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4:15-4:40 pm or by appointment

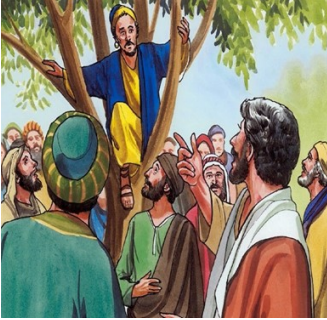
**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**October 30th, 2022**

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**The 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



The Gospel is from St. Luke 19: 1-10. Zacchaeus's interest in seeing what Jesus was like was caused by something more than idle curiosity. Unknown to him, the grace of God was working within him. He thought that he just wanted to see what Jesus was like. Jesus knew already what Zacchaeus was like and intended to see him and save him from his downward rush after earthly wealth. He would offer him eternal riches. This is exactly what happened. Jesus entered the home and heart of Zacchaeus that day, and not only the home and heart of Zacchaeus, but of his whole household. From that day Jesus had devoted followers in Jericho, and Christianity had a strong foothold in that ancient city.

Zacchaeus was not so stubborn or so foolish. The story of his conversion is put before us today, not as a matter of historical interest, but as a matter of vital spiritual interest. We are all sinners to a greater or lesser degree. Jesus is approaching each one of us today by means of this very lesson which we have read. Let each one of us try to see what Jesus is like. He is a loving brother who died that we might live, a fellowman who suffered tortures that we might have eternal joy. He was also the Son of God, the God of infinite love. At the same time, let Jesus see us as we really are. Let us expose and confess to him all our earthly weaknesses and injustices against God and neighbor. He will find a remedy for us. He will put us back once more on the straight road to heaven. Today, salvation will come to us and to our house. We will become again true sons of Abraham, true heirs to heaven.

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

**Today's Catechism—**  
**Let's learn something about our Catholic Faith**  
**Lesson 15: Jesus Christ:**

*Could Science in years to come explain away miracles?*  
Never, because only through the power of God could blindness be cured instantly for the dead come back to life just by the sound of a voice.

*Are you automatically saved by the death of Jesus?*  
No, because His death merely makes it possible for you to be saved. You need to cooperate in faith with Christ. "Work out your salvation with fear and trembling" (Philippians 2:12).

**Welcome to St. Josephs Church**  
**and Holy Cross Parish**

We welcome all our guests and new members to our parishes. There are many opportunities for experiencing the peace and joy of our loving God in liturgy, groups, committees and volunteer service to the church. If you would like to join our parish family, contact the parish office or send an email to:  
For St. Joseph—[stjo68791@gmail.com](mailto:stjo68791@gmail.com)  
For Holy Cross—[renaecarlson@hotmail.com](mailto:renaecarlson@hotmail.com)



**From Fr. Vincent's Desk:**  
**Updates on our West Point FPPT (Family Pastoral Planning Team) -Journey of Faith**

- 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 had a meeting in West Point last week and we have not yet finalized in terms of Mass times and sites. We are guided by certain parameters set by the Pastoral team in the archdiocese and we can't go against them. Therefore, we are discussing the possibility of merging some parishes. That means two or three parishes becoming one. Those who merge, may leave their church site building and the name and may have Mass every Sunday or alternate with another parish. Discussions are ongoing with more details about what this involves. Be prepared for anything.

- 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.

In case you are not aware, each of our 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've had several meetings so far and we have been meeting in other parishes around our family so we are not meeting in just one place.

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

Our gifts to the 2022-2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal bear witness to God's love at work in our lives. Thank you to all those at our parish who have responded so generously to Archbishop Lucas' invitation to join him in the work of equipping disciples and living mercy. To date, our parish of St. Joseph has raised \$5,860 towards our goal of \$8,279.09. Holy Cross has raised \$2,295 towards our total of \$11,345.11. Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal.



**GriefShare – Surviving the Holidays**

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



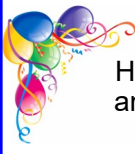
Date and Times are: November 7<sup>th</sup>—6pm-7pm, November 10<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 – 3:00 pm, December 5<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 – 7:00 pm and December 12<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 – 3:00 pm. The venue will be at the Hospital's second floor in the Clare conference room. For questions, contact Chaplain Tom Manhart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

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer  
Weekend of November 6th

WORD: Tom Peatrowsky  
EMHC: Jeanie McTaggart  
SERVER: Will Robertson

Stewardship of God's Gifts Holy Cross—October 23, 2022	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$640.00
Plate:	67.00
Tithe.ly Online:	100.00
Youth:	5.00
Insurance:	20.00
Total:	\$832.00

**BIBLE STUDIES** at Holy Cross Church in Beemer will be Tuesday, November 1, at 2 PM at Susan Steffensmeier's house and on Wednesday, November 2, at 5:30 PM in the Holy Cross rectory. Everyone is welcome.



