

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 15, 2020**

Saint Joseph's Parish

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The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten.'

For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away (Matt 25:26-29).

Sunday Gospel: The Gospel is from St. Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21. The lesson of this parable, like all the teaching of the gospel, is as applicable to us today as it was to the first generation of Christians. In its relation to Christ and to his divine Father our world today is very similar to first century Palestine. Christ and God have opponents and followers. Their opponents today have the very same reasons that moved the Pharisees and leaders of the people in Christ's day. They want their messianic kingdom here on earth, a kingdom of pleasure and plenty; they want no limits set to their freedom to follow their own earthly inclinations. Their pride in their own self-exalted dignity will not let them bow the head to any deity or divine authority which does not conform to their standards. Like the Pharisees they keep on trying to convince themselves that Christianity is not true, that Christ will not reign, that there will be no day of reckoning.

Yet with all their efforts to get rid of Christ and God, the small inner voice of conscience is not completely silenced. It has the nasty habit of reminding them of their folly. They have their troubled moments when the epicurean motto "eat, drink, sleep and be merry" does not somehow ring true.

For the followers of Christ who are sincere in their efforts, the parable has a message of encouragement and consolation. At times the road we have to travel seems strewn with obstacles, our battles seem never-ending, yet God has provided each one of us with the necessary helps to ensure the final victory. These helps are given according to each one's need. Those servants in the parable who received five and two talents used them faithfully and successfully. He who received one talent needed only one, and could have succeeded with it had he been a faithful servant.

Eternal happiness is the divine reward for an earthly service faithfully rendered. The false excuse of the third servant is repeated in many forms among us still "God is too austere, he could not expect me to make such sacrifices. I have to provide for myself; his promises and threats may be only empty words. He may never return to demand a reckoning, to settle accounts with us. These and all other such excuses are proved false in this parable.

God is a kind Father who has our eternal interests at heart. He does expect us to make the necessary sacrifices. He will certainly return to settle accounts—it will then be too late to make any changes. Let us be wise and make the changes now while we have time and then our books will be in order on the day of reckoning.

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



From Fr. Vincent's Desk:

New updated DHM guidelines on Covid-19

The Department of Health & Human Services has updated the guidelines again as from Wednesday, Nov. 11th 2020. For details, check on the DHHS website or copies are available on tables in the back of our churches. We will continue to attend Mass as we have done with every other pew closed and families to keep a distance of 6 feet from each other. I'm emphasizing please wear a mask. It is not a requirement but it helps. If you are not comfortable in attending Mass in person, please feel free to stay at home and follow Saturday's Mass on Facebook. Do what is safer for you.

Updates on Archbishop's Annual Appeal: Jesus calls us to be alert to the opportunities to be his disciples, his witnesses, and share his love. Your participation in the Archbishop's Annual Appeal is an extension of our call to discipleship in our parish. Every gift matters. To date, for St. Joseph's Wisner, 19 donors have committed \$4,945 towards our goal of \$ 7,191.53. Please help us reach our participation goal of 25.6%. And for Holy Cross Beemer, 18 donors have committed \$6,206 towards our goal of \$9,874.58. Kindly help us to reach our participation goal of 48.7%.

Adult Mass servers Needed!

I'm in need of adult volunteer Mass servers on Sundays and during Funeral Masses in Beemer and Wisner. I welcome any gender. This will be easy for people who ever served mass while young in those days but I welcome also new ones who want to learn to help just with the basics. We have enough vestments to use. All volunteer Mass servers will wear masks during the Mass since we get so close to each other occasionally. Contact me if you are willing.

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

Posture, song: When the Mass begins everyone stands up. Standing is the traditional posture of Christians at prayer: It expresses our attentiveness to the word of God and our readiness to carry it out. Often, we begin by singing together. What better way to gather than to unite our thoughts and our voices in common word, rhythm and melody?

Sign of the Cross: When we make the sign of the cross, we invoke of the names of the Trinity. The sign of the cross is not only a way of beginning Mass or prayer, but by itself, it is a powerful prayer. It is meant to pour out tremendous blessing in our lives. In making the sign of the cross, it is meant to invoke the presence of God to guard us against any harm. It is meant to begin our Mass or prayer with God and end with Him. In the scriptures, invoking the name of God was a way of worship. It shows that people were ready for prayers and blessings. The sign of the cross is also a reminder of our baptism which took a Trinitarian form. Therefore, every time we pray, we are first reminded that we are Christians. When Jesus sent his apostles to go out and baptize people, they were to do it in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We therefore fulfill his command by the sign of the cross.

