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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 3, 2022

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The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



He said to them, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so, ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. LUKE 10:2-5:

The **First Reading** is taken from the book of the prophet *Isaiah, 66:10-14c* speaks of the final judgment and the purified and joyful Jerusalem. All children of God nurse at the breast of Jerusalem—an image that beautifully portrays universal peace, contentment, and love. Slowly the image changes and God takes the place of Jerusalem—fondling, comforting, and nursing His children.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke 10:1-12, 17-20* and is about Christ conferring His mission on the seventy-two disciples. Christ wants to instill apostolic daring into his disciples; this is why he says, "I send you out," which leads St John Chrysostom to comment: "This suffices to give us encouragement, to give us confidence and to ensure that we are not afraid of our assailants" (*Hom. on St Matthew, 33*). The Apostles' and disciples' boldness stemmed from their firm conviction that they were on a God-given mission: they acted, as Peter the Apostle confidently explained to the Sanhedrin, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, "for there is no other name under heaven by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

"And the Lord goes on", St Gregory the Great adds, "'Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and salute no one on the road.' Such should be the confidence the preacher places in God that even if he is not provided with the necessities of life, he is convinced that they will come his way, to ensure that worry about providing temporal things for himself does not distract him from providing others with eternal things" (*In Evangelia homiliae, 17*). Apostolate calls for generous self-surrender which leads to detachment: therefore, Peter, following our Lord's commandment, when the beggar at the Beautiful Gate asked him for alms (Acts 3:2-3), said, "I have no silver or gold" (ibid. 3:6), "not so as to glory in his poverty", St Ambrose points out, "but to obey the Lord's command: it is as if he were saying, 'You see in me a disciple of Christ, and you ask me for gold? He gave us something much more valuable than gold, the power to act in his name. I do not have what Christ did not give me, but I do have what he did give me: In the name of Jesus Christ, arise and walk' (cf. Acts 3:6)." (*Expositio Evangelii sec. Lucam, in loc.*). Apostolate, therefore, demands detachment from material things and it also requires us to be always available, for there is an urgency about apostolic work.

"And salute no one on the road": "How can it be," St Ambrose asks himself, "that the Lord wishes to get rid of a custom so full of kindness? Notice, however, that he does not just say, 'Do not salute anyone,' but adds, 'on the road.' And there is a reason for this. "He also commanded Elisha not to salute anyone he met, when he sent him to lay his staff on the body of the dead child (2 Kings 4:29): he gave him this order in order to get him to do this task without delay and effect the raising of the child, and not waste time by stopping to talk to any passer-by he met. Therefore, there is no question of omitting to have the good manners to greet others; it is a matter of removing a possible obstacle in the way of

service; when God commands, human considerations should be set aside, at least for the time being. To greet a person is a good thing, but it is better to carry out a divine instruction which could easily be frustrated by a delay".



From Fr. Vincent's Desk:
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

Since Friday, 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 9th & 10th

WORD: Rita Eichelberger, Marilyn Ortmeier
EMHC: Brenda Anderson, Dawn Peatrowsky
SERVER: Will Robertson, Ben Oligmueller

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of July 10th

LEC: Gayle Lampman
EMHC: Martha Schweers
EMHC 2: Janet Ludwig
SERV: Jose Ramirez Lugo, Dayton Gentrup,
 Abraham Millan Jr.
OFF: Dave McGuire
USHER: July Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts
Holy Cross—June 26, 2022

Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,787.63
Plate:	176.00
Tithe.ly Online:	100.00
Children:	6.00
Total:	\$2,069.63

MONEY COUNTERS

Sunday, July 3rd—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer
Sunday, July 10th—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore

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

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

Potluck Dinner



HOLY CROSS PICNIC IN THE PARK
 Wednesday, July 6th, at 6:00 p.m. at the park across from Colonial Haven. Please bring a main and side dish or dessert. Water and tableware will be provided. If you would like other beverages, you may bring your own. Fun and games for kids. Bring your lawn chair to relax.

HOLY CROSS PRAYER GROUP will meet this Tuesday, July 5th, at 2 pm, at Sue Steffensmeier's home. Everyone is welcome.

Stewardship of God's Gifts
St. Joseph—June 26, 2022

Sunday Envelopes:	\$950.00
Plate:	47.00
Tithe.ly Online:	232.53
Children:	39.00
Heating/AC	95.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULE... The 3rd quarter schedule has been completed. There are copies available in the back of church. If you would like to receive the schedule via email, please contact Jacki Kalkowski or Sarah Jacobs.

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.



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

Celebrations:

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

Birthdays


George Guenther July 5
 Sherron Bramble July 9

Online Giving with Tithe.ly

Both parishes of St. Joseph and Holy Cross now have an online giving option. The process is very simple. You may make a one time gift or sign up for something recurring 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. Brochures are available in the back of church. If you have any questions, call the parish office at 402-529-3891.

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!



Independence Day Mass
at St. Joseph, Wisner

Monday, July 4th
 at 9:00am



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	04	9:00 AM	SJ	Independence Day Mass Lvng & Dec'd Members of the Ron & MaryAnn Wemhoff Fam.
Tue	05	9:30 AM	WCC	Care Center Residents
Wed	06	8:00 AM	HC	+ Eugene & Elsie Emanuel
Thu	07	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Barb Albers
Fri	08	9:30 AM	CHB	+ Norbert Ruskamp
Sat	09	5:00 PM	HC	+ Ronald Ruskamp
Sun	10	8:30 AM	HC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sun	10	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Deborah Houghton

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



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.