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

**Birthdays**  
Casey Green October 30  
Ken Schlickbernd October 30  
Brooke Combs November 2

**ALL SAINTS & ALL SOUL'S DAY  
MASS SCHEDULE  
ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS PARISHES**

**Tuesday, November 1st**  
8:00 am at St. Joseph — Wisner  
5:30 pm at Holy Cross — Beemer

**Wednesday, November 2nd**  
8:00 am at Holy Cross—Beemer

**ST. MARY'S FAMILY FUN DAY AT WEST POINT**  
"Fishers of Men" is Sunday, November 6th. Serving from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm a roast beef/pork, sausage, sauerkraut and dumplings dinner. Price for tickets will be \$15.00 for adults, and \$5.00 for children (10 and under). There will be a country store, raffle tables, cake walk, games, silent auction & a big auction starting at 1:00 pm. Please join us.

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	31	—	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue	01	8:00 AM	SJ	<b>ALL SAINTS DAY</b> Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Tue	01	5:30 PM	HC	<b>ALL SAINTS DAY</b> + Eugene Mestl
Wed	02	8:00 AM	HC	<b>ALL SOULS' DAY</b> Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of Leo & Hildegard Hunke
Thu	03	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Gary Servi
Fri	04	9:30 AM	CHB	+ Alvin Dinslage
Sat	05	5:00 PM	SJ	Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of the Ron & MaryAnn Wemhoff Fam.
Sun	06	8:30 AM	HC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sun	06	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Alvin Barent
SJ—St. Joseph's		HC—Holy Cross		
WCC—Wisner Care Center		CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer		

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner  
Weekend of November 5th & 6th

LEC: Richard Schultz  
EMHC: Madonna Servi  
SERVER: Jordyn Gentrup, Ghia Bramble  
Knoxyn Thies  
OFF: Del Styskal  
USHER: November Men's Group

LEC: Tammie Batenhorst  
EMHC: Linda Hansen  
EMHC2: Richard Schultz  
SERVER: Jesa Montgomery, Erica Good, Ella Jacobs  
OFF: Chris Ruskamp  
USHER: November Men's Group

**MONEY COUNTERS**

Sunday, October 30th—Team #1 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder  
Sunday, November 6th—Team #2 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer

**MEN'S WORK GROUP—November 2022**

Chair: Steve Gerken  
Co-Chair: Jason Oligmueller  
Members: Dave Oligmueller, Dane Miller, Steve McManigal, Jeff Albers, David Dinklage, Del Styskal, Trevor Styskal

Stewardship of God's Gifts St. Joseph—October 23, 2022	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$2,235.00
Plate:	139.00
Children:	7.00
Tithe.ly Online:	231.62
Heating/AC:	200.00
World Mission:	281.00



**CHURCH DIRECTORY...** Pictures for the parish directory will be starting this Tuesday, November 1st. There are plenty of time slots available if you have not yet signed up. To schedule an appointment time, visit [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com). Church ID is "ne179" and Password is "photos". Digital photos may also be submitted by email to [brendaaprn@gmail.com](mailto:brendaaprn@gmail.com) or to [ritter@skyww.net](mailto:ritter@skyww.net). The deadline for submission is November 8th.

Photography dates: Nov. 1st, 2nd, 6th & 7th. 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 students each picked a saint to do research on for a presentation in November and did start some research today. The 1<sup>st</sup> grade class made a poster for the Wisner Fire Department thanking them for all the hard work they do year-round, and helping save us. Linda Hansen will deliver poster to the Fire Department. They also talked about God being the creator and creation.

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

**Grade 7:** The class watched episode 2 of The Chosen in which the Shabbat is celebrated. Jesus makes his first appearance at the Shabbat dinner at the home of Mary Magdalene.

**Grade 11-12:** There was no class. There will be class this week to discuss the format and course for the rest of the year.

