

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 12, 2021

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The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Yr. B



And Jesus went on with his disciples, to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do men say that I am?" And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." And he charged them to tell

no one about him (Mark 8:27-30).

The **First Reading** is taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 50:5-9. The prophet Isaiah describes some of the sufferings which the Messiah will endure.

The **Gospel** is from St. Mark 8:27-35. We need not be surprised at the slowness of the Apostles in grasping the messiahship of Jesus. He did not want the crowds who flocked to him to know this until later — after his resurrection — because they had the idea that the Messiah would be a political leader who would set them free from their subjection to pagan Rome. It was not until this occasion, near Caesarea Philippi, somewhat over a year after he had called them, that he admitted to his Apostles that he was the Messiah. He charged them not to make this fact known outside of their own limited circle. To forestall and erase any wrong ideas of a political leader which some of the Apostles might have, he immediately foretold the sufferings and death he would have to endure at the hands of the leaders of the Jews. He would be conquered and humiliated by his enemies but their victory would be short-lived -- death would not hold him -- he would rise triumphant on the third day.

To the Apostles this seemed incredible and Peter, their spokesman, told him so. This outlook of the Apostles is also very understandable. They had seen him work many miracles, God was evidently very near to him: how could God let his enemies humiliate and kill him? They did not know God's plan; they were fishermen and knew little if anything of the Old Testament messianic prophecies. Had they read of the Suffering Servant in second-Isaiah they would not have disbelieved the prophecy of his forthcoming sufferings, death and resurrection. And his mention of his resurrection after three days, which would prove that it was he and not his enemies who conquered, fell on deaf ears, because the idea of a resurrection of that kind was incomprehensible to them. We know how slow they were to accept his resurrection even after it had happened.

Although the message was only vaguely and dubiously grasped, Christ had forewarned his Apostles (he repeated this twice later: Mk. 9: 9-10; 31-32 and 10: 32-34), so as to prepare them for the scandal of the cross. While it did not really prepare them because they were still too worldly-minded, it did help to strengthen their faith once the facts convinced them of the resurrection. They then realized that their beloved Master was more than Messiah, that he was in fact the Son of God, who with knowledge aforethought freely accepted his humiliations and shameful death for their sakes and ours. They gladly gave their lives to bringing this news of God's great love for men to all nations. From being a scandal, the cross became the emblem and the proud standard of God's love for mankind.

We are in the happy position of the Apostles after the resurrection of Jesus. We know how much God loves us; we appreciate the humiliation that the incarnation brought on his beloved Son and the sufferings and cruel death which the sins of the world, ours included, brought on the Son of God. All of this took place because God wished to make us his adopted sons and worthy of the inheritance, he had planned for us. For a faithful and grateful Christian, however, theoretical appreciation is not enough. Atonement has been made for our sins, but we have still a very important part to play. Our sins can be forgiven but we must truly repent of them before God will forgive them.

St. Mark adds some words of Christ which illustrate what practical form our appreciation and gratitude for Christ's sufferings should take. We must be ready to follow him on the road to Calvary. We must deny ourselves — deprive ourselves not only of sinful pleasure or gain, but even of lawful things at times, in order to be Christ-like. We must take up our cross and follow him. This does not mean that we must search for crosses — there are plenty of them in any good Christian's life — but we must gladly accept the crosses life brings us and see in them God's means of keeping us close to him.

Life on earth is very short, eternal life is endless. No thinking man, and certainly no true Christian, would risk losing the eternal life for the sake of a few paltry gains or a few extra years here below.

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



RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Registration 2021-2022 is on. 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. Our first class will be on Thursday, September 14th, 2021, at 6:00 pm at the basement hall of St. Joseph's in Wisner. If you have any questions, please contact me at: vsunguti2018@gmail.com or 402-529-3531.

Update on Holy Cross Church AC Donations

So far, we have received a total of \$8,595 towards the goal of \$ 16,000. We are still open for a donation towards this. Thank you all.

Update on St. Joseph's Church Maintenance and Repairs Capital Campaign

Thank you once again to all those who have responded generously towards this work. As of today, September 10th 2021, the total amount pledged is \$128,730 and the amount received is \$111,430 towards our goal of \$145,000. Your participation makes a big difference and is greatly appreciated.



Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of September 19th

WORD: Shelly Wellman
EMHC: Gerald Schlickbernd, Ann Bausch
PRAISE: Betty Guenther, Rosie McNamara
SERVE: Kris P.
USHER: Fred Gentrup

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of September 18th & 19th

LEC: Steve McGuire
EMHC: Linda Hansen
SERV: Alicia Ramirez-Torres
Jose Ramirez Lugo
USHER: September Men's Group

LEC: Holly Schroeder
EMHC: Alan Harms
EMHC 2: Madonna Servi
SERV: Tanya Miranda, Hannah Grenier
USHER: September Men's Group


Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—September 5, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$565.00
Plate:	116.25
Assumption:	30.00
Insurance:	90.00
Building Fund:	100.00
GA/CC:	30.00
Total:	\$931.25

MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, Sept. 12th—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer
Sunday, Sept. 19th—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore

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

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



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

Birthdays:
Alfred Batenhorst September 14
Pia Fernandez September 14
Brian Oligmueller September 17
Joyce Schlickbernd September 18

Anniversaries:
Ken and Joyce Schlickbernd September 16
Heath and Connie Harrison September 17


Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—September 5, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,920.00
Plate:	153.00
Rel. Ed.:	185.00



The Women of St. Joseph and Holy Cross Parishes are invited to the Women of the ELCA Guest Night at Christ Lutheran Church in Wisner on Monday evening, September 20th. A salad supper will be served at 6:00 pm, followed by guest speaker Fr. Vincent Sunguti.

Please RSVP by September 13th to Jan Schulz at 402-529-6490 (janslonecker@yahoo.com)
Or to Karen Hefie at 402-529-6931 (K4Hefie@yahoo.com)

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH in LYONS is having their Fall Luncheon Pasta Bar Friday, Sept. 17th, from 11:00am—1:00pm
Pasta, Lettuce Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert & Drink
Walk-ins Welcome & Carry-outs Available
Lyons St. Joseph Catholic Church— 430 Lincoln St.



Religious Education

—CLASSES BEGIN FOR ALL GRADES—
—September 15th—
K-6 is from 3:50 to 5:30
Mass at 5:00 pm—all are welcome
7th-12th is from 7:00 to 8:30

—MANDATORY PARENT'S MEETING—
Grades 7th-12th on Sept 15th at 7:00p.m.
Fr. Vincent is requiring parents to attend.
We will be discussing the future of our Religious Education program for grades K-12 as well as touching on Confirmation for 2023.



MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	13	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	14	9:30 AM	WCC	Wisner Care Center Residents
Wed	15	8:00 AM	HC	Lvng & Dec'd Family of Richard & Nyla Batenhorst
Thu	16	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Raymond Grossrhode
Fri	17	9:30 AM	CHB	+ Alvin & Betty Haranek
Sat	18	5:00 PM	SJ	+ Vincent & Catherine Ulrich
Sun	19	8:30 AM	HC	+ William & Johanna Oligmueller
Sun	19	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		