

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 13, 2022**

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The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Gospel: Luke 6:17,20-26
Jesus teaches the crowd the way to happiness. Background on the Gospel Reading:

Last Sunday we heard Jesus' call Peter to be his disciple. Jesus then travels with Peter and the other disciples. Luke reports acts of healing (a person with leprosy and a paralytic man) and the call of Levi, the tax collector. Jesus also replies

to questions from the Pharisees regarding fasting and the observance of the Sabbath. In the verses immediately before today's gospel reading, Jesus is reported to have chosen 12 men from among his disciples to be apostles. *Apostle* is a Greek word that means "one who is sent." Today's gospel reading is the beginning of what is often called the Sermon on the Plain. We find a parallel to this passage in Matthew 5:1-7,11 that is often called the Sermon on the Mount. As these titles suggest, there are differences and similarities between these gospel readings.

When spoken from the mountaintop in Matthew's Gospel, we can't miss the impression that Jesus is speaking with the authority and voice of God. The mountaintop is a symbol of closeness to God. Those who ascend the mountain see God and speak for God; recall the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments. As Luke introduces the location of Jesus' teaching, Jesus teaches on level ground, alongside the disciples and the crowd. Luke presents Jesus' authority in a different light. He is God among us.

Another distinction found in Luke's version is the audience. Luke's Sermon on the Plain is addressed to Jesus' disciples, although in the presence of the crowd; Matthew's Sermon on the Mount is addressed to the crowd. In keeping with this style, the Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel sound more personal than those in Matthew's Gospel—Luke uses the article "you" whereas Matthew uses "they" or "those." There is also a difference in number: Matthew describes eight beatitudes; Luke presents just four, each of which has a parallel warning.

The form of the Beatitudes found in Luke's and Matthew's Gospel is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, such as in the Psalms and in Wisdom literature. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God. The word *blessed* in this context might be translated as "happy," "fortunate," or "favored."

As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of "woes," those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation . . . these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness.

The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God.



From Fr. Vincent's Desk:

A reminder for everyone to take a few minutes to complete the synodality questionnaire. Individuals thirteen and older are asked to respond to a series of questions online from February 5th—28th at <https://archomaha.org/synod/>. You can also access the website by using the QR code shown here. Those without internet access can ask for a printed copy of the questions from your parish. The questions should take you 5-10 minutes to complete. Feel free to share this link with family and friends living in the archdiocese, including those who may not be members of the Catholic Church.



COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRE



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Online Giving with Tithe.ly

Both St. Joseph and Holy Cross parishes have an online giving option. The process is very simple. You may make a one time gift or sign up for something reoccurring and never have to remember your envelope again.

To sign up, visit your parish website and while at the home page, you will see a "Donate" button at the top right 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.

Welcome to St. Joseph's and Holy Cross Parishes

We welcome all our guests and new members to our parishes. There are many opportunities for experiencing the peace and joy of our loving God in liturgy, groups, committees and volunteer service to the church. If you would like to join our parish family, contact the parish office or send an email to:

For St. Joseph—stjo68791@gmail.com

For Holy Cross—renaecarlson@hotmail.com

More Like Jesus

Let us be more like Jesus
In everything we do;
Let's live a life of service,
A life that's fresh and new.

Let's relinquish worldly things,
And not be slaves to fashion;
Let's fill our hearts with love,
Forgiveness and compassion.

Yes, let's be more like Jesus,
Being always in God's will,
For if Jesus' light shines through us,
Our earthly purpose we'll fulfill.

By Joanna Fuchs

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of February 20th

WORD:
EMHC: Jeanie McTaggart
PRAISE:
SERVER:
USHER:


Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of February 19th & 20th

LEC: Alan Harms
EMHC: Madonna Servi
SERVER: Aidan McBride, Austin Kluthe
OFF: Duane Mendlik
USHER: February Men's Group

LEC: Dave McGuire
EMHC: Dave Deitloff
EMHC2: Janet Ludwig
SERVER: Emma Schroetlin, Joel Good
OFF: Del Styskal
USHER: February Men's Group

| Stewardship of God's Gifts | |
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| Holy Cross—February 6, 2022 | |
| Sunday Envelopes: | \$710.00 |
| Plate: | 34.00 |
| Children: | 2.00 |
| Total: | \$746.00 |

"SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY will be taken today. Please put your donation in the soup pot as you leave church. It will be given to area soup kitchens for the needy.



Celebrations:

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

Birthdays:

Winfred Batenhorst February 13
 William Robertson February 14
 Tim Oligmueller February 16
 Sam Steffensmeier February 18

MONEY COUNTERS

Sunday, Feb. 13th—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore
Sunday, Feb. 20th—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder

MEN'S WORK GROUP—February 2022

Chair: Dixon Godbersen
Co-Chair: Gerald Gentrup
Members: Drew Feller, Gary Godbersen, Duane Mendlik, Blaine Johnson, Nick Schultz, Scott Mendlik, Dave Ebel

| Stewardship of God's Gifts | |
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| St. Joseph—February 6, 2022 | |
| Sunday Envelopes: | \$2,975.00 |
| Plate: | 221.00 |
| Heating: | 100.00 |

Religious Education

ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6

Grades K-6: The 2nd grade started the Blessed First Communion Program to prepare for First Communion. The 5th grade watched a video on St. Valentine and did worksheets that went with it.

The 1st grade got to look at pictures of Fr. Vincent having Mass on the beach of the Indian Ocean during his mission trip to Africa. This goes along with what they have been talking about that we can pray anywhere and at any time.

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

Grades 7-9: We began our lesson with discovering what makes us happy. We have found that fame and money don't always lead to happiness and the "need" for it sometimes leads to disaster.

Grades 10-12: Did worksheets and reflections using ARRR and Wrap with the Gospel of Mark 6:30-34. Also watched the speech given by Fr. Mike Schmitz at the 2022 March of Life in Washington.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

TODAY... Sunday, February 13th after Mass. Please join them for good food and fellowship.



MANY THANKS to these ladies delivering Meals-on-Wheels in January on behalf of our parish: Helen Feller, Tammie Batenhorst, Anne Ausdemore, Kari Moeller, and Kris Brahmer.

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 stj068791@gmail.com. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per Mass.



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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


It's not too late to get a table and join the fun. If you would like to participate, but cannot fill a table of 8, please reach out to Paige Godbersen at 402-604-0406. All proceeds go to St. Joseph Church.



TRIVIA NIGHT

| MASS INTENTIONS | | | | |
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| Mon | 14 | — | — | NO MASS |
| Tue | 15 | 9:30 AM | WCC | NO MASS |
| Wed | 16 | 8:00 AM | HC | NO MASS |
| Thu | 17 | 8:00 AM | SJ | NO MASS |
| Fri | 18 | 9:30 AM | CHB | NO MASS |
| Sat | 19 | 5:00 PM | SJ | + Bill Murphy |
| Sun | 20 | 8:30 AM | HC | + Eugen Mestl |
| Sun | 20 | 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



Prayer Chain info.....

St. Joseph prayer group is open to all men and women of the parish. The prayer request notifications come to you via text or phone call, and you are not asked to pass on the requests (like past prayer chains have required). You simply include the request in your regular prayers and there is no meeting involved.

If you or a loved one need extra prayers, please let us know. The information you give can be as general or specific as you'd like. All members of the prayer group are asked to keep the intentions confidential. To be added to the prayer group or to ask for special prayer requests, please notify Father Vincent or call or text Anne at 402-750-9616.