

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**October 24, 2021**

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**Bulletin for 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday**



*And they came to Jericho; and as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great multitude, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" (Mk 10:46-52).*

We read in this **Sunday's Gospel** (Mark 10:46-52) that, while the Lord passes through the streets of Jericho, a blind man named Bartimaeus addresses him, crying out loudly: "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" This entreaty moves Christ's heart, who pauses, has him called and cures him.

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

**Lesson 2: The Bible and Tradition**

*What is the Bible?* It is a collection of writings, inspired by God, which reveals the message of salvation. (9Tim. 3:16-17 – *All scripture is inspired by God and useful for teaching, reproof, for correcting...*)

*What does "inspired by God" mean?* It means that God chose some men and moved them to write down faithfully all the things, and only those things which he wanted written down. (1Peter 1:21 – *For not by will of man was prophecy brought at any time, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.*)

*Who then is the real author of the Bible?* God is, since he moved these men to write down the things He ordered, although he allowed them to write in their own language and style. (Gal. 1:11-12 – *.... The Gospel which was preached by me is not mine. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it by a revelation of Jesus Christ.*)

*When were all these writings put together?* The church put all of them in one book between the years 350 and 405 AD.

*How is the Bible divided?* It is divided into two main parts: The Old Testament which was originally written in Hebrew and the New Testament which was originally written in Greek. How many books are in the Catholic Bible? The Old Testament has 46 books and the New Testament has 27 books and hence totaling to 73 books. Protestant Bible has 39 Old Testament books and 27 New Testament books.

*What is contained in the Old Testament?* It contains religious truths which God revealed or approved of before the coming of His son, Jesus Christ into the world.

*What is contained in the New Testament?* It contains further revelations and clarifications of religious truths through God's son and through his followers.

*Is it possible to misunderstand the Bible?* Yes, even the Bible itself says so. (2Peter 3:16 – *In this epistle, there are certain things difficult to understand which the unlearned and the unstable distort, just as they do the rest of the scriptures also, to their own destruction.*)

*What is Tradition?* The understanding of God's word as passed on to us by the Apostles in their preaching and by their successors in the church to the present day.

*Do you have to believe in the Tradition?* Yes, because Tradition hands on a full understanding of God's


word. Sacred Tradition together with Sacred Scripture from one sacred deposit of the word of God.

*Are we permitted to believe whatever we want?*  
No, we are obliged to accept all the truths contained in the Bible and Tradition, since this is how God speaks with us as His friends. (1Thes. 1:7-8 – *The Lord Jesus.... will come from heaven with angels of his power, in flaming fire to inflict punishment on those who do not know God, and who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.*)

*Today's Reality:* No contradiction between the Bible and science since both are concerned with unchangeable truths. Ignorance of Scripture is Ignorance of Christ (St. Jerome). Many people have Bibles and read them and then quit because reading the Bible without help can be discouraging. May be join or form a Bible study group.

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**From Fr. Vincent's Desk:**  
**Archbishop's Annual Appeal**

 I hope most of you have received the archbishop's letter asking for donations toward this year's annual appeal. Kindly make a pledge to this and let us all participate as a parish to reach our goal for this year. We have done well in the past and I look forward to an increase in terms of participation.

To get to the Annual Appeal giving form, you may also use this link: ([www.archomaha.org/appeal](http://www.archomaha.org/appeal)) Copy then paste it in your browser and open it. You will get a pledge form which you can fill out and submit.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

**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 officially launched the online giving platform at St. Joseph last weekend, October 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, and are launching it at Holy Cross this weekend, October 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>.

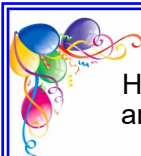
To sign up, visit your parish website and while at the home page, you will see a "Donate" button at the top left side. Click on it to create an account and set up how you would like to give to your parish. If you have any questions, call the parish office at 402-529-3891.



Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer  
Weekend of October 31st  
**WORD:** Renae Carlson  
**EMHC:** Branda Anderson, Jeanie McTaggart  
**PRAISE:** Duane Neesen, Jeanie McTaggart  
**SERVE:** Kris Pena  
**USHER:** Melvin Niewohner

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

Stewardship of God's Gifts Holy Cross—October 17, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,000.00
Plate:	64.00
Youth:	21.00
Total:	\$1,085.00



### Celebrations:

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

**Birthdays:**  
Casey Green October 30  
Ken Schlickbernd October 30

### ALL SAINTS DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, November 1st

8:00 am at Holy Cross — Beemer  
5:30 pm at St. Joseph — Wisner

**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.

Find HOPE and healing. ARE YOU PREGNANT AND NEED HELP: Call/text 888.550.1588 or visit [loveline.com](http://loveline.com)  
HAVE YOU TAKEN THE FIRST DOSE OF THE ABORTION PILL? It may not Be too late to save your baby. Call 877.558.0999 or visit [abortionpillreversal.com](http://abortionpillreversal.com)  
FREE, CONFIDENTIAL COUNSELING FOR WOMEN AND MEN EXPERIENCING GRIEF AFTER ABORTION  
Call 888.456.HOPE (4673) or Visit [hopeafterabortion.com](http://hopeafterabortion.com)

CARING CATHOLIC FAMILIES, an LGBTQ family support group, will host a Memorial Mass on Sunday, November 7th, at 1:00 pm at St. John's on the Creighton Campus. All family and friends of deceased LGBTQ family members are welcome. For any questions, please call Tom Everson at 402-301-4021.



MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	25	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	26	9:30 AM	WCC	Wisner Care Center Residents
Wed	27	8:00 AM	HC	+ Eugene & Elsie Emanuel
Thu	28	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Herb Albers
Fri	29	9:30 AM	CHB	+ Charles F. Hetherington
Sat	30	5:00 PM	SJ	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sun	31	8:30 AM	HC	+ Eugene Mestl
Sun	31	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Eleanor Hemenway
SJ—St. Joseph's		HC—Holy Cross		
WCC—Wisner Care Center		CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer		

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner  
Weekend of October 30th & 31st  
**LEC:** Joyce Stalp  
**EMHC:** Allison Kluthe  
**SERV:** Chesney Ruskamp, Haley Kneifl  
**OFF:** Richard Schultz  
**USHER:** October Men's Group

**LEC:** Bonnie Styskal  
**EMHC:** Alan Harms  
**EMHC 2:** Martha Schweers  
**SERV:** Emma Schroetlin, Sydney Porter  
**OFF:** Rick Jacobs Family  
**USHER:** October Men's Group

**MONEY COUNTERS**  
**Sunday, Oct. 24th—Team #3** Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer  
**Sunday, Oct. 31st—Team #1** Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore


**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

**MEN'S WORK GROUP—November 2021**  
**Chair:** Jordan Feller  
**Co-Chair:** Tim Montgomery  
**Members:** Rick Jacobs, Chet Beckmann, Randy Jensen, Dave McGuire, Tom Feller, Ryan Schulz

Stewardship of God's Gifts St. Joseph—October 17, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,590.00
Plate:	187.00
Children's:	32.00
Heating/AC:	100.00

**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 4th grade class finished working on their Saint projects that they will present this week. All grades recited assigned prayers to our prayer personnel.

**ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS (GRADES 7 -12)**  
**Grade 7-9:** Watched a video on "How to Really Pray the Rosary" with proper meditation and form. They also discussed the meaning of each line of the Hail Mary.  
**Grade 10-12:** Fr. Vincent did a question and answer session with the students about his daily routine as a priest. Students finalized details for their community service project this week.

The evening ended with all grades gathering in church and we prayed 2 decades of the Rosary using the Luminous Mysteries.