Greeting: The priest will begin with sign of the cross and will greet us, saying, "The Lord be with you." You will hear this greeting frequently. It means many things. Like "good day" it can mean both "hello" and "good-bye." It is both a wish (may the Lord be with you) and a profound statement of faith (as you assemble for worship, the Lord is with you). It is an ancient biblical greeting: Boaz returned from Bethlehem (we read in the Book of Ruth 2:4) and said to the reapers, "The Lord be with you!" The ritual response to this greeting is always the formula, "And with your spirit," by which we return the hello, the good wishes, and the statement of faith.



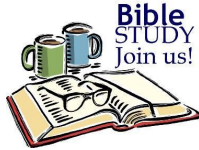
Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer

Weekend of November 22nd

WORD: Shelly Wellman
EMHC: Dennis Mostek, Mary Mostek
USHER: Scott Ortmeier
PRAISE: Duane Neesen, Bev Francis

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—November 8, 2020	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,030.00
Plate:	3.00
Thanksgiving:	500.00
All Saints:	90.00
HELP/Fuel	10.00
Totals:	\$1,633.00

HOLY CROSS BIBLE STUDY will be Wednesday, November 18th in the church basement after morning Mass. We will be reading and discussing Exodus 7 and 8. Everyone is welcome.



FROZEN TURKEYS & HAMS will be accepted until December 13th. Please put them in the basement freezer.

NEW MINISTRY LIST is available on the table. Please pick one up.

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.

THANKSGIVING MASS SCHEDULE
St. Joseph & Holy Cross

Wednesday, Nov. 25th—NO morning Mass at Holy Cross
 Wednesday, Nov. 25th—5:30 pm Mass at Holy Cross
 Thursday, Nov. 26th—9:00 am Mass at St. Joseph

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.



MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	16	NO MASS	—	NO MASS
Tue	17	9:15 AM By Zoom	WCC	+ William Ausdemore Mass by zoom only
Wed	18	8:00 AM	HC	+ James Hetherington
Thu	19	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Dave Wortmann
Fri	20	8:00 AM	HC	+ Wayne Meier
Sat	21	5:00 PM	SJ	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sun	22	8:30 AM	HC	+ Niall Hansen
Sun	22	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Rita Beck
SJ—St. Joseph's		HC—Holy Cross		
WCC—Wisner Care Center		CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer		
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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"				

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner

Weekend of November 21st & 22nd

LEC: Bonnie Styskal
EMHC: Martha Schweers
USHER: Men's November Work Group

LEC: Jeff Phillips
EMHC: Steve Ausdemore
USHER: Men's November Work Group

Thanksgiving Mass: Thursday, Nov. 26th, 9:00 am

LEC: Alan Harms
EMHC: Sally Harms
USHER: Men's November Work Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—November 8, 2020	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$910.00
Plate:	129.00

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

MEN'S WORK GROUP—December 2020

Chair: Tom Feller
Co-Chair: Jordan Feller
Members: Tim Montgomery, Rick Jacobs, Chet Beckmann, Randy Jensen, Dave McGuire



HAMBURGER FEED:

Please join the Knights of Columbus and the Ladies Guild: Sunday, November 22, 2020, from 11:00am—1:00 pm. TAKE OUT ONLY and will be served 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. Proceeds to go toward the renovation of St. Joseph's church basement.

ST JOSEPH PARISH—POINSETTIAS

If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia for the Christmas Season in memory of a loved one(s), the sign up sheet and envelope are in the back of the church. You may also put an envelope in the collection basket, or mail it to the church at PO Box 623. Be sure to include the name of your loved one(s) and \$20 for each Poinsettia.



Thank you! St Joseph Environment Committee

Religious Education

ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6

- The 6th grade discussed disobedience and guidance and also talked about salvation and saving grace. The 5th grad-
 ed learned studied the Beatitudes and how they can practice them in their daily lives.
 - **This week:** Class 4:00- 5:30pm. Mass 5:00p.m.-5:30p.m.

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

Grades 7th & 8th: We began with desserts (Thank You, Capri!) and then went to our prayer and started the lesson "How Should I "Act"? which focused on being who we are in God's eyes and not just being who the world wants us to be. We also learned the difference between virtue and vice. We ended with prayers for our needs.

Grades 9th-12th:

- The topic for the evening was titled Faith & Freedom in which the students discussed how they should not be afraid to talk about their faith. The bible passage they referred to was Romans 12. The evening closed with adoration, a song and a Litany of Trust.

This week: Class from 7pm - 8:30 pm.