

**Second Sunday of Advent  
December 6, 2020**

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**The 2nd Sunday of Advent – Year**



Mark 1:1-8: Jesus referred John as "My messenger" who prepared the "way". John now wanted his disciples to realize that they, too, must follow Christ in this "way". Only through the same Jesus Christ, the long-expected Savior, will the "blind" of soul "see;" the "lame" of character "walk;" the "lepers" of sin become "cleansed;" the "poor" become rich with a new Gospel. (Red figures in picture indicate the blind, the lame, the leper.)

The Epistle points to these interior and social aspects of the "Christ" way: interiorly, by prayer, to "glorify" the Fatherhood of God; socially by our actions, to "receive one another" in the Brotherhood of Man, "even as Christ has received you."

As the journey of Advent continues, as we prepare to celebrate the nativity of Christ, John the Baptist's call to conversion sounds out in our communities. It is a pressing invitation to open our hearts and to welcome the Son of God Who comes among us to make divine judgement manifest. The Father, writes St. John the Evangelist, does not judge anyone, but has entrusted the power of judgement to the Son, because He is the Son of man.

"And it is today, in the present, that we decide our future destiny. It is with our concrete everyday behavior in this life that we determine our eternal fate. At the end of our days on earth, at the moment of death, we will be evaluated on the basis of our likeness or otherwise to the Baby Who is about to be born in the poor grotto of Bethlehem, because He is the measure God has given humanity.

"Through the Gospel John the Baptist continues to speak down the centuries to each generation. His hard-clear words bring health to us, the men and women of this day in which even the experience and perception of Christmas often, unfortunately, reflects materialist attitudes. The 'voice' of the great prophet asks us to prepare the way for the coming Lord in the deserts of today, internal and external deserts, thirsting for the water of life which is Christ."  
— Benedict XVI

Today is the feast of **St. Nicholas** which is superseded by the Sunday Liturgy.

Peace



From Fr. Vincent's' Desk:

**Polite Reminder: Immaculate Conception Mass**

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary will be on this Tuesday December 8<sup>th</sup>. This is a Patronal Feast day of the Catholic Church of United States. It is therefore a Holy Day of Obligation. For Mass times, check in the weekly schedule.

**Updates on Archbishop's Annual Appeal:**

Through our participation in the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, we are invited to take the Holy Spirit up on the gifts that are being offered to us. Our parish of St. Joseph, Wisner has currently committed **\$5,495** towards our goal of **\$7,191.53**. Help us reach our participation goal of **25.6%**. We are currently at **18 donors**.

Our other parish of Holy Cross has currently committed **\$6,206** towards our goal of **\$9,874.58**. Help us reach our participation goal of **48.7%**. We are currently at **18 donors**.

Thank you for your generosity.

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

**The Creed**

We remind ourselves what we believe in and make profession of faith. We bow at certain parts like "He was conceived by the Holy Spirit". This is to honor our Lord who humbled himself to become human.

There are two types of creeds: Apostles Creed and the Nicene Creed. The apostle's creed which is shorter than Nicene is simply a long form of original baptismal profession of faith that was used by the apostles and the early Church. That is why it is called apostles creed and it came earlier than Nicaean creed. The Nicaean creed was formulated later in the Church council held in city of Nicaea in 325 AD that was meant to counter Arianism heresy (*denied Divinity of Christ*). It is long and was meant to put emphasis on what we believe in.

In early times, after the homily, the catechumens would leave the church together with their instructors to learn their catechism elsewhere. This was because they were not yet ready to take their profession of faith. We recite the creed only on Sundays and Holidays of obligation.

**General / Universal Intercession Prayers**

They are called general or universal prayers because they are said for the faithful and the world at large. They are to be said by the faithful present. On Sundays after the creed, we do these prayers. The priest introduces and then a lector or a Deacon if present says them. Prayers of the faithful were not present prior to Vatican II council held in 1962-1965. They make Mass more relevant to all participants. In Africa and elsewhere, the faithful present offer the prayers voluntarily and simultaneously either from the pews or they come before the sanctuary. These prayers close the first part of Mass called Liturgy of the word. The second part that we will discuss next week is Liturgy of Eucharist that begins with the offertory.

**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

For Holy Cross—renaecarlson@hotmail.com

**Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer**

**Weekend of December 12th & 13th**

**WORD:** Doris Guenther, Marilyn Ortmeier  
**EMHC:** Tom Peatrowsky, Dawn Peatrowsky, Jeanie McTaggart, Mike McTaggart  
**USHER:** Brad Schulz, Michael Gentrup  
**PRAISE:** Diana Dinslage, Alvin Dinslage

<b>Stewardship of God's Gifts</b>	
<b>Holy Cross—November 22, 2020</b>	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$855.00
Plate:	20.00
Thanksgiving:	1,980.00
GA/CC:	1,000.00
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$3,855.00</b>

**FROZEN TURKEYS & HAMS** will be accepted until December 13<sup>th</sup>. Please put them in the basement freezer.

**CHRISTMAS TREE** set-up will be on December 13 after Mass. Please try to help if you can.

**JESUS BABY SHOWER:** Baskets will be in the back of church for the Jesus Baby Shower, used eye glasses and postage stamps. The baby items go to Birthright in Norfolk.

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE**

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



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
FEAST MASS**

Monday, December 7th  
5:30 pm at Holy Cross

Tuesday, December 8th  
8:00 am at St. Joseph  
- Live Streamed -

**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

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	07	5:30 PM	HC	<b>Immaculate Conception</b> + Ben & Elizabeth Wordekemper
Tue	08	8:00 AM	SJ	<b>Immaculate Conception</b> + Jayda Oligmueller
Wed	09	8:00 AM	HC	+ Lvng & Dec'd Family of Richard & Nyla Batenhorst
Thu	10	8:00 AM	SJ	Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of Ron & MaryAnn Wemhoff Fam.
Fri	11	—	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
Sat	12	5:00 PM	HC	+ Alois & Anna Ortmeier
Sun	13	8:30 AM	HC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sun	13	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Herb Albers

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"

**Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner**

**Weekend of December 13th**

**LEC:** Jeff Phillips  
**EMHC:** Anne Ausdemore  
**USHER:** December Men's Group

<b>Stewardship of God's Gifts</b>	
<b>St. Joseph—November 22, 2020</b>	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$2,555.00
Plate:	11.00


**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**

- This week the 4th grade finalized their saint project. Each child presented their saint report in church to Fr. Vincent, and to the 2nd and 3rd grades. The children did a fantastic job with the reports and each brought a symbol to represent their saint. Anne Ausdemore did an excellent job in helping the kids prepare, present and also gave additional information about each saint. Fr. Vincent then explained the Advent wreath that is in the church. The 6th grade discussed the Jesse Tree.
- December 9th: Class from 4:00p.m. - 5:30p.m. and grades 3-6 will celebrate Reconciliation with Fr. Vincent to prepare for Christmas.
- December 16th - Class from 4:00p.m. - 5:30 p.m. and will also have class 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:** Had a short lesson on how we should show respect for others in all situations.
- 9th-12th:** Discussed Advent and will be doing a lesson for each week of Advent.
- December 9th: Class from 7:00p.m.- 8:30 p.m.
- December 16th - Class from 7:00.m. - 8:30p.m.
- December 23rd - Christmas Break - No class and will resume January 13th.



**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.