

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

**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 October 16th, 2022**

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**The 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



The **First Reading** is taken from the book of *Exodus 17:8-13*. In this reading the Israelites are attacked in their journey from Egypt to Canaan by the Amalek tribe who would have annihilated them were it not for Moses's intercession with God.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke 18:1-8*. There are many devout Christians

who are deeply puzzled by what they think is God's indifference to their fervent pleas for spiritual favors, which to them appear essential in their journey heavenwards. These people would readily admit that God has good reasons for not granting temporal favors—they might not be for their eternal good. Why refuse or delay granting their spiritual needs? The man or woman who has dedicated his or her life exclusively to the service of God still suffers from human weaknesses. He or she is attracted to worldly things, is finding humility and obedience very difficult, suffers from dryness in prayer or worse still is scrupulous to a degree that makes the religious life almost unbearable. Such people could work so much better for God and for their neighbor if only God would remove these weaknesses which, in fact, he could so easily do.

God wants every one of us in heaven but just as no two men on earth have the same identical features, so also no two men on earth have the same road to lead them to heaven. God is supervising the journey of each one of us. He is ever there to help if the obstacle on one's road is insurmountable. We may and we must, keep asking God for the spiritual and temporal favors which we feel we need.

"Ask and you shall receive," not perhaps what you wanted, but what God knew you needed. "Seek and you shall find," not the easy way which you thought you deserved, but the harder way which would make you more deserving of heaven. "Knock and it shall be opened unto you," not the door you were standing at, which would have delayed or endangered your progress, but the door further down the street where refreshment and new courage to continue on your upward climb were awaiting you.

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



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

**Updates on our West Point FPPT (Family Pastoral Planning Team) -Journey of Faith**

I thought of letting you know what is going on with these anticipated pastoral changes. In case you are not aware, each of the 10 parishes in our West Point family has 2 representatives. For Holy Cross, Beemer, we have Stan Ortmeier and Karen Spenner, and for St. Joseph, Wisner, we have Sally Harms and Ruth Bloedorn.



- ◆ We have had a few meetings, and the location varies. We've been meeting in other places around our parish family, so we are not always meeting in the same place.
- ◆ We have worked on aspects of what things might look like.
- ◆ We have talked about Masses and Mass times, though nothing is set in stone by any means.
- ◆ We have broken up into different subcommittees (that are making proposals on how to work together as a family in the areas of Evangelization, Parish communication, Finance, Facility management and Schools).

These committees have their own issues and questions that they need to work through, figure out and try and bring some type of proposal or ideas back to the larger group so that we don't have to sit and discuss every question among the 20+ of us.

Ultimately, once we get somewhat of a consensus on what we believe will work for our 10 parishes in all the different areas that we need to look at and discuss, a proposal will be sent to the Archbishop hopefully by Nov. 15th. He will decide if it is agreeable or not and if we need to do more work and have changes in our proposal. Let me make myself clear - we do have input but ultimately it is the Archbishop's decision on what things will look like - he is the Archbishop of the diocese.

**Updates on Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2022-2023**

Thank you to all who have supported the Archbishop's Annual Appeal through prayer and meaningful gifts. This weekend we invite all those who have yet to make a gift to join their fellow parishioners in an expression of gratitude. Every gift, no matter how large or small, makes a difference. Our parish of Wisner has currently committed \$1,500 towards the goal of \$8,299. Help us reach our participation goal of 28%. We are currently at 5 donors.

Our other parish of Beemer has currently committed \$2,270 towards the goal of \$11,345.11. With your help, we can reach the participation goal of 49%. Currently, we are at 7 donors. Thank you for your generosity.



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**Reminder: Make use of Online Giving**

Just a reminder that both our parishes of St. Joseph, Wisner, and Holy Cross, Beemer, have an online giving option. You can set it up by visiting your parish website and click on the donate button. We use "Tithely.ly" as our carrier. Consider using this system since it provides many benefits to our parish and makes giving easier and more convenient for you as an individual parishioner. For summary on this online giving, please take a brochure that can be found on the vestibule announcement tables.

