

Saint Joseph's Parish
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 Reconciliation: Saturdays before Mass
 4:15-4:40 pm or by appointment

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 21, 2022

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The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



"I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the father, except through me."

The **First Reading** is taken from *Isaiah 66:18-21* and was written after the return from exile, 538 B.C. The aim was to console the returned exiles, who were depressed when they saw the sad state of Jerusalem and

the poverty of the country. Isaiah foretold the future glory of Jerusalem to which people of all nations would come. It would be the center from which the knowledge of the true God would be dispersed.

The **Gospel** is from Luke 13 and concerns those who hear Christ's message but refuse to follow it. While the questioner who asked how many would be saved did not get a direct answer from Christ, nevertheless it was made very clear to him and to all of us that each one's salvation is in his own hands. All those who accept Christ, his teaching and the helps he has made available to them, will enter the kingdom of God. On the other hand, those who are excluded from that eternal kingdom will have only themselves to blame. God invites all men to heaven. He gives all the help necessary to every man, but, because men have a free will which God cannot force, some will abuse that freedom and choose wrongly.

Christ mentions the narrow door through which we must enter into God's kingdom. This means that we must exercise self-restraint and mortification and this we do when we respect and keep his commandments. When we are called to judgment it will be too late to shout "Sir, open for us." We should have sought his mercy and his forgiveness. We are dealing with God's mercy while alive. He will forgive any sin and any number of sins if we truly repent and resolve to correct these faults. To do this is the only one guarantee that even God himself can give us of a successful judgment Every man who lives in God's grace will die in God's grace and be numbered among the saved. The man who lives habitually in sin, and refuses to amend his life, will die in his sinful state, and thus exclude himself from eternal salvation.

I have a free will. I can choose to pass that final examination or to fail it. The whole of my eternity, the unending life after death, depends on my choice now. If I choose to follow Christ and live according to his laws during the few years I have on this earth, I shall pass and shall be among the saved. If I ignore Christ and his laws now, he will not know me on the day of judgment I shall be among the lost. God forbid that I should choose the latter course.

Fr. Kevin O' Sullivan, O.F.M.



From Fr. Vincent's Desk:

Mark the date: Upcoming Confirmation Mass

The Archbishop George Lucas will be coming for the sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, March 12th, 2023, at 10:00 am at St. Joseph's Church in Wisner. So far, we have 17 candidates from our parishes of Beemer and Wisner. I would like to ask parents of these candidates to support them in their preparations as per the program guidelines that have already been given to the students. Any Catholic or Christian adult that has not been confirmed can join the RCIA program of this year and be confirmed with this group of young people.

CCD Program Help Needed

We are still in need of CCD teachers. Any active Catholic parish member can help in this. We have textbooks to help you 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

It is now time to register new candidates for this year. Help us to pass this announcement to anyone interested in participating in 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 the rectory at 402-529-3531, or my cell 402-657-7093, or email me at vsunguti2018@gmail.com.

Upcoming Archdiocese Annual Pastoral conference on October 1st, 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 the parish hall at St. Joseph in Wisner and follow the sessions. Please take note of this date.



Saint Joseph Parish Council Members 2022-2023	
Ruth Bloedorn—Pres.	Holly Schroeder
Matt Albers	Trevor Cyboron
Lindsey Burki	Carmen Godbersen
Chris Ruskamp	Matt McGuire
For contact information, please see the parish directory	

Holy Cross Parish Council Members 2022-2023	
Mike Guenther—Pres.	Trisha Robertson—V.P.
Mike Gentrup	Tracy Oligmueller—Sec.
Robert Praest	Michelle Borgmann
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Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of August 27th & 28th

WORD: Shelley Wellman, Renae Carlson
EMHC: Ann Bausch, Jeanie McTaggart
SERVER: Sat.- Ben Oligmueller
 Sun.- Kris & Kim Pena

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of August 28th

LEC: Alan Harms
EMHC: Janet Ludwig
EMHC 2: Tammie Batenhorst
SERV: Charlee Thies, Paislie Burki, Sydney Porter
OFF: Gary Godbersen
USHER: August Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts
Holy Cross—August 14, 2022

Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,557.00
Plate:	89.00
Tithe.ly Online:	100.00
Youth:	19.00
HELP/Fuel:	50.00
Assumption:	315.00
Insurance:	100.00
Total:	\$2,230.00

MONEY COUNTERS

Sunday, August 21st—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore
Sunday, August 28th—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder

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

MEN'S WORK GROUP—September 2022

Chair: Jack Godbersen
Co-Chair: Arvid Hass
Members: Matt McGuire, Brook Andersen, Tim McGuire, LaVern Houghton, Mitch Schweers, Steve McGuire, Zach Andersen

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

SEPTEMBER MOWING GROUP— CHAIR: Brad Schulz
 Members: Mike Guenther, Melvin Niewohner, Joe Hansen, Alex Schulz, Tom Peterson



Celebrations:

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

Birthdays

Jeff Robertson August 23
 Linda Robinson August 26

Anniversaries

Shane and Brooke Combs August 26

Stewardship of God's Gifts
St. Joseph—August 14, 2022

Sunday Envelopes:	\$970.00
Plate:	109.00
Children:	44.00
Tithe.ly Online:	471.39
Heating/AC:	150.00
Assumption:	95.00

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



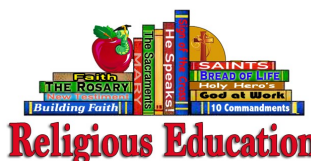
COFFEE... The Knights of Columbus will be hosting coffee August 28th, next Sunday after Mass. Please join them for drinks, refreshments, and some parish fellowship.

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.

CHRIST LUTHERAN WOMEN'S NIGHT

Monday, September 12th, 6:00 pm
 Leigh Ann Glaubius will provide the program with the meal beginning at 6:00 pm.
 RSVP by September 7th, to LaRayne Topp at 402-529-6310 or email at topplarayne@gmail.com
 Flyer with complete details is on the bulletin board in the back of church.

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	22	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	23	9:30 AM	WCC	Care Center Residents
Wed	24	—	HC	NO MASS
Thu	25	8:00 AM	SJ	Lvng & Dec'd Members of the Ron & Mary Ann Wemhoff Family
Fri	26	9:30 AM	CHB	+ Eugene & Elsie Emanuel
Sat	27	5:00 PM	HC	+ Doug Templ
Sun	28	8:30 AM	HC	+ Chad Francis
Sun	28	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		



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. Postcards were sent out this past week.

First class is scheduled for September 14th.

TEACHERS/VOLUNTEERS MEETING

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.