

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time August 22, 2021

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The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Gospel is from St. John 6:60-69. As we heard last Sunday, St. John was writing about the promise of the Blessed Eucharist at a time when Christians accepted the Mass and Holy Communion as the essential act of Christian worship. Very probably he omitted many details when describing this promise. The "disciples" who murmured evidently saw nothing but a man in Christ, It was

very natural, therefore, that they could not accept his saying that they should eat his body and drink his blood. Thus, it seems most probable that when Christ says they lacked "faith," he had given them sufficient proofs that he was more than a man. These individuals among the disciples, however, refused to open their minds to these proofs; therein was their guilt. Their minds were earth-bound and were determined to remain earth-bound. Faith is a gift of the Father, as Christ says to those disciples: "no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father," but the Father has offered them this gift and they have refused to accept it; otherwise, they would not be guilty.

Many of us may need to examine ourselves as regards the full and effective use we make of that gift. Every time we attend at Mass, do we realize that Christ is offering himself to his Father for our sanctification and the sanctification of the world? Do we realize that we, through his minister at the altar, are offering infinite thanksgiving, infinite atonement, infinite adoration, infinitely effective petition, to our Father in heaven through the sacrifice of his divine Son in the Mass? Are we always worthy to act this part, are our consciences fit to allow us to partake of this sacrifice in Holy Communion? A true Christian who realizes and appreciates what the Son of God has done and is still doing for him will try always to make himself less unworthy, for not even the greatest saint was worthy to partake of this act of divine love.

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

From Fr. Vincent's' Desk: Invitation of February 2022 Mission Trip to Kenya

I'm inviting anyone who would like to make a Mission trip to Kenya and see where I come from. While in Kenya, you will experience African Mass integrated in African culture in parishes, experience Kenyan city life and village life, visit my village Mission Health Center and high school, visit Maasai Mara National reserve park that has the big 5 of Africa: lion, leopard, rhino, elephant and African buffalo and take a train ride from Nairobi and head to the South to visit the coastal cities of Mombasa and Malindi. If you're interested, kindly contact me at vsunguti2018@gmail.com or call 402-529-3531.



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 31st. Our first class will be on Thursday, September 9th, 2021, at 6 pm. Venue is yet to be determined. If you have any questions, please contact me at vsunguti2018@gmail.com or 402-529-3531.

Updates on St. Joseph's church and basement maintenance and repairs

I'm glad to let you know that much of the work on the church tuckpointing and repairs is done. There was so much damage discovered in the process that we had to reprioritize. There are still several things we would like to complete, but the good news is that almost all of it has been fixed. We will have some pictures for you to see soon. The work has taken two and a half months, but thank God it is nearly all done now.

Also, much of the basement major repairs are complete. The brick wall that was cracked all around the main room has been fixed and re-done. We are left with the work of changing the lights, painting the ceiling, as well as polishing the floor. However, we have halted the work to get ready for upcoming wedding use and CCD classes due early next month. Please have a tour of our nice-looking basement hall.

Thanks to all those who have already made their pledge or sent in their donation for this work. We still appeal to those who haven't to prayerfully consider making a donation. Your donation will still make a big impact since we have work that remains to be done. By Friday August 20th, the total amount pledged is \$126,730.00 and the amount received is \$95,430.00 towards our goal of \$145,000.00. I really appreciate your participation.

Updates on Holy Cross Church AC Donations

I would like to thank all those who have sent in your donation towards our new AC system. We have received a total of \$8,095 towards the goal of \$16,000. I appeal for your donation. I appreciate.

*Every
good & perfect gift
is from above. James 1:17*

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of August 28th & 29th

WORD: Tom Peatrowsky, Doris Guenther
EMHC: Susan Niewohner, Marjorie Gentrup
 Brenda Anderson, Jeanie McTaggart
PRAISE: Duane Neesen, Jeanie McTaggart
USHER: Michael Gentrup, Gerald Gentrup

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of August 29th

LEC: Joyce Stalp
EMHC: Capri McGuire
EMHC 2: Kathy Johnson
SERV: Lainey Montgomery, Luis Lara
USHER: August Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—August 15, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$990.00
Plate:	86.00
A/C Fund:	200.00
Assumption:	125.00
HELP/Fuel:	30.00
Total:	\$1,431.00

MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, August 22nd—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer
Sunday, August 29th—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

MEN'S WORK GROUP—September 2021
Chair: Mike Stuhr
Co-Chair: Norm Weber
Members: Bob Feller, Blake Albers, Derreck Marx, Alan Feller, Dave Deitloff, Jeremy Schultz, Devon Schultz

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

SEPTEMBER MOWING GROUP: Chair: Brad Schulz
 Members: Mike Guenther, Melvin Niewohner, Joe Hansen, Alex Schulz, Tom Peterson

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—August 15, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$2,290.00
Plate:	345.00
Heating/AC:	25.00
Assumption:	85.00



Celebrations:

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

Birthdays:
 Jeff Robertson Aug 23
 Linda Robinson. Aug 26

Anniversaries:
 Shane and Brooke Combs. Aug 26

ASERACARE HOSPICE...needs volunteers in our area to provide support to terminally ill patients and their families. Volunteers could visit, read to someone, or just sit along side them on their journey. Aseracare has been giving compassionate care for over 15 years in northeast Nebraska. Training is provided at no cost. To find out more or to sign up, please contact Jean Hughes, Volunteer Coordinator at 402-379-4158.



MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	23	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	24	9:30 AM	WCC	Wisner Care Center Residents
Wed	25	8:00 AM	HC	+ Norbert Ruskamp
Thu	26	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Illa Stalp
Fri	27	9:30 AM	CHB	+ Francis & Vera Hetherington
Sat	28	5:00 PM	HC	+ Abigail Borgmann
Sun	29	8:30 AM	HC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sun	29	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Cody Troyer
SJ—St. Joseph's		HC—Holy Cross		
WCC—Wisner Care Center		CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer		

LADIES GUILD: The next guild meeting will be Monday, August 23rd at 5:00 pm in the church basement. Discussion will include cleaning of the church kitchen and the fall baskets and bundles.

Religious Education

Registration forms are available in the back of church. Please note there are separate forms for elementary and high school. Please have them completed by August 31.

We have placed sign up sheets there as well for several options to volunteer for.

*****We are still in need of 2nd & 3rd grade teachers*****

If we are unable to find volunteers, the parents of these grades will be responsible for teaching either in the classroom or at home.

—Teachers meeting September 8th at 5:00 pm—


—Classes begin September 15th—

Here's to another great year... Sarah and Capri

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 stj068791@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.