Saint Joseph Parish Council Members 2022-2023	
Ruth Bloedorn—Pres.	Trevor Cyboron— V.P.
Matt Albers	Holly Schroeder
Lindsey Burki— Sec.	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—Sec.
Mike Gentrup	Karen Spenner
Robert Praest	Michelle Borgmann
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Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer

Weekend of October 22nd & 23rd

**WORD:** Rita Eichelberger, Marilyn Ortmeier  
**EMHC:** Brenda Anderson, Ann Bausch  
**SERVER:** Sun: Kris & Kim Pena

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner

Weekend of October 23rd

**LEC:** Jeff Phillips  
**EMHC:** Janet Ludwig  
**EMHC 2:** Martha Schweers  
**SERV:** Lilly Good, Paislie Burki, Hayden Schroeder  
**OFF:** Eric VonSeggern  
**USHER:** October Men's Group

**Stewardship of God's Gifts  
 Holy Cross—October 9, 2022**

Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,112.00
Plate:	154.00
Tithe.ly Online:	100.00
Youth:	13.00
Total:	\$1,379.00

**MONEY COUNTERS**

**Sunday, October 16th—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer**  
**Sunday, October 23rd—Team #3 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

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

**YOUTH & SERVER APPRECIATION TODAY** with coffee, juice and rolls after Mass. Please Join us!

**Stewardship of God's Gifts  
 St. Joseph—October 9, 2022**

Sunday Envelopes:	\$825.00
Plate:	99.00
Children:	14.00
Tithe.ly Online:	471.39
Heating/AC:	100.00

**Celebrations:**

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

**Birthdays**

Gus Harrison October 17  
 Sue Niewohner October 20

**GriefShare – Surviving the Holidays**

Franciscan Healthcare in West Point will be hosting a GriefShare workshop. It is a 2 hours Christian based grief workshop. Participants will watch a short video given by grief experts, small group discussions and then an input from experts.

Date and Times are: November 7<sup>th</sup>—6pm-7pm, November 10<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 – 3:00 pm, December 5<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 – 7:00 pm and December 12<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 – 3:00 pm. The venue will be at the Hospital's second floor in the Clare conference room. For questions, contact Chaplain Tom Manhart at 402 372 6708 or [tmanhart@franhealth.org](mailto:tmanhart@franhealth.org). Check fliers for more information.



**SIGN UP NOW FOR THE NEW PARISH DIRECTORY!!** Many parish families have already signed up to have their photos taken for the new directory. We would like to have as many families represented as possible. Members from the committee will soon begin contacting those that have not yet registered to schedule an appointment. Dates for photography are: 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.



**Religious Education**

**ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6**

**Grades K-6:** The 4<sup>th</sup> grade class visited Fr. Vincent at the rectory, got a tour of it, and was able to ask him many questions about being a priest. They asked him where he went to college, seminary school, how long it takes to become a priest and what is his favorite part of being a priest. The afternoon ended with all students gathering in church to pray the rosary that was led by Capri McGuire. This week the students will be reciting prayers so please help your children learn the prayers that were assigned to them.

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

**Grade 7:** We discussed the Steps of Canonization and also learned about the saints Blessed Carlos Acutis and the Blessed Pier Giorgio.

**Grade 8-10:** We began our first session on the Holy Spirit. We learned what it is and how to ask the Spirit for help and direction. We also checked on our service sheets.

**Grade 11-12:** No class. This week there will be class.

The evening ended with all gathering in the church for closing prayer.



**Prayer Chain info.....**St. Joseph prayer group is open to all men and women of the parish. The prayer request notifications come to you via text or phone call, and you are not asked to pass on the requests (like past prayer chains have required). You simply include the request in your regular prayers and there is no meeting involved.

If you or a loved one need extra prayers, please let us know. The information you give can be as general or specific as you'd like. All members of the prayer group are asked to keep the intentions confidential. To be added to the prayer group or to ask for special prayer requests, please notify Father Vincent or call or text Anne at 402-750-9616.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon	17	—	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue	18	9:30 AM	WCC	Care Center Residents
Wed	19	8:00 AM	HC	+ Eugene & Elsie Emanuel
Thu	20	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Jayda Oligmueller
Fri	21	9:30 AM	CHB	Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of the Alois & Ann Ortmeier Family
Sat	22	5:00 PM	HC	+ Andres Fernandez
Sun	23	8:30 AM	HC	Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of the Ray Steffensmeier Family
Sun	23	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