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**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 14, 2022**

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**The 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



*"Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! "*

The Gospel is from *St. Luke 12:49-53*. We who appreciate what he has done for us, and

who are striving hard against our natural weaknesses to profit by his salvific work, can do something to console him for the desertion of so many that he still loves dearly. God wants no human being lost eternally. He detests sin but he still loves the sinner. He is always ready to grant a full pardon for each and every sin a man commits, if only the sinner has the humility to say "mea culpa."

Let us put aside all past prejudices and opinions. Neither we nor our separated brethren are responsible for the sins and failings of our ancestors in the eleventh or the sixteenth centuries. We are responsible for our own actions today. We are failing Christ if we do not take a sincere and active interest in the noble and truly Christian work of ecumenism.

God speed the day, and let us each give him a helping hand in this work, when not only all Christians will be one but when our Jewish and Moslem fellowmen will also be with us, thanking Christ for all that he has done for us. That day may still be a long way off, but every step I take towards bringing it about, is bringing me a step nearer to heaven and making me dearer to God.

*In Courtesy of Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M*



**From Fr. Vincent's Desk:**  
**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass**

*Polite reminder:* On this Monday August 15<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the Solemnity of Assumption of Mary into Heaven. It is a Holy Day of Obligation and as good Catholics, we are supposed to attend Mass. For Mass times and venue, please check at the back of this bulletin at Mass schedule section.



**Appreciation:**

This is to let you know that I arrived back safely to town on the evening of Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. Despite all that I went through and the time inconveniences, I'm so grateful to be back. I want to thank all those who supported me financially, offered prayers for me, and the kind words. It was an experience that came with so many tests. I really learned the importance of patience, especially when the unexpected happens in one's life. It was also an opportunity to realize and experience the kindness of many good people even though there are evil ones out there looking for opportunities to steal where they haven't sown.

**CCD Program Help Needed**

August is here and we still have not filled the vacant teaching positions. You don't have to be a qualified teacher or so holy in order to accompany our children in this program. Any active Catholic parish member can help in this. We

have guide books to help you to teach and guide our children in faith. Please, if you would like to help, contact us anytime. You may also choose to be part time or full time. We only meet once a week on Wednesdays. Contact me, Sarah or Capri to sign up.

**The 2022-2023 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Program**

We have been blessed the last 4 years with 9 RCIA candidates who have gone through the program. It is now time to register new candidates for this year. Help us to pass this announcement to anyone interested in taking the program. Our classes will begin in September. Who should join the RCIA program? Any adult who has never been baptized, any adult who was only baptized as a catholic while young and never had an opportunity to go through catechism and receive first holy communion as well as confirmation, or any one baptized as a Christian and would like to be welcomed into the Catholic faith. You may reach out to me at 402-529-3531, or my cell 402-657-7093, or email me at [vsunguti2018@gmail.com](mailto:vsunguti2018@gmail.com).

**Family Pastoral Planning Updates from the Recent Meeting**

Our second meeting was held at Aloys on Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022. I'm grateful to our parish representatives: Karen Spenner, Stan Ortmeier, Ruth Bloedorn and Sally Harms who attended even in my absence.

Key Takeaway points from that meeting were:

- 1) Parishes wish to keep finances, endowments, etc. separate from a grouping with the other parishes within our family. They want to work on a procedure to ensure that the envelopes go to the home parish of the donors if they attend Mass at another church in our Family Parish.
- 2) The Multi Pastor Family system would be preferred in our situation, however, a workaround is possible to make the Family team work if an Associate would live outside of West Point.
- 3) A Rotational Mass Schedule is workable and has been used for a long time in our Family of Parishes. The wish is for a rotation (generated by the priests) for a new Mass schedule that is approved by the 10 parishes in our Family.

These were suggestions from the committee of our family. It is not a final decision yet.

**Upcoming Archdiocese Annual Pastoral Conference on October 1<sup>st</sup> 2022**

The yearly Pastoral Conference is designed to stir the imagination. It provides space for Pastors and their parishioners to discuss, "What does it mean to be a missional community?" and "How can my parish begin to flourish?" Every year, the conference continues to give context to the Archdiocese Vision & Priorities, the Big Goal, and the 4 Habits of a Disciple: Prayer, Compassion, Friendship, and Invitation.

