

## 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 17, 2021

### Saint Joseph's Parish

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### The 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



And James and John, the sons of Zeb'edee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" (Mk 10:35-38).

The **First Reading** is taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, 53:10-11, 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, 10:35-45. With James and John, let us tell our divine Lord that we are ready to follow him on the path to Calvary; that we are ready to drink the cup of sufferings which he drank and to be immersed in the sorrows which he endured. He went through all of this for us; we are doing it for our own sakes. He carried the real cross—ours is light when compared with his; furthermore, he will help us to bear our daily trial and struggles. How could any Christian become weary and fainthearted when he has Christ helping him on the road?

### Today's Catechism – Let's learn something about our Catholic Faith

**Religion:** *What is religion?*

- Re-uniting ourselves to God by: believing everything he has revealed to the human race.
- Loving Him unconditionally
- Glorifying Him by doing His will as Christ taught us by His words and example.  
(James 1:22 -Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves).

*Is religion really necessary?* Yes, for several reasons:

- God wants every human being to follow his plans for peace and happiness.
- Without religion and following God's plans, the fullness of life will be missed.
- Lack of vital relationship with God leads to injustice and unhappiness.

*What will happen to those who live irreligiously?*

They will seriously damage their union with God and people. They will lose their interior peace. They run a risk of eternal punishment, unless they repent. (2 Thessalonians. 1:7-8 – The Lord Jesus .... will come from heaven with the angels of His power....to inflict punishment on those who do not obey the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. ”

*What will the practice of religion give you in this life?*

God's friendship, divine adoption, a share in his life, a good conscience, peace of mind, and the promise of eternal life. These are the greatest treasures anyone would have. (Luke 11:28: Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it. Psalm 118: 165 – Those who love your law have a great peace, and for there is no stumbling block. ”

**Today's Reality:** It is sad that many people today pay little or no attention to God, while others are persuaded that God

is distant, indifferent, and absent. This is because modern life is man-centered and not God centered. There are also some good people who do not know about God. But ignorance has no excuse. We can learn much more about God even by reason. Our ancestors even before evangelization of formal religion knew something about supreme being and they worshipped and offered sacrifice.



From Fr. Vincent's Desk:

### Archbishop's Annual Appeal

I'm hoping that by now most of you have received letters from the Archbishop asking you to donate towards AAA for 2021-2022. If you have not, there are envelopes and commitment cards on the table at our church entrances. Please feel free to pick one. 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, is \$10,987 and participation goal is 48.7%.

### Youth and Family Mass

Youth and Family Mass is this Sunday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>, at Beemer church at 8:30 am. 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. Refreshments will follow in the basement hall after Mass. Everyone is welcome.

### Children's Offertory Collection

This Sunday, at Beemer's Youth and Family Mass, we will begin a special children's collection that will precede the general collection. Wisner began last Sunday. The presiding priest or I 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, ensure Children's collection total is recorded for bulletin reporting.

### Launching of Sunday and Holiday Online Giving

After some time researching what other rural parishes are doing, and in consultation with Finance Council and Parish Council, we have agreed to use "Tithe.ly" for our online giving platform. This has come in response to some families, especially the young ones, who have been asking if we have an online option in offertory giving. The second reason comes from the covid experience that we had in 2020 when the church was shut down and hence, we had less offertory coming in. Even after resuming in person Mass, some people are still not comfortable attending, which is understandable.

We are not asking for an increase in your Sunday giving, but we welcome that if you choose to. We are making online giving an option for those that would like it. Hopefully it will increase the participation in supporting our parish financially.

We are officially launching the online giving platform at St. Joseph this weekend October 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and at Holy Cross on October 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2021. However, you do not have to wait for the official launch date to sign up as it is currently available.

To sign up, visit your parish website and while at the home page, you will see a "Donate" button at the top left side. Click on it to create an account and set up how you would like to give to your parish. Encase you have any questions, call the parish office at 402-529-3891.

**Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer**

**Weekend of October 23rd & 24th**

**WORD:** Tom Peatrowsky, Doris Guenther  
**EMHC:** Dennis Mostek, Mary Mostek  
 Susan Niewohner, Marjorie Gentrup  
**PRAISE:** Betty Guenther, Rosie McNamara  
 Sat: Emily Oligmueller  
**SERVE:** Sun: Ben Oligmueller  
**USHER:** Michael Gentrup, 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 24th**

**LEC:** Gayle Lampman  
**EMHC:** Richard Schultz  
**EMHC 2:** Kathy Johnson  
**SERV:** Beau Ruskamp, Chesney Ruskamp  
**OFF:** Jeff Phillips  
**USHER:** October Men's Group

**MONEY COUNTERS**


**Sunday, Oct. 17th—Team #2** Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder  
**Sunday, Oct. 24th—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	
Holy Cross—October 10, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,745.00
Plate:	102.00
Total:	\$1,847.00

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—October 10, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,235.00
Plate:	197.50
Children's:	129.71
Heating/AC:	140.00
Rel. Ed.:	100.00



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

**Birthdays:**  
 Gus Harrison October 17  
 Sue Niewohner October 20

**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.

**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.



**Religious Education**

**ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6**

The 6th grade studied the story of Rebecca, Isaac, Esau and Jacob which helps us understand our relationship with God. We have covenants(promises)with God and the students had worksheets to complete on how they can keep these covenants and how they sometimes break these covenants. The afternoon ended with all classes gathering in church for the Rosary since October is the month of the Rosary.

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

**Grade 7-9:** We began with a prayer and questions and answers with Fr. Vincent. We learned more about why we believe in God and a little more about Fr. Vincent. Discussion of our movie "World Trade Center" came next as we talked about how people lost and risked their lives that day. We then did a guessing activity to see what we knew about each other. Remembering the parts of the Mass and why we do what we do came next. The night ended with prayer.

**Grade 10-12:** The students worked on their cord Rosaries and discussed how we can pray the Rosary anywhere, at any time, and it does not have to be prayed in its entirety and can be done in parts throughout the day. It only takes 2 minutes or so to do a decade(One Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's and One Glory Be). We talked about the acronym P.R.A.Y.(Praise, Rejoice, Ask, Yield) as another way to pray. Class finished up with discussing their service project that they will do on October 27th.

**Youth & Family Mass**

*Thank you to all our young people and their families for attending and making the day so successful and enjoyable!!*

*God's Blessings!*



MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	18	—	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue	19	—	WCC	Cancelled until further notice
Wed	20	8:00 AM	HC	Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of the Leo & Hildegard Hunke Family
Thu	21	8:00 AM	SJ	Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of the Ron & MaryAnn Wemhoff Family
Fri	22	9:30 AM	CHB	Dec'd Mbrs of Ray Steffensmeier Family
Sat	23	5:00 PM	HC	+ Alvin & Opal Wieck
Sun	24	8:30 AM	HC	+ Wayne Meier
Sun	24	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		

