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**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 25, 2022**

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**The 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



The **First Reading** is taken from the *Prophet Amos 6:1a, 4-7*. This warning of the prophet Amos, who was only an uneducated shepherd before God called him to the prophetic ministry, does not come from Amos but from God, in whose name he spoke. God's Chosen People, to whom he had in his goodness given the land of Canaan to be their homeland for all time, were about to lose their land and their freedom, because they had forgotten their divine Benefactor and thought only of themselves and their own comfort.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke 16:19-31*. We have here a story of two men whose states, both in this life and in the next, are dramatically opposed. The rich man had everything a man could desire on this earth and he set his heart on this wealth, to such a degree that he excluded all thought of God or of what followed after death. It was not that he was ignorant of God or of a future life (our Lord was addressing the parable to the Pharisees); he admits that he had Moses and the prophets, but he paid no heed to them. He was too busy trying to squeeze the last ounce of pleasure out of his few years on earth.

On the other half of the picture, we have a beggar, a man not only in dire destitution, but suffering bodily pains as well. He bore his lot patiently. He was quite content if he got the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table, which he probably did not always get. He must have been disappointed that this rich man never thought of giving him a helping hand but there is no mention of his ever criticizing or blaming him. He left these things to God.

God forbid that any of us should be numbered amongst these foolish people, for there is no greater folly on earth than to miss the real and only purpose in life because of a few trivial, passing attractions.

If on the other hand your lot is that of a Lazarus—and many there are whose life is one long, continual struggle against poverty, disease and hardship—try to carry your cross patiently. Envy of your neighbor and rebellion against God will only add to, and do not cure, your ills. The day of judgment, which for you will be the day of reward, if you are humble and patient, is around the corner. Eternal happiness is worth twenty lives of earthly ill-fortune.

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

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	26	—	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue	27	9:30 AM	WCC	Care Center Residents
Wed	28	8:00 AM	HC	+ Jayda Oligmueller
Thu	29	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Deborah Houghton
Fri	30	9:30 AM	CHB	+ Tom & Catherine McTaggart
Sat	01	5:00 PM	SJ	+ Joseph Svoboda
Sun	02	8:30 AM	HC	+ Dale Wettlaufer
Sun	02	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		



**From Fr. Vincent's Desk:**

**The 2022 Archdiocesan Annual Pastoral Conference – Sat. Oct. 1st**

**BIG CHANGES!** Yes, big changes are coming to our parishes soon and I invite all parishioners of Beemer and Wisner to this important conference that will be held in the Wisner parish hall beginning at 9:00 am on October 1<sup>st</sup>. This is a virtual conference that we will follow via television screen and participate in the discussions. It will be facilitated by Archbishop George Lucas and his team. They are helping our committees to plan for these changes that will affect our parish Mass schedule, administration work, and general parish operations among many other things. We are still in the process of planning for these changes. Our West Point Family comprises of 10 parishes and each parish has two representatives. Together with five priests, we meet once or twice each month to plan these coming changes.

In summary, our family of West Point will have only one Pastor and two associate priests who will run 10 parishes as of July 1, 2023. To make their work run smoothly, we are planning on some changes that are different from the way we are currently operating.

**New Parish Directory Sign Up St. Joseph's, Wisner**

It is time for a new directory and I would like to ask all families and individual parishioners of St. Joseph Church to sign up for a picture taking. This activity will take place for only 4 days: November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> here in Wisner, at the basement hall. For details of signing up, check at the back of this bulletin under St. Joseph's column and the directory announcement section. Check also in parish Facebook and website. In case you need some help, let us know. Why Directory? It is a way of bringing parishioners together and getting to know who is who. It is a way of updating our contact information, as our last directory was done 6 years ago. The directory also helps the pastor to get to know who is who among his parish members as well as getting to know your contacts and addresses. Please sign up soon.

**Archbishop's Annual Appeal – 2022-2023**

The 2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is beginning in our parish. You will receive an invitation from Archbishop Lucas to support the work of the Church through a personal commitment. The Annual Appeal supports the parishes, schools, and ministries across the archdiocese. I hope you will join me in making a gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Our financial goal for this year's Annual Appeal for Wisner is \$8,279.09 and our participation goal is 28%. Whereas Beemer's financial goal is \$11,345.11 and a participation goal of 49%. As disciples of Jesus, we are invited to trust, to let go of fear and open our minds and hearts to God's saving work. What is holding you back from sharing your gifts?

**Respect Life Sunday - Life Chain**

Life chain is here once again. We thank God and our parents for supporting and sustaining our lives from conception. We are alive today because they chose life. Even though some changes have recently been made in promoting life of the unborn, more can still be done. On Sunday, October 2nd, 2022, at 2 pm, we unite with our fellow people of good will who are supporting life from conception to natural death by standing on the road with signs. Here in Wisner, we will stand along highway 275 and members of Holy Cross Parish will also stand along the same highway in Beemer. We all support life. Come together and join us for an hour of silent prayer as a gesture and expression of our beliefs.

**Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer**  
**Weekend of October 2nd**

**WORD:** Doris Guenther  
**EMHC:** Dawn Peatrowsky  
**SERVER:** Kris & Kim Pena

**Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner**  
**Weekend of October 1st & 2nd**

**LEC:** Diane Davies  
**EMHC:** Richard Schultz  
**SERVER:** Mariah Anderson, Dayton Gentrup,  
 Maddisyn Lampman  
**OFF:** Chad Ludwig  
**USHER:** October Men's Group

**LEC:** Holly Schroeder  
**EMHC:** Anne Ausdemore  
**EMHC2:** Dave Deitloff  
**SERVER:** Sydney Porter, Abraham Millan Jr,  
 Chesney Ruskamp  
**OFF:** Eric VonSeggern  
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**MONEY COUNTERS**

**Sunday, September 25th—Team #3** Steve McGuire,  
 Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer  
**Sunday, October 2nd—Team #1** Mary VonSeggern,  
 Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore

**MEN'S WORK GROUP—October 2022**

**Chair:** Tim Montgomery  
**Co-Chair:** Rick Jacobs  
**Members:** Chet Beckman, Randy Jensen, Dave  
 McGuire, Tom Feller, Ryan Schulz, Jordan Feller

**Stewardship of God's Gifts**  
**Holy Cross—September 18, 2022**

Sunday Envelopes:	\$695.00
Plate:	73.00
Tithe.ly Online:	100.00
Youth:	25.75
Insurance:	20.00
GA/CC:	130.00
Building Fund:	85.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,128.75</b>

**OCTOBER MOWING GROUP—** CHAIR: Tim Oligmueller  
 Members: Shane Coombs, Jesus Pena, Robert Praest,  
 Ron Guenther, Dan Spenner

**Stand and Pray—**Each year Life Chains form in cities and towns nationwide to make a public, prayerful, peaceful stand for life. Join us from 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday, October 2nd on Highway 275 in front of Nutrien Ag in Beemer. Feel free to bring a chair. Signs will be provided.



**Celebrations:**

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

**Birthdays**

Larry Bausch September 25  
 Doris Guenther October 1

**Anniversaries**

Alfred and Georgia Batenhorst September 29

**Religious Education**

**ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6**

**Grades K-6:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade learned about the Sacrament of Baptism, its key words, symbols and how it makes us a member of the church. This week the classes will celebrate Mass with Fr. Vincent at 5:00.

**ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS— GRADES 7-12**

**Grade 7:** Fr. Vincent visited the room and discussed the Gospel from last week and also other miracles that were performed by Jesus. We did a refresher course on how to use the missalette in church and watched a video about the Motivation to Attend Catholic Mass by Fr. Mike Schmitz.

**Grades 8-10:** We continued our lesson on the sacraments, with some insight from Fr. Vincent and a charades challenge. It was a tie! Lesson 9 will focus on Baptism and God's plan for us as His children.

This week all students from 7th-12th will be attending the "Why Pro-Life?" session at Sacred Heart Parish in Norfolk. If any parents can drive, we need to leave at 6:25 and will be back shortly after 9.

**ST. JOSEPH ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED...**

**NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY!** St. Joseph Parish leadership has determined it's time for a new pictorial church directory. Our dates for photography will be: Nov. 1st, 2nd, 6th & 7th. To schedule an appointment time, visit [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com). Church ID is "ne179" and Password is "photos". Please contact Laura Ritter (402-380-8639) or Brenda Liermann (402-649-5001) with any questions.



**PRO-LIFE PRESENTATION:** Join us on Wednesday, September 28th from 7:00pm-8:30pm for the Abortion Dialogue Academy's presentation, "Why Pro-life?" Learn the most persuasive pro-life arguments. The event will be held in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Register online at - [www.abortiondialogueacademy.org/events](http://www.abortiondialogueacademy.org/events)

**Stewardship of God's Gifts**

**St. Joseph—September 18, 2022**

Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,715.00
Plate:	287.00
Children:	129.00
Tithe.ly Online:	111.62
Rel Ed:	200.00
Heating/AC:	100.00

**ST. JOSEPH'S GUILD** will serve its annual Fall Dinner Sunday, October 2, from 11:00 to 1:00. Parishioners are asked to purchase the tickets received in the mail and send the money to Lisa Montgomery as soon as possible.

**The Ladies Guild would like to thank Arvid and Karen Hass for donating the dinner rolls for the Fall Dinner. It is very much appreciated!**

If anyone would like to make a donation of items for the Fall Dinner please contact Martha Schweers (402-380-2114) or Alison Kluthe (402-541-6522).

A Baskets and Bundles Raffle will also be held. Baskets & Bundles are on display at Mane Street if you want a peek! Please make plans to attend and invite friends and family.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will meet Monday, September 26th in the basement hall at St. Joseph's, at 7:00 pm. All men of the parish are encouraged to attend.

**2022-2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal—** As this years appeal begins in our parish, I invite you to prayerfully consider contributing a gift. Christ calls each of us to be a faithful steward of all he has given us, and the Annual Appeal offers a fantastic opportunity to practice such stewardship.

Your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal directly impacts our parish and schools through funding and resources for various ministries and coaching for parish leaders. Your support also has an effect throughout the archdiocese, supporting Catholic Charities, archdiocesan offices and more. It is an opportunity to recognize the fact that all of us across the archdiocese are part of One Church, Encountering Jesus, Equipping Disciples, and Living Mercy together.

Our 2022-2023 parish goals for the Appeal are \$8,279.09 from 28% of our parish households. To date we have received \$360 in commitments from 1% of our parish family. We need the support of all our parishioners to help us meet our goals.

Whether your contribution is monetary or through prayers, know that in giving to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, you are participating in the mission of the Archdiocese of Omaha in a special way.

Submitted by David Dinklage; AAA Representative