 | 8:30 AM | HC | + Larry Thiem |
| Sun | 16 | 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" | | | | |

