

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 25, 2021

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World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also, the fish, as much as they wanted. And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, that nothing may be lost." So, they gathered them up and

filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten (Jn 6:11-13).

The **Gospel** is from St. John 6:1-15. Although Jesus had the intention of preparing the minds of the multitude for his discourse on the heavenly food which he would make next day, his principal motive in working this miracle was pity and compassion. He knew that they were hungry—they had been away from home all day and some for many days.

They were willing to suffer this inconvenience, but he did not want them to do so. Even though he knew there were some among them who would never accept him, and perhaps even some who would be among the rabble that demanded his crucifixion on Good Friday; yet he made no distinction. He had compassion on them all.

This miracle should surely convince us that Christ is interested in our daily needs too, just as he was interested in those of his contemporaries in Palestine. Our principal and only real purpose in life is to be saved and Christ is ever ready to help us. However, we have first to travel through our earthly life so, of necessity, we have to take a passing interest in the affairs of this world. We have to provide for our earthly needs and for those of any others who may depend on us. For many, in fact for the vast majority of men, this has always been and will be a struggle against great odds. Here, too, Christ is ever ready to help us. He has a true interest in our progress through life and if we turn to him trustfully and sincerely, he will help us over our difficulties.

Those five thousand hungry people had not asked him for food, but he knew their needs. He knew too that their needs were caused by their desire to be in his presence—so he gave them what they had not thought of asking for. If we are loyal to him, we, too, can trust that his mercy and power will be with us in our hour of need. He may not remove the cause of our difficulty.

Christ will use the very difficult from which we are suffering, to bring us and others into more intimate union with him. Many of the saints suffered great hardships and afflictions during their years on earth—these very afflictions were Christ's gifts to them. Without these, and the virtues of patience, faith and trust which they had to practice, they might not be among God's elect today.

We must rest assured then that Christ is intimately interested in our daily lives on earth. We must not expect that this interest of his will removes all shadows from our path. This would not be for our eternal good—and our eternal happiness is Christ's first interest in us. It should also be our own first and principal interest too. It will help us, too, to bear with our lot, if we look about us and see so many others who are worse off, or at least as badly off as we are especially with regard to the snags of life. Christian charity will move us to help them; we may not be able to give them any material help, but we can help to lighten their load by showing our sincere interest in them and by offering words

of comfort and consolation. This is the only charity that the poor have to offer to their fellow sufferers, but if it is Christ-inspired its effects will reach to heaven.

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



From Fr. Vincent's Desk:

Missionary Co-operation Sunday

This 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

We will therefore have a second collection in all the Masses this weekend. Use the Mission Coop envelopes provided in the pews. Kindly be generous to the good Mission work done by Pallottine Fathers.

World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

Pope Francis dedicated the fourth Sunday of the month of July as a day to remember our grandparents and the elderly in our families and the communities. The Pope will also say a special Mass today. The Church wants to let our grandparents and the elderly know that you are not forgotten. Whether you live on your own at home, at Wisner Care Center or Colonial Haven, or wherever. Whether or not you had children, know that we love you, we cherish you, and we celebrate you for the important role you play in our families, especially passing on the gift of faith to your children and grandchildren. Keep up the good work.

Holy Cross Church AC Issues

We are in the process of replacing our Church AC system and I am kindly asking you to consider and prayerfully give a donation towards this. To date, we have received **\$6,000.00** towards our goal of **\$16,000.00**. Your gift will be greatly appreciated.

Updates on St. Joseph Maintenance and Repairs Capital Campaign July 2021

The work on the church and the basement continues to progress. Our pledge goal is \$145,000.00. As of July 23rd, 2021, the total amount pledged is \$126,230.00 of which \$94,930.00 has been received. Your participation is important and highly valued. We are almost reaching our goal as we have always done. In case you have not responded to this appeal, please consider doing so.

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of August 1st

WORD: Doris Guenther
EMHC: Mary Mostek, Dennis Mostek
PRAISE: Duane Neesen, Jeanie McTaggart
USHER: Michael Gentrup

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of July 31st & August 1st

LEC: Joyce Stalp
EMHC: Janet Ludwig
SERV: Sarah VonSeggern, Haley Kneifl
USHER: July Men's Group

LEC: Bonnie Styskal
EMHC: Alan Harms
EMHC 2: Madonna Servi
SERV: Emma Schroetlin, Sydney Porter
USHER: August Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts Holy Cross—July 18, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$270.00
Plate:	14.00
A/C Fund:	100.00
HELP/Fuel	100.00
Total:	\$484.00

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

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

MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, July 25th—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder

Sunday, August 1st—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer

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

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

Stewardship of God's Gifts St. Joseph—July 18, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,455.00
Plate:	233.00

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.
(Can't find your question answered on the website? Call 512-766-5798.)



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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	26	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	27	9:30 AM	WCC	Residents of Wisner Care Center
Wed	28	8:00 AM	HC	Lvng & Dec'd Members of the Henry & Eleanor Spenner Family
Thu	29	8:00 AM	SJ	Lvng & Dec'd Members of the Ron & Mary Ann Wemhoff Family
Fri	30	9:00 AM	CHB	+ James Hetherington
Sat	31	5:00 PM	SJ	+ Lawrence Kuchta
Sun	01	8:30 AM	HC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sun	01	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Duane & Florence Breitreutz
SJ—St. Joseph's		HC—Holy Cross		
WCC—Wisner Care Center		CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer		

**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.



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