

# 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 8, 2021

## Saint Joseph's Parish

PO Box 623

1318 Ave G West

Wisner, NE 68791

Parish Office: 529-3891

[www.stjosephwisner.org](http://www.stjosephwisner.org)

Reconciliation: Saturdays before Mass

4:15-4:40 pm or by appointment

Administrator: Rev. Vincent Sunguti

402-529-3531

Email: [vsunguti2018@gmail.com](mailto:vsunguti2018@gmail.com)

## Holy Cross Parish

PO Box 212

517 N Fraiser

Beemer, NE 68716

Phone: 528-3475

[www.holycrossbeemer.org](http://www.holycrossbeemer.org)

Reconciliation: Sundays

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

Bulletin and Office Email: [stjo68791@gmail.com](mailto:stjo68791@gmail.com)

### The 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



*"Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die (John 6:46-50)."*

The **first reading** is taken from the First Book of Kings 19:4-8 and gives us the story from the life of the prophet Elijah in which it is narrated that an angel fed him miraculously. The **Gospel** is from St. John 6:41-51. Today, we must thank God from the bottom of our hearts for giving us the Christian faith. This faith means that "God out of the abundance of his love, speaks to men as friends and lives among them so that he may invite and take them into fellowship with himself," as Vatican II puts it. He did not put us on earth and leave us on our own with nowhere to go except to the grave. He sent his beloved Son on earth. He made us heirs to heaven and left to us, in his Church, all the instruction and aids we need to reach our inheritance. The unbelievers and free-thinkers may feel that they are free to do what they will here on earth, but we know that we have been given the freedom of the children of God for all eternity, if only we live according to the faith given us.

#### 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 31<sup>st</sup>. Our first class will be on Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 6 pm. Venue is yet to be determined. If you have any questions, please contact me at [vsunguti2018@gmail.com](mailto:vsunguti2018@gmail.com) or 402-529-3531.

#### Anniversary Appreciation to Holy Cross Parish

What a wonderful day it was! I'm so blessed to have you as my parishioners. Last Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, was a great day for me as the parishioners of Beemer together with friends and priests, joined me in my 20<sup>th</sup> priesthood anniversary celebration Mass. It was great to see you at Mass and the reception. Thank you, to the parish leadership of Holy Cross, for organizing it, all the parish volunteers who played various roles in reception and singing. Also, thank you so much to everybody for coming, gracing the occasion and the wonderful card messages and gifts. Many blessings to you all.

#### Back to School Blessings

Next Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, is the last Sunday before school begins. I would like to ask all school children to bring backpacks, a pen/pencil/ruler or a book for blessings in order to invoke God to grant them a successful and safe year. I will offer these blessings on the 15<sup>th</sup> at the 8:30am Mass in Beemer and the 10:00am Mass in Wisner. Parents are welcome to accompany their children during those blessings. Please invite all students to come for Mass next Sunday. It is their day.

#### Something to Ponder on this week:

*Did Jesus have blood brothers and Sisters? Or did Mary give birth to other children after Jesus?*

Last week, I asked you to read Mt. 12:46-50. The mother of Jesus and his brothers visit him while he is preaching to his congregation and he states that his brothers and sisters and parents are those who hear his word. In Mk. 6:1-6, Jesus' home town wonder where he got the wisdom from since he is just like them and they know his parents, his brothers James, Joses, Judas, and Simon as well as his sisters whose names are not mentioned. From this passage, Jesus appears to have come from a large family of many siblings whose exact number is unknown.

First let us see what the church teaches. She teaches that Mary never had other children. In Mt. 1:25, we read that Mary never had other children. Here we are not told whether Joseph had sexual relations with Mary later on after Jesus. Apart from the three Synoptic Gospels (Mk, Lk and Mt) that state that Jesus had blood brothers and sisters, in Gal. 1:19, Paul also testifies that James was the brother of Jesus. Jesus kind of denied his siblings born of flesh and claimed a relation with those born of the spirit. So, these children mentioned in the gospels are of which Mary? To answer this question, lets us see how many Marys were there apart from his mother Mary.

