

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 4th, 2020**

**Saint Joseph's Parish**

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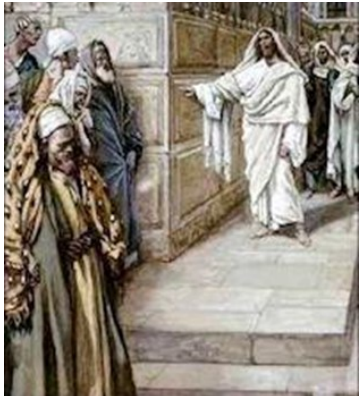
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**The 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



*Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit" (Mt 21:42-43).*

Today is the feast of [St. Francis of Assisi](#) which is superseded by the Sunday Liturgy. Happy feast day anyone called Francis or Francisca.

**Sunday Readings**

The **first reading** is taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 5:1-7. Under the image of a wine-grower who had done everything he could to make his vineyard fertile and productive, the prophet describes God's care for and interest in his Chosen People.

The **second reading** is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians 4:6-9. St. Paul is encouraging his converts to put their full trust in God.

The **Gospel** is from Matthew 21:33-43. There are two leading thoughts that come to the mind of any true believer on hearing this parable: the infinite goodness, patience and mercy of God in His dealings with mankind, and the unsounded depths of wickedness and ingratitude to which men can sink. To His Chosen People of the Old Testament, God had given a fertile and fully-equipped vineyard — His revelation, His protection, a homeland of their own in Canaan, and all this in order to prepare them for the future Messiah, who would bring them an eternal home in God's own Kingdom. All He asked in return was their cooperation.

But they had other plans; they wanted their kingdom on earth. Yet God was patient with them; again, and again He pardoned their infidelities. He sent them prophet after prophet to recall them to their senses, but they maltreated these messengers of God and refused to heed their warnings.

Then "the fullness of time" came and He sent His divine Son on earth in human form. He took His human nature from one of their races, lived among them and preached His gospel of love and peace to them. He tried to soften their hard hearts, and made them the final offer of the Father's mercy and pardon. But instead of accepting God's offer of mercy the chief priests and elders only made it an occasion of an even greater sin. To their crimes of infidelity and injustice they added the murder of God's Messiah and Son.

In God's plan of love and mercy the tragedy of Calvary turned out to be the great "triumph of failure." That death brought life to the world and opened the gates of God's eternal kingdom for all nations and races. The Gentiles rallied around the standard of Christ. A new vineyard was set up in which all men could work for their Father in heaven and for their own eternal interests.

We Christians today are the successors of the first Gentile followers of Christ. We too have been called to work in God's vineyard. Are we working honestly and devotedly? Are we producing the grapes and the wine that our divine Master expects of us? If our answer is "yes, I am living a true Christian life, I am working for God's

honor and glory and for my own eternal salvation," then we can say a heartfelt "thank you" to our merciful Father, and ask him to keep us ever on this right path. But if our answer is "no," then let us pay heed to today's lesson. What happened to the chief priests and elders can and will happen to unfaithful Christians if they persevere in their infidelity and disobedience. But we can still put ourselves right with God. Let us do it today — tomorrow may be too late.

*In Courtesy of some parts from  
Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M plus few additional points*



**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.

Today we will be having a guest speaker from the Archdiocese who will be talking about the AAA. He/She will speak after Holy Communion in all Masses this weekend.

You may have received an invitation from Archbishop Lucas to support the work of the Church through a personal commitment. If you haven't received one, let any of the above parish contact persons know. The Financial goal of this year for St. Joseph, Wisner is **\$7,192** with participation goal of **26%** based on **139 households**. Holy Cross's financial goal is **\$9,875** with participation goal of **49%** based on 76 household.

**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.

**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 October 10th & 11th**

**WORD:** Renae Carlson, Tom Peatrowsky  
**EMHC:** Jeanie McTaggart, Mike McTaggart  
 Brenda Anderson, Ann Bausch  
**USHER:** Brad Schulz, Melvin Niewohner  
**PRAISE:** Diana Dinslage, Alvin Dinslage

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—September 27, 2020	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,525.00
Plate:	32.00
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$1,557.00</b>

**HOLY CROSS ALTAR SOCIETY** will hold their regular meeting on October 5th, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. Masks are highly requested.

**LIFE CHAIN** is a peaceful, prayerful public witness of pro-life Americans standing in honor of 60 million lives lost to abortion, praying for our nation, for people in crisis situations and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception to natural death. Beemer's Life Chain will take place on October 4th in front of the Nutrien Ag Solutions building on Highway 275 from 2 - 3 p.m. Signs will be available about 1:45. You can bring chairs and everyone is welcome to join us.



**Harvest Prayer**

I give thanks to you, Lord over all the earth.  
 I give thanks to you, Saviour, redeemer, forgiver of my sins.  
 I give thanks to you who made the sun and rain,  
 I give thanks to you for new growth that rises from fertile land.  
 I give thanks to you for harvests of grain, for nourishing bread.  
 I give thanks to you for fruit and vegetables, full of goodness.  
 I give thanks to you for refreshing milk and eggs freshly laid.  
 I give thanks to you for the hearty and healthy provision  
 of meat and fish.  
 I give thanks to you for all your great bounty.  
 Surely we taste your goodness today with truly thankful hearts.

Amen

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	05	<b>NO MASS</b>	---	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue	06	9:15 AM <b>By Zoom</b>	WCC	Mass by zoom only Wisner Care Center Residents
Wed	07	8:00 AM	HC	Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of the Ray Steffensmeier Family
Thu	08	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Louise Esser
Fri	09	8:00 AM	HC	+ Marilyn Schulz
Sat	10	5:00 PM	HC	+ Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Emanuel
Sun	11	8:30 AM	HC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sun	11	10:00 AM	SJ	+ John Davies
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 11th**

**LEC:** Jeff Phillips  
**EMHC:** Madonna Servi  
**USHER:** October Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—September 27, 2020	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,885.00
Plate:	50.50
Heating/AC:	500.00

**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

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Fr. Vincent is looking for a couple of people to volunteer to help sanitize the pews after Mass on Saturday nights. Please contact him if you are able to help.



**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.

## Religious Education

**ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6**

The students met in their individual classrooms for snack and class. The 3rd grade celebrated the Sacrament of First Reconciliation with Fr. Vincent. First Communion for the 3rd grade is scheduled to be held on Sunday, October 25th.  
 This week: Class from 4:00p.m. - 5:30p.m.

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

**Grades 7th & 8th:** We continued our first lesson "Who Am I" and learned about the tools we use to find God's will in our lives.

**Grades 9th-12th:**

- This past week the students discussed how to pray and were given tips for praying.
- Please return your registration forms and Covid-19 forms if your family has not done so.
- **This week:** Class from 7:00p.m. - 8:30p.m.

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	