

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 11th, 2020**

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**The 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



*The king said to him, "My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?" But he was reduced to silence. Then the king said to his attendants, "Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth." Many are invited, but few are chosen (Mt 22:12-14).*

The feast of [St. John XXIII](#), which is ordinarily celebrated today, is superseded by the Sunday liturgy.

**Sunday Readings**

The **first reading** is taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 25:6-10a. In today's reading Isaiah describes under the image of a great banquet, the blessings, the contentment and happiness that the messianic kingdom will bring.

The **second reading** is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20. The Philippians were the only converts from whom St. Paul accepted any financial help. He is thanking them here for some such assistance which he must surely have needed for he was in prison when he wrote this letter. He assures them that God will reward them for the charitable aid given him.

The **Gospel** is Matthew 22:1-14. How foolish the Pharisees were in not listening to our Lord's warnings. He gave them every opportunity to turn away from the false path which their pride had chosen for them. His divine heart was ever ready to embrace them if only they would say "mea culpa." "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets, and stone them that are sent to you, how often would I have gathered together your children, as the hen does her chickens under her wings, and you would not" (Mt. 23:37)? "God created us without our cooperation," says St. Augustine. "but he cannot save us unless we cooperate."

We too could make the Pharisees' mistake. We have the invitation to the wedding feast; in fact, we are already in the banquet hall, since our baptism; but are we wearing the wedding garment of virtue and grace? If not, we are no better off than those who rejected the invitation. The king may come in at any moment and cast out those who are not properly dressed. Being a member of the Church on earth is a wonderful privilege, and a sure guarantee that we will reach heaven, if we do what is expected of us. But the same obstacles which prevented the Pharisees from entering the kingdom—love of this world, its wealth and its pleasures—can impede us too, unless we are on our guard. The world with its allurements is very close to us; heaven seems very far away. Thus, we must be prepared to do violence to our ordinary inclinations, to go against them whenever and wherever "the things that are Caesar's" tend to blot out or make us forget "the things that are God's."

This implies a daily carrying of the cross, a daily struggle against our evil inclinations, a daily endeavor to acquire true love of God and neighbor. This may sound superhuman, but Christ did not ask anyone to do the impossible. He led the way, and millions have followed him to eternal glory. He has called us too and has placed within our easy reach in his Church all the grace we need. If we fail to use these divine helps, if we are found without the

wedding garment, we will have no one to blame but ourselves. We have been called with the many. We can be among the "chosen."

*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.

Thank you to all who have supported the Archbishop's Annual Appeal through prayer and meaningful gifts. This weekend we invite all those who have yet to make a gift to join their fellow parishioners in an expression of gratitude. It is a commitment Sunday and kindly make a pledge. Every gift, no matter how large or small makes a difference. Our parish of Wisner has a goal of \$7,192 with participation goal of 26% based on 139 Households. Beemer parish has a goal of \$9,875 with participation goal of 49% based on 76 households.

Thank you for your generosity. Help us to reach our participation goal.

**2020 General Elections**

It is another time of elections that are here with us. All people of God including you and me make a difference in the political arena. Personally, I can't vote as I'm not yet a citizen but I encourage you to exercise your democratic right by voting. I believe every voice matters in the public forum, and your vote counts. Registration dateline is in mid of this coming month of October and be sure not to be left out. You can ensure that you are registered by going to: [CheckYourVoterRegistration.com](http://CheckYourVoterRegistration.com).

**Key dates and deadlines**

**Election day is Nov. 3**

**Registration deadlines:**

Online: Oct. 16

By mail: Postmarked by Oct. 16

In person: Oct. 23

**Absentee ballot deadlines**

Request: Oct. 23

Return by mail: Received by Nov. 3 by 8:00 p.m. CT/7:00 p.m. MT

Return in person: Nov. 3 by 8:00 p.m. CT/7:00 p.m. MT

**Early voting**

Oct. 5 - Nov. 2, but dates and hours may vary based on where you live.

