

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 26, 2021**

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**The 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



"Today we celebrate priest-hood Sunday. What is Priest-hood 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:**

**Archbishop's Annual Appeal**

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 – 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.

**Feast of St. Francis – Monday Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>rd</sup> is Feast Day eve and thus you may call me for this special blessing or on Monday.

***Priesthood Sunday***

*Today, September 26th,  
Is Priesthood Sunday.*

*Let us express our appreciation and  
thankfulness for the men who have  
responded affirmatively  
to God's call.*

*Let us also remember our retired priests.*



**Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer**  
**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

**Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner**  
**Weekend of October 2nd & 3rd**

**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

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

**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

**HOLY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL** meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

| Stewardship of God's Gifts    |           |
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| St. Joseph—September 19, 2021 |           |
| Sunday Envelopes:             | \$3660.00 |
| Plate:                        | 250.32    |
| Rel. Ed.:                     | 150.00    |



**Celebrations:**

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

**Birthdays:**

Doris Guenther October 1

**Anniversaries:**

Alfred and Georgia Batenhorst September 29

**THE SHROUD OF TURIN:** Spirit Catholic Radio is bringing to St. Isidore Catholic Church in Columbus an up-close 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 beautifully-designed 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 archaeological 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](http://spiritcatholicradio.com/shroud).



The next Ladies Guild meeting for St. Joseph will be Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm in the church basement. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

**Religious Education**

**ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6**

The 2nd grade started the Blessed program to begin preparation 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 7<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>:** 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.

| MASS INTENTIONS        |    |                           |     |   |
|------------------------|----|---------------------------|-----|---|
| Mon                    | 27 | —                         | —   | <b>NO MASS</b>                            |
| 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        |    | HC—Holy Cross             |     |   |
| WCC—Wisner Care Center |    | CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer |     |   |

**Coffee on the Green**

TODAY... 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!