

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 25th, 2020**

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The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A



When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second

is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments" (Mt 22:34-40).

Today is the feast of the Forty Martyrs of England & Wales which is superseded by the Sunday Liturgy.

Sunday Readings

The **first reading** is taken from the Book of Exodus 22:20-26. These verses cover the Israelites' duties toward strangers (non-Israelites), widows and orphans and the poor in general. They are a practical application of the law of charity in their dealings with their neighbors.

The **second reading** is from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 1:5c-10. St. Paul continues to praise the Thessalonians, not only for accepting the faith in difficult circumstances, but for the wonderful example their Christian life had already given to most of Greece.

The **Gospel** is from Matthew 22:34-40. The Pharisees may not have had evil intentions when asking Christ, the question as to the greatest commandment. But they have done us a good service by getting this crystal-clear answer from him. In this answer he tells us that the man who loves God and neighbor fulfills all his obligations and carries out all the duties that God's self-revelation in "the law and the prophets" imposes on him. God revealed himself to us in the Old Testament as our Creator and divine benefactor. He had no need of us, since he is infinitely perfect in himself, but out of his infinite goodness he wished to share his eternal kingdom of happiness with mankind and so he created us. That we should love such a benefactor and be grateful to him is not asking much of us; such love should surely be the spontaneous reaction of a rational being, and yet there were and there are many who fail to acknowledge any such obligation.

No Christian, worthy of the name, can ever be among such thoughtless and thankless people. We have greater proofs of God's love for us than "the law and the prophets" gave to the Israelites. We have the added proofs of God's infinite interest in us brought to us by the Incarnation. We have been raised to the sublime status of adopted sons of God.

Where Christians can, and too often do fail, is in their true love of neighbor. Yet Christ says that this commandment is like the first. Love of neighbor is an essential part of our obligations toward God. If we fail in this we fail in our love for God, for we refuse to carry out this sacred duty. If we do not recognize our neighbor as our brother, we do not recognize God as our Father and we do not love him. As St. John puts it: "Anyone who says 'I love God' and hates (does not love) his neighbor is a liar" (1 Jn.3: 20).

Let each one of us ask himself today how seriously he takes this law of fraternal charity and how faithfully he carries it out. Not all of us may be able to give material help to a neighbor in need but the poorest of us can spare a kindly word, an encouraging word, for a neighbor weighed down with cares and troubles. All of us can pray for a neighbor who needs spiritual and temporal help. Most of us can deny ourselves some unnecessary luxuries in order to give a needed loaf of bread to a hungry fellowman, while those who have an abundance of this world's goods need not look far afield to find cases and causes worthy of their Christian charity.

Remember that whatever spiritual or material help is given out of true charity to a neighbor in need, is given to God, and whatever is given to God is soundly invested in heaven, and heaven pays handsome dividends.

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



From Fr. Vincent's Desk:

First Holy Communion Candidates

This Sunday during the 10 am Wisner Mass, 8 of our CCD 3rd graders will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time. They have been preparing for this important step in their journey of Faith for the last year. I would like to **CONGRATULATE** them in a special way for this mile stone that they have achieved. Thank so much for our CCD teachers for taking time to prepare these students despite challenges that we are facing. I would like to implore parents to ensure these children attend Mass every Sunday and receive Holy Communion especially in the first 3 months. If children don't learn and do, they will soon forget all, and this vital step they have taken of First Holy Communion won't make sense any more to them.

Updates on Archbishop's Annual Appeal as on Thursday, October 22nd, 2020

Our gifts to the 2020-2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal bear witness to God's love at work in our lives. Thank you to all those at our parish who have responded so generously to Archbishop Lucas' invitation to join him in the work of equipping disciples and living mercy. To date, our parish of St. Joseph, has raised \$2,750 towards our goal of \$7,191.53. Our other parish of Holy Cross, has raised \$5,531 towards our goal of \$9,874.58.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

All Saints Day (Nov. 1st) & All Souls Day (Nov. 2nd) Masses

Next Sunday, we will celebrate the lives of great men and women in the past whom the church points them out 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. We will celebrate this Feast on next Sunday **November 1st** instead of the 31st Sunday.

Then on Monday **November 2nd**, we will be remembering all 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. 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 on that Monday. Check Mass schedule for details.

Let's Learn About Mass Corner: Why do we do that?

