

# 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 11, 2021

## Saint Joseph's Parish

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Reconciliation: Saturdays before Mass

4:15-4:40 pm or by appointment

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## Holy Cross Parish

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Reconciliation: Sundays

8:00-8:20 am or by appt.

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### The 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### A word of Gratitude:

This weekend in our parishes of St. Joseph, Wisner and Holy Cross, Beemer, we are celebrating a "Thanksgiving Mass". We will be thanking God for the gift of life and health, especially since the pandemic of COVID-19 hit not only in our small communities but all over the world. Many of us went through it but we are grateful that we recovered by God's grace. We are also celebrating and thanking God for the vaccines. Thanks to the science men and women who have worked hard to bring us this far. We are grateful to all the medical teams, first responders and all who helped and continue to help during the pandemic. Most of all, we thank those volunteers who took the risk of allowing to be the first ones for the vaccines to be experimented on. It is a sacrifice into the unknown for the common good of humanity. We are grateful to all other people who helped.

All the above mentioned great deeds were done by loving people and should not be taken for granted. Many countries are not yet off the hook as you know, and in others, vaccines are just not available at all. As a community of faithful, we are thankful and praying for all of them.

I'm also grateful to God and all people of good will who have been part of my saying "Yes" to the call of priesthood in the last 20 years. This is a long time and I'm filled with happiness and excitement when I share the good news. To live the life of priesthood today is not easy but at the same time it is enjoyable. I appreciate every year that passes, and I feel like I still want to move on with my vocation. I'm thankful for you all along with the many friends from parishes in Omaha where I worked, some of whom are here today. I recognize friends from our good neighbors in West Point, Papillion, Lincoln, Norfolk, and St. Augustine Winnebago among others. Thank you so much for coming. It means a lot to me and my parishioners of Beemer and Wisner. My immediate family is far from here in Kenya and you are my second family members and I'm always happy for you giving me a chance to work and live among you. Thank you for your kindness and friendship.



The **first reading** is taken from the Book of the Prophet Amos 7:12-15. When he foretold the murder of Jeroboan and the exile of Israel Amos was denounced by Amaziah, the priest in charge of the sanctuary of Bethel, and was expelled from Israel.

The **Gospel** is from St. Mark 6:7-13. That Christ the Son of God could have spread his Gospel of peace and love, his message of eternal salvation, to the whole world without human help need not be proved.

He could, for instance, have written the Gospel in the sky over each country in its own language. He could have gone to every part of the earth, after his resurrection, and taught his doctrine to all peoples, confirming his words with extraordinary miracles. Yet he chose the weaker but the more human way of evangelizing men—he sent their own fellowmen to bring them the message. This choice showed his divine love and understanding of weak human nature, much better and much more effectively than the use of any of the supernatural means which he could have employed.

God, and Christ is God, gave man the gift that we call freewill. Man is able to choose between alternatives. God wants man to choose heaven as his eternal home, but he wants him to choose it without compulsion or coercion. He will have volunteers in heaven not conscripts. The man who chooses heaven must choose the means for going there. If you choose a holiday resort for your summer vacation, you must buy travel tickets, book a hotel and save up the expenses necessary for the holiday. By appointing mortal men to bring the news of salvation, the news of heaven, and the means of getting there to all of us, Christ has given us the chance of exercising our freewill and therefore of meriting heaven.

God's mercy and love can reach into the darkest corners and produce fruit from the most unlikely and apparently most neglected of orchards.

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



#### **From Fr. Vincent's' Desk:**

#### **Parishes Hold Welcoming Back Get Togethers**

We will be celebrating this weekend in both parishes as shown below...You are all welcome.

Beemer: Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup> after 5 pm Mass – Mass followed by Family Day get together with a potluck reception at Holy Cross Parish basement hall.

**Special Note:** My 20<sup>th</sup> Priestly Anniversary

Thanksgiving Mass will be on Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Holy Cross Parish.

Wisner: Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup> - My 20<sup>th</sup> Priestly Anniversary Thanksgiving Mass at 10:00 am followed by Family Day with a reception at St. Joseph Church basement hall.

#### **Holy Cross Church AC Issues**

We will be replacing our 2 AC units in the church soon and will appreciate your help. The old ones have some problems that will cost more to repair. I am kindly asking you to consider and prayerfully give a donation towards this work. Up to date, we have received gifts of **\$5,650.00** of our goal of **\$16,000**. Help us to reach this goal.

