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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 10, 2022

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The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



JN 6:63: "YOUR words, Lord, are Spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life..."

The **First Reading** is taken from the book of *Deuteronomy 30:10-14* and is the final discourse of Moses, just prior to the selection of Joshua to lead the people into the promised land. It is the conclusion of the covenant making ceremony.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke 10:25-37* and tells the parable of the good Samaritan. This passage is two-pronged. While providing a powerful lesson about mercy toward those in need, it also proclaims that non-Jews can observe the Law and thus enter into eternal life. Following other Fathers, St Augustine identifies the good Samaritan with our Lord, and the waylaid man with Adam, the source and symbol of all fallen mankind. Moved by compassion and piety, he comes down to earth to cure man's wounds, making them his own (Is 53:4; Mt 8:17; 1 Pet 2:24; 1 Jn 3:5). In fact, we often see Jesus being moved by man's suffering (cf. Mt 9:36; Mk 1:41; Lk 7:13). And St John says: "in this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (1 Jn 4:9-11).

This parable leaves no doubt about who our neighbor is — anyone (without distinction of race or relationship) who needs our help; nor about how we should love him — by taking pity on him, being compassionate towards his spiritual or corporal needs; and it is not just a matter of having the right feelings towards him: we must do something, we must generously serve him.

Christians, who should be disciples of Christ, should share his love and compassion, never distancing themselves from others' needs. One way to express love for one's neighbor is to perform the "works of mercy," which get their name from the fact that they are not duties in justice. There are fourteen such works, seven spiritual and seven corporal.

From Fr. Vincent's Desk:

Reserve the date in your calendar –
Archdiocesan Annual Pastoral Conference

On the first Saturday of October every year, the Archdiocese usually holds a Pastoral conference in the entire region. This year, it will be online on Saturday *October 1st at 9:00 am*. Important information will be communicated to us this year. Don't miss it. We are required to gather together, watch and follow along online. We will hold it at Wisner church basement hall. Be sure to reserve this date and time in your calendar.

Polite Notification

Just to let you know that I will be out of town from Monday, July 11th until Thursday July 21st. I will be heading to Rome for a pilgrimage. I'm grateful for my brother,

Fr. Henry Sunguti who will be here to help with weekday Masses and any rising emergencies. Pilgrimages are prayerful moments when one comes to terms with the reality of the Holy sites and history of what we read in the Bible and the church communicates to us. It is my first time to visit Rome and I'm excited for this opportunity. Kindly pray for our safe travels.

Holy Cross Church rectory temporary renting

Guardian Angels Central Catholic high school in West Point is getting a new principal and he has had trouble finding a house near West Point. He, together with the pastor, have requested to rent the Beemer rectory from the end of July 2022, until he finds a house for his family. We have discussed with the parish council and approved these temporary arrangements. Therefore, do not be surprised when you see family occupying the Beemer rectory soon.

St. Joseph Church Sound System Upgrading

Some people have come to me several times with concerns on how they struggle to understand me in our beautiful church of Wisner, but when they attend Mass in Beemer, they understand me quite clearly. Some did donate money a few years ago specifically asking us it to improve on our sound system. Well, your prayers have been answered. It is high time we try to modernize our sound system and look forward to good quality sound. Myself, Parish Council and the Finance Committee, have unanimously agreed and voted to replace our entire church sound system. We had two bids applying to do the work and we awarded the job to one company after several discussions and considerations. We have already signed a contract and the work will be starting soon.

Due to the current inflation, the prices of everything has gone up and we will appreciate any contribution that you can make towards upgrading costs of the new sound system. Write the check to St. Joseph Church with a note indicating "For Sound system". Blessings to you all.

How to Help Mothers in Need

Over the last couple of weeks, you might have noticed the topic of abortion coming up more often in casual conversation. In last weekend's Masses, I read the archbishop's press letter after my homily. First, I want to reiterate his words:

"Many in our country will not agree with the reasoning and the decision of the Supreme Court. And some women will still wonder how they can meet the challenge of an unplanned or unwanted pregnancy. **This is a moment for each of us to commit to not let any woman face her challenge alone.** In the Catholic community, we possess many resources that are well suited to support moms and their children."

For a comprehensive list of these resources, check out the Archdiocese website for the article [Walking with Mom's in Need](#). Be the person who can support a mother in need.

Now, if you find yourself in a situation where you are not helping a mother in need but are disagreeing with a neighbor, friend, or family member, I'd like to offer two of our EquipCast episodes which can be found on the EquipCast app, or through the Archdiocese website:

[How to Talk About Abortion \(June 28, 2022\)](#) - Katie Burrow outlines a compelling secular argument against abortion.


