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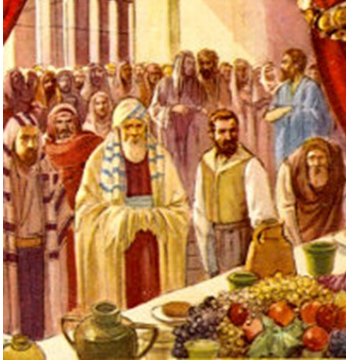
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
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The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart.

The **First Reading** is taken from the Book of *Sirach* 3:17-18, 20:28-29. In today's reading we have a few more of the words of wisdom on humility from this saintly man who spent his life meditating on the

law of God revealed to the Chosen People.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke* 14:1, 7-14, in which Jesus had been invited to dine in the house of a leading Pharisee. The Pharisees were so convinced of their own perfect knowledge and observance of the law, that they thought nobody else could possibly know it or observe it as perfectly as they did. In a very simple parable, Jesus told them where their pride would lead them.

A proud Christian, that is, a proud follower of the humble Christ, is a contradiction in terms. Christ, the Son of God, lowered himself to our level when He took our human nature. He was born in a stable, reared in the obscure village of Nazareth, earned his meager meals as a country carpenter, died on a cross as a malefactor with two thieves as companions and was buried in a God's banquet. Thank God, there are few whose pride leads them to these extremes, but there are far too many who set themselves up as judges over their neighbor and appoint themselves as the models to be imitated by all others.

There is a little demon of pride in each one of us. There is a natural inclination in each one to esteem ourselves a little better in most ways, if not in all, than our neighbor. We must keep this demon in check and not let him grow in us. Any gifts of mind or body that we have are from God—our duty is to use them properly and to thank God for the loan of them. If He gave greater gifts to another, I thank God for it. That other was able to make better use of them than I would. I have enough gifts to go on. I shall not be judged on the use or abuse of gifts which I did not receive.

If I use all the gifts which God gave me, to help my neighbor, the spiritually poor, the lame and blind, to heaven, instead of keeping myself aloof from them as the Pharisees did, then my judgment will be easy. I shall be "repaid in the resurrection of the just."

The proud Christian sets himself up as a critic of God's wisdom. He muses: God forgives sinners too easily. God doesn't know them as well as I do. That conversion cannot be trusted, it will not last, he says. The "sinners" prosper, they are blessed with good health, a happy family, more than their share of the world's goods, and here am I who never failed God, who always did what was right and even more, and I am neglected by God. God doesn't know his real friends!

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

From Fr. Vincent's Desk:

CCTV Camera Installation – Holy Cross Church, Beemer

Recently, many of you may have heard about some people or children entered our church and vandalized things. Some of these incidents will cost money to fix. They came in not only once, but



several times, which prompted us to start locking up the church and the rectory. So far, a few people have keys and if you really need one badly, let us know and we can get one to you. Otherwise, kindly bear with us as it is temporary. In consultation with some parish council members, we are soon installing CCTV cameras and then the church will remain unlocked.

Visiting Missionary

Fr. Jose Edyadiyil a Vincentian Missionary Priest will be in our parish next weekend, September 3rd and 4th to participate in our annual Missionary Cooperation Plan. He will preach at all the Masses next weekend and will make an appeal on behalf of the Vincentian Missions.

The Vincentian congregation was found in India. Members of this order are found in India, Sri Lanka, and Nepal. They need our support to carry out their missionary work especially in educational and charitable activities. Proceeds from this Missional appeals in our parish help to: the poorest in their areas of work, training and formation of Seminarians, education for poor children, support missionaries who work in poor areas in spreading the Gospel. Kindly be generous to the Vincentian Missionaries in support of their good work of the church. There will be a special collection next weekend and you may use the Missionary cooperation envelopes that will be provided in the pews.

Let's Do Something About Vocations Beyond Just Prayer

We are currently on a pastoral program change that will address the shortage of priests in the next 10 years. Can we start doing something meaningful in promoting vocations? Yes. Here are some suggestions:

If you see something, say something: I was recently on a Zoom meeting last Saturday with other clergy and Archbishop Lucas who was taking questions after the main agenda. One of our clergies asked, "What are we doing about the priest shortage and vocations crisis other than these new pastoral changes?"

While the question was framed to put blame on us, the archbishop responded back that it is the role of laypeople and all of us to take a "see something, say something" approach to potential vocations within their own families and communities.

