

First Sunday of Lent March 6, 2022

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The 1st Sunday of Lent



Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit for forty days in the wilderness, tempted by the devil.... "It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.' "

The Gospel is from St. Luke 5:1-11. Christ's voluntary self-mortification of forty days' fast, with its accompanying temptations, was but part of the self-mortification, with its climax

on the Cross, which He gladly underwent for our salvation. He did not need to fast in order to keep the inclinations of the body in subjection, He did not need to allow the insult of temptation. He could have said, "begone Satan" at the beginning as easily and as effectively as he said it at the end. But He willingly underwent this humiliation in order to set us an example and to prove to us the infinite love He bears us and the value, the priceless value, He sets on our eternal salvation. He became like us in all things (except sin) in order to make it possible for us to become like Him—the beloved of his Father—and co-heirs with Him in the kingdom of heaven.

With this example given us by Christ no Christian can or should expect to travel the road to heaven without meeting obstacles and temptations. Our weak human nature is of itself, even without any external tempter, a source of many temptations to us, especially of those three illustrated in the case of Christ. Our body desires all the pleasures and comforts that can be got out of life and resents any curtailment of these desires even on the part of our Creator and Benefactor. Our gifts of intelligence and free-will often tempt most of us to look for power, political or economic, over our fellowmen. We want to be better off than others in this world, when our purpose in life is to help ourselves and our fellowmen to the better life. Finally, so fully occupied are many in the mad rush after pleasure and power that they have no time to devote to the one thing that matters, the attainment of eternal life.

Yet, through some foolish logic of our own, we expect God to do for us what we refuse to do for ourselves. We are tempting God by presuming he will save us if we have deliberately chosen the road to perdition.

There are few, if any, amongst us who can honestly say: "I am free from such inclinations or temptations." The vast majority of us can and should beat our breasts and say with the publican: "O God, be merciful to me a sinner." And merciful he will be if we turn to him with true humility. He may not remove all our temptations, all our wrong inclinations, but he will give us the grace to overcome them if we sincerely seek his aid.

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.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal – 2021-2022

Thank you to all who have already supported the Archbishop's Annual Appeal through prayer and meaningful gifts. In the past, by such time we have always achieved our goal. Both of our parishes are almost reaching our goals. I'm making a passionate appeal to members of our parish who have not sent in your donations to kindly do so.

Here is our current update as of Feb. 22nd 2022:

St. Joseph Church has committed \$7,375 towards our goal of \$7,945.42 from 30 donors. We are less than \$571 to reach our goal. Holy Cross Church has committed \$10,105 towards our goal of \$10,986.53 from 25 donors, making us only \$881.53 away from our goal.

If you are reading this and would like to make a donation to fill this gap, please do so and I promise to say Mass for you and your family. Just email me at vsunguti2018@gmail.com, or call 402-529-3531 or text me on my cell phone at 402-657-7093. You may also talk to me at any time. And if you would like to remain anonymous, I will respect that and say Mass for you as well.

Pray + Fast + Give

LIVE LENT TOGETHER!

Join us for scripture, prayer and fellowship this Lent.

Small groups are starting in both parishes.

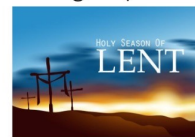
Holy Cross

Tuesday, **March 8** at Sue Steffensmeier's home at 2:00 P.M., and Wednesday, **March 9** 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 8** at noon in the basement of St. Joseph Church, and Wednesday, **March 9** 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 12th & 13th

WORD: Shelley Wellman, Marilyn Ortmeier
EMHC: Dawn Peatrowsky, Ann Bausch
PRAISE:
SERVER: Sat.—Bo Oligmueller
Sun.—Gus Harrison
USHER:

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of March 13th

LEC: Sally Harms
EMHC: Janet Ludwig
EMHC 2: Martha Schweers
SERV: Jesa Montgomery, Averi Buhrman
OFF: Chris Liermann
USHER: March Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts

Holy Cross—February 27, 2022

Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,520.00
Plate:	69.00
Children:	36.67
Total:	\$1,625.67

MONEY COUNTERS

Sunday, Mar. 6th—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore
Sunday, Mar. 13th—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder

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

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.

Stewardship of God's Gifts

St. Joseph—February 27, 2022

Sunday Envelopes:	\$670.00
Plate:	32.00
Children:	16.00
Insurance:	100.00



Celebrations:

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

Birthdays:

Joann Steffensmeier March 8
Tom Conrad March 9
Kimberly Pena March 9

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

Thank you

Appreciation on Trivia Night

St. Joseph Trivia Night was held this past Saturday, Feb. 26th at the Wisner auditorium. It was great fun to see so many people and tables with all sorts of different traditions and cultures within our country and the world. Thank you everyone for coming to make our night so successful. In a special way, I would like to thank the Parish Council that planned this, as well as the leading committee that put everything together led by Paige & Jack Godbersen, Carmen & Gary Godbersen, Megan Feller, and Jeanette Marx among all others who assisted. We managed to raise \$20,400. The money will go towards phase two of St. Joseph's parish basement hall and church face lift projects. More details to come soon. Thank you all. **Fr. Vincent.**

ADORATION & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

At HOLY CROSS

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



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	07	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	08	9:30 AM	WCC	Care Center Residents
Wed	09	8:00 AM	HC	Lvng & Dec'd Members of Henry & Eleanor Spenner Family
Thu	10	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Duane Breitreutz
Fri	11	9:30 AM	CHB	+ Francis & Vera Hetherington
Fri	11	6:30 PM	HC	Adoration & Stations
Sat	12	5:00 PM	HC	+ Wayne Emanuel
Sun	13	8:30 AM	HC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sun	13	10:00 AM	SJ	+ George & Marcella Koester
SJ—St. Joseph's		HC—Holy Cross		
WCC—Wisner Care Center		CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer		

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Generosity strengthens communities. Thanks to Thrivent and its clients, St. Joseph Parish has received \$1,311 Choice Dollars grant funds since 2010. Resource and contact information flyers are available in the back of church.



Religious Education

ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6

Grades K-6: The students began Lent lessons with their individual classes. The day closed with the students attending an Ash Service with Fr. Vincent and then Capri did a short lesson on burying the Alleluia and the Gloria during Lent. Cooper Schultz helped Capri bury the Alleluia.

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

Grades 7-12: The students attended the Ash Wednesday evening mass. This week class will be as normal.

Lent

