26th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 26, 2021

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"Today we celebrate priesthood Sunday. What is Priesthood Sunday? Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. This nationwide event is coordinated and sponsored by the US Council of Serra International.

The **Gospel** is from St. Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48. There are two very practical lessons we must learn from today's Gospel: the grave obligation we have of not causing scandal to our fellow-Christians or indeed to any man or woman and secondly, the willingness we should have to sacrifice any earthly possession which is a cause of sin to us.

Scandal, the sin of being a cause or an occasion of another's sin, is doubly sinful involving one's own sin and the sin of the person scandalized. Scandal can be caused by word—that is, by teaching or propagating wrong doctrine or by giving sinful advice, and it can be caused by one's own sinful deeds which may be imitated by others. Those in positions of authority such as parents whose duty it is to bring up their children in the Christian faith, are especially liable to give scandal if they fail to live truly Christian lives. Christian parents who fail to live according to their faith will be held accountable not only for their own sins, but for the sins of their children and perhaps their children's children for generations to come.

Much, if not all of today's moral laxity and permissiveness can be blamed on parents who have failed to give the example of true Christian living in the home and in dealings with their neighbors. To children of such parents, Christianity is only a label; it does not inform or inspire their lives, hence they are only nominal Christians. It is true that there may be "black sheep" in the best of Christian homes. When, however, all the children of a home are "black sheep" the whiteness, the sincerity, of the parents of such a home must certainly be called into question. There may be many bad influences at work outside the home but the good example of truly Christian parents can counteract these influences. Let parents see to it that they will not be a cause of scandal and a cause of eternal loss to the children God put into their charge.

The second lesson for all of us in today's Gospel is that we should ever realize that eternal life is worth any sacrifice which we may be called on to make. The road we have to travel in life is not an easy one. As our Lord says in another place: "Enter by the narrow gate for the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. But the gate is narrow, and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few" (Mt. 7: 13). We wish to reach heaven; therefore, we must be prepared to follow Christ; we must not allow others to lead us astray but be prepared and determined to conquer and resist our own evil inclinations also.

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



From Fr. Vincent's' Desk: <u>Archbishop's Annual Appeal</u>

By now most of you may have received Archbishop's annual appeal letters asking you to help. Thank you once again to all those who have generously contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal the past years. The Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports many ministries that provide mercy to those in need: support for families, resources for those who are grieving, tuition assistance for Catholic education and more. Please consider a meaningful gift to help our archdiocese serve those in need. Take the Holy Spirit up on the gifts that are being offered to you.

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 – <u>Sunday, October 10th at 10:00 am</u> – Refreshments to follow after Mass in the basement hall. All are welcome.

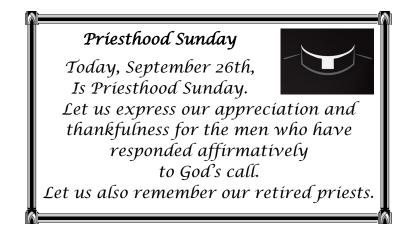
Holy Cross, Beemer – <u>Sunday October 17th at 8:30 am</u> – Refreshments to follow in the basement hall after Mass. Everyone is welcome.

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.

Feast of St. Francis – Monday Oct. 4th 2021

St. Francis is a patron Saint of all animals. I'm open to offer a blessing by phone for your animals or pets if you wish to do so. All it will take is for you to have holy water, and be next to the animal and then give me a call at the rectory or on my cell phone. Sunday afternoon, Oct 3^{rd} is Feast Day eve and thus you may call me for this special blessing or on Monday.



Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer Weekend of October 3rd

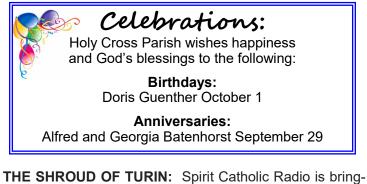
	weekend of October 3rd
WORD:	Renae Carlson
EMHC:	Dennis Mostek, Mary Mostek
PRAISE:	Duane Neesen, Jeanie McTaggart
SERVE:	Gus Harrison
USHER:	Scott Ortmeier

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

Stewardship of God's Gifts				
Holy Cross—September 19, 2021				
Sunday Envelopes:	\$380.00			
Plate:	34.00			
Air Cond.:	50.00			
GA/CC:	50.00			
Total:	\$.39			

HOLY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 28th at 5:00 pm

PROTECT THE UNBORN - take a stand for "Life" on Life Chain Sunday, October 3rd, 2021 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Highway 275 in front of Nutrien Ag in Beemer. Signs will be provided, everyone is welcome, and you can bring a chair. Join pro-lifers across the nation in a Peaceful, Prayerful, Public Witness to abortion. Participants will spread out and line both sides of Highway 275. When we gather and come before God we believe that abortion will end.



ing to St. Isidore Catholic Church in Columbus an upclose experience of the most studied artifact of all time -The Shroud of Turin, what many believe to be the authentic burial cloth of Christ. On Sept 26th at 7:30 p.m. in the Church, Shroud expert, Jim Bertrand, M.Ed. of the American Confraternity of the Holy Shroud, will give a special presentation and a rare viewing of a Shroud replica, as well as replicas of the Crown of Thorns, whips, nails and Holy Sponge used in the Passion of Our Lord.

Spirit Catholic Radio's newest traveling exhibit, The Man of the Shroud, will include 42 beautifullydesigned panels on display in the School Gym from Sept. 24 - Oct. 3. Viewing times are Mon. - Fri. 4pm - 8pm and Sat. - Sun. 9am - 9pm. This exhibit will raise the questions, "Could the Shroud be the most important archaeo-logical artifact ever found? Does it provide clues to what happened during the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus?" For more information on this exhibit, visit spiritcatholicradio.com/shroud.

MASS INTENTIONS					
Mon	27	_		NO MASS	
Tue	28	9:30 AM	WCC	Wisner Care Center Residents	
Wed	29	8:00 AM	HC	+ Dorothy Gentrup	
Thu	30	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Michelle Niichel	
Fri	01	9:30 AM	CHB	+ Joseph Steffensmeier	
Sat	02	5:00 PM	SJ	+ Rick Kuchta	
Sun	03	8:30 AM	HC	+ Casper Gentrup Jr.	
Sun	03	10:00 AM	SJ	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish	
SJ—St. Joseph's WCC—Wisner Care Center			Center	HC—Holy Cross CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer	

Lit	turgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner <u>Weekend of October 2nd & 3rd</u>	
LEC:	Diane Davies	
EMHC:	Janet Ludwig	
SERV:	Anna Jacobs, Ella Jacobs	
USHER:	October Men's Group	
LEC:	Holly Schroeder	
EMHC:	Linda Hansen	
EMHC 2:	Capri McGuire	
SERV:	Mariah Andersen, Paislie Burki	
USHER:	October Men's Group	

MONEY COUNTERS

Sunday, Sept. 26th—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder Sunday, Oct. 3rd—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer

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 19, 2021				
Sunday Envelopes:	\$3660.00			
Plate:	250.32			
Rel. Ed.:	150.00			

Ladies' Guild

The next Ladies Guild meeting for St. Joseph will be Monday, September 27th at 4:30 pm in the

church basement. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.



ST. JOSEPH - GRADES K-6

The 2nd grade started the Blessed program to begin ipreparation for their First Reconciliation and they took beginning of the year tests. The 3rd grade discussed parts of the bible: New Testament, Old Testament and the names of the Gospels. The day ended with all grades meeting in church to practice songs for the Youth & Family Mass in October.

ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS (GRADES 7 -12) Grades 7th & 12th: The evening started by celebrating mass with Fr. Vincent. Anna and Lindsey served while Haley and Sydney were the lectors. Blaine and Missy Johnson brought their fire pit, we roast marshmallows and made s'mores in front of church. We had a short prayer service and each student wrote a prayer on a piece of paper and threw it in the fire pit for they could send their prayers up to God by burning them in the fire. We also discussed possible activities we could do this year.

