

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 24, 2021

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As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him (Mark 1:16-19).

The **first reading** is taken from the Book of the Prophet Jonah 3:1-5, 10 and tells the story of Jonah's call from God to go to a pagan city and preach repentance to the sinful people there.

The **Gospel** is from Mark 1:14-20. Jesus came to announce to all men the good news of God's eternal plan for them. He spent his public life convincing the Jews of Palestine of the truth of this message, and he died on the cross because he claimed to be that he was God's divine Son, who had come in human nature to raise all men to the standing and status of adopted sons of God. That very death, cruel and unjust though it was, was part of the divine plan. He conquered death and was raised from the grave to prove that we too, if we accept his divine gospel and live by it, will be raised from the dead and reign with Christ in the kingdom of his Father forever. Christ preached this doctrine in Palestine. It is the doctrine for which he gave his human life and which he gave to his Apostles to hand down to all future generations. This is the self-same doctrine preached by Christ's Church to all men today. It is the good news of God's mercy and love toward us weak, mortal creatures. To some it seems too good to be true; it would indeed be so if God were a limited, finite being like us, but he is Being itself. He is without limit; his goodness and love are limitless as is his nature. What God can see in creatures has ever been a puzzle to thinking man. One of the psalm-writers said centuries ago: "What is man that you should spare a thought for him, the son of man that you should care for him" (Ps. 8 :4)? Many a saint too, has repeated this remark ever since.

We cannot hope to fathom the mind of God, nor do we need to. He has gone to such a length as the humiliation of his divine Son in the incarnation in order to give us a new standing in relation to himself and a new mode of eternal living after death. We are still God's creatures, "the work of his hands," but through accepting Christ and his gospel—his message of divine truth—we are no longer mere mortals. We shall die, but death is the beginning of the true-life which God has arranged for us. It is no wonder that St. Paul could cry out: "O death where is your victory, O death, where is your sting?"

We Christians should be the happiest people on earth. We know why we are here; we know where we are going and we know how to get there. There are trials and troubles which beset us on our journey; there are rough parts of the road and weaknesses in our human nature which often lead us off the right road, but we are not left to our own human resources. We have help from above to strengthen and comfort us on our journey. We have divine aids in the Church which Christ set us and we have the guarantee of our Good Shepherd that he will keep us in his fold or bring us back should we foolishly wander from it (Jn. 10: 14; Lk. 1.5:4-7).

We Christians can indeed be the happiest people on earth, if we live according to the divine good news

revealed to us through Christ. "Repent and believe in the gospel," Christ told the people of Galilee. The same call goes out from our loving Savior to each of us today: repent—change your outlook on life—and see it as God sees it to be for us, a short journey toward heaven. If we really believe in the gospel of Christ, the revelation of God's plan for our eternal happiness, our earthly troubles will look small, our trials and temptations will appear to us as they really are—a means of earning the eternal victory. Christ, the innocent victim for our salvation, has gone before us, carrying his heavy cross; can we refuse to carry the relatively lighter cross which he places on our shoulders as our means of making atonement for our own failings and for those of our fellowmen? God forbid that we should! If we have failed in the past, let us repent today and show our belief in the truth of the Christian gospel, by living as true Christians who are on their way to heaven.

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



From Fr. Vincent's' Desk:
EMHC, Lectors, Ushers and Mass Servers
schedule resumes

Just like every other sector in our community life is going on with adjustments due to this unique time, we would like to restart doing some of the things that we had temporarily put-on hold at initial times of the virus. We need Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors and ushers to help us in taking the collection during the Mass of Saturdays and Sundays. They will use masks and pass around the basket in a careful manner while all are seated. That basket makes a big difference in our collection. The schedule for EMHC, lectors and ushers will be out soon in the bulletin.

I also need Mass servers during weekend Masses. Kindly also tell all our young stars who had trained in serving Mass to be on the lookout in the bulletin for when they are scheduled to serve.

Archbishop's Annual Updates as on Jan. 12th, 2021

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 \$8,305.00 (115.5%) towards our goal of \$7,191.53. Our other Church of Holy Cross has raised \$9,311 (94.3%) towards our goal of \$9,874.58. Please, we would like to close this chapter of AAA of 2020 with our goal achieved. Your gift makes a difference. If you haven't handed in your donation, consider supporting this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal as we are left with \$563.58 to reach our goal.

Mass Explained – Why do we do that?