I remember one time while serving at school Mass, my primary school teacher once told me that I would make a good priest if I would go to the Seminary. Those words have stayed with me for life. The seed was planted, and it ultimately blossomed into an inquiry of the call of priesthood. People often don't see something in themselves until it's recognized in them by someone else. Through a simple personal invitation to consider this vocation, you might be helping them better hear God's voice in their own lives. That seems like a pretty good reason to speak up. To be continued next weekend...

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

I'm now taking new candidates of RCIA for this year. Our classes will begin on Tuesday, September 6th, 2022. Deadline of registering is September 1st. 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.

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of September 4th


WORD: Tom Peatrowsky
EMHC: Brenda Anderson
SERVER: Will Robertson

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—August 21, 2022	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$320.00
Plate:	62.00
Tithe.ly Online:	100.00
Youth:	15.00
Total:	\$497.00

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

PASTORAL CONFERENCE 2022 — Will be on Saturday, Oct. 1st from 9 -Noon and will be livestreamed at St. Joseph's in Wisner. We are joining with them for this so Father Vincent can be present to both. It will provide every Catholic in Northeast Nebraska an opportunity to hear our current church reality. We hope it will inspire in them a desire to respond in community with their parish. Why is it important? The Catholic community exists to bring people to Jesus. This conference will help us to do that at a critical time in our church. Who is it for? Adult Catholics in the Archdiocese of Omaha. Who is hosting? Archbishop George Lucas and other speakers. More info on the flyers in church.

FEED BEEMER- Come join others at our community meal this Sunday, August 28, 2022, from 5-7PM at the Legion Hall. A spaghetti meal will be served. Come and enjoy fellowship and a good meal.



Celebrations:

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

Birthdays

Karen Spenner August 31
Ann Bausch September 1

Anniversaries

Gerald and Shelley Wellman August 29
Gerald and Fran Gentrup August 31

September 9th-11th, 2022—Rachels Vineyard Retreat
 Rachels Vineyard Ministries will be hosting a confidential healing retreat for women and men after abortion, Sept 9th -11th in western Iowa. For information or scholarships contact rachelshelpersofiowa@gmail.com.

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	29	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	30	—	WCC	NO MASS
Wed	31	8:00 AM	HC	+ John Hassler
Thu	01	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Leo & Flavia & William Ausdemore
Fri	02	9:30 AM	CHB	+ Lorenz & Elizabeth Ruskamp
Sat	03	5:00 PM	SJ	+ Jayda Oligmueller
Sun	04	8:30 AM	HC	+ Maria Emanuel
Sun	04	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.

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of September 3rd & 4th

LEC: Diane Davies
EMHC: Allison Kluthe
SERVER: Austin Kluthe, Dayton Gentrup, Maddisyn Lampman
OFF: Del Styskal
USHER: September Men's Group

LEC: Joyce Stalp
EMHC: Kathy Johnson
EMHC2: Sally Harms
SERVER: Aidan McBride, Ella Jacobs, Anna Jacobs
OFF: Dave Oligmueller
USHER: September Men's Group

MONEY COUNTERS

Sunday, August 28th—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder
Sunday, September 4th—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer

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

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—August 21, 2022	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$900.00
Plate:	231.00
Children:	27.00
Tithe.ly Online:	285.81
Assumption:	35.00

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

ST. JOSEPH WISH LIST:

Occasionally, we have a few smaller items or jobs that need to be done around the parish buildings. Always check out our WISH LIST and see if you can help in any way. Currently, we need to update ladders in the Church basement. Contact Fr. Vincent (402-529-3531) or Ruth Bloedorn (402-640-3446) for more information.

Needed

- 12' Aluminum or Fiberglass ladder
- 8' Aluminum or Fiberglass ladder
- 5' Aluminum or Fiberglass ladder

MEALS-ON-WHEELS

When you see them, please thank these volunteers for delivering Meals-on-Wheels last week on behalf of our parish family: Barb Deitloff, Kari Moeller, Dorothy & Norm Weber, Tammie Batenhorst, and Annie & Steve McManigal.

Meals-on-Wheels delivery takes less than 45 minutes, and is very easy to do! Pick-up the coolers of food at the Senior Center at 11 am every day except Tuesday, which is at 5 pm. St. Joseph Parish is only responsible for the route every six weeks. Please consider volunteering for this simple and rewarding community service! Call Anne at 402-750-9616, or visit with any of the volunteers listed above.

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.