This year the Pastoral Conference will help us begin to find our place in the Journey of Faith. It will review the Archdiocese Vision & Priorities and the Big Goal. It will also increase awareness around our current reality and evoke a desire in us to respond communally to the call to be missional.

This year's conference will be virtual but we will gather in St. Joseph's parish hall together and follow the sessions. Please take note of this date.

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer  
Weekend of August 21st

WORD: Rita Eichelberger  
EMHC: Dawn Peatrowsky  
SERVER: Bo Oligmueller

Stewardship of God's Gifts Holy Cross—August 7, 2022	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$330.00
Plate:	81.00
Tithe.ly Online:	100.00
Youth:	2.00
HELP/Fuel:	125.00
Total:	\$638.00

**AUGUST MOWING GROUP**— CHAIR: Alan Batenhorst  
Members: Gary Batenhorst, Heath Harrison, Tom Peatrowsky, Ron Francis, Gerald Schlickbernd

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

**Birthdays**  
Mary Kate Guenther August 14  
Gary Batenhorst August 15  
Gabrielle Borgmann August 15  
Jaxon Knoell August 18

**Anniversaries**  
Tim and Tracy Oligmueller August 17  
Mel and Sue Niewohner August 20

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Mass Schedule**

Monday, Aug. 15th, 8:00 am—Holy Cross, Beemer  
Monday, Aug. 15th, 5:30 pm—St. Joseph, Wisner

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	15	8:00 AM	HC	Assumption + Alvin Dinslage
Mon	15	5:30 PM	SJ	Assumption Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Tue	16	9:30 AM	WCC	Care Center Residents
Wed	17	8:00 AM	HC	+ Charles F. Hetherington
Thu	18	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Deborah Houghton
Fri	19	9:30 AM	CHB	+ Tom & Beata Prinz
Sat	20	5:00 PM	SJ	+ Keith Schroeder
Sun	21	8:30 AM	HC	+ William & Johanna Oligmueller
Sun	21	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		

**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 stj068791@gmail.com. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per Mass.



Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner  
Weekend of August 20th & 21st

LEC: Steve McGuire  
EMHC: John Woerdemann  
SERVER: Knoxyn Thies, Erica Good, Haley Kneifl  
OFF: Bob Feller  
USHER: August Men's Group

LEC: Holly Schroeder  
EMHC: Linda Hansen  
EMHC2: Martha Schweers  
SERVER: Jaylee Lueken, Jesa Montgomery, Jordyn Gentrup  
OFF: Steve Ausdemore  
USHER: August Men's Group

**MONEY COUNTERS**

Sunday, August 14th—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer  
Sunday, August 21st—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore

**MEN'S WORK GROUP—August 2022**

Chair: Norm Weber  
Co-Chair: Bob Feller  
Members: Blake Albers, Derreck Marx, Alan Feller, David Deitloff, Jeremy Schultz, Mike Stuhr, Devon Schultz

Stewardship of God's Gifts St. Joseph—August 7, 2022	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$2,730.00
Plate:	106.00
Children:	8.00
Tithe.ly Online:	60.81
Heating/AC:	360.00

**STANDING WITH HER...** National Church Simulcast Sunday, August 28th, at 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart Annex, 205 S 6th Street in Norfolk. To save lives from abortion, the church must be ready to serve her and her child. Missy Johnson will be attending. Anyone wanting to join her may contact her at 402-690-8105. Flyers posted in the back of both parishes.

**Religious Education**  
ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-12  
**REL ED REGISTRATION**  
Registration is required for all grades(K-12) and will be on August 31st from 5:00-6:30 in the church basement. You will be receiving a reminder and additional details in the mail in the next couple of weeks.  
**First class is scheduled for September 14th.**  
**TEACHERS/VOLUNTEERS**  
We will have a meeting for all those volunteering to help teach and sub on Wednesday, September 7th at 5:00pm. Anyone considering helping with the program is encouraged to come listen, and see if it's a good fit for you.

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH BAZAAR & DINNER in Lindsay**

Sunday, August 21st, 4:00 PM—7:00 PM  
Roast Beef & Sausage with all the trimmings!  
Beer Garden opens at 4PM  
Inflatable toys and carnival games starting at 3:00 PM  
Poster in back of church with more details

