

**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 18th, 2020**

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**The 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



*Notwithstanding the malicious intention the Pharisees had in putting this question to our Lord, they did us all a good turn by getting His answer. That answer is forceful and final. It lays down a norm which solves for all time the problems that can arise from our dual citizenship on this earth. Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you*

*hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that He said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God" (Mt 22:18-21).*

The feast of [St. Luke](#), which is ordinarily celebrated today, is superseded by the Sunday liturgy.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 45:1, 4-6. The prophet, second-Isaiah, who lived in Babylonia with the exiled Jews, tells us, in God's own words, that he is the God, not only of the Jews, but of history and of the whole world.

The **second reading** is from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 1:1-5b. St. Paul praises his converts for their fidelity to God and to Christ his Son and tells them how they are ever in his prayers so that they would continue to be faithful to the call God had given them, a call proved by the many gifts of the Holy Spirit bestowed on them.

The **Gospel** is from Matthew 22:15-21. God's plan for man on earth was that he should live in the society of his fellowmen. Society must be governed, there must be authority which will direct the actions of the component members toward the common good, which common good is principally, though not exclusively, the material welfare of the members as a whole. As his ultimate end, however, man has his spiritual welfare. This government, this temporal power to rule and direct the human groups or societies or states, comes, therefore, from God for it is his will that such societies should exist. The answer of our Lord explicitly restates this fundamental norm of the divine natural law. "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's;" the state authorities have a right to the obedience and cooperation in all things that tend to the material welfare of the state, provided always the spiritual welfare of the members is not impeded by the rulers' demands.

As a partly spiritual being man is destined to be a citizen of a spiritual eternal kingdom, and while on this earth he has the duty and the possibility of preparing himself for citizenship in that kingdom. And since this kingdom is of a higher and much more important nature, man's primary aim in life must be to reach that kingdom. He must, in other words, find out and fulfill his duties toward God; he must "give to God what is God's."

This dual citizenship of man and the dual obligations that arise from it are the common knowledge of all from the natural law but are made more explicit still in divine revelation of which today's answer, given by Christ to the Pharisees, is a precise and perfect resume. We have duties to God and duties to our country and the fulfillment of the latter is part of the fulfillment of the former. We

Christians have no doubts as to our obligations under these two headings. We fulfill our duties to God by being faithful, loyal, active members of the spiritual kingdom, the Church, which Christ established on earth in order to lead us to our eternal kingdom. We fulfill our duties to our country by loyally obeying the just laws of the State, by paying all lawful taxes, and by contributing our share, whenever called on, toward the common good.

Both St. Peter (1 Pet. 2: 13-14) and St. Paul (Rom. 13: 1-7), stressed the obligation on the early Christians of being an example to all in their loyalty as citizens of the state. The same necessity obliges us too. We who know the divine, positive and natural law so much better than many others, must help to enlighten those others by our faithful observance of these laws. And our loyalty, too, will give the lie to those enemies of the faith who, in their ignorance and foolish opposition to things spiritual, are only too ready to think that loyalty to our Church and our God must of necessity make us disloyal to our country. History already has given the lie to such calumnies, for the loyal Christian has ever been the loyal citizen, but we must keep on writing such history in glaring lights of daily deeds, for there are, and there always will be, those enemies who cannot read history books.

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



**From Fr. Vincent's' Desk:  
World Mission Sunday- October 18th**

**TODAY**, we celebrate World Mission Sunday.

On this 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 a second collection on this Sunday and you may use the envelope on the back table or simply drop the donation into the special basket in the back of church which is labeled. You can also drop your donation to the church any time this week or next.

**2020-2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal**

We are most grateful to all our parishioners who have already made a gift intention to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Our parish of St. Joseph has currently committed **\$1,850** towards our goal of **\$7,191.53**, with **10.1%** of our members participating. Our other parish of Holy Cross has currently committed **\$5,532.00** towards our goal of **\$9,874.58**, with **21.9%** of our members participating.

If you have not taken the opportunity to make a gift, you may return it to the Archdiocese in the envelope provided with your letter, or you may drop off your commitment form to the parish office or place it in the collection basket next weekend.

♥grateful♥  
AND blessed

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer

Weekend of October 24th & 25th

**WORD:** Shelly Wellman, Marilyn Ortmeier  
**EMHC:** Jeanie McTaggart, Mike McTaggart  
 Tom Peatrowsky, Dawn Peatrowsky  
**USHER:** Scott Ortmeier, Michael Gentrup  
**PRAISE:** Betty Guenther, Rosie McNamara

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner

Weekend of October 25th

**LEC:** Chris Ruskamp  
**EMHC:** Anne Ausdemore  
**USHER:** October Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts Holy Cross—October 11, 2020	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$850.00
Plate:	27.00
All Saints:	100.00
HELP/Fuel:	150.00
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$1,127.00</b>

Stewardship of God's Gifts St. Joseph—October 11, 2020	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$2,290.00
Plate:	71.00
All Souls:	20.00
Heating/AC:	130.00

**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.

**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

**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.



**BIBLE** (after Mass) Thursday, Oct 22nd at 8:30 AM. Read Exodus Ch. 13-15  
 Morning Bible Study:

**CALENDARS for 2021** are available in the back of church for anyone that would like to have them. If you know someone that has not been getting out much, please feel free to take them one if you are able. They are available while supplies last.

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	19	<b>NO MASS</b>	---	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue	20	9:15 AM <b>By Zoom</b>	WCC	+Bill Murphy Mass by zoom only
Wed	21	8:00 AM	HC	+ Dorothy Gentrup
Thu	22	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Ron Esser
Fri	23	8:00 AM	HC	+ Mr. & Mrs. Francis Hetherington
Sat	24	5:00 PM	HC	+ Mildred Knobbe
Sun	25	8:30 AM	HC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sun	25	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Vincent & Catherine Ulrich
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"				

Saint Joseph Parish Council Members 2020-2021	
Shane Batenhorst — Pres.	Dave Deitloff
Tyler Oligmueller	Rick Jacobs
Kari Moeller	Janet Ludwig
Becky McGuire — Sec.	Mary VonSeggern
For contact information, please see the parish directory	

## Religious Education

**ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6**

- The 4th grade continued with learning the parts of the Apostles Creed and also discussed the story of the Prodigal Son. The 3rd grade finished up preparing for First Communion and learned how the Eucharist is food for our soul and they learned about fasting prior to mass and receiving the Eucharist.
- **This week:** Class 4:00p.m. - 5:30p.m.

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

**Grades 7th & 8th:** Our lesson was about "Language of the Body" and what we say with our words, action, & emotions tell others how we feel. We must be aware to make true statements with that language. We always end with prayer.

**Grades 9th-12th:**

- The topic for the evening was the Rosary since October is the month of the Rosary. They discussed why we pray the Rosary, watched a short video by Fr. Donald Calloway in which he talks about the Rosary. They also read Luke 1:39-56 which is the story of when Mary visits Elizabeth and how it relates to the Rosary. The evening ended with an adoration reflection and praying the Rosary with the Glorious Mysteries.
- **This week:** Class from 7:00p.m. - 8:30p.m.