From this weekend onwards, I will be sharing a brief series about why "we do this and that" during Mass. The bulletin will also have a brief "Let's Learn About Mass" corner in summary.

Part 1. What is Mass?

Mass is a ritual just like our lives are full of rituals; that is a set of things that we do daily, over and over. For example, there are certain ways that we greet people, eat food and reply to people's text messages and so on.

What is Mass? - A good way to describe Mass is that it is Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday made present today in a ritual. Basic shape of this Mass is like a meal shared.

When friends gather for a meal, they sit and talk: Eventually they move to the table, say grace, pass the food and eat and drink, and finally take their leave and go home. On our walk through the Mass we will follow this same map: we will see ritual acts of A) gathering rites from the priest to congregation, B) storytelling, C) meal sharing and D) commissioning. *Next week on Part 2, I will share about Gathering rites and the 3 kisses.*

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer

Weekend of November 1st

WORD: Renae Carlson
EMHC: Susan Niewohner, Gerald Schlickbernd
USHER: Melvin Niewohner
PRAISE: Diana Dinslage, Alvin Dinslage

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—October 18, 2020	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,610.00
Plate:	22.00
GA/CC:	30.00
Totals:	\$1,662.00

NEW LECTOR BOOKS are in the church entrance and also "Give Us This Day" for November. Thank you to our lectors who have been so dependable through these strange times.

MISSIONARY DONATION BASKET will be out for one more week. Please get your donation in soon.

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAY
 Mass Schedule for St. Joseph and Holy Cross

Sunday, Nov. 1st—All Saints:
Usual Sunday Mass Times

Monday, Nov. 2nd—All Souls Day:
 Holy Cross—8:00 am Beemer
 St. Joseph—5:30 pm Wisner

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.

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Weekend of October 31st & November 1st

LEC: Sally Harms
EMHC: Richard Schultz
USHER: Men's October Work Group

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EMHC: Martha Schweers
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Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—October 18, 2020	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,315.00
Plate:	91.00
All Souls:	170.00
Heating/AC:	110.00
World Mission Sunday:	50.00

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



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Today, our 3rd Grade class will be receiving this blessed sacrament for the first time. Those receiving today are: Annamae Bloedorn, Hailey Grenier, Henry Jacobs, Myles Lampman, Mayte Lara, Leighton Porter, Angel Ramirez-Lugo, and Chloe Schroetlin. Please pray for them and may God Bless them on their special day.

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



Evening Bible Study: All are welcome! Tuesday, October 27, at 7 PM in St. Joseph's basement.

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	26	NO MASS	---	NO MASS
Tue	27	9:15 AM By Zoom	WCC	+Aaron, Paul, Lumier, Ethel, and Bill Mass by zoom only
Wed	28	8:00 AM	HC	+ James Hetherington
Thu	29	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Joshua Stalp
Fri	30	8:00 AM	HC	+ Beata Batenhorst
Sat	31	5:00 PM	SJ	All Saints Day Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sun	01	8:30 AM	HC	All Saints Day + Chad Francis
Sun	01	10:00 AM	SJ	All Saints Day + Bill Murphy
Mon	02	8:00 AM	HC	All Souls Day Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Mon	02	5:30 PM	SJ	All Souls Day + Vincent & Evelyn Bruning

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"

Religious Education

ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6

- The 3rd grade had a rehearsal with Fr. Vincent for First Communion that they are celebrating at today's Sunday mass.
- The 1st grade learned about the Sacrament of Baptism and how it welcomes us into the Church and how we are all called Christians. They have also talked about how God created everything and how he wants us to be like him and his love for us. They also discussed prayers of praise.
- **This week:** Class 4:00- 5:30 and will also have the classes join in together to pray the Rosary.
- ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS (GRADES 7 -12)**
- Grades 7th & 8th:** : We continued our "Language of the Body" lesson and talked about how our bodies speak without words. The greatest example of this was Christ becoming human and then dying for us on the cross.
- Grades 9th-12th:**
- Forgiveness was the topic for the evening. The students watched a video from Sr. Miriam James, SOLT and Fr. John Burns talk on healing through forgiveness. Discussed how forgiveness can be one of the hardest things the Catholic Church teaches in our eye for an eye world we live in but it is one of Jesus' most important teachings. The class ended with an adoration reflection on Sr. Miriam and Fr. Burns steps to forgiveness and forgiveness prayer.
- **This week:** Class from 7:00p.m. - 8:30p.m.