

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 19, 2021

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The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



The Gospel is from St. Mark 9:30-37. The Apostles were still very worldly-minded. They were full of the hope that Christ would establish an earthly messianic kingdom, that he would not only free their holy land from the hated pagan rulers but that he would set up a worldwide empire for the people of God. Many of the messianic prophecies of the Old Testa-

ment spoke of a worldwide kingdom; all nations would submit to the descendant of David; Jerusalem would be the magnet which would attract all peoples. The prophets, however, were speaking of the true messianic kingdom, the spiritual kingdom that Christ would establish. The Apostles were as yet unable to see the true meaning of these prophecies. They took them as referring to a worldly kingdom. They had come to believe that Christ was the promised Messiah, therefore, he would overcome all enemies and all opposition and set up this kingdom. How, therefore, could his enemies overpower him much less put him to death before he had accomplished his task? Thus, they refused to believe his prophecies concerning his coming tortures and death.

Our own age has seen an unprecedented increase in this falling away of Christians. Leaving aside the parts of Europe which are professedly atheist -- but where in spite of the leaders there are many sincere and devout Christians -- the number of lapsed and nominal Christians in the other Western countries is frightening. These non-practicing Christians, unwilling to carry their crosses, have decided to make this earth their paradise. They want prosperity, comfort and happiness in this world. The vast majority of them, of course, refuse to look to the future; it could be an unpleasant thought, yet they must see that in every town and village there is a mortician, an undertaker who makes a good living disposing of human "remains." Die they must; "and what then?" should be a question which overshadows their lives.

Many of these people who in practice have abandoned Christianity, try to salve their consciences by devoting any time they can spare to making this planet a better place in which to live. It is an excellent aim with a possibility of success — if the Fatherhood of God and the true brotherhood of man are upheld. But otherwise, it is a vain Utopia. If God, and Christ's teaching are left out of our reckoning, we shall ever have jealousies, enmities, hatred and wars. Christians have made war on Christians because neither side in the struggle was truly Christian. What chance then has the world when Christ and Christianity are banished from it?

Today's thought for each one of us is this: Christ became man, suffered and died as man, for our sakes. By his resurrection He conquered death and opened heaven for us. Heaven is our true destiny. Loving God and our neighbor and carrying our cross is the only way to reach heaven. Forget this "heaven on earth" doctrine; it does not and never will exist! Accept Christ and you are accepting the Father who sent Him. He in turn will accept you.

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



From Fr. Vincent's Desk:

Youth and Family Mass

I will be starting a Youth and Family Mass which will be done twice a year with one in the Fall and one in the Spring. It will be mandatory for all students and we highly encourage the parish youth under school age to also attend. The Mass will be open to the general congregation but it's theme will be the youth. During this Mass, the youth will participate as greeters, ushers, lectors, servers, and presentation of offertory. Parents kindly support and encourage our young people to participate in this event. Note the dates below when these Masses will take place:

St. Joseph, Wisner — Sunday, October 10th at 10:00 am — Refreshments to follow after Mass in the basement hall. All are welcome.

Holy Cross, Beemer — Sunday October 17th at 8:30 am — Refreshments to follow in the basement hall after Mass. Everyone is welcome.

Children's Offertory Collection

On the same weekends of the Youth Masses, we will begin a special children's collection that will precede the general collection. Myself or the presiding priest will come forward with the basket and parents send your kids to bring their collection and drop it into the basket that I will be holding. They are welcome to shake my hand if they choose to. This will be at every weekend Mass. So, ushers please wait until the children are done with their collection. Ushers also help to ensure that there is an available collection basket for me at the sanctuary before Mass. For the money counters, there will be an envelope to keep the children's collection separate.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Recently you received a letter from Archbishop Lucas inviting your support of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Please give prayerful consideration to your response. The financial goal for St. Joseph's Church, this year is \$7,945 with a participation goal of 25.6%. The financial goal for Holy Cross Parish, Beemer is \$10,987 and participation goal is 48.7%.

Together, through the help of the Holy Spirit, we will create a culture of unity, evangelization, leadership and mercy.

2021 Pastoral Conference

This year's annual Pastoral Conference will be held on, Thursday, October 7th from 12-4. Once again, this year's meeting will be held via live streaming. There will be a screen set up in the church basement of St. Joseph, Wisner, and anyone is welcome to attend. If you are unable to attend in person, you may use this link (<https://archomaha.org/pastoral-conference-2021/>) from the Archdiocesan Event Calendar on their website.

Greeters at St. Joseph:

We are looking for people to volunteer as weekly greeters for Masses on the weekends. They should arrive 15-20 minutes before Mass and will welcome parishioners and visitors to St. Joseph's. There are a couple of sign up sheet in the back of church. One is a schedule for the remainder of 2021 where you may select a date that works for you. The second sheet is for volunteers, that beginning January 2022, the dates will be randomly assigned as the rest of the ministry schedule is. Any questions, please contact Sarah at the parish office.




Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of September 25th & 26th

WORD:
EMHC:
PRAISE:
SERVE:
USHER:

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—September 12, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,384.39
Plate:	87.00
Assumption:	5.00
Insurance:	70.00
Building Fund:	10.00
GA/CC:	70.00
Total:	\$1,626.39

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

OCTOBER MOWING GROUP: Chair: Mike Gentrup
Members: Sam Steffensmeier, Scott Ortmeier, Ethan Ortmeier, Brian Gentrup, Jeff Robertson



Celebrations:

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

Birthdays:
Edward Pena September 21
Noah Borgmann September 23
Sadie Schulz September 24
Larry Bausch September 25

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MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	20	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	21	9:30 AM	WCC	+Duane Breitzkreutz
Wed	22	8:00 AM	HC	+ Tom & Catherine McTaggart
Thu	23	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Ron Esser
Fri	24	9:30 AM	CHB	+ James V. Hetherington
Sat	25	5:00 PM	HC	+ Don Beerbohm
Sun	26	8:30 AM	HC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sun	26	10:00 AM	SJ	Lvng & Dec'd Members of Ron & MaryAnn Wemhoff Family
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.



Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of September 26th


LEC: Jeff Phillips
EMHC: Sally Harms
EMHC 2: Richard Schultz
SERV: Averi Buhrman, Zack Andersen
USHER: September Men's Group

MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, Sept. 19th—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore
Sunday, Sept. 26th—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

MEN'S WORK GROUP—October 2021
Chair: Steve McGuire
Co-Chair: Jack Godbersen
Members: Arvid Hass, Matt McGuire, Brook Andersen, Tim McGuire, LaVern Houghton, Mitch Schweers, Zach Andersen

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—September 12, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,055.00
Plate:	134.00



Religious Education

ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6
We kicked off the first day of Rel Ed by having all gather in the church basement. The students enjoyed root beer floats while we introduced all the teachers and told them our theme this year is: He Is My Rock. The teachers then took the students to their classrooms. We ended the afternoon by celebrating Mass with Fr. Vincent.

ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS (GRADES 7 -12)
Grades 7th & 12th: Ruth Bloedorn started showing a video by Fr. Mike Schmitz named "Pray the Mass Like Never Before" in which he talks about how we are at Mass to worship God and he also gives to us in the homily and the Eucharist. Fr. Vincent and the teachers met with many of the high school parents to discuss the Religious Education Program and to brainstorm on what activities we can do to get more students and families involved.



Coffee on the Green

Sunday, September 26th
after Mass

The Knights of Columbus will be serving coffee, NEW iced coffees, and juice, along with rolls/cookies.
Stay a little while and enjoy some fellowship!