

**Third Sunday of Lent
March 20, 2022**

Saint Joseph's Parish

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The 3rd Sunday of Lent – March 20th 2022



"Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig around it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down." (Lk. 13:9) " - In the Christian life, faith has consequences, that to 'serve God' we must renounce evil, that to be free for God we must break the hold that the world has on us. Faith demands a recon-

struction of the inner life, a reforming that can be brought about only by overcoming.

The Church begins the second phase of Lent—an extended meditation on Baptism—with one of the key gospel passages that were taught to the catechumens of the early Church as they prepared to receive the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil: Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist.

The **First Reading** is taken from the book of Exodus, 3:1-8, 13-15. The story of the salvation of God's people continues during this Lenten season. Today we hear of Moses' encounter with God at the burning bush.

The **Gospel** is from St. Luke, 13:1-9. Our Lord stresses that we need to produce plenty of fruit (cf. Lk 8:11-15) in keeping with the graces we have received (cf. Lk 12:48). But he also tells us that God waits patiently for this fruit to appear; he does not want the death of the sinner; he wants him to be converted and to live (Eze 33:11) and, as St Peter teaches, he is "forbearing towards you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance" (2 Pet 3:9). But God's clemency should not lead us to neglect our duties and become lazy and comfort-seeking, living sterile lives. He is merciful, but he is also just and he will punish failure to respond to his grace.

"There is one case that we should be especially sorry about — that of Christians who could do more and don't; Christians who could live all the consequences of their vocation as children of God, but refuse to do so through lack of generosity. We are partly to blame, for the grace of faith has not been given us to hide but to share with others (cf. Mt 5:151). We cannot forget that the happiness of these people, in this life and in the next, is at stake. The Christian life is a divine wonder with immediate promises of satisfaction and serenity — but on condition that we know how to recognize the gift of God (cf. Jn 4:10) and be generous, not counting the cost"



From Fr. Vincent's Desk:

A Second Collection for the Ukraine

March 19-20 is the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) Collection to Aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, which will allow the faithful to give critical and timely humanitarian aid to the victims of war in Ukraine. We will remit your collection to the Archdiocese of Omaha Finance Office next week.

Feast of Annunciation of the Lord

This year's Feast falls on Friday, March 25th. Take note there is no fasting of meat and abstinence that day because any solemnity of our Lord or Mary that falls on week days during lent, it takes the precedence. But the way of the cross will go on in Beemer at 6:30 as planned.

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.

Saint Joseph Parish Council Members 2021-2022	
Dave Deitloff— Pres.	Ruth Bloedorn—Vice Pres.
Rick Jacobs	Matt Albers
Janet Ludwig	Lindsey Burki
Mary VonSeggern	Chris Ruskamp
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Mike Guenther—Pres.	Trisha Robertson—V.P.
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LIVE LENT TOGETHER!

Join us for scripture, prayer and fellowship this Lent.
Small groups are starting in both parishes.

Holy Cross

Tuesday, **March 22** at Sue Steffensmeier's home at 2:00 P.M., and Wednesday, **March 23** 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 22** at noon in the basement of St. Joseph Church, and Wednesday, **March 23** 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 26th & 27th

WORD: Doris Gentrup, Renae Carlson
EMHC: Jeanie McTaggart, Sue Niewohner
SERVER: Sat.—Ben Oligmueller
 Sun.—Kris Pena

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner

Weekend of March 27th

LEC: Joyce Stalp
EMHC: Steve Ausdemore
EMHC 2: Kathy Johnson
SERV: Maddisyn Lampman, Charli Jacobs
OFF: Arvid Hass
USHER: March Men's Group


Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—March 13, 2022	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$457.00
Plate:	138.00
Children:	18.00
HELP/Fuel:	800.00
Total:	\$1,413.00

MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, Mar. 20th—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer
Sunday, Mar. 27th—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore

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

HOLY CROSS POTLUCK after Saturday night Mass on March 26th. Fr. Vincent will also have a presentation of his trip back to Kenya. Please bring a main dish and a salad or dessert. Drinks will be provided. All are welcome!

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—March 13, 2022	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$3,640.00
Plate:	83.00
Children:	21.00
Cemetery:	100.00
Insurance:	100.00



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

Birthdays:
Our apologies...the wrong birthdays were posted last week. Here they are for the next 2 weeks.

Ashley Praest March 13
 Sarah Lierman March 16
 Ben Oligmueller March 17

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

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.

EASTER LILY DONATIONS: There is a sign up sheet in the back of church to donate for Easter lilies and flowers in the remembrance of your loved ones. Suggested donation for lilies is \$20 each. Please complete the form as you would like to have the names listed. Thank you.

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 the Wisner Faith Ministerial account that assists the needy who come to our church doors for some help.

ST. MARY'S PARISH in West Point will have an up-close experience of the most studied artifact of all time – The Shroud of Turin, what many believe to be the authentic burial cloth of Christ. **The Man of the Shroud** exhibit will include 42 beautifully designed panels on display on the lower level of St. Joseph's Retirement Home (enter through the lower-level west door) from Wednesday, March 30-Sunday, April 3. Viewing Times: Wednesday, 8 am – 8 pm, Thursday-Sunday, noon – 6 pm. Also on display will be replicas of the Crown of Thorns, whips, nails, and Holy Sponge used in the Passion of Our Lord. This exhibit will raise the questions, *“Could the Shroud be the most important archaeological artifact ever found? Does it provide clues to what happened during the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus?”*
 On Thursday, March 31, at 7 pm at St. Mary's, Shroud expert, **Jim Bertrand**, M.Ed. of the American Confraternity of the Holy Shroud, will give a special presentation and a rare viewing of a Shroud replica. For more information on this exhibit, visit spiritcatholicradio.com/shroud.

HOWELLS COMMUNITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL FUN FEST... TODAY!!! 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.

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.



ADORATION & STATIONS OF THE CROSS
At HOLY CROSS
 6:30 pm—Adoration & 7:00 pm—Stations of the Cross
 Fridays, Mar. 4th—April 8th

Religious Education

ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6
Grades K-6: Fr. Vincent celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation with grades 3rd-6th. The 6th grade are planning activities for their overnight retreat on April 9th. This week the children will do the Stations of the Cross.

ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS (GRADES 7 -12)
Grades 7-9: We finished our Lesson on who God is and began Lesson 5 on “Who Is Jesus?” The people of His time saw Him as a liar, lunatic, or Lord! We need to decide who He is to us and live our lives accordingly.
Grades 10-12: Did the 2nd week of Lent lesson in the Restore Program discussing how fasting brings reorder to our lives and love. How bringing past sufferings to God & asking for redemption helps us heal.

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	21	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	22	9:30 AM	WCC	Care Center Residents
Wed	23	8:00 AM	HC	+ Natacia Gentrup
Thu	24	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Barb Albers
Fri	25	9:30 AM	CHB	Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of the Ray Steffensmeier Family
Fri	25	6:30 PM	HC	Adoration & Stations
Sat	26	5:00 PM	HC	+ Peter & Elizabeth Peitzmeier
Sun	27	8:30 AM	HC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sun	27	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Jayda Oligmueller

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