

3rd Sunday of Lent
March 7, 2021

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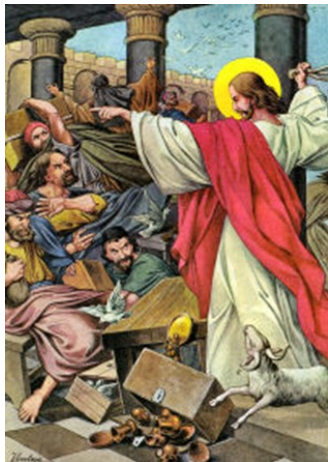
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He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money-changers seated there... "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of scripture, "Zeal for your house will consume me (John 2:12-14)."

The **first reading** is taken from the Book of Exodus 20:1-17. When God had freed the Chosen People from the slavery of Egypt, He led them to Mount Sinai. There he made a Covenant with the Israelites through which He promised to make them His own people, to lead them into the Promised Land, and to protect them from their enemies there. The Israelites were to reverence Him and Him only as their Lord, and they were to obey the moral and cultic laws which He laid down for them.

The **Gospel** is from St. John 2:13-25. St. John who wrote this gospel mentions visits made by our Lord to Jerusalem, He gave the "leaders of the people" in Jerusalem plenty of opportunity of hearing his message and his claims. He also worked some astounding miracles in or near the city.

On this particular visit as mentioned in today's gospel, he made it clear to them that he was someone special, someone close to God whose house they were desecrating, and whom he even called his Father. In hidden language he told them that they would put him to death but that that would not be the end, for he would rise again. But even the miracle of his resurrection did not affect the majority of them. They had made up their minds and "there are none so blind as those who will not see."

The reasons for their blindness were the same as those that keep millions of the neo-pagans of today from accepting and living the Christian faith. These, like the priests and Pharisees of Jerusalem in the year 28, are so immersed in the affairs of this world that they can give no thought to their own future. Their eyes are so fixed on the earthly objectives that they have set themselves, that they can see nothing else. The priests and Pharisees wanted more than political freedom from Rome. They had hopes that their Messiah would give them a great world empire, and with-it wealth and power without limit. Our contemporaries' aims may not go so far, but worldly aims are important enough in their eyes to make them exclude from their minds the thought of anything higher. Yet, they have more than enough reminders whichever way they turn to recall their minds to the historical facts of Christianity. This is 2006 A.D., that is 2006 years since the birth of Christ. Who was he, why was he born, why does the world divide its history into before he came, B.C., and after he came, A.D.? In every town and village of our once Christian western world there is a church or two with steeples pointing to the sky. Why? What do churches mean to men? Near every town there are cemeteries or "sleeping places," according to the meaning of that Greek word. Are those buried there only sleeping and waiting to be called, if not already called, or are they finished forever just like the ox or the unthinking cow that may be buried in the next field.

The agnostics and free-thinkers of our day should start to think about the real facts of life—the central ones of which are that Christ, who was the Son of God, took our human nature and lived for some time on this earth, so that

he would raise us up to sonship with God. He suffered crucifixion, because the world was full of sin when he came. But his death made atonement to the heavenly Father for all the sins of the world. His resurrection from the dead was the prelude and the guarantee that we shall all rise to a life of glory in heaven, if only we have followed him faithfully during our years on earth.

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

From Fr. Vincent's' Desk:

RCIA: First Scrutiny of the Elect (3rd Sunday of Lent)



This Sunday, and for the next two Sundays, we will celebrate the Scrutinies. According to the Church's Rites, "the scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good." Later this week, we will also "hand over" (traditio) the Creed to our catechumens, which they will then "hand back" at the Easter Vigil when they make their Baptismal Promises. Please keep all the Elect in your prayers as they make their final journey to the Easter Sacraments. Because we are celebrating the Scrutinies, the readings will be taken from Cycle A of the Lectionary for this and the next two Sundays.

Works of Mercy Envelopes

It is Lenten season and one of the themes is giving alms or helping the needs of others beyond our borders. The Works of Mercy collection will take place again during Holy Week. This envelope is in place of the individual special collections generally done throughout the year. We split these monies between the organizations listed on the front of the envelope. Since we do this collection only once per year, I kindly ask for your generosity.

