

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 20th, 2020**

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The 25th Sunday in ordinary Time



"When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So, when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.'" (Mt. 20:9-12)

Sunday Readings

The **first reading** is taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 55:6-9. In this text the prophet urges the Chosen People to seek Yahweh, to come close to Him in friendship. To do this the sinner must abandon his evil ways. He need not fear Yahweh is "rich in forgiving," He will forgive all sins of a repentant sinner. Though He is infinite and transcendent, yet He can and does come close to and is a true friend of all who seek Him. He is a personal God, not an abstract idea.

The **second reading** is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a. St. Paul wrote the letter from a prison cell in Rome or possibly Ephesus. It is a friendly letter, giving some news of his work to the converts in Philippi, warning them against certain enemies of the faith and exhorting them to remain humble.

The **Gospel** is from St. Matthew 20:1-16a. The call to the vineyard (to the Church), through God's gift of faith and the sacrament of baptism, is a gift for which we can never sufficiently thank God. If we remain in the vineyard and labor honestly, that is, if we cooperate with the actual graces God is continually giving us, we are assured of reaching heaven when our earthly days are ended. The work we have to do in God's vineyard is the fulfilling of the duties of our state in life. By carrying out these duties faithfully and honestly, we are doing the will of God and earning heaven. The greater part of our day and indeed of our life, will be taken up with tasks of themselves worldly, but these tasks when done in the state of grace and with the intention of honoring God, have a supernatural value. For this we have to thank God for His goodness and generosity.

He could have made the attainment of heaven so much more difficult. He could have demanded extraordinary mortifications and renunciations and the reward (heaven) would still be exceedingly great. Instead He allows us to live our everyday life, to enjoy the love and friendship of our family and friends, to satisfy the natural desires of our bodies, within the commandments, and yet to merit a supernatural reward while so doing. As He tells us through St. Paul: "whether you eat or drink or whatever else you do, do all to the glory of God (1 Cor. 10: 31)."

Looking back on our past life, how many years have we really given to God since we came to the use of reason? Those school years, the time spent learning a trade or profession, the weeks, months, years working in an office or factory or farm, the hours among the pots and pans in the kitchen — have we earned some credit in heaven for all of this, or is it all crossed off our pay sheet through lack of right intention or through sin?

If so, those years are lost to us. We were "idle" all that time. Today's parable, however, should give us new hope and courage. It may be the sixth or the ninth or even

the eleventh hour of our life but we can still earn heaven if we listen to God's call and set to work diligently in His vineyard. If we put our conscience right with God today and resolve to be loyal to Him from now on, He will be as generous to us, as the parable promises.

In Courtesy of Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.



**From Fr. Vincent's' Desk:
2020-2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal**

Parish Contact leaders:

Holy Cross: Robin Hansen & Karen Spenner

St. Joseph: Martha Schweers & Steve Ausdemore
or for either parish Fr. Vincent Sunguti.

The 2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal began last Sunday. You may have received an invitation from Archbishop Lucas to support the work of the Church through a personal commitment. If not, it may be on the way. If you don't get one, let any of the above parish contact persons know. The financial goal of this year for **St. Joseph, is \$7,192** with participation goal of **26%** based on **139 households**. Holy Cross's financial goal is **\$9,875** with participation goal of **49%** based on **76** household.

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal makes up 25% of the Archdiocesan Annual Operating Budget. Now, more than ever, I hope you will join me in making a gift the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. As disciples of Jesus, we are invited to trust, to let go of fear and open our minds and hearts to God's saving work. Please join me and thousands across our archdiocese in sharing your gifts, recognizing we are all One Church.

CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrines) / Religious Education and RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Programs of 2020/2021

We began our **CCD program of this year** with for Grade School and High School on last Wednesday. We will follow all the health guidelines regarding the virus precautions. We are still in need of some volunteer teachers. Contact us if you can help. Ensure your son or daughter attends Mass on Sunday either physically or online. I highly recommend physical attendance of Mass on Sundays for all the CCD students.

We also started our **RCIA program** on Sept 11th. We do have 2 candidates who have registered and are attending the class so far. This program does not take long as some people think. We will be done at Easter time of 2020. I am still open for new member registration until the end September 2020.

Annual retreat

FYI: I will be away much of this week for my annual retreat as from Monday, September 21, to Friday, Sept. 25th. Therefore, no week day Masses this coming week. In case of any emergency, call West Point priests. They are more than willing to help.



New Bible Study Group for Young Adults

You are invited for a new Bible Study group that will begin on Sunday, September 27th at 11:15 am at St. Joseph's Church basement hall. Members of St. Joseph and Holy Cross are both invited. It will be just one group. Target group are young couples. This will be our first meeting that will chat the way forward. Carry your Bible. Contact person: Ruth Bloedorn - ruthbloedorn@yahoo.com or 402-529-3488.

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer

Weekend of September 26th & 27th

WORD: Shelly Wellman, Marilyn Ortmeier
EMHC: Dawn Peatrowsky, Tom Peatrowsky
 Mike McTaggart, Jeanie McTaggart
USHER: Michael Gentrup, Scott Ortmeier
PRAISE: Duane Neesen, Bev Francis

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—September 6, 2020	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,315.00
Plate:	31.00
Insurance:	50.00
Building Fund:	20.00
GA/CC	130.00
Totals:	\$1,546.00

SEPTEMBER MOWING GROUP:

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

HOLY CROSS ALTAR SOCIETY will hold their regular meeting on October 5th, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. Masks are highly requested.

PLEASE NOTE

ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS
EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

There will be an early deadline the week of September 28th. Please have all announcements emailed to the parish office **by 11:00 am on Wednesday, September 30th for the bulletin weekend of October 3rd & 4th.**

Find HOPE and healing. ARE YOU PREGNANT AND NEED HELP? Call/text 888.550.1588 or visit loveline.com
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 Call 888.456.HOPE (4673) or Visit hopeafterabortion.com

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	21	NO MASS	---	NO MASS
Tue	22	9:30 AM	WCC	NO MASS
Wed	23	8:00 AM	HC	NO MASS
Thu	24	8:00 AM	SJ	NO MASS
Fri	25	8:00 AM	HC	NO MASS
Sat	26	5:00 PM	HC	+ Mr. & Mrs. Francis Hetherington
Sun	27	8:30 AM	HC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sun	27	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Vincent Ulrich

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"

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 stjo68791@gmail.com. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per mass.

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner

Weekend of September 27th

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

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—September 13, 2020	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$2,430.00
Plate:	22.00
Rel. Ed.:	220.00

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



The next Ladies' Guild meeting will be held September 28th at 7:00p.m. in the church basement. All women from the parish are invited to attend.

SINCERE APPRECIATION is extended to these parishioners who delivered Meals on Wheels recently: Kris Brahmmer, Norm & Dorothy Weber, Dot Schultz, Kari Moeller, Carol Oligmueller, Anne Ausdemore, Madonna Servi, and Barb Deitloff.



Religious Education

ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6

Classes started this past week with all grades meeting in their individual classrooms and were told what they would be learning this year. The afternoon ended by celebrating Mass with Fr. Vincent.
This week - September 23rd - Class from 4:00p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS (GRADES 7 -12)

Classes started this past week. The evening was kicked off by celebrating Mass with Fr. Vincent. After Mass, everyone gathered in the church basement for cookies, brownies and juice. We did an introduction of teachers to the students and they were advised which teacher they would have and which classroom they would be meeting in. Registration packets were mailed to parents this past week so please return them by September 23rd by mail, dropping off in church basement or have the student bring it to class.
This week - September 23rd - Class from 7:00p.m to 8:30p.m.

