

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 20, 2021

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The 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B



And a great storm of wind arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care if we perish?" And he awoke and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you no faith (Mark 4:37-40)?"

The **first reading** is taken from the Book of Job 38:1, 8-11.

The **second reading** is from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 5:14-17. St. Paul is urging his converts never to forget what being a Christian means. They have been given a new mode of life because Christ died and rose from the dead for them.

The **Gospel** is from St. Mark 4:35-41. There is a very important lesson for every one of us in today's gospel story. Our lives are really a journey across the sea of time to the shore of eternity. During that crossing all who come to the use of reason encounter some storms. There is no smooth, calm crossing for anyone. This is the will of God. Our Lord knew that a storm was going to blow up that night in the Sea of Galilee. He allowed his disciples to face that terrifying ordeal, because he wanted his future Church to have confidence in his divine power and assistance, when tribulations and persecutions would seem to be on the point of ending her forever. Down through the centuries the Church of God has had to face storms and trials which would have swamped her if she had not a divine Founder and Protector. Christ, however, kept his promise — the gates of hell cannot prevail against her. She survived the storms and as a consequence of them gained new vigor and strength.

That same divine guarantee which Christ gave his Church will be with her until the last human being on earth has entered heaven. It is with her today. It will save her from internal weaknesses which could do more damage to her spiritual vitality than open persecution from without could ever do. We know Christ is in the barque of Peter. He is waiting to be called. If we realize that of ourselves, we are not able to weather this storm, and call on him, he will rebuke the winds of pride and calm the waves of turbulent self-assertion. The barque of Peter will enter calm waters once more.

What is true in the life of the Church is true also in the life of each member of the Church. God foresees all our life's storms. He permits them, because he is to use them as means to help us in our struggle to reach heaven. If we use these storms or trials of life to come closer to Jesus, to throw ourselves on his mercy, they will serve the purpose for which he permits them. Unfortunately, there are Christians who question not only the goodness of God, but his very existence, when some heavy seas break across their life's barque. "How could God, if he be good," they ask, "allow me to suffer like this, I who have been so faithful? Why should he let me bear all this poverty, all these pains, all this dishonesty of my fellowmen, when a small act of his will could remove it all and make me healthy, happy and prosperous?"

What such a Christian forgets is that God's purpose in creating him was not to make him healthy, happy and prosperous in this life, but to give him a share in his own eternal happiness in heaven. If this life were the end and sum-total of man, if all ended with death, then certainly that complaint would have some foundation. However, our human intelligence, and divine revelation, prove to us conclusively that this life is not an end for man but a means with which to attain his real end, perfect happiness.

Therefore, we must not expect to get from life what it cannot give. Instead, we must use what it gives us, the unpleasant as well as the pleasant, the rain as well as the sunshine, the pain as well as the pleasure, as means which will help us to reach our perfect ending, our eternal dwelling-place in heaven. Too often like the disciples that night in the storm, we think that God has forgotten us, that he is not interested in us when storms break around us. In fact, it is then that he is nearest to us. We think he is sleeping and that all is lost, when he is but using this storm to rekindle our faith and make us realize that we are pilgrims on our way across this earth and not permanent residents here.

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



From Fr. Vincent's' Desk:

Wedding Bells

The ringing of bells after a wedding is an ancient Celtic and Irish tradition. In ancient times, it was believed to be used to ward off evil spirits from the newly married family that was just about to begin their lives. Where the evil spirits came from in the newly married young couple is another question. But to a large extent, I think it was a symbol of the church celebrating the newly married couple, as well as announcing to the community that a new marriage has just officially taken place in the church. In that case, when you hear our bells ringing on some Saturday afternoons, know what it means. These young couples do not have evil spirits to cast out 😊 !!

Holy Cross Church AC Issues

We are experiencing a very hot June with temperatures higher than normal. Not a time you want to hear that the AC isn't working! Unfortunately, that is where we are currently! As you may know, there have been persistent issues with our AC units which are over 15 years old. After some good considerations we realized that we would save more money by purchasing new units than continuing with parts and maintenance on the old ones.

In consultation with key stakeholders in the parish, we have decided to purchase two new AC units as needed. The order will take some time. The cost including installation for both units is \$16,000. I'm kindly asking you to consider and prayerfully give a donation towards this project. It will be much appreciated.

Updates on St. Joseph's Church Maintenance and Repairs Capital Campaign

Every dollar donated towards our parishes makes a difference. We value your presence as well as your participation in maintaining this church. Together we will make it happen. Thank you to all those at our parish who have responded generously towards this work. As of today June 20th 2021, the total amount pledged is \$119,030.00 and the amount received is \$85,230.00 towards our goal of \$145,000. Please prayerfully consider supporting this noble task for our church building. The work is currently in progress.

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of June 26th & 27th

WORD: Rita Eichelberger, Marilyn Ortmeier
EMHC: Marjorie Gentrup, Susan Niewohner
Brenda Anderson, Jeanie McTaggart
PRAISE: Diana Dinslage, Bev Francis
USHER: Gerald Gentrup, Fred Gentrup

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of June 27th

LEC: Dave McGuire
EMHC: Capri McGuire
EMHC 2: Steve Ausdemore
SERV: Lainey Montgomery, Jesa Montgomery
USHER: June Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts Holy Cross—June 13, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,893.72
Plate:	53.00
Total:	\$1,946.72

MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, June 20th—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer
Sunday, June 27th—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore


MEN'S WORK GROUP—June 2021

Chair: Jeff Phillips
Co-Chair: Ken Knust
Members: Mark Porter, Andy Bachman, Tony Wemhoff, Chuck Ross, Tim Stalp, John Woerdemann, Eric VonSeggern, Jack Knust

JUNE MOWING GROUP: Chair: Dave Steffensmeier
Members: Brian Oligmueller, Ben Borgmann, Josh Bramble, Art Fernandez, Gerald Wellman

CONGRATULATIONS NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS: Michelle Borgmann and Robert Praest. Thank you for agreeing to serve.

Stewardship of God's Gifts St. Joseph—June 13, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,225.00
Plate:	155.00
Heating/AC:	50.00



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

Birthdays:
Mike Gentrup June 21
Jeanette Lueshen June 25



CAN YOU HELP?


RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS NEEDED

ST. JOSEPH—GRADES K-12

Looking ahead to the 2021-2022 school year, we will be in need of teachers for elementary and evening Rel Ed classes, as well as volunteers for prayers, Christmas program, snack, etc. Our program depends completely on volunteers in order to function, and each year it becomes harder and harder to find help. If you are able and willing to lend a hand, please let us know by July 31st. Please call Sarah Jacobs at 402-841-6144 or Capri McGuire at 402-380-2925.

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	21	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	22	9:30 AM	WCC	Wisner Care Center Residents
Wed	23	8:00 AM	HC	+ Lvng & Dec'd Members of the Leo & Hildegard Hunke Family
Thu	24	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Gary Servi
Fri	25	9:00 AM	CHB	+ Dorothy Gentrup
Sat	26	5:00 PM	HC	+ Mac Seeman
Sun	27	8:30 AM	HC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sun	27	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Lvng & Dec'd Members of Ron & MaryAnn Wemhoff Family

SJ—St. Joseph's HC—Holy Cross
WCC—Wisner Care Center CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer



Prayer Chain info.....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.



The righteous man walks in his integrity;
His children are blessed after him.

PROVERBS 20:7

I ♥ Paddy

