

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 6th, 2020**

**Saint Joseph's Parish**

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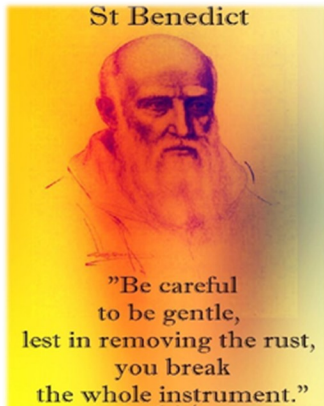
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**The 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



*Mathew 18:15: If your brother or sister sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him or her alone. If he or she listens to you, you won over your brother or sister."*

*The 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9*

The appointed leaders bear the responsibility to point out to wrong doers the errors

of their ways and try to get them reformed.

Enemies without: Ancient cities had watchmen on the city walls who would blow a trumpet if they saw an enemy approaching. If people ignored the warning, the city might be conquered, but this wasn't the watchman's fault. If a watchman failed to warn people of danger, however, the blame was his.

Enemies within: As watchman, Ezekiel isn't to look for enemies coming from outside Israel but from within it. When Israel hears the prophet's warning, the nation should prepare to battle not its enemies but its own sin. The penalty Ezekiel faces if he fails to warn God's people is as severe as the penalty the people face: death. The penalty might reinforce the idea of a harsh Old Testament God, but God calls Ezekiel to be a watchman so that people will turn away from sin and be saved.

Mathew 18: 15 – 20

Jesus outlines proper ways of correcting a sister or a brother.

In the fourth book or section of Matthew's Gospel Jesus tackles the problem of sin within the Christian community. In this passage he outlines a procedure for dealing with individual Christians who are committing a serious sin. The procedure comes from Judaism. Step 1: Talk with the person privately. Step 2: Talk with the person in the presence of 1-2 other people who can both confirm the points you're making and hear the other person's response. Step 3: Bring the matter to the attention of the whole community. If the person still refuses to repent, exclude him/her from the community. Serious sin makes the whole community look bad and can lead others to sin. This three-step procedure protects the community and gives the serious sinner every possible chance to change.

*Avoiding hypocrisy:* Those who talk with the sinner must do so prayerfully and with love. Jesus takes a harsh stance against hypocrisy (Mt 23). He also warns us to vigorously root out sin from our own lives (18:6-9)

*Like a Gentile or tax collector:* Jews tried to keep apart from Gentiles (non-Jews) and tax collectors, who raised money for Rome, their foreign conqueror. Because Jesus reached out to people who felt unloved and excluded, he probably doesn't mean that he wants sinners to be ignored or treated meanly.

Parents! the first neighbors and fellow Christians whom you must kindly and charitably correct are your own children. Their future salvation and your own too will depend on how well you fulfill this obligation.

Parents who are obedient to Christ in this will find time and many opportunities to have a charitable word of help for an erring neighbor outside their household. On the other hand, the lax parents, who give little or no thought to getting to heaven or to their children getting there in God's good time, will hardly bother with their neighbor's salvation. Thus this cancer of infidelity and irreligion grows and spreads.

Let each one of us look into his past conduct in relation to this law of charity. Have we really tried to help our fellowmen on the road to heaven? Have we given them the good example of a truly Christian way of living? Have we offered advice and encouragement when it was needed, and correction in private where that was possible? If so "we have gained our brother." We have brought a prodigal son back to a loving Father and that loving Father will repay us a hundred-fold in this life and especially in the next.

*In courtesy of Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.*



**From Fr. Vincent's' Desk:**

**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 this Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30pm.** If you have any questions, contact me at: [vsunguti2018@gmail.com](mailto:vsunguti2018@gmail.com) or 402-529-3531.

**Join a young couples Bible Study**



You are invited for a new Bible Study group that will begin with a welcome meeting on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 AM at St. Joseph's Church basement hall. Members of St. Joseph's and Holy Cross are welcome. Young couples from age 18-40 are encouraged to attend. Meeting times and topics will be discussed. Please attend or let Ruth Bloedorn know you are interested (402-640-3446).

**Welcome to St. Joseph's and Holy Cross Parishes**

We welcome all our guests and new members to our parishes. There are many opportunities for experiencing the peace and joy of our loving God in liturgy, groups, committees and volunteer service to the church. If you would like to join our parish family, contact the parish office or send an email to:

For St. Joseph—[stjo68791@gmail.com](mailto:stjo68791@gmail.com)

For Holy Cross—[renaecarlson@hotmail.com](mailto:renaecarlson@hotmail.com)

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer

Weekend of September 12th & 13th

**WORD:** Tom Peatrowsky, Rita Eichelberger  
**EMHC:** Susan Niewohner, Gerald Schlickbernd  
 Ann Bausch, Brenda Anderson  
**USHER:** Gerald Gentrup, Brad Schulz  
**PRAISE:** Mike McTaggart, Jeanie McTaggart

Stewardship of God's Gifts Holy Cross—August 30, 2020	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$610.00
Plate:	2.00
Insurance:	40.00
Building Fund:	10.00
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$662.00</b>

**SEPTEMBER MOWING GROUP:**

**Chairman— Scott Ortmeier**

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

**NEW MINISTRY LIST** and **Give Us This Day** are out. Please pick yours up soon.

*If...*

*If the world were full of Christians  
 who studied their Bible daily,  
 who really did believe  
 God's commands applied to them,  
 who put what they learned  
 in God's Holy Word into practice,  
 their actions reflecting that Word,  
 then earth would be close to heaven.  
 If the world were full of Christians  
 who knew that being a Christian  
 is more than going to church,  
 who lived their lives according  
 to God's will,  
 service to Him their main purpose,  
 who practiced Jesus' teachings  
 every day, with everyone they met,  
 loving and helping their neighbors,  
 then the earth would be a place  
 of heavenly harmony and peace.*

*By Joanna Fuchs*

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	07	<b>NO MASS</b>	---	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue	08	9:30 AM	WCC	Residents of the Wisner Care Center
Wed	09	8:00 AM	HC	+ Mildred Knobbe
Thu	10	8:00 AM	SJ	- OPEN -
Fri	11	8:00 AM	HC	Residents of Colonial Haven in Beemer
Sat	12	5:00 PM	SJ	+ Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of the Ray Steffensmeier Family
Sun	13	8:30 AM	HC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sun	13	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Jayda Oligmueller

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"

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner


Weekend of September 13th

**LEC:** Chris Ruskamp  
**EMHC:** Martha Schweers  
**USHER:** Men's August Work Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts St. Joseph—August 30, 2020	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,121.00
Plate:	90.00

**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.**



**ST. JOSEPH'S BIBLE STUDY:** 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month at 8:30 AM (after Mass). Read EXODUS 7-8



**Prayer Chain info.....**The St. Joseph prayer group is open to all men and women of the parish. The prayer request notifications come to you via text or phone call, and you are not asked to pass on the requests (like past prayer chains have required). You simply include the request in your regular prayers and there is no meeting involved.

If you or a loved one need extra prayers, please let us know. The information you give can be as general or specific as you'd like. All members of the prayer group are asked to keep the intentions confidential. To be added to the prayer group or to ask for special prayer requests, please notify Father Vincent or call or text Anne at 402-750-9616.

**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 stj068791@gmail.com. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per mass.