[Pro-life Messaging \(Feb. 2, 2021\)](#) - Whitney Bradley discusses the best ways to message compassion and mercy to a culture that is hurting.

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of July 17th

WORD:
EMHC: Mary Mostek
SERVER:

Stewardship of God's Gifts Holy Cross—July 3, 2022	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$
Plate:	.00
Tithe.ly Online:	.00
Children:	.00
Total:	\$

JULY MOWING GROUP-- CHAIR: Doug Steffensmeier
Members: Chris Black, Roy Liermann, Keith Anderson, Ron Stieren, Paul Schlickbernd



Celebrations:

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

Birthdays

Brigid Guenther July 10
Ethan Ortmeier July 12
Paul Schlickbernd July 13
Saige Breikreutz July 13
Alex Schulz July 15
Brian Gentrup July 16

BUTTERFLY RELEASE: "See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands . . ." (Isaiah 49:16). Faith Regional Health Services cordially invites those who have experienced the loss of a baby or child to attend this year's Butterfly Release Memorial Service. The gathering will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 16 in the Bradford Spirituality Garden on our West Campus. If you are interested in participating or if you have any questions, please call Jim Wonnacott at 402-992-2468 or Patrick Roche at 402-644-7522. RSVP by July 5.



LIFE RUNNERS ... A-Cross America Relay for Pro-Life! (Jul 4th to Aug 7th): liferunners.org/across. Register now to walk or run a 5K leg of the world's largest spanning Pro-Life event, sharing the "REMEMBER The Unborn" message across 5,359 miles (12 million steps). The Relay goes through Nebraska in late July; however, you can complete 5K legs off the course anytime from July 4th to Aug 7th. Join LIFE Runners at Carhart's abortion facility in Bellevue to walk or run a 5K Relay leg at 8:30am on Sat July 9th and 30th. The Relay will pause for a prayer rally at Omaha Planned Parenthood at 9am, Sat, July 30th. All In Christ for Pro-Life!



MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	11	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	12	9:30 AM	WCC	Care Center Residents
Wed	13	8:00 AM	HC	+ Claton & Betty Francis
Thu	14	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Jayda Oligmueller
Fri	15	9:30 AM	CHB	+ John Hassler
Sat	16	5:00 PM	SJ	+ Leo, Flavia, & William Ausdemore
Sun	17	8:30 AM	HC	Lvng & Dec'd Members of the Ray & Odelia Steffensmeier Family
Sun	17	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		

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of July 16th & 17th

LEC: Diane Davies
EMHC: John Woerdemann
SERVER: Ghia Bramble, Joel Good, Charlee Thies
OFF: Tim Montgomery
USHER: July Men's Group

LEC: Joyce Stalp
EMHC: Shane Batenhorst
EMHC2: Capri McGuire
SERVER: Averi Buhrman, Jordyn Gentrup, Paislie Burki
OFF: Rick Jacobs
USHER: July Men's Group

MONEY COUNTERS

Sunday, July 10th—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore
Sunday, July 17th—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder

MEN'S WORK GROUP—July 2022

Chair: Sid Kneifl
Co-Chair: AJ Burki
Members: Keith Schroetlin, Trevor Cyboron, Alan Harms, Chad Dixon, Devon Dixon, Brad Cornell, Dylan Kneifl

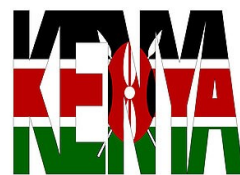
Stewardship of God's Gifts St. Joseph—July 3, 2022	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$2,485.00
Plate:	755.00
Tithe.ly Online:	111.62
Children:	5.00
Heating/AC:	40.00
Insurance:	170.00




COFFEE ... The ladies guild will host coffee and refreshments **TODAY, Sunday, July 10th**, following the 10:00 am Mass. Join them to celebrate the spirit of friendship and community in our parish.

FALL DINNER SIGN UP: Sign up sheets for committees are now available in the back of church. Please sign up for a committee of your choice. Also, please sign up to bring a salad or pies. For any questions, you may contact Martha Schweers at 402-380-2114 or Alison Kluthe 402-541-6522.

THE KENYAN MISSION GROUP thanks you for your financial support to their fundraiser. New bathrooms are nearly completed. An updated poster with pictures of the bathroom progress is posted in the back of church. You have made a difference in the lives of so many children. **THANK YOU!**



Many thanks to these volunteers who delivered Meals-on-Wheels on behalf of the parish this past week: Helen Feller, Jeanette Marx, Annie McManigal, and Kris Brahmer. Our parish community appreciates your stewardship!



Religious Education

ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-12

REL ED is still in need of several teachers as well as many subs and volunteers. Please return the letter that was mailed in May. Any changes to the program will be announced by the end of July. To offer suggestions, or solutions, please contact Sarah or Capri.