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

The work of the church and basement maintenance and repairs continues. I'm happy to see this going on and hope it will help to fix visible problems and prevent more. As of today July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the total amount pledged is \$123,230.00 and the amount received is \$94,430.00 towards our goal of \$145,000.00. We are almost reaching our goal as we have done in the past. In case you have not responded to this appeal, please consider doing so.

#### **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](mailto:stjo68791@gmail.com)

For Holy Cross—[renaecarlson@hotmail.com](mailto:renaecarlson@hotmail.com)

**Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer**  
**Weekend of July 18th**

**WORD:** Tom Peatrowsky  
**EMHC:** Ann Bausch, Gerald Schlickbernd  
**PRAISE:** Marge Gentrup, JoAnn Steffensmeier  
**USHER:** Gerald Gentrup


**Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner**  
**Weekend of July 17th & 18th**

**LEC:** Madonna Servi  
**EMHC:** John Woerdemann  
**SERV:** Austin Kluthe, Lindsey Kneifl  
**USHER:** July Men's Group

**LEC:** Diane Davis  
**EMHC:** Janet Ludwig  
**EMHC 2:** Kathy Johnson  
**SERV:** Jesa Montgomery, Lainey Montgomery  
**USHER:** July Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—July 4, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$905.00
Plate:	54.00
A/C Fund:	150.00
Total:	\$1,109.00

**JULY MOWING GROUP:** Chair: Doug Steffensmeier  
 Members: Chris Black, Roy Liermann, Keith Anderson, Ron Stieren, Paul Schlickbernd



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

**Birthdays:**  
 Ethan Ortmeier July 12  
 Paul Schlickbernd July 13  
 Saige Steffensmeier July 13  
 Alex Schulz July 15  
 Brian Gentrup July 16

**August 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>... 2021 Marriage Celebration---**  
**Registration Deadline is Monday**

Archbishop George J. Lucas invites you to attend the annual Marriage Celebration on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at St. Cecilia's in Omaha or August 29<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's in Norfolk. This event honors couples who are celebrating 1, 5, 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage. Rosary at 1:30pm, Mass at 2pm with cake reception to follow. **Register by July 12<sup>th</sup>** at [ArchOmaha.org/FamilyLife](http://ArchOmaha.org/FamilyLife). Sponsored by the Evangelization and Family Life Office.

**More Like Jesus**

Let us be more like Jesus  
 In everything we do;  
 Let's live a life of service,  
 A life that's fresh and new.

Let's relinquish worldly things,  
 And not be slaves to fashion;  
 Let's fill our hearts with love,  
 Forgiveness and compassion.

Yes, let's be more like Jesus,  
 Being always in God's will,  
 For if Jesus' light shines through us,  
 Our earthly purpose we'll fulfill.

*By Joanna Fuchs*

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	12	—	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue	13	9:30 AM	WCC	Int. Wisner Care Center Residents
Wed	14	8:00 AM	HC	+ James Hetherington
Thu	15	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Darrell Bruning
Fri	16	9:00 AM	CHB	+ Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Emanuel
Sat	17	5:00 PM	SJ	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sun	18	8:30 AM	HC	+ Abigail Borgmann Int. Ben & Michelle Borgmann Family
Sun	18	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Abigail Borgmann Int. Ben & Michelle Borgmann Family

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

**MONEY COUNTERS**

**Sunday, July 11th—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer**  
**Sunday, July 18th—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore**

**MEN'S WORK GROUP—July 2021**

**Chair:** Loren Batenhorst  
**Co-Chair:** Ray Johnson  
**Members:** Nick Heller, Austen Godbersen, Perry Albers, Roger Lampman, Todd Schroeder, Chad Ludwig, Dylan Ludwig

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—July 4, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,395.00
Plate:	381.00
Heating/AC:	100.00




**PARISH FUN DAY –JULY 11**

Please plan to attend and help us celebrate Father Vincent's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of priesthood with the Parish Fun Day on Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup> after the Sunday morning mass. Hamburgers, hotdogs, potatoes, beans, bars/cookies, tableware and drinks will be provided. All those attending are asked to bring a salad. Outdoor games for the kids are planned for the day. Please plan on celebrating Father's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the Parish Fun day with us. For any questions, please contact Martha Schweers at 402-380-2114.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE...** for St. Joseph's 3rd quarter is available in the back of church. Please take a copy.

**"STEPPING ON" Fall Prevention Class:** Classes began on June 29<sup>th</sup> 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>



**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.

