

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 23, 2022

Saint Joseph's Parish

PO Box 623
1318 Ave G West
Wisner, NE 68791
Parish Office: 529-3891
www.stjosephwisner.org
Reconciliation: Saturdays before Mass
4:15-4:40 pm or by appointment

Administrator: Rev. Vincent Sunguti

402-529-3531

Email: vsunguti2018@gmail.com

Holy Cross Parish

PO Box 212
517 N Fraiser
Beemer, NE 68716
Phone: 528-3475
www.holycrossbeemer.org
Reconciliation: Sundays
8:00-8:20 am or by appt.

Bulletin and Office Email: stj68791@gmail.com

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Week



The Gospel is from St. Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21. In the first four verses of St. Luke's Gospel which have been read to you today, you will find reason to be grateful to him. He went to a lot of trouble in order to put in a permanent form, in a written record, the essential facts concerning Christ, his words and his works, so that we "would understand (like Theophilus)

the certainty of the faith in which we have been instructed."

But while we must be grateful to St. Luke, we owe a bigger debt of gratitude still to the all-good, all-wise God who moved Luke and the other Evangelists to preserve for us in writing the essential truths of the Christian faith that has been handed down to us. The Apostles were companions of Christ. They witnessed his works and his words; they remembered most of his doings and his sayings, and what they might have forgotten the Holy Spirit recalled to their memory on that first Pentecost day in Jerusalem. The first two generations of Christians received the facts of the faith from these eye-witnesses and the miracles so frequent in the infant Church were confirmation of the truth of their teaching.

How can we ever thank God sufficiently for his thoughtfulness in our regard? We Christians of today can be as certain, as assured, of the truth of the faith that we are trying to practice as was St. Luke who was converted by St. Paul. We have a living, teaching Magisterium in the Church, which authentically preserves and interprets for us the true facts of Christ's teaching and works as written down for us by a first-generation Christian under the impulse and guidance of God's Holy Spirit. If we needed further proof of the priceless value of our New Testament Books, the virulent attacks on their authenticity, on their objectivity, and on their veracity, by enemies of the faith down to and including our own day, should be sufficient. But they have stood the test of time and the onslaughts of biased, prejudiced criticism, for they are the word of truth, which is eternal, and comes from God.

We have a priceless gift of God in the inspired Books of the Bible. Let us show true appreciation for that gift by using it to build up a better knowledge of the Christian faith which it teaches us. There should be a Bible, or at least the New Testament, in every Christian home. It should not be an ornament on a shelf, but a fountain and source from which we can draw strength and refreshment in the daily practice of our Christian faith. Almost two thousand years ago, God's infinite goodness provided this source of strength, the "fountain of living water," for us Christians of this century. Are we grateful for his thoughtfulness? Are we nourishing our faith at this blessed fountain of his infinite wisdom and love?

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

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

Lesson 11: Hell

What is hell? The place and state in the next life where the souls of the damned suffer forever with the devils. (John 15:6 – If anyone does not abide with me, he shall be cast outside....and they shall gather them up and cast them into the fire and they shall burn.”

How do you know that there is hell? Christ revealed the awful nature of hell. (Mt. 25:41-46) – “Depart from me you accursed ones into the everlasting fire which was prepared by the devil and his angels. And these will go into everlasting punishment, but the just into everlasting life.”

Who will go to hell? Those who die in mortal sin. Those who choose to live apart from God.

Does anyone get out of hell? Those who go there remain forever. For they have chosen to remain apart from God forever.

What are the pains of hell? Since God is the source of life, the pains of hell entails darkness, sadness, remorse, and associates who hate all goodness.

Is there real fire in hell? Yes, Jesus often spoke of unquenchable fire of hell.


How does hell fire differ from earthly one? It causes pain to the soul and body but without consuming them. What is the pain of companionship of the devils? The misery of eternal association with the devils and with evil persons that lived on the earth. Hell is a place in which there is no love.

Today's reality: Pray every day that you will not die with mortal sin on your soul. Say the act of contrition every night before saying your night prayers. Many people presume that they will definitely go to heaven. Presumption is sin against Christian hope which distorts God's true mercy. Strive doing things in the right way and leave the decision to go to heaven to God. We only hope.



From Fr. Vincent's Desk:

Updates on Archbishop's Annual Appeal: 21-22

 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. As of Tuesday Jan. 18th, 2022, our parish of Wisner had currently committed \$7,175 from 27 donors towards our goal of \$7,945.42. Holy Cross Beemer had committed \$8,609 from 23 donors and towards our goal of \$10,986.53. Thank you for those who have donated. I'm making a kind appeal to you if you did receive a letter from the archbishop, consider sending in your donation. If we all do it, this remaining balance will be cleared. According to this week's report, most of the parishes have already achieved their goal. Let us be counted among them.



Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer

Weekend of January 30th

WORD: Marilyn Ortmeier
EMHC: Dawn Peatrowsky
PRAISE:
SERVER: Kris Pena
USHER:

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner

Weekend of January 29th & 30th

LEC: Bonnie Styskal
EMHC: Allison Kluthe
SERVER: Jose Ramirez Lugo, Austin Kluthe
OFF: Del Styskal
USHER: January Men's Group

LEC: Dave McGuire
EMHC: Janet Ludwig
EMHC2: Martha Schweers
SERVER: Dayton Gentrup, Joel Good
OFF: Dave McGuire
USHER: January Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—January 16, 2022	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$620.00
Plate:	40.00
Children:	6.00
Christmas:	2,000.00
Total:	\$2,666.00

MONEY COUNTERS


Sunday, Jan. 23rd—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore
Sunday, Jan. 30th—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder

MEN'S WORK GROUP—January 2022

Chair: Chris Liermann
Co-Chair: Ken Duncan
Members: Marvin Seier, Greg Schlautman, Tony Lampman, AJ Kluthe, Rich Bodwell, Russ Loberg, Gavin Lampman, Alex Kluthe

HOLY CROSS 2022 DONATION ENVELOPES will be delayed into January. The company we get them from is having paper and staff shortages as well as delivery problems. Please put your donations in a regular envelope with your name or number on it along with the amount enclosed. Sorry for the inconvenience, but it is beyond our control.

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—January 16, 2022	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,005.00
Plate:	318.00
Chlidren:	11.00
Christmas Envelopes:	30.00
Heating/AC:	190.00



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

Birthdays:
 Tanya Oligmueller January 23
 Diana Dinslage January 27
 Bernie Oligmueller January 28
 Asher Borgmann January 28

Anniversaries:
 David and Susan Steffensmeier January 24

Find HOPE and healing. ARE YOU PREGNANT AND NEED HELP: Call/text 888.550.1588 or visit 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
 FREE, CONFIDENTIAL COUNSELING FOR WOMEN AND MEN EXPERIENCING GRIEF AFTER ABORTION Call 888.456.HOPE (4673) or Visit hopeafterabortion.com

MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES: St. Joseph and Holy Cross.

There are envelopes available in the back of church. If you would like to have a Mass said for a loved one, complete the envelope and place in the collection basket or contact Sarah at the parish office 402-529-3891, or email the info to stjo68791@gmail.com. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per Mass.





TRIVIA NIGHT

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
 Saturday, February 26th
 Social Hour & Registration 6-7pm
 Followed by Trivia 7-10pm

Gather friends and family for a fun evening. Pick a theme (Hawaiian, Italian, campfire, etc) for your table then dress & decorate accordingly. \$200 reserves your table, then your group provides food and drink to fit the theme. Register by February 7th. Flyers are posted in the back of church with more details or call Paige Godbersen @ 402-604-0406. All proceeds go to St. Joseph Church.



MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	24	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	25	9:30 AM	WCC	NO MASS
Wed	26	8:00 AM	HC	NO MASS
Thu	27	8:00 AM	SJ	NO MASS
Fri	28	9:30 AM	CHB	NO MASS
Sat	29	5:00 PM	SJ	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sun	30	8:30 AM	HC	Lvng & Dec'd Family of Richard and Nyla Batenhorst
Sun	30	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Jayda Oligmueller

SJ—St. Joseph's HC—Holy Cross
 WCC—Wisner Care Center CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer

Religious Education

ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6

Grades K-6: The 5th grade had another session of mass server training with Fr. Vincent. The 2nd grade had a lesson regarding King David. The children will recite prayers on February 2nd so each child was sent home a list of prayers that they need to learn and be able to recite.

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

High School: We discussed the March of Life that is Norfolk and collected the field trip forms from the students that will be going.

Grades 7-12: Class started with opening prayer. We discussed the 3 types of grace: actual, sanctifying and sacramental. The kids then had to take turns on giving examples of how grace is shown in each sacrament and also in our everyday lives when we participate in a meal, watching a moving, driving, sports. We closed class with a quiet meditation that was read to the students about meeting Jesus and answering questions(in their heads)that Jesus asked them

Grades 10-12: The class finished watching the movie "Unplanned" which is a true story about Abbey Johnson and her role as a director of a Planned Parenthood Clinic and her transition to anti-abortion activism.