

Third Sunday of Advent December 13, 2020

Saint Joseph's Parish

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The 3rd Sunday of Advent Year B; Gaudete Sunday



"Rejoice: The Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oft-repeated Veni ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament.

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice". Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath. Think of almost receiving a gift or a promised honor of your accomplishments but you don't know exactly what it is and you are almost there. You meet in the parking lot so many people all dressed up and excited and all heading the same venue of celebration. Your heart is full of joy and excitement but not yet complete. This is our feeling on the 3rd Sunday of advent. Our Lord will honor us with a gift of his son when we arrive on the Christmas day but now, we don't exactly how. All we know is that it will be a beautiful celebration and joyful honor.

Christ Even Now on the Way to Bethlehem

Evidently, in the mind of holy Church, neither the prophecy concerning Bethlehem Ephrata nor its fulfillment in the day of Caesar Augustus is to be considered merely a glorious divine disposition and achievement. No, the prophecy of Micheus is still being verified every day, but predominantly during the annual Advent season; for the selfsame incarnate eternal Son of God who journeyed to Bethlehem to be born there physically, now to the end of time comes to human souls as to spiritual Bethlehems, there to be born anew, again and again.

*Excerpted from: Our Way to the Father
by Rev. Leo M. Krenz, S.J.*

From Fr. Vincent's Desk:

Updates on Archbishop's Annual Appeal:

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, Wisner** has raised **\$6,005** towards our goal of **\$7,191.53**. Our other parish of **Holy Cross, Beemer**, has raised a total of **\$9,261** towards our goal of **\$9,874.58**. Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal. We are almost there in our both parishes. With your hand, soon we will arrive at our goal. I appreciate.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Pray for Us

This Saturday December 12th 2020 is the Feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe that commonly goes with the phrase "roses in December". For some reasons, it coincides with the 3rd Sunday of Advent when we use rose color. We remember Juan Diego who was instructed by Our lady to gather roses into a cloak to present to the bishop who did not believe the story of Mary's appearance to him. He gathered large number of roses, though it was December. When he presented roses to the bishop by opening his cloak, the image of our lady had been imprinted on the cloak. We need this roses on the month of December. This is a weekend of Joy and I want to let you know that I'm praying for the joy of rose flowers to reign in your families and hearts. Words of Juan Diego gives us solace: "Do not be distressed...am I not here who am your mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? I want to offer your families into the hands of Our Lady of Guadalupe so that she might extend her motherly love to all of us. We thank God for the breakthrough of the vaccines. They will bring so much hope and joy to many of us with time. We await in patience under the care of our mother. Say a rosary this weekend.



Let's Learn About Mass Corner:

Part 2: *Liturgy of Eucharist* begins with presentation of gifts. Why do we give gifts to God? Does God need our gifts? The answer is No. The presentation of the gifts of bread and wine is giving back to God the gifts of creation and work of our hands. The beauty of this symbolism is enhanced when Christ's faithful process carrying these gifts and presents them to the Mass presider who receives them and goes with them to the altar and eventually presents them with a very beautiful prayer.

First, he raises the bread and says: Blessed are you Lord of all creation, for through your goodness, we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us bread of life...
Wine – Blessed are you Lord of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink...

The presentation of these two gifts has a very strong backing from the Bible. In the Old Testament, when Abraham met Melchizedek the king of Salem and the priest of the highest God, he offered these gifts of bread and wine and in return, he received blessings. In the last supper, Christ offered bread and wine as his body and blood and he instructed us to do this in his memory.

In actual sense, God does not need our gifts. With or without them, God still remains self-sufficient. The offerings we make, helps us to join the sacrificial of God and thus unites us with Christ's own offering of self. Therefore in our presentation of gifts, we bring our entire life and our little sacrifice symbolized by the gifts of wine and bread presented to God by the priest on our behalf.

Another reason that we present gifts is to take care of the needs of the Church. The priest presents bread and wine on behalf of the people and in return the people present their other gifts of their labor in form of money and other things and both are joined together by the sacrifice of Christ on the cross.



Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer

Weekend of December 20th

WORD: Shelly Wellman
EMHC: Mary Mostek, Dennis Mostek
USHER: Scott Ortmeier
PRAISE: Marge Gentrup, JoAnn Steffensmeier

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner

Weekend of December 19th & 20th

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

LEC: Dave McGuire
EMHC: Capri McGuire
USHER: Men's December Work Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts Holy Cross—December 6, 2020	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$675.00
Plate:	30.00
Thanksgiving:	100.00
Christmas:	100.00
Christmas Flowers:	70.00
Totals:	\$975.00

Stewardship of God's Gifts St. Joseph—December 6, 2020	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,475.00
Plate:	108.00
Immaculate Conception:	25.00

CHRISTMAS TREE set-up will be after Sunday Mass. Please help if you can.

BABY ITEMS, GLASSES, & STAMPS will be taken in the baskets until Christmas eve. 2021 calendars and donation envelopes will be available next Sunday, December 20th.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Holy Cross - Tuesday, December 15th at 7:00 pm
St. Joseph's - Tuesday, December 22nd at 7:00 pm

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE—Thursday, Dec. 24th
 St. Joseph—5:00 pm
 Holy Cross—7:00 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY—Friday, Dec. 25th
 Holy Cross—8:30 am
 St. Joseph—10:00 am

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD**



Thurs., Dec. 31st, St. Joseph—5:30 pm
 Friday, Jan. 1st, Holy Cross—8:30 am
 Friday, Jan. 1st, St. Joseph—10:00 am



MASS INTENTIONS

Day	Date	Time	Church	Intention
Mon	14	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	15	8:00 AM	SJ	(Mass Live Streamed) Wisner Care Center and Colonial Haven Residents
Wed	16	8:00 AM	HC	+ Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Emanuel
Thu	17	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Clara Feller
Fri	18	8:00 AM	HC	+ Brent Carlson
Sat	19	5:00 PM	SJ	+ Vincent & Catherine Ulrich
Sun	20	8:30 AM	HC	Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of the Leo & Hildegard Hunke Family
Sun	20	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

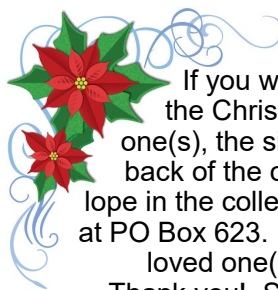
Fr. will live stream only the 5:00 Saturday Mass via both Facebook pages...

St. Joseph—"Joseph Wisner"
 Holy Cross—"Holy Cross Catholic Church—Beemer"

MEN'S WORK GROUP—December 2020

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

**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

- Grades 3-6 celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr. Vincent to prepare for Christmas. The 4th grade practiced for the Apostles Creed video that they will be recording this coming week. In 1st grade, they talked about how God created families and the Holy Family. When Jesus comes at Christmas the Holy Family will be complete. They also discussed the importance of family and how each one of us, no matter what our age, has an important role in their family.
- This week: Class and Christmas parties.
- December 23rd - Christmas Break - No class and will resume on January 13th.

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

- This week the students celebrated the sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr. Vincent and 2 additional priests.
- 7th & 8th:** Lesson 6 began with our video about the different kinds of love we have and how they affect our relationships. Also, how love never uses another for their own purpose. We ended with prayer.
- 9th-12th:** Watched a short Advent video and discussed both the 2nd Sunday and 3rd Sunday of Advent. Evening was closed with adoration.
- This week: Class as normal from 7:00-8:30.
- December 23rd - Christmas Break - No class and will resume January 13th.

