

## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 3, 2021

### Saint Joseph's Parish

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### The 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce, and to put her away." But Jesus said to them, "For your hardness of heart he wrote you this command-

ment. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So, they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder" (Mk 10:2-9).

The **First Reading** is taken from the Book of Genesis, 2:18-24, "So the Lord God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The Lord God then built up into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man. When he brought her to the man, the man said: 'This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called *woman* for out of *her man* this one has been taken.'" This reading has been chosen to show the origin of the Church's teaching on the indissolubility of marriage.

The **Gospel** is from St. Mark, 10:2-16. On the "divorce" section of this Gospel see today's first reading. Christ clearly states that from the very beginning, God's plan for marriage was that it should be a life-long unity of one man and one woman. Its purpose is the procreation of children and their education, as well as the mutual love and fulfillment of the husband and wife. These demand this life-long bond. Divorce, which tries to break this bond, breaks the law of the Creator who decreed what was best for the temporal and spiritual welfare of the human race.

The last four verses of today's Gospel describe an incident which is in no way connected with the previous discussion but which has a very useful lesson for all Christians. It describes Christ's love for children and while manifesting this love he stresses the need for all his true followers to be childlike. "I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." To receive the kingdom of God is to accept the teaching of Christ and live according to it in his kingdom on earth. He who does this will enter, after death, into the eternal kingdom of heaven. Christ says, however, that we must accept "like a child": his kingdom on earth, his teaching and the Church he founded to carry on that teaching. It does not mean: in a childish way, an unthinking, uneducated way, but in a child-like way—a humble, grateful, receptive way. A child is unselfconscious, content to be dependent on others' care and generosity. Christianity is a gift of the generous God to us; we have done nothing and never could do anything to merit it. We must accept it simply and gratefully as a gift; we could never deserve it.

While Christianity is a religion of reason and conforms in all its aspects to the rational nature of man—its basis is the revelation of God who is the author and foundation of all rationality—yet it is the heart of man rather than his intellect which Christ means to capture. The assent of the intellect to the doctrine revealed by Christ is not sufficient of itself for a Christian to earn the eternal kingdom; faith is the total acceptance and commitment of the believer to God through Jesus Christ. The man of true faith

commits himself to God with a filial childlike trust, assured that if he does all that he can God will do the rest.

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



### From Fr. Vincent's' Desk:

#### Archdiocese Annual Pastoral Conference

There is an Archdiocese virtual conference this Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, from 12 pm to 4 pm.

You are welcome to come and join us at St. Joseph, Wisner, in the basement hall where we will gather and watch together. If you can't make it, you may follow it using the link below. Copy the below link and paste in your browser (Use on email bulletin).

<https://archomaha.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=335332b58bd4d41fdb327a17&id=0255dcdab3&e=e03d96ad44>

#### Updates on 2021-2022 - Archbishop's Annual Appeal

There was a delay in mailing the appeal letters from the archbishop's office. Hopefully it will reach you this week or the coming one. Through our participation in the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, we are invited to take the Holy Spirit up on the gifts that are being offered to us. Thank you for your generosity.

#### Youth and Family Mass

Our Youth and Family Masses for this fall will be the next weekend and the following. 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 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am – Refreshments to follow after Mass in the basement hall. All are welcome.

Holy Cross, Beemer – Sunday October 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer**  
**Weekend of October 9th & 10th**

**WORD:** Shelly Wellman, Marilyn Ortmeier  
**EMHC:** Marjorie Gentrup, Susan Niewohner  
 Ann Bausch, Gerald Schlickbernd  
**PRAISE:** Marge Gentrup, JoAnn Steffensmeier  
**SERVE:** Sat: Will Robertson  
 Sun: Bo Oligmueller  
**USHER:** Melvin Niewohner, Brad Schulz

**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 10th**  
**Parish Youth and Family Mass**

**LEC:** Rel Ed Students  
**EMHC:** Martha Schweers  
**EMHC 2:** Anne Ausdemore  
**SERV:** Rel Ed Students  
**USHER:** Rel Ed Students  
**OFF:** Rel Ed Students

**MONEY COUNTERS**  
**Sunday, Oct. 3rd—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer**  
**Sunday, Oct. 10th—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

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—September 26, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,515.00
Plate:	169.00
Insurance:	20.00
GA/CC:	200.00
Total:	\$1,904.00

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—September 26, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$880.00
Plate:	230.00
Heating/AC:	100.00

**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.

Holy Cross Parish Council Members 2021-2022	
Mike Guenther—Pres.	Trisha Robertson—V.P.
Mike Gentrup	Tracy Oligmueller—Sec.
Robert Praest	Michelle Borgmann
For contact information, please see the parish directory	

## Coffee on the Green

TODAY... October 3, 2021  
after Mass

The Ladies Guild will be serving coffee, juice and cookies.  
 Stay a little while and enjoy some fellowship!



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

**Birthdays:**  
 Ben Borgmann October 4  
 Rosie McNamara October 5  
 Kristopher Pena October 5  
 Fred Gentrup October 7  
 Tracy Oligmueller October 7  
 Krista Green October 7

**Anniversaries:**  
 Scott and Ann Ortmeier October 8

**Meals on Wheels** Thank you to these volunteers who delivered Meals-on-Wheels on behalf of St. Joseph parish in September: Jeanette Marx, Tammie Batenhorst, Barb Deitloff, Kris Brahmer, and Anne Ausdemore.

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	04	—	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue	05	—	WCC	Cancelled 'til further notice
Wed	06	8:00 AM	HC	+ Ralph & Fern Creek
Thu	07	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Jayda Oligmueller
Fri	08	9:30 AM	CHB	+ Duane Humlicek
Sat	09	5:00 PM	HC	+ Francis & Vera Hetherington
Sun	10	8:30 AM	HC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sun	10	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Norbert Ruskamp
SJ—St. Joseph's		HC—Holy Cross		
WCC—Wisner Care Center		CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer		

**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 first grade is learning about Jesus, the Good Shepherd, and how much he loves us. They are talking about prayer and how it is both listening and talking to God. They also started making prayer chains. The 4th graders are learning about the saints and the path to sainthood. Each 4th grader is to choose and study a Saint and develop a presentation. The afternoon ended with all classes gathering in church to practice the song they will be presenting at the Youth & Family Mass on October 10th.

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

**Grade 7-9:** Since it was the Feast Day of the Archangels (Michael, Raphael, and Gabriel) we discussed that Gabriel means "Power of God" and was a messenger. Michael means "Who is God like and a warrior angel. Raphael means "God has healed" and he is a companion and healing angel. The angels do not have wings and are invisible unless God makes them visible to the person that they are helping at the time. Angels have free will. We then started watching "The World Trade Center" and the disaster of the twin towers on September 11, 2001. It shows the importance of family, faith and how the officers proved their dedication to help protect and serve others.

**Grade 10-12:** The students played an ice breaker game to start the evening. They discussed how to pray using ARRR (Acknowledge, Reflect, Respond and Receive). They started working on making cord rosaries and ended by doing the ARRR prayer and the Litany of Trust.