

**All Saints Day**  
**November 1, 2020**

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**Solemnity of All Saints Day – November 1<sup>st</sup> 2020**



Today the Church celebrates all the saints: canonized or beatified, and the multitude of those who are in heaven enjoying the beatific vision that are only known to God. During the early centuries the Saints venerated by the Church were all martyrs.

Later on the Popes set November 1 as the day for commemorating all the Saints. We all have this "universal call to holiness." What must we do in order to join the company of the saints in heaven? We "must follow in His footsteps and conform [our]selves to His image seeking the will of the Father in all things.

During the year the Church celebrates one by one the feasts of the saints. Today she joins them all in one festival. In addition to those whose names she knows, she recalls in a magnificent vision all the others "of all nations and tribes standing before the throne and in sight of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands, proclaiming Him who redeemed them in His Blood."

The feast of All Saints should inspire us with tremendous hope. Among the saints in heaven are some whom we have known. All lived on earth lives like our own. They were baptized, marked with the sign of faith, they were faithful to Christ's teaching and they have gone before us to the heavenly home whence they call on us to follow them. The Gospel of the Beatitudes, read today, while it shows their happiness, shows, too, the road that they followed; there is no other that will lead us whither they have gone.

"The Commemoration of All Saints" was first celebrated in the East. The feast is found in the West on different dates in the eighth century. The *Roman Martyrology* mentions that this date is a claim of fame for Gregory IV (827-844) and that he extended this observance to the whole of Christendom; it seems certain, however, that Gregory III (731-741) preceded him in this. At Rome, on the other hand, on May 13, there was the annual commemoration of the consecration of the basilica of *St. Maria ad Martyrs* (or St. Mary and All Martyrs). This was the former Pantheon, the temple of Agrippa, dedicated to all the gods of paganism, to which Boniface IV had translated many relics from the catacombs. Gregory VII transferred the anniversary of this dedication to November 1.

**Things I suggest you consider doing:**

- Visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead during the month of November.
- Spend a little time after Mass thanking God for all the unnamed saints, some of whom could be our own relatives and other are our patron saints.
- Pray the Litany of the Saints -- you could make it really special by chanting it ("he who sings prays twice") – St. Augustine says.



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

**All Saints Day (November 1<sup>st</sup>) and All Souls Day (November 2<sup>nd</sup>) Masses.**

This Sunday, we celebrate the lives of great men and women in the past whom the church points out to them as our role models. They are Saints and Martyrs.

They remained steadfast in their faith going through successfully the many storms of life and now they are crowned in heaven as holy people. We honor them and ask them to intercede for us. Because it is a solemnity (one of Church highest Feast day equivalent to Sunday), we celebrate it today instead of the 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday.

Then tomorrow Monday **November 2<sup>nd</sup>**, we will be remembering all the souls. Apart from the saints, there are those souls in purgatory that await purification through our prayers before their entry into heaven. We will pray for them all on this day. The entire month of November is also dedicated to the dead. Feel free to Send in the names of your loved ones that you would like Mass to be said for them.

We will have Mass for each parish tomorrow Monday. Check Mass schedule for details.

**Updates on Archbishop's Annual Appeal**

Together, through the help of the Holy Spirit, we will create a culture of unity, evangelization, leadership and mercy. May God transform our simple gifts to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal and bring the ministry of the church to its fulfillment. Our parish of **Wisner** has currently committed \$4,548 towards our goal of \$7,191.53. **Beemer** Parish has committed \$5,706 towards our goal of \$9,874.58.

Thank you for saying yes to being a disciple and living mercy to our neighbors across the archdiocese.

**Let's Learn About Mass Corner: Why do we do that? Gathering rites and the 3 kisses.**

The reason of gathering together into the church is to become one body ready to participate together in the Mass.

The more we understand what goes on during Mass, the more we appreciate its beauty. Every movement, every posture, every symbol, every word spoken, are significant.

The Mass symbols start from the Sacristy (*the room where the priest vests and keeps all things used for Mass*) for the priests, and for the faithful, it starts right from the entrance of the door as they are greeted into the Church by greeters. Let's begin on the priest's side. It begins with a kiss. There are 3 Kisses in whole Mass:

- **1<sup>st</sup> Kiss** – The priest kisses the stole (*One of the vestments*) in the sacristy before vesting – it symbolizes the spirit of willingness and love to carry the cross of Christ.

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Kiss** – When the priest arrives at the altar and kisses it is because of 2 reasons: First is for reverence to honor the place where the sacrifice of Mass takes place. Second reason is rooted in the Church tradition where the priest kisses the altar to honor the relics of the saints and martyrs. Every altar has a relic either on top or at the bottom. In early centuries of the Church, celebration of Mass was illegal. So, priests used to celebrate it in catacombs. The altar was set on top of the tombs. In 4<sup>th</sup> C AD, when Emperor Constantine the Great legalized Mass, the early Christians having been used to celebrating Mass in Catacombs, began the use of relics of saints while celebrating Mass in public whereby they were placed on altars or they build the Churches on top of tombs for example St. Peter's Basilica in Rome is the tomb of St. Peter the apostle.

