

Second Sunday of Lent March 13, 2022

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The 2nd Sunday of Lent – March 13th, 2022



The **First Reading** is taken from the book of Genesis 15:5-12; 17-18. God made a Covenant or pact with Abram in which he promised to make Abram the father of a great race to which he would give the land of Canaan as their territory. The faith of Abram is praised because he believed God's promise, i.e., that he would have descendants even though his wife Sarah was barren.

The **Gospel** is from St. Luke 9:28-36. It was out of the abundance of his divine love that God gave a glimpse of the future glory of Christ in his risen humanity to the three disciples on that memorable occasion. And with Christ he showed two others of his faithful servants also in glory. He understood the human weakness of the disciples and foresaw the shock to their faith which the sad scenes of the passion and crucifixion of their beloved Master would be some weeks later. So, to strengthen and forearm them for that sad trial, he gave them a glimpse of the future glory, which was to be theirs, too, if they persevered.

Like the Apostles, we, too, believe firmly in God. We, too, are convinced that Christ was sent by God to bring us to heaven. We now have much more convincing proof that Christ was not only the Messiah, an envoy of God, but the very Son of God—something the Apostles did not then understand. But we are still very like them in our human weakness, and in our half-hearted acceptance of God's purpose for and promises to us.

The Apostles had to face the awful test to their faith and trust in God, which the passion and crucifixion of Christ was for them. We now accept with gratitude and realize that Christ "had to suffer and thus enter into his glory." We even understand that the very purpose of Christ's passion was that, in spite of our mortality and weakness, we also might enter into eternal glory through his suffering, on condition that we remain true to our faith.

In our moments of cool, calm reasoning we can see clearly how good God has been to us, how wonderful his love which has arranged for us an eternity of happiness, the perfect fulfillment of every rational human desire. We can also see how little God asks of us during our few short years here, in return for the everlasting happy home he has prepared for us.

But unfortunately, we have many moments in life in which cool, calm reasoning does not prevail. We have moments when our vices and not our virtues take charge, moments when we are prepared to sell our eternal heritage in exchange for a mess of earthly pottage. Some of us may already have bartered our heavenly home for some temporal gain or pleasure—but while there is life there is hope. We can still put things right with God.

"Lord, it is good for us to be here"; it is wonderful to be adopted sons of God on the road back to our Father. It is wonderful to be assured that in death this body of ours with its pains and aches, its attraction to earthly things and worse still its propensity to sin, will give place to a glorified body.

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



From Fr. Vincent's Desk:

Lent Season Reflection 2022

On Wednesday, March 2nd, we attended Ash Wednesday Mass to mark the coming 40 days of Lent. The number 40 is simply a symbolic number that appears so many times in the Bible. It is not specifically referring to a numeric number as such, but it refers to a preparation period of time that may be more or less than 40. The preparation is followed by a major event in our spiritual journey.

Take this time to do something for your own personal mortification (spiritual discipline). Think of areas in your life where you lack discipline. Maybe our eating and drinking habits, our language or words, spiritual life, physical exercise, in relationships with each other and so on. Do something new this Lenten season to be in control of your life's journey. To help you, the church asks us to consider 3 areas: Prayer life (spiritual exercise), Fasting (eating habits) and alms giving (relationship with others or being charitable). In your prayers this lent, remember to pray for peace in the world especially in Ukraine.

Kenya Mission Trip Presentation

I have had several people asking about our Mission Trip to Kenya. We have put together some pictures and video clips in a PowerPoint along with a few notes of the places we visited, the people we met and the things we did. If you are interested and would like to listen and watch, Holy Cross will host a potluck on Saturday, March 26th after Mass in the basement hall. St. Joseph's date is yet to be determined.



TITHE.LY

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.

LIVE LENT TOGETHER!

Join us for scripture, prayer and fellowship this Lent.

Small groups are starting in both parishes.

Holy Cross

Tuesday, **March 15** at Sue Steffensmeier's home at 2:00 P.M., and Wednesday,

March 16 at Holy Cross rectory at 5:30 P.M. Let Marilyn (402-380-0676)

know which you will be attending to have materials ready.

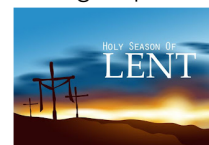
St. Joseph's

Tuesday, **March 15** at noon in the basement of St. Joseph Church, and Wednesday,

March 16 at 7:00 P.M. at Anne Ausdemore's home.

Contact Anne (402-750-9616) or Ruth (402-640-3446) to attend either group.


All are welcome!



Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of March 20th
WORD: Rita Eichelberger
EMHC: Gerald Schlickbernd
PRAISE:
SERVER: Will Robertson
USHER:

| Stewardship of God's Gifts Holy Cross—March 6, 2022 | |
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| Sunday Envelopes: | \$940.00 |
| Plate: | 39.00 |
| Children: | 21.00 |
| Total: | \$1,000.00 |

HOLY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, March 15th at 5PM.
PANCKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST & BAKE SALE for the Beemer Senior Citizen Center. Held at the Beemer Café on Sunday, March 13th, from 9:00 A.M. -1:30 P.M. Free will offering.



Celebrations:

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

Birthdays:
Gerald Wellman March 21
Brad Schulz March 23
Dawn Peatrowsky March 26


BEEMER COMMUNITY CLUB FISH FRY...
Friday, March 18th - 5-7 pm
Legion Hall
Dine in or Carry out
-No advanced tickets—First come first serve-
Flyers in the back of both parishes with more details

ADORATION & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

At HOLY CROSS

6:30 pm—Adoration & 7:00 pm—Stations of the Cross
Fridays, Mar. 4th—April 8th

HOWELLS COMMUNITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL FUN FEST... Sunday, March 20th, at the Howells Ballroom. A grilled pork loin dinner served 10:30am-1:00pm. There is a flyer posted in the back of church with more details.



PLEASE NOTE

ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

There will be an early deadline the week of March 14th. Please have all announcements emailed to the parish office **by 11:00 am on Wednesday, March 16th for the bulletin weekend of March 19th & 20th.**

| MASS INTENTIONS | | | | |
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| Mon | 14 | — | — | NO MASS |
| Tue | 15 | 9:30 AM | WCC | Care Center Residents |
| Wed | 16 | 8:00 AM | HC | + Wenzel Franzluebbers |
| Thu | 17 | 8:00 AM | SJ | + Jack Dixon |
| Fri | 18 | 9:30 AM | CHB | + James Hetherington |
| Fri | 18 | 6:30 PM | HC | Adoration & Stations |
| Sat | 19 | 5:00 PM | SJ | Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish |
| Sun | 20 | 8:30 AM | HC | + Eugene Mestl |
| Sun | 20 | 10:00 AM | SJ | + George & Marcella Koester |
| SJ—St. Joseph's HC—Holy Cross WCC—Wisner Care Center CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer | | | | |

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of March 19th & 20th
LEC: Gayle Lampman
EMHC: John Woerdemann
SERVER: Autumn Chohon, Jordyn Gentrup
OFF: Dave Oligmueller
USHER: March Men's Group

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| LEC: | Steve McGuire |
| EMHC: | Capri McGuire |
| EMHC2: | Alan Harms |
| SERVER: | Averi Buhrman, Erica Good |
| OFF: | Ron Machacek |
| USHER: | March Men's Group |

MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, Mar. 13th—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder
Sunday, Mar. 20th—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer

MEN'S WORK GROUP—March 2022
Chair: Bernie Ruskamp
Co-Chair: Steve Obermeyer
Members: Adam Brahmer, Jeff Recker, Dan Kane, Terry Soden, Ron Machacek, Shawn Davie, Tyler McBride

| Stewardship of God's Gifts St. Joseph—March 6, 2022 | |
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| Sunday Envelopes: | \$2,095.00 |
| Plate: | 105.00 |
| Children: | 10.00 |
| Cemetery: | 100.00 |




COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass next Sunday, March 20th, in the church basement. Hosted by St. Joseph Parish Council. All are welcome.

LADIES GUILD...The next Ladies Guild meeting will be Tuesday, March 22 at 5:30 in the St. Joseph church basement. All ladies of the parish are welcomed to attend.

MEN'S LENTEN BREAKFAST: Men's breakfast is on Thursday's during Lent at 6:45 am at UMCC fellowship hall. Free will donations are welcome to support Wisner Faith Ministerial account that supports the needy who come to our church doors for some help.

St. Joseph will sponsor this week's breakfast on March 17th.



Religious Education

ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6
Grades K-6: The third grade discussed the story of Zacchaeus the tax collector and how he climbed the tree to see Jesus. They also discussed how they were coming along on what they were doing to improve themselves during lent. The day ended with all students celebrating Mass with Fr. Vincent. The 5th grade were the servers and lectors for the Mass. Rice Bowls and letters were given to every student this week. Some brought them home, and some kept them in their classrooms. Help them to contribute what you are able and return the bowls during Holy Week. These monies will go to Catholic Relief Services.
This week the students will have class and do Stations of the Cross as a group.

ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS (GRADES 7 -12)
Grades 7-12: Bible Stories "Charades" was first after prayer. We then began our Lesson 4 with our video and discussions on having faith and trusting God, especially by reading and knowing His Word.
Grades 10-12: The class is using the Restore program to discuss Lent. The students watched 2 videos from Sr. Miriam James Heidland discussing Ash Wednesday and also the first week of Lent on healing our relationship with God through prayer.