

## 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 1, 2021

### Saint Joseph's Parish

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### The 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. B



*The Father is the one who provides man with the food he needs for his life. But like pagans, we live with empty minds and are so taken up with filling our stomachs and the needs of this life that we fail to grasp the real meaning of his gifts or the incomparable worth of the bread of life who is Jesus himself. Receiving this gift, we become a new creation, with "a fresh, spiritual way of thinking".*

The Gospel is from St. John 6:24-35. Getting our values straight. According to St Paul, if Christ is really active in our lives (and who among us wants to claim he isn't?), our very way of thinking will have been turned upside down; that is, it will have been put right, because sin has perverted the order of our values. Our priorities (when we vote, when we wonder if we should have more children or not, when we choose our entertainment, when we go shopping, when we're tempted to cut corners at work, take advantage of a customer, or skip our homework, and when we make any of the countless minor decisions of every day) will not be the following -- "what's in it for me", "what will this do for my bank account", "is it pleasurable" or "can I get away with it", but rather, "how can this help me reach my real goal, eternal life", "is this what God wants", "does it bring me closer to God", "will this help others", "will it be a better witness of Christian life".

Unrealistic? No, unless Jesus should be called "unrealistic" when he reproached people who were far needier than any of us for being more interested in today's lunch than in the bread of life (Gospel). No, because this is the only realistic attitude: this is the way God sees things and only he sees things in all their reality. We're the ones who need to "get real". Did Jesus really become man and die on a cross merely so his followers could be just like everybody else?

Fruitful communions: To achieve this means taking Communion far more "seriously" than we regularly do; being quite certain that it is a food that will, gradually, transform me. No, you won't lose weight, but you will begin to think differently about life.

In practice, it means seriously preparing yourself: before Mass, during Mass and when going to receive. Before Mass: arriving, having made some kind of real attempt during the week, to do God's will in your life, and to open your heart to him regularly in prayer, and to people in need. During Mass: offering yourself as best you can with Christ who is offering himself for you, having an idea of what you need from him (from this Communion), telling him this. When you go to Communion: remembering who you are: this needy, weak, selfish, tempted, grieving, overworked... individual. And who the One you are about to receive is: the Jesus who gave – and gives – sight to the blind, consolation to the grieving, strength to the weak... who was tempted, and overcame temptation, for you; who invited his followers to come aside and rest with him; who gave and gives himself up for you, so that you can do it for others...

Then, after Mass, maybe we'll be ready to do something about "the thousand inconsistencies of a 'globalized' world where the weakest, the most powerless

and the poorest appear to have so little hope!", aware "that it is 'unworthy' of a Christian community to partake of the Lord's Supper amid division and indifference towards the poor".



From Fr. Vincent's Desk:

### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Registration 2021-2022

Once again, the time has come and we are open for registration of the RCIA program for 2021/22. I'm taking candidates from both parishes of Holy Cross and St. Joseph. Classes will be held together.

Who can join this program?

- Any adult who was baptized as an infant but never went through catechism instructions and hence was never initiated into First Holy Communion and neither confirmation
- A baptized Christian who would like to be admitted officially into Catholic faith
- One who has never been baptized
- Anyone else who would like to renew his or her Catholic faith

To register, visit our website and see the RCIA program which is under "Faith Formation", then click on "more". Download the registration form, fill it out, and send it back to me no later than August 31<sup>st</sup>. Our first class will be on Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 6 pm. Venue is yet to be determined. If you have any questions, please contact me at [vsunguti2018@gmail.com](mailto:vsunguti2018@gmail.com) or 402-529-3531.

### Something to ponder on for this week and the following:

*Did Jesus have blood brothers and sisters? Or did Mary give birth to other children after Jesus?*

Two Weeks ago, on Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, our reading was from Mathew 12: 46-50. It is about the siblings of Jesus and his mother coming to visit him and finding he is busy at his work of teaching the crowds. When he receives word that his family would like to see him, he kind of states that his brothers, sisters, and parents are those who hear his word. I'm not going into reasons as to why he said that today, but my focus in this section is to try and answer the above thorny question as to whether Jesus had biological siblings or not. Read also Mark 6:1-6. Read the above passages and try to answer the above questions. In the next coming week or more, I will give my own thoughts on this and those of the church guided by other passages in the Bible.

### Annual Finance Report:

Located in the back of both churches, you will find a summary of income and expenses for each parish of Holy Cross and St. Joseph. This report is for the last fiscal year from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021. If you have any questions, please contact me, Sarah Jacobs at the office, or any member of the parishes' Finance Councils.



Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer  
Weekend of August 8th

**WORD:** Renae Carlson  
**EMHC:** Ann Bausch, Gerald Schlickbernd  
**PRAISE:** Marge Gentrup, JoAnn Steffensmeier  
**USHER:** Brad Schulz

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner  
Weekend of August 7th & 8th

**LEC:** Kathy Johnson  
**EMHC:** Shane Batenhorst  
**SERV:** Dayton Gentrup, Jordyn Gentrup  
**USHER:** July Men's Group

**LEC:** Dave McGuire  
**EMHC:** Madonna Servi  
**EMHC 2:** Martha Schweers  
**SERV:** Ghia Bramble, Hayden Schroeder  
**USHER:** August Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts Holy Cross—July 25, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$677.00
Plate:	171.00
A/C Fund:	1,000.00
HELP/Fuel	15.00
Total:	\$1,863.00
Mission Coop:	888.00

**MONEY COUNTERS**  
Sunday, August 1st—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer  
Sunday, August 8th—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore

**MEN'S WORK GROUP—August 2021**

**Chair:** Brad Cornell  
**Co-Chair:** Sid Kneifl  
**Members:** AJ Burki, Keith Schroetlin, Trevor Cyboron, Alan Harms, Chad Dixon, Devon Dixon, Dylan Kneifl

**AUGUST MOWING GROUP:** Chair: Alan Batenhorst  
Members: Gary Batenhorst, Heath Harrison, Tom Peatrowsky, Ron Francis, Gerald Schlickbernd

**CELEBRATION** at Holy Cross—Fr. Vincent Thanksgiving 20th Anniversary Ordination Mass will be held on Wednesday August 4th at 7:00p.m. Ice cream and cake following the Mass.

**MISSION DONATIONS** can still be put in the envelopes and put in the regular collection this weekend.

**PRAYERS & BEST WISHES** to Diana Dinslage who will be moving to Bennington soon. Her new address will be: Ridgewood Senior Living, c/o Diana Dinslage #222—12301 N. 149<sup>th</sup> Circle—Bennington, NE 68007  
E-mail: [dinslaged@gmail.com](mailto:dinslaged@gmail.com) We will miss you!


**HOLY CROSS ALTAR SOCIETY** will hold their regular business meeting on August 2nd, at **5:30 p.m.** in the church basement. Please note the new time and lunch will no longer be served after the meeting.

Stewardship of God's Gifts St. Joseph—July 25, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$545.00
Plate:	147.00
Heating/AC:	25.00
Mission Coop:	407.00

**WE NEED YOU** St. Joseph Rel Ed. is still needing teachers for 2nd & 3rd grades. We also need volunteers in other areas for our program to function. Please contact Sarah or Capri if you are able to help.

**"STEPPING ON" Fall Prevention Class:** Classes began on June 29th at the Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department NORFOLK conference room. The class will be held each Tuesday for 7 weeks from 3:00pm to approx. 5:00pm. Classes will be instructed by Krista Snodgrass. Cost : Free will donation. Registration is required. Please call the Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department at 402-529-2233 or online <https://elvphd.org/Classes-Events>

**LINDSAY HOLY FAMILY PARISH ANNUAL BAZAAR** is August 22, 2021. Serving a delicious Roast Beef and sausage meal from 4:00 - 6:30pm in an air-conditioned gym. We also have a Concession Stand, Beer Garden, Inflatables & Carnival Games that start at 3:00 for the enjoyment of all.  
Meal ticket cost for adults is \$10, children 6-10 are \$5, children 5 and under are free. Please join them for their fun event.



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

**Birthdays:**  
Josh Bramble Aug 4  
Ghia Bramble Aug 4  
Anne Schulz Aug 4  
Jan Liermann Aug 7

**Anniversaries:**  
Roy and Jan Liermann Aug 7

Looking for Catholic community? Don't know where all the single Catholics are hanging out? Come find them in Denver, CO **August 20-22, 2021**, and get the in-person experience with hundreds of other attendees, OR attend virtually with people from around the globe (registration for virtual option coming soon)! This is your chance to connect with like-minded singles from all over. Join us for dynamic presentations by Fr. Nathan Cromly, Fr. Thomas Loya, Mary Beth Bonacci and others, as well as for music, socials, prayer, fellowship and more! If joining us in-person: be sure to register **BEFORE AUGUST 6th to save \$30 AND** use our special discount code: **NCSC21 to get \$20 more off.**

For more information and to register, visit [www.NationalCatholicSingles.com](http://www.NationalCatholicSingles.com).  
(Can't find your question answered on the website? Call 512-766-5798.)

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	02	—	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue	03	9:30 AM	WCC	Lvng & Dec'd Relatives Of Ron Stalp
Wed	04	7:00 PM	HC	Lvng & Dec'd Members of the Leo & Hildegard Hunke Family
Thu	05	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Duane Breikreutz
Fri	06	9:00 AM	CHB	+ Mike McTaggart
Sat	07	5:00 PM	SJ	+ Mary Jo Barent
Sun	08	8:30 AM	HC	+ Alvin Dinslage
Sun	08	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		