- **3<sup>rd</sup> Kiss** – When the priest or deacon reads the Gospel, congregation stands to honor the word of Christ. After the priest has read, he kisses the book of the Gospel to show also honor and respect of Christ's word. If bishop is present in that Mass, the Deacon or priest who read the Gospel has to take the book to the bishop to kiss it because he is the principal celebrant representing Christ in the Mass.

**Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer**

**Weekend of November 8th**

**WORD:** Rita Eichelberger  
**EMHC:** Dawn Peatrowsky, Tom Peatrowsky  
**USHER:** Brad Schulz  
**PRAISE:** Mike McTaggart, Jeanie McTaggart

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—October 25, 2020	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,227.00
Plate:	25.00
Youth:	2.00
All Saints/Souls:	40.00
HELP/Fuel	10.00
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$1,304.00</b>

The Beemer bible study will be on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month after daily Mass. Everyone is welcome. We will be reading and discussing Exodus 3 and 4. The next meeting is Wednesday, November 4th.

**WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER:** Gabrielle Fay Borgmann, daughter of Ben & Michelle Borgmann, who was recently baptized at St. Joe's. God Bless you little one!

**THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE** is at the entrance of Holy Cross. Please write the names of all those who have died whom we will pray for during the month of November. Your All Souls envelope or the parish ones available can be used to request a Mass for your loved one if you wish. Usual stipend is \$10.

**FAMILY FUN DAY AT ST. MARY'S** in West Point, will be held Sunday, November 1st. Meal available for take out only from 10:30am-1:00pm. Raffle is 7:45am-1:00pm. For more details, see the flyer in the back of church.

**ALL SOULS DAY**  
 Mass Schedule for St. Joseph and Holy Cross  
 Monday, Nov. 2nd—All Souls Day:  
 Holy Cross—8:00 am Beemer  
 St. Joseph—5:30 pm Wisner

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

**Weekend of November 7th & 8th**

**LEC:** Richard Schultz  
**EMHC:** Madonna Servi  
**USHER:** Men's November Work Group  
  
**LEC:** Tammie Batenhorst  
**EMHC:** Shane Batenhorst  
**USHER:** Men's November Work Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—October 25, 2020	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,230.00
Plate:	59.00
Heating/AC:	100.00

**MEN'S WORK GROUP—November 2020**

**Chair:** Mitch Schweers  
**Co-Chair:** Steve McGuire  
**Members:** Jack Godbersen, Arvid Hass, Matt McGuire, Brook Andersen, Tim McGuire, LaVern Houghton, David Dinklage, Zach Andersen



**Please join the Knights of Columbus and the Ladies Guild:** Sunday, November 22, 2020, for a fundraiser dinner to help renovate the church basement. The meal will be take out only. We will be serving from 11:00 – 1:00 from the church basement. The meal will consist of a grilled hamburger, chips, cookies and a bottle of water for \$6.00. Extra hamburgers will be \$2.00 each.



**Congratulations First Communicants!!**

Fr. Vincent Sunguti with Angel Ramirez-Lugo, Mayte Lara, Henry Jacobs, Annamae Bloedorn, Hailey Grenier, Myles Lampman, Leighton Porter, and Chloe Schroetlin.

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	02	8:00 AM	HC	<b>All Souls Day</b> Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Mon	02	5:30 PM	SJ	<b>All Souls Day</b> + Vincent & Evelyn Bruning
Tue	03	9:15 AM <b>By Zoom</b>	WCC	Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of the Ron & MaryAnn Wemhoff Family Mass by zoom only
Wed	04	8:00 AM	HC	Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of the Ray Steffensmeier Family
Thu	05	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Ron Stalp
Fri	06	-	-	<b>NO MASS</b>
Sat	07	5:00 PM	SJ	+ Herb Albers
Sun	08	8:30 AM	HC	+ Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Emanuel
Sun	08	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"				

**ST. JOSEPH Morning Bible Study** (after Mass): Thursday, November 5, at 8.30 AM Read Exodus Ch. 16-18 and Thursday, November 19, at 8:30 AM Read Exodus 19 -21.



**ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6**

- The 4th grade learned about the prayers of the Rosary and how to pray the Rosary. Fr. Vincent visited the 3rd grade and took time to bless some of the gifts that the 3rd graders received at the celebration of First Communion last Sunday. The afternoon ended with Capri leading the Rosary in church. The children did an awesome job participating.

- **This week:** Class 4:00- 5:30pm. All grades will be reciting prayers to prayer personnel. Prayers sheets were sent home with students a couple of weeks ago for they could review the prayers.

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

**Grades 7th & 8th:** We prayed a decade of the rosary for our country, had our snacks, and watch the first half of the movie "I Can Only Imagine." We ended with a blessing.

**Grades 9th-12th:**

- Missy Johnson discussed the upcoming feasts of All Saints Day and All Souls Day. They watched 2 very informative videos by Fr. Mike Schmitz that discusses these days and also the bible passage Hebrews 12:1-13. They discussed this bible passage and then had an adoration reflection. The evening ended with the song "The Saint That is Just Me" by Danielle Rose and then a Litany of Trust for the closing prayer. **This week:** Class from 7pm - 8:30 pm.