To encourage everyone to be involved with alms giving during lent, Rice Bowls were sent home with students and are available at the back of church. Great things can be done in small acts. Rice Bowls will be returned during Holy Week and will go support Catholic Relief Services. You may place them in the offertory, or you may drop them by the church offices.

Mass Explained: Why do we do that?

Today we look at Commissioning:

Announcements if any can be done here. Finally, we prepare to go back to that world in which we will live for the coming week. The burdens we have laid down at the door of the church for this Eucharist, we know we must now bear again—but now strengthened by this Eucharist and this community. There may be announcements at this time which remind us of important activities coming up in the parish. The priest again says, "The Lord be with you"—the ritual phrase serves now as a farewell.

Blessing and Dismissal. We bow our heads to receive a blessing. As the priest names the Trinity—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—we make the Sign of the Cross. The priest or deacon then dismisses the assembly: "Go in peace." And we give our liturgical "yes" by saying, "Thanks be to God." If there is singing, the Mass officially ends with the recess hymn.

Living the Eucharist in the world. We leave the assembly and the church building—but we carry something with us. What happens in our lives during the week gives deeper meaning to the ritual actions we have celebrated at Mass, whether it's family, work with poor or just plain work. It is only in relation to our daily lives that the full meaning of the ritual actions of the Mass becomes clear to us.

**Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of March 13th & 14th**

WORD: Doris Guenther, Marilyn Ortmeier
EMHC: Susan Niewohner, Marjorie Gentrup
Tom Peatrowsky, Dawn Peatrowsky
PRIASE: Mike McTaggart, Jeanie McTaggart
USHER: Michael Gentrup, Scott Ortmeier

**Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of February 14th**

LEC: Gayle Lampman
EMHC: Steve Ausdemore
SERV: Beau Ruskamp, Sydney Porter
USHER: February Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts Holy Cross—February 28, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,352.24
Plate:	10.00
Totals:	\$1,362.24

MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, March 7—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer
Sunday, March 14—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore

MEN'S WORK GROUP—March 2021

Chair: Dave Ebel
Co-Chair: Dixon Godbersen
Members: Gerald Gentrup, Drew Feller, Gary Godbersen, Duane Mendlik, Blaine Johnson, Nick Schultz, Scott Mendlik

NEW MINISTRY LISTS and financial report are available in the entrance. Please be aware of your ministry and find a sub if you can't help out.

**EXPOSITION & STATIONS OF THE CROSS
At HOLY CROSS**

6:30 pm—Adoration & 7:00 pm—Stations of the Cross
Fridays, Feb. 19th—March 26th



Celebrations:

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

Birthdays:

Joann Steffensmeier March 8
Tom Conrad March 9
Kimberly Pena March 9
Ashley Praest March 13

Stewardship of God's Gifts St. Joseph—February 28, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$675.00
Plate:	292.00
Insurance:	100.00

Saint Joseph Parish Council Members 2020-2021

Shane Batenhorst — Pres.	Dave Deitloff—Vice Pres.
Tyler Oligmueller	Rick Jacobs
Kari Moeller	Janet Ludwig
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LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

Day	Month	Time	Location	Intention
Mon	08	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	09	9:30 AM	WCC	Lvng & Dec'd Relatives Of Ron Stalp
Wed	10	8:00 AM	HC	+ Eugene & Elsie Emanuel
Thu	11	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Bill Murphy
Fri	12	8:00 AM	HC	+ Dorothy Gentrup
Sat	13	5:00 PM	HC	+ Alvin Dinslage
Sun	14	8:30 AM	HC	+ Wayne Wiese
Sun	14	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 5th & 6th grades met with Fr. Vincent to complete their Mass server training. All students recited prayers to our prayer personnel. 4th grade continued their in-depth study of the 10 Commandments.
This week: Grades 2-6 will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr. Vincent to help prepare themselves for Easter.

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

Grades 7th & 8th: Session 7 was focused on our vocation(s) in life. First to love God and others in holiness and then to listen to God's voice through the Holy Spirit as we discern whether to be married, single, consecrated, or ordained. Also, to use the talents that He has given us. His plan for us will bring us the most joy in life and grace others.

Grades 9th - 12th: Watched a video by Fr. Mark-Mary about how to do Lent right this year and possibly do it a little differently. A good way is to wake up 10-15 minutes early each day and take that time to spend in prayer.
This week: Class 7:00- 8:30; Additional discuss on Lent and the Circle of Grace.