**World Mission Sunday**

**Next Sunday**, we celebrate World Mission Sunday. On that Sunday, we remember all the Missionaries who tirelessly work away from their homes committing their lives for the sake of the Gospel. Many are working under very difficult conditions especially in many parts of 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries all over the world where there is a shortage of the basics and security risks. Many have never given up all along. We pray for them and those who have been killed on account of their good work, may their blood regenerate into many new Christians as from this day. There is always a second collection for these missionaries working in poor countries and if you didn't bring back an envelope for works of mercy during Easter time, please do so. There are also envelopes in the back of church for you to take and bring back next week. There will be a separate basket in the back of church to place those envelopes and anyone is welcome to make a donation for the success of missionaries' work.

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer

Weekend of October 18th

**WORD:** Doris Guenther  
**EMHC:** Gerald Schlickbernd, Susan Niewohner  
**USHER:** Gerald Gentrup  
**PRAISE:** Marge Gentrup, JoAnn Steffensmeier

Stewardship of God's Gifts Holy Cross—October 4, 2020	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$592.00
Plate:	7.00
Insurance:	20.00
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$619.00</b>

**OCTOBER IS THE MONTH** of Our Lady of the Rosary. Please pray for our seminarians whose pictures are on the bulletin board and for many new vocations to the priesthood.

Holy Cross Parish Council Members 2020-2021	
Mike Guenther—Pres.	Tracy Oligmueller—Sec.
Alan Batenhorst	Trisha Robertson
Mike Gentrup	Tanya Oligmueller—VP
For contact information, please see the parish directory	

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**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)



MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	12	<b>NO MASS</b>	---	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue	13	9:15 AM <b>By Zoom</b>	WCC	Mass by zoom only Wisner Care Center Residents
Wed	14	8:00 AM	HC	In thanksgiving for the healing and welfare of Alan, Stacy, & Brody Schlickbernd
Thu	15	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Joseph Svoboda
Fri	16	8:00 AM	HC	+ Casper Gentrup Jr.
Sat	17	5:00 PM	SJ	+ Jayda Oligmueller
Sun	18	8:30 AM	HC	Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of the Leo & Hildegard Hunke Fam.
Sun	18	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"				

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner

Weekend of October 17th & 18th

**LEC:** Joyce Stalp  
**EMHC:** Steve Ausdemore  
**USHER:** Men's October Work Group  
  
**LEC:** Dave McGuire  
**EMHC:** Capri McGuire  
**USHER:** Men's October Work Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts St. Joseph—October 4, 2020	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,810.00
Plate:	120.00
Rel. Ed.:	25.00
Heating/AC:	470.00

**MEN'S WORK GROUP—October 2020**

**Chair:** Jeremy Schultz  
**Co-Chair:** Mike Stuhr  
**Members:** Norm Weber, Bob Feller, Blake Albers, Derreck Marx, Alan Feller, David Deitloff

*Come Join Our*  
  
**BIBLE STUDY**  
**Morning Bible Study:** (after Mass) Thursday, Oct 22nd at 8:30 AM. Read Exodus Ch. 13-15  
**Evening Bible Study:** All are welcome!

Tuesday, October 13th at 7:00 PM in St. Joseph's church basement.

- 1) Think of a story or passage in the Bible that touches you most and why.
- 2) Can you describe your relationship with God to this point in your life? e.g. an experience.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will have a meeting Monday, October 12th, at 7:00 pm in the church basement.

**Religious Education**

**ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6**

- Fr. Vincent visited the class rooms and showed the students items that are used in mass such as the chalice and the ciborium and he also showed them the thurible that is used for incense at funerals. The 2nd grade has been studying about First Reconciliation and the 3rd grade is finalizing their lessons on First Communion. The 5th grade discussed the Rosary since October is the month of the Rosary.  
**- This week:** Class 4:00p.m. - 5:30p.m.

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

**Grades 7th & 8th:** We are reviewing what we know about Adam & Eve and how Original Sin and all sin damages our relationship with God and each other and makes us less of who He created us to be. We need to make good choices in life with the help of the Holy Spirit.

**Grades 9th-12th:**  
 - The topic for discussion was Angels and they also talked about Guardian Angels and the Hierarchy of Angels. They ended the evening with a prayer, closing song and adoration.  
**- This week:** Class from 7:00p.m. - 8:30p.m.