In Mk. 15:40, we learn that among those women watching from a distance, were Mary of Magdala, Mary who was the mother of James the younger, Joses and Salome. In Mt. 27:55, we read ....and many women were watching from a distance and among them, were: Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. In John 19:25-27, we read: "...standing near the foot of the cross of Jesus were his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

Before we make our conclusion, let us read Jude 1:1, that states: "From Jude servant of Jesus and brother of James..." So, the names James, Joses or Joseph, Jude, Simeon, and sisters appear to be of cousins and not of his blood brothers. If they were his blood siblings, then after the death of Jesus, these siblings could have been left with their mother. Jesus wouldn't hand over his mother to John while his siblings were there (John 19:26-29). I think he did that because he had no blood brothers nor sisters. No one can hand over the care of his or her parents to outsiders if his siblings are alive. It is a proof that Jesus was the only child of Mary and he handed over the care of his beloved mother to his trustworthy friend John the apostle. Therefore, never be deceived that Jesus had blood brothers or sisters. The Bible needs to be read and interpreted in whole and not just one passage. Jesus was the only child of Mary.

#### Update on Holy Cross Church AC Donations

To date we have received a total of \$7,625.00 towards the goal of \$ 16,000. We are still open for a donation towards this project. We appreciate.

#### Update on St. Joseph Church Capital Campaign Repairs

As of today August 6<sup>th</sup>, the total amount pledged is \$126,230 and the amount received is \$94,930 towards our goal of 145,000.00. Your participation makes a big difference. It is an indication of owning your parish and your donations are much appreciated.

**Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer**  
**Weekend of August 14th & 15th**

**WORD:** Rita Eichelberger Marilyn Ortmeier  
**EMHC:** Brenda Anderson, Jeanie McTaggart  
 Dawn Peatrowsky, Tom Peatrowsky  
**PRAISE:** Betty Guenther, Rosie McNamara  
**USHER:** Gerald Gentrup, Melvin Niewohner

**Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner**  
**Weekend of August 15th**

**LEC:** Richard Schultz  
**EMHC:** Sally Harms  
**EMHC 2:** Janet Ludwig  
**SERV:** Yasmine Miranda Emma Schroetlin  
**USHER:** August Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—August 1, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,845.00
Plate:	63.00
A/C Fund:	625.00
Assumption:	50.00
Total:	\$2,583.00

**MONEY COUNTERS**  
**Sunday, August 8th—Team #1** Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore  
**Sunday, August 15th—Team #2** Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder

**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

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

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—August 1, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,610.00
Plate:	511.00
Heating/AC:	400.00
Mission Coop:	70.00

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

**Birthdays:**  
 Dennis Mostek Aug 8  
 Kathy Pena Aug 8  
 Mary Kate Guenther Aug 14

**Anniversaries:**  
 Brad and Anne Schulz Aug 8  
 Keith and Brenda Anderson Aug 13  
 Dennis and Mary Mostek. Aug 13

**Religious Education**

Post cards have been mailed out with information on this year's registration. Forms are available in the back of church. Please note there are separate forms for elementary and high school.

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.

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

**Dessert with the Sisters**

August 22, 2021  
 Immaculata Monastery  
 300 N. 18th St., Norfolk, NE 68701  
 2:00p.m. to 4:00p.m.

*Plants for sale*

*New to You Items*

*Sister-Made Items*



Come join the Sisters  
 for Dessert  
 and Conversation!



**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.



**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	09	—	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue	10	9:30 AM	WCC	Wisner Care Center Residents
Wed	11	8:00 AM	HC	+ Dorothy Gentrup
Thu	12	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Emma Gehring
Fri	13	9:30 AM	CHB	Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of the Ray Steffensmeier Family
Sat	14	5:00 PM	HC	+ Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Emanuel
Sun	15	8:30 AM	HC	+ Jayda Oligmueller
Sun	15	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		

**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.