

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 10, 2021

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And Jesus looking upon him loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." At that saying his countenance fell, and he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!" (Mk 10:21-23).

The **First Reading** is taken from the Book of Wisdom, 7:7-11 and is the conclusion of the fourth Suffering Servant Song; Christ's divine gifts become our means to salvation.

The **Gospel** is from St. Mark, 10:17-30. By coming to Jesus with his problem this man has done all Christians a good turn. We have learned from Christ's answer that over-attachment to worldly goods is one of the big obstacles to entering heaven. The man in this story was a good-living man, he kept all the commandments from his youth upward and he had an interest in eternal life, while many of his compatriots of that day had not. Reading this man's heart like an open book, Christ saw that not only was he fit for eternal life but that he was one who could have a very high place in heaven if he would leave everything and become a close follower of his. Not only would he become a saint, but he would lead many to sanctity.

The price to pay for this privilege, however, seemed too high to this "good man." "He had great possessions" and he was too attached to them so he could not accept Christ's offer, "his countenance fell and he went away sorrowful." Although his case was exceptional, Christ saw in him the makings of a saint and he asked him to make an exceptional sacrifice, one which he did not and does not ask of all his followers; his remark to the disciples later: "how hard it will be for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God" holds for all time and for all mankind.

This statement of Christ, however, does not mean that a follower may not possess any of this world's goods. He may possess and use those goods, but what he must not do is to allow them to take such a hold on him that he has no time for acquiring everlasting goods—the Christian virtues. Unfortunately, there are Christians whose whole purpose in this life is the accumulation of worldly goods. Concentration on such accumulation is wrong, but in many cases the methods of acquisition are unjust: defrauding laborers of their just wages; overcharging customers; cheating in business deals; giving false measures and many other devices which produce unearned wealth.

There are very rich men who have acquired their wealth honestly and justly and who spend much of their wealth on charitable causes. Their wealth will not hinder them from reaching heaven. On the other hand, there are many in the middle and lower income-bracket who may be offending against justice through the means they use to acquire what they have, and in the little helps which they refuse to a needy neighbor. We may not be able to found a hospital for the poor, or pay an annuity to support the family of a disabled fellow workman, but we are not excused from bringing a little gift to our neighbors who are in hospital, or from supplying even part of a meal for the dependents of the injured workman.

Remember that Christ praised the widow who put a mite (a cent) into the collection-box for the poor in the temple area, and he also said that a cup of cold water given in his name would not go without reward. We need not be rich in order to be charitable.

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



From Fr. Vincent's Desk:

Archbishop's Annual Appeal (AAA) 2021/2022

FYI: The AAA apologizes for the delay of mailing of family letters from the Archbishop Lucas inviting your support. They promise to do a better job next year. We hope these letters will arrive this week or next. 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%.

Youth and Family Mass

This Sunday, October 10th, at St. Joseph's is the Youth and Family Mass. During this Mass, the youth will participate as greeters, ushers, lectors, servers, and presentation of offertory. We welcome all of the students and families that have joined us today and thank them for their participation. Please join us for refreshments in the basement following the 10:00 am Mass.

Holy Cross, Beemer, Youth and Family Mass will be on Sunday October 17th at 8:30 am – Refreshments to follow in the basement hall after Mass all the Masses. Everyone is welcome.

Children's Offertory Collection

As from this weekend, 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.



Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer

Weekend of October 17th

WORD: Rita Eichelberger
EMHC: Tom Peatrowsky, Dawn Peatrowsky
PRAISE: Diana Dinslage, Bev Francis
SERVE: Kris Pena
USHER: Gerald Gentrup

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 16th & 17th

LEC: Madonna Servi
EMHC: John Woerdemann
SERV: Austin Kluthe, Lindsey Kneifl
OFF: Tim Phillips
USHER: October Men's Group

LEC: Jeff Phillips
EMHC: Tammie Batenhorst
EMHC 2: Steve Ausdemore
SERV: Jesa Montgomery, Lainey Montgomery
OFF: Duane Mendlik
USHER: October Men's Group


Stewardship of God's Gifts Holy Cross—October 3, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,380.00
Plate:	33.00
Insurance:	120.00
Total:	\$1,533.00

MONEY COUNTERS

Sunday, Oct. 10th—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore
Sunday, Oct. 3rd—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder

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



Celebrations:
 Holy Cross Parish wishes happiness and God's blessings to the following:
Birthdays:
 Mary Gentrup October 15
 David Steffensmeier October 15

Stewardship of God's Gifts St. Joseph—October 3, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$2,470.00
Plate:	145.00
Heating/AC:	345.00

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HOWELLS CRAFT SHOW:

Saturday, Oct. 16th. 9:00am-3:00pm at the Howells Ballroom. Admission \$2.00. Over 60 vendors, bake sale, and food stand for lunch. More details on the flier at the back of church.





Youth & Family Mass

TODAY... October 10, 2021

We welcome everyone to this special Mass for our Youth and Families. Join us for refreshments after Mass in the church basement.



Ladies of St. Joseph Parish - - - Please check the pie shelf in the church kitchen for dishes that may belong to you. Items such as large pretty glass and plastic salad bowls, very nice larger and smaller glass serving plates, deviled egg platters, pretty Christmas plates, glass pie plates, nice cookie sheets, angel food container and other items. Please check the pie shelf for any items that may be yours. If items are not picked up before November 7th, items will be donated. Questions, please contact Martha Schweers – 402-380-2114.



SACRED HEART PARISH ALTAR SOCIETY ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR & BRUNCH...

Will be Saturday, November 6th from 9:00am –2:00pm in the parish & activities center. Free entry to the Craft Fair! Brunch tickets on sale now. See the flier in the back of church for all the details.

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	11	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	12	—	WCC	Cancelled 'til further notice
Wed	13	8:00 AM	HC	Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of the Ray Steffensmeier Family
Thu	14	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Duane Breikreutz
Fri	15	9:30 AM	CHB	+ William & Johanna Oligmueller
Sat	16	5:00 PM	SJ	+ Herb Albers
Sun	17	8:30 AM	HC	+ Mary Wordekemper
Sun	17	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		

Religious Education

ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6

The 4th grade talked about the Saints they had picked and will be doing a presentation on. All classes gathered and practiced the song they will sing at the Youth Mass this weekend. The afternoon ended by celebrating Mass with Fr. Vincent with the 5th grade being the lectors and the 6th grade being Mass servers.

ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS (GRADES 7 -12)

Grade 7-9: The class met and continued to watch the World Trade Center movie which is a strong film about the importance of family and faith and serving others.

Grade 10-12: The students continued to work on the cord rosaries that they are making. They discussed a community service project to be done on October 27th and then ended with closing prayer.