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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 7, 2022

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The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom.... give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." (Lk:12:33)

The **First Reading** is taken from the Book of *Wisdom 18:6-9* and refers to the events of the Exodus, in which God showed his mighty power to save his chosen ones from their cruel enemies.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke 12:32-48* and in a few vivid and expressive similes, our Lord tells the disciples and through them, all his followers, how they should conduct their lives on earth so that they would always be found in God's friendship when their call to judgment comes. In answer to a question put to him by Peter, our Lord says that more will be expected of those who have received greater gifts from God than of those who received lesser gifts.

This teaching of our Lord should make us all sit up and take serious notice. He has taken us into his household. He has made us his "little flock." We are invited guests in his home, his Church, rather than mere servants. He warns us today that we must always be busy about our vocation, about the reason why he invited us into his home. If we grasped clearly what that call of Christ means, what our Christian vocation is, we would hardly need today's warning. We are Christians, we are members of his Church, for our own eternal good. God, through Christ's Incarnation, has put us on the road to heaven. He is ever helping us on the way. Could we be so blind to our own welfare that we would risk losing the eternal life that God has in store for us, and for which He went to the extreme lengths of love? In our saner moments we would give an emphatic no to this question. Yet, we must look the real facts of life in the face. There are many Christians who are destined for heaven but who, in their folly, have left the only road which leads there, and are now traveling in the opposite direction.

Some of us here present may be among these foolish ones. We may have let this world get such a grip on us that we have no time or thought for the world that is to come. For such foolish people, and indeed for all of us, today's warning is that our call to judgment will come on each one of us like a thief in the night, at a moment when we least expect it. This need not be a sudden death. Of every thousand who die after long illnesses in our hospitals, there rarely is one who knows and admits he is about to die, so actually all deaths are sudden, that is, unexpected.

Take a serious look at your way of living today. Is your behavior in the home, in your place of work, in your recreation, in your relations with God—prayers and church attendance—and with your neighbor, it is such that you would change nothing in it, if you were told by God that you were to die tonight? If it is, thank God for it and keep on going; you are on the right road. If it is not, don't wait for God to tell you when or where you will die; he will not tell you. Put things right today, and then you need not worry when your call to judgment comes. Death will be graduation day for the good Christian—not examination day.

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



From Fr. Vincent's Desk:

Updates on My Return to the United States

As I mentioned to you in last week's bulletin, I'm still in Nairobi, Kenya, waiting for my travel documents. So far, I'm grateful that my passport was replaced on Friday, July 29th. I then immediately contacted the US consulate here in Nairobi to start the process of getting my emergency boarding foil. They scheduled my appointment on Friday, August 5, 2022. It is a process and all I can do is be patient. Hopefully all will go well so that I travel back next week. Thank you for your prayers. I will still need more.

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.

Family Pastoral Planning Updates from the Recent Meeting

Our second meeting was held at Aloys on Tuesday, July 26th, 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.

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of August 13th & 14th

WORD: Tom Peatrowsky, Marilyn Ortmeier
EMHC: Sue Niewohner, Dennis Mostek
SERVER: Sat: Will Robertson
 Sun: Kris & Kim Pena

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of August 14th

LEC: Jeff Phillips
EMHC: Capri McGuire
EMHC 2: Shane Batenhorst
SERV: Chesney Ruskamp, Autumn Chohon, Mariah Anderson
OFF: Eric VonSeggern
USHER: August Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts
Holy Cross—July 31, 2022

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| Sunday Envelopes: | \$915.00 |
| Plate: | 71.00 |
| Tithe.ly Online: | 100.00 |
| Youth: | 11.00 |
| HELP/Fuel: | 20.00 |
| Chair Rental: | 7.50 |
| Total: | \$1124.50 |

MONEY COUNTERS

Sunday, August 7th—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder
Sunday, August 14th—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmaer

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

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

MISCHIEF AT HOLY CROSS: In recent days, there has been some mischief in our church, basement hall, kitchen, and choir loft. This has been ongoing for many days. While we are unaware of the culprits, we believe them to most likely be children. We ask our parishioners, especially those living close to the church, to be vigilant and notify us of any activity. Meanwhile, we are looking for a long-term solution. Fr. Vincent

FATHER VINCENT: Due to Father Vincent's travel misfortunes, he has extra expenses. Anyone wanting to help him out, stop by the First Community Bank and they will wire your donation to his Kenya account.

Stewardship of God's Gifts
St. Joseph—July 31, 2022

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| Sunday Envelopes: | \$950.00 |
| Plate: | 277.00 |
| Tithe.ly Online: | 60.81 |
| Heating/AC: | 200.00 |




Religious Education
ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-12
REL ED REGISTRATION

After meeting with Fr. Vincent by Zoom, we have made the decision to continue the Religious Education Program in the current format on Wednesdays at the church. However, we are still in need of one teacher, subs, and other volunteers.

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.



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

Birthdays
 Jan Liermann August 7
 Dennis Mostek August 8
 Kathy Pena August 8

Anniversaries
 Roy and Jan Liermann August 7
 Brad and Anne Schulz August 8
 Keith and Brenda Anderson August 13
 Dennis and Mary Mostek August 13



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.

| MASS INTENTIONS | | | | |
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| Mon | 08 | — | — | NO MASS |
| Tue | 09 | 9:30 AM | WCC | Care Center Residents |
| Wed | 10 | 8:00 AM | HC | + Mike McTaggart |
| Thu | 11 | 8:00 AM | SJ | + John Davies |
| Fri | 12 | 9:30 AM | CHB | + James V. Hetherington |
| Sat | 13 | 5:00 PM | HC | + Jayda Oligmueller |
| Sun | 14 | 8:30 AM | HC | Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish |
| Sun | 14 | 10:00 AM | SJ | + Newton Sunguti |
| SJ—St. Joseph's | | HC—Holy Cross | | |
| WCC—Wisner Care Center | | CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer | | |

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

