

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 29, 2021**

Saint Joseph's Parish

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4:15-4:40 pm or by appointment

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The 22nd Sunday - Year B



The **First Reading** is taken from the Book of Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 in which the chosen people are urged to carry out the laws God gave them. If they do, they will give good example to the pagan peoples among whom they live, and will make these pagans see how good God is to His chosen people.

The **Gospel** is from St. Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23. When Christ came on earth the Scribes and Pharisees were the religious leaders of the Jews. The Scribes, so called because of their knowledge of the Mosaic Law and the traditions added on to it, were the elite among the Pharisees who prided themselves on their strict, rigorous observance of the Law and the human traditions. The Pharisees had no time or no understanding for their fellow-Jews who often violated the scribal traditions — and even the Law of Moses itself sometimes. For this reason, they kept themselves apart from the ordinary people and developed a proud superiority complex. They performed many acts of virtue but their pride and sense of self-sufficiency vitiated their good deeds (see the description of the Pharisee and the tax-gatherer in the temple, in Lk. 18: 10-14). The opposition of the Pharisees and Scribes to Jesus began very early in his public life. It grew in strength daily until, with the help of the Sadducees, their arch-opponents, they finally nailed him to the cross.

The main reason why they opposed him so bitterly was his mercy, kindness and understanding for sinners. He ate with tax-gatherers and made one of them, Levi, an Apostle. He forgave the adulteress and many, many others. While he certainly did not approve of sin, he never uttered a hard word against any sinner. He had come, as he said, to call sinners to himself and to repentance. This he did all through his public life. He objected to the Pharisees, not because of their strict observance of the Mosaic Law nor of their insistence on human traditions — although they sometimes carried this to an intolerable extreme. He objected because they despised the lowly people, the uneducated in the law and traditions — those, in other words, who did not belong to their own exclusive class. To the Pharisees all these were "sinners," while they themselves had the worst sin of all — the original sin of mankind, the sin of pride.

In today's encounter with the Pharisees, Jesus tells them that they are hypocrites: "they honor God with their lips but their heart is far from God"; they obey the Law and the traditions, not to please God, but to be seen and admired by men; their motive, self-glorification, vitiates every otherwise good act they perform. Christ then addresses the people — the crowds who most likely had overheard his dialog with the Pharisees — and he tells them that it is not legal or cultic uncleanness that matters, but cleanliness of the heart before God. Eating with unwashed hands, or using unwashed vessels for drinking, does not defile a man, this does not make him less worthy before God. It is not from things outside him that a man incurs defilement but from his own innermost self. Every serious sin against God and neighbor has its beginning within a man, in his intellect and will; the evil design is the forerunner and instigator of the evil deed.

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



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 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.

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
 For Holy Cross—renaecarlson@hotmail.com

Saint Joseph Parish Council Members 2021-2022	
Dave Deitloff— Pres.	Matt Albers
Rick Jacobs	Ruth Bloedorn
Janet Ludwig	Lindsey Burki
Mary VonSeggern	Chris Ruskamp
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Holy Cross Parish Council Members 2021-2022	
Mike Guenther—Pres.	Tracy Oligmueller—Sec.
Mike Gentrup	Trisha Robertson
Robert Praest	Michelle Borgmann
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Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of September 5th

WORD: Renae Carlson
EMHC: Tom Peatrowsky, Dawn Peatrowsky
PRAISE: Duane Neesen, Jeanie McTaggart
USHER: Brad Schulz

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of September 4th & 5th

LEC: Gayle Lampman
EMHC: Janet Ludwig
SERV: Autumn Chohon, Mariah Andersen
USHER: August Men's Group

LEC: Alan Harms
EMHC: Shane Batenhorst
EMHC 2: Tammie Batenhorst
SERV: Spencer Batenhorst, Lillian Leathers
USHER: August Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—August 22, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,190.00
Plate:	42.00
Assumption:	85.00
Insurance:	95.00
Building Fund:	75.00
AC Fund:	500.00
Total:	\$1,987.00

MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, August 29th—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore
Sunday, Sept. 5th—Team #2 Norm Weber Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder

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

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 22, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$3,400.00
Plate:	199.00



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

Birthdays:
 Karen Spenner- August 31
 Annette Bausch- September 1
 Mary Mostek- September 4

Anniversaries:
 Gerald and Shelly Wellman- August 29
 Gerald and Fran Gentrup- August 31

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.

Find HOPE and healing. ARE YOU PREGNANT AND NEED HELP: Call/text 888.550.1588 or visit loveline.com
 HAVE YOU TAKEN THE FIRST DOSE OF THE ABORTION PILL? It may not Be too late to save your baby. Call 877.558.0999 or visit abortionpillreversal.com
 FREE, CONFIDENTIAL COUNSELING FOR WOMEN AND MEN EXPERIENCING GRIEF AFTER ABORTION
 Call 888.456.HOPE (4673) or Visit hopeafterabortion.com

Religious Education

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE DUE BY AUGUST 31!!!

*******We still need 2nd & 3rd grade teachers*******



Can you help?

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 for all grades September 15th—



MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	30	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	31	9:30 AM	WCC	+ Sally Lubker
Wed	01	8:00 AM	HC	Lvng & Dec'd Members of the Henry & Eleanor Spenner Family
Thu	02	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Marvin Duncan
Fri	03	9:30 AM	CHB	+ Conrad Wordekemper
Sat	04	5:00 PM	SJ	+ Ron Esser
Sun	05	8:30 AM	HC	Dec'd Members of the Ray Steffensmeier Family
Sun	05	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		

GRIEVING WITH GREAT HOPE...is a Catholic Christian based support group that meets weekly for 5 weeks. Participants watch a short video seminar given by grief recovery experts, participate in a small group discussion, and have a journal for personal reflection to help reinforce the weekly topics =. Those who have attended prior programs or other programs altogether are welcome also. There are two sessions to choose from: Mondays 1:30 to 3:30 or 6:00pm to 8:00pm starting September 13, ending on October 11. Meetings will be held at Franciscan Healthcare in West Point on the second floor in the Francis Conference Room. Masks are currently required in the hospital. Participants are asked to enter through the Main Entrance and park in the south parking lot. Flyer posted in the back of church with more information.