Preface and Acclamation. Preface is the prayer that while people are standing after the prayer over offertory, the priest start it by the words: The Lord be with you.... Lift up your hearts.... It is truly right to lift up our hearts O Lord our God.... This prayer prepares us to come before the face of God. We are brought into God's presence and speak of how wonderful God has been to us. As the wonders of God are told, the assembly cannot hold back their joy and sing aloud: "Wow! Wow! Wow! What a God we have!" In the ritual language of the Mass, this acclamation takes the form: "Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosana in Highest."

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer

Weekend of January 31st

WORD: Rita Eichelberger
EMHC: Dawn Peatrowsky, Tom Peatrowsky
USHER: Fred Gentrup
PRAISE: Betty Guenther, Rosie McNamara

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner

Weekend of January 30th & 31st

LEC: Richard Schultz
EMHC: Martha Schweers
USHER: Men's January Work Group

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EMHC: Anne Ausdemore
USHER: Men's January Work Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—January 10, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$520.00
Plate:	51.00
Christmas:	1,500.00
Totals:	\$2,071.00
Holy Cross—January 17, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$760.00
Plate:	2.00
HELP/Fuel:	100.00
GA/CC	150.00
Totals:	\$1,012.00

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—January 17, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,320.00
Plate:	180.00
Christmas:	50.00
Heating/AC:	150.00
Solemnity	10.00

MEN'S WORK GROUP—January 2021

Chair: Galen Minds
Co-Chair: Chris Borgelt
Members: Tyler Oligmueller, Brian Phillips, Steve Ausdemore, Shane Batenhorst, Tim Phillips, Alex Ausdemore, Spencer Batenhorst

MEN'S WORK GROUP—February 2021


Chair: Chris Liermann
Co-Chair: Ken Duncan
Members: Marvin Seier, Greg Schlautman, Tony Lampman, AJ Kluthe, Rich Bodwell, Russ Loberg, Gavin Lampman, Alex Kluthe

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS...are available in the back of church. Please pick them up by January 28th. If you have questions regarding your statement, please contact Sarah Jacobs at the church office at 402-529-3891.

"Pulling for Boz" Fundraiser: Sunday, January 31st at the Wisner VFW. Starts at 11:00 am. Free Will Donation for steak sandwich, chips, and cookie/bar. Dine in or carry out. Covid restrictions apply. Raffle tickets also being sold for 1/2 beefs and whole pork. See the flyer in the back of church for more details.

2020/2021 RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Team member needed

We do have three candidates of the RCIA program this year. They began their classes last September and they will officially be accepted into the Catholic Church at Easter during Virgil Mass. I need one more volunteer team member to help in journeying with these candidates in the program. I do have one volunteer and I need a second one. The role of team member in RCIA program is more of mentorship. I may call upon you also to teach them when I can't make it occasionally. Our classes are usually on Thursdays at 7:30 pm via Zoom as of now. If interested, call me or email me at: vsunguti2018@gmail.com.



Celebrations:
 Holy Cross Parish wishes happiness and God's blessings to the following:

Birthdays:
 Tanya Oligmueller January 23
 Diana Dinslage January 27
 Bernie Oligmueller January 28
 Asher Borgmann January 28

Anniversaries:
 David and Susan Steffensmeier January 24

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 stjo68791@gmail.com. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per mass.





MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	25	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	26	—	—	Mass via Zoom For Residents of the Wisner Care Center
Wed	27	8:00 AM	HC	Lvng & Dec'd Members of the Henry & Eleanor Spenner Family
Thu	28	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Marie Woerdemann
Fri	29	8:00 AM	HC	+ Roy Wieck
Sat	30	5:00 PM	SJ	+ Emma Gehring
Sun	31	8:30 AM	HC	Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of the Frank & Mary Wuestewald Family
Sun	31	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"

Religious Education

ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6

The 2nd grade finished preparing for their First Reconciliation which is this coming week. The 3rd grade talked about the Sign of the Cross and the 3 things you need to know about it.
 This week: Class as normal from 4:00-5:30; 2nd grade - First Reconciliation

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

Grades 7th & 8th: After prayer and snacks, we finished the movie "Wonder" about a young boy and his physical challenges, acceptance, respect and forgiveness. We finished with a prayer asking God to help us be who we are, not what we have, and thanking Him for His love for us.

Grades 9th - 12th: No in person class but Missy sent the students information on the history and story of the sleeping St. Joseph.
 This week: Class will be in person from 7:00 - 8:30.