

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 18, 2021

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And they went away in the boat to a lonely place by themselves. Now many saw them going, and knew them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great throng, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things (Mk 6:32-34).

The Gospel is from St. Mark 6:30-34. In these few verses St. Mark very strongly brings out the compassion, the human understanding of Jesus for man. He first planned to give his Apostles a well-earned rest. They had evidently worked hard while out on their mission and a few days rest would restore their lost energy. He himself, too, must have been hard pressed, preaching and dealing with the crowds. In the absence of the Apostles, he had no one to help him—he too needed a rest. He, therefore, planned that he and they should go to a quiet corner of the Sea of Galilee where there was no village and where, therefore, they would not be disturbed.

The desire of the crowds, however, to see him and to hear him speak upset these plans. The people got to the quiet spot first. There they were waiting when the boat pulled to shore. He could have sent them away, but again his human compassion took over. Seeing these simple people of Galilee so anxious to hear about God and his mercy, he let them stay and began to preach the good news of forgiveness and hope to them. For the most part they were simple, unlettered villagers, shepherds and fishermen. They knew a little about the Law of Moses but only a little. There was no one but the local rabbi to teach them and the local rabbis were not very educated at the time. The doctors of the law, the great theologians were all in Jerusalem where they got the respect and the financial reward which they felt they merited. Hence the people of the country were more or less forgotten and neglected. They were, as our Lord described them, "like sheep without a shepherd," wandering about half-lost.

They were certainly fortunate, however, in finding the true shepherd who would lead them to the eternal pastures. Not only would he now sacrifice his rest to come to their aid, but he would, later on, lay down his life for them and for all of us. We, like those poor people of Galilee, have so much to be grateful for. The compassionate Christ has had pity on us too and has brought us into his fold. He knows all our infirmities and all our human weaknesses, and he is ever ready to have pity on us and pardon us. Those people of Galilee were not saints, they were ordinary, run-of-the mill, not over religious people. They cheated one another; they were often uncharitable to one another; they were not always chaste and pure; they prayed very little and perhaps only when they wanted some material benefit. Yet our Lord had compassion on them.

This should give us great confidence, great encouragement. Christ has not changed: he is the same yesterday, today and forever. He has the same compassion for us that he had for those Galileans; we too are often like sheep without a shepherd wandering half-lost through life. He is ever calling us to come to himself so that he will lead us to safe pastures. If only we would listen to his merciful call! Today's Gospel is one such call — it goes out to every

member of this congregation who has been lax in his or her religious life up to now. Christ wants us back on the high road to heaven. All we have to do is to break with the past, with the earthly things that kept us from God. We can set out as freemen to follow Christ. He has left to his Church the holy sacrament of penance in which he guarantees us complete and entire remission of all past sins if we confess them with true sorrow. Let us not think that our sins are too big to be forgiven, that Christ could not have compassion on us because of our dreadful past. We can remember those Galileans; many of them were sinners as we are, and he had compassion on them. He came to call sinners, he tells us. Let us answer his call today—tomorrow might be too late.

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



From Fr. Vincent's' Desk:

Missionary Co-operation Sunday

Next weekend, July 24th & 25th, a Pallottines priest, Rev. Balaji Boyalla SAC, will be here to speak about the missionary work of the Pallottines Missionaries in India. Rev. Balaji Boyalla is presently serving as Pastor at St. Michael Catholic Church, Bedford, in the diocese of Fort Worth, Texas. Prior to this he has worked in India and he has knowledge of the missions. He is also the Mission Secretary and the Local Rector for the members of Gloria Dei Region, India. There are several Pallottine fathers working in various dioceses in the United States. Pallottines have given great service to the faithful in various Dioceses and to the United States for years.

The congregation, of the Pallottine Fathers and Brothers, is present in 53 countries all over the world. In India, Pallottines have been involved in the work of evangelization for the last 71 years. Recently, they have been working among the covid-19 affected families. We have been involved in providing basic necessities to the families who lost their jobs or struggling to survive. The Pallottines work in partnership with laity throughout the world furthering the church's mission to renew faith and rekindle love. The help and support of many generous people all over the world make it possible to continue God's work. Your own efforts to support the Missions all over the world are greatly appreciated. Know that when you give to the Missions, you give to a good cause. For more information on the Pallottines visit: www.glorideipallottines.com; www.sacapostles.org

There will be a second collection for this mission. Envelopes will be available in the pews and at the back of church for the next couple of weeks.

Anniversary Appreciation

What a wonderful day it was! I'm so blessed to have you as my parishioners and friends. Last Sunday, July 11th, was a great day for me as the parishioners of Wisner together with friends who joined me in my 20th priesthood anniversary celebration. It was great to see you all in Mass and at the reception. Thank you to the parish leadership of St. Joseph Church Wisner, for organizing it, all the parish volunteers who played various roles and thank you so much everybody for coming, gracing the occasion, and the wonderful gifts. Many blessings to you all.



Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of July 24th & 25th

WORD: Shelly Wellman, Rita Eichelberger
EMHC: Marjorie Gentrup, Susan Niewohner
Dawn Peatrowsky, Tom Peatrowsky
PRAISE: Betty Guenther, Rosie McNamara
USHER: Melvin Niewohner, Fred Gentrup

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of July 25th

LEC: Gayle Lampman
EMHC: Richard Schultz
EMHC 2: Sally Harms
SERV: Beau Ruskamp, Chesney Ruskamp
USHER: July Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts Holy Cross—July 11, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,355.00
Plate:	107.00
A/C Fund:	250.00
Total:	\$1,712.00

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

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.



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

Birthdays:
Jean Meier July 22
Ron Francis July 24

Anniversaries:
Jeff and Trisha Robertson July 20
Ron and Doris Guenther July 21

MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, July 18th—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore
Sunday, July 25th—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder

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 11, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$2,730.00
Plate:	264.00
Heating/AC:	310.00

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.

*I can do ALL THINGS
through Christ
who STRENGTHENS me.*
—Phillippians 4:13

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Call 888.456.HOPE (4673) or Visit hopeafterabortion.com

“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>

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.





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.



MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	19	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	20	9:30 AM	WCC	+ Marie Woerdemann
Wed	21	8:00 AM	HC	+ Jayda Oligmueller
Thu	22	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Darrell Bruning
Fri	23	9:00 AM	CHB	+ Beata Batenhorst
Sat	24	5:00 PM	HC	+ Wayne Meier
Sun	25	8:30 AM	HC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sun	25	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Alfredo Ramirez

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

