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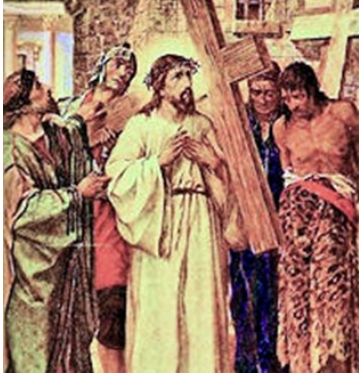
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 4, 2022

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The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of Wisdom 9:13-18a*. In today's extract the author is stressing man's incapability of understanding the divine plans and decrees. Because we are finite, limited beings, our knowledge is finite and limited. There are many limited, finite problems all around us, which we cannot solve. How could we hope

to solve the infinite ones?

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke 14:25-33* and teaches us that the essential condition for true discipleship, demanded by Christ, was, and still is, total dedication, total commitment of oneself to Him. There can be no such person as a half-Christian. "He that is not with me is against me," He said on another occasion. We cannot be for Christ on Sunday and against Him for the remainder of the week. To be His true disciples, His true followers, we must live our Christian life every day and all day.

Following Christ means making our way to heaven. It is a life-journey. We have a limited time in which to complete this journey. Therefore, we must travel a certain distance each day. This does not mean that we must spend every day in prayer and meditation. There are other tasks to be done, but we must Christianize these other tasks. Even the members of religious orders who "leave the world," that is, who are set free from the family and financial cares of this world by their vows of chastity and poverty, have to busy themselves with other cares like teaching, nursing, tilling the soil perhaps, house-keeping, writing and many such activities. They cannot and do not spend all their day and every day in prayer and meditation. Nor does Christ demand this of them.



From Fr. Vincent's Desk:

Visiting Missionary

Fr. Jose Edyadyil a Vincentian Missionary Priest is here this weekend, September 3rd and 4th to participate in our annual Missionary Cooperation Plan. He will preach at all the Masses this 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.

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

This is the last announcement of RCIA registration. Our classes will begin on Tuesday, September 6th 2022. I have extended dateline for registration until Monday, September 5th. You may reach out to me at my office 402-529-3531, or my cell phone at 402-657-7093. You may also email me at vsunguti2018@gmail.com.

Continuation on Vocation promotion:

Let's together do something about vocations beyond just prayer

Make vocations meaningful:

If your child is interested in dinosaurs, you take them to the museum to look at fossils. If your child is interested in space, you buy them a telescope and look at the stars. Immersive activities make these subjects come to life and make sense.



When you take your child to Mass, do you tell them about what's going on and the important role of the priest? Do you stop to talk to the priest afterward so that your children can see him as a human being? Do you invite men and women religious over for dinner and get to know them better? Aside from just being a positive way to support our parishes, it is also a way for children of all ages to see vocations as a viable choice for their own lives.

Be open to vocations in your own family:

Another point the bishop made was that people know vocations are important and believe they are fine for someone else but draw the line at a religious vocation taking root in their own home.

When you pray for vocations, who are you praying will be raised up for this vital ministry?

We need to recognize that our children's destinies are not ours to create and that expecting them to follow the conventional path toward marriage and family life could mean we are missing out on God's bigger plans for their lives. When I had the privilege to attend a priestly ordination ceremony, I saw new priests of various ages and walks of life who are all firmly secure in the decision they made. I also saw proud parents who, regardless of what they might have envisioned, recognize that their child found true peace and a purpose in his calling.

Discerning a religious vocation is not easy in our modern society, and I imagine that my instincts to protect my children from pain and struggle could creep in to make a religious vocation seem like an unattractive option. I've started praying more specifically that my children will be open to whatever God is calling them to do and that I will leave no stone unturned in helping them discern that call.



Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of September 10th & 11th

WORD: Doris Guenther, Marilyn Ortmeier
EMHC: Gerald Schlickbernd, Dennis Mostek
SERVER: Sat: Bo Oligmueller
 Sun: Kris & Kim Pena

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of September 11th

LEC: Dave McGuire
EMHC: Sally Harms
EMHC 2: Capri McGuire
SERV: Alicia Ramirez-Torres, Emma Schroetlin
 Jace Hansen
OFF: Todd Schroeder
USHER: September Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts
Holy Cross—August 28, 2022

Sunday Envelopes:	\$5,294.12
Plate:	71.00
Tithe.ly Online:	100.00
Youth:	9.00
Insurance:	20.00
Fuel/HELP:	10.00
GA/CC:	1,458.04
Total:	\$6,962.16

MONEY COUNTERS

Sunday, September 4th—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer
Sunday, September 11th—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore

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

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

THE MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY groups will meet this week. One is at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, September 6th, at Susan Steffensmeier's house and one is at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, September 7th, in the Holy Cross rectory. Everyone is welcome.

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.

Stewardship of God's Gifts
St. Joseph—August 28, 2022

Sunday Envelopes:	\$2,135.00
Plate:	197.00
Children:	16.00
Tithe.ly Online:	283.34

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



Celebrations:

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

Birthdays

- Mary Mostek September 4
- Jeanie McTaggart September 5
- Bea Seeman September 10

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	05	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	06	9:30 AM	WCC	+Barb Albers
Wed	07	8:00 AM	HC	Lvng & Dec'd Members of Henry & Eleanor Spenner Fam.
Thu	08	8:00 AM	SJ	Lvng & Deceased Members of Ron & MaryAnn Wemhoff Fam.
Fri	09	9:30 AM	CHB	+ Eugene Mestl
Sat	10	5:00 PM	HC	+ Duane Batenhorst
Sun	11	8:30 AM	HC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sun	11	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Deborah Houghton
SJ—St. Joseph's		HC—Holy Cross		
WCC—Wisner Care Center		CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer		

ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-12

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.

Classes start September 14th

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.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LYONS

is hosting their Fall Luncheon Pasta Bar.
 Friday, September 16th, 11:00 am—1:00 pm
 Pasta, Lettuce Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert & Drink
 Walk-ins Welcome & Carry-outs Available