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4:15-4:40 pm or by appointment

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 9th, 2022

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The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Gospel is from *St. Luke 17:11-19*. The incident of the ten lepers happened as our Lord was on His way to Jerusalem, where He was to die on the cross so that we could live eternally. The Church brings it before our minds today, not so much to remind us of the mercy and kindness of Jesus to all classes, even the outcasts, as lepers were, as to make us see and be amazed at the depths of ingratitude to

which men can sink.

This is but one of many such examples of ingratitude that occurred during Christ's public ministry, most of those He miraculously cured forget to thank Him. In today's incident there was one, and he was the one least expected to do so, who had the decency to return and thank his benefactor. This pleased our Lord and led Him to remark on the ingratitude of the others. "Were not all ten made whole, where are the other nine?"

He was surprised and also sad for their sakes, not for his own. They missed greater graces through this lack of appreciation and gratitude. All ten showed great faith and confidence in Jesus' power to heal. They had not heard Him preach nor had they seen any of His miracles. They lived in isolation camps, yet they believed the reports they had heard. They all were very obedient too. They set off for Jerusalem to carry out the command of Jesus, even though their leprosy had not yet left them.

Think for a moment. If those nine ungrateful lepers were struck again with disease some months later and returned to implore Christ for a cure, would you blame Him if He refused? Most of us would refuse. Yet we expect Him to listen to our urgent pleas the minute we make them, while we have not given Him a thought and never said one "thank you, Lord; while things were going well with us.

We all need to be more grateful to God every day of our lives—more grateful than we have been. He has not only given us life on this earth with its joys and its sorrows, but He has prepared for us a future life where there will be no admixture of sorrows. It is for that life that we are working. It is because there is a heaven after death that we are Christians. God has already done His part in preparing this heaven for us. He is assisting us daily to get there. We need a lot of that assistance and one of the surest ways of getting further benefits from God (as well as from men) is to show true gratitude for the benefits already received.

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

Through our participation in the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, we are invited to take the Holy Spirit up on the gifts that are being offered to us. Our parish of St. Joseph has currently committed \$900 towards the goal of \$8,279.09, with a participation goal of 28%. We are currently at 3 donors. Holy Cross Parish has currently committed \$770 towards the goal of \$11,345.11, with a participation goal of 49%. We are currently at 2 donors. Help us to reach our participation goal in each one of our parishes. Thank you for your generosity.



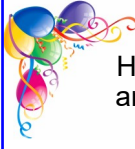
Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of October 16th

WORD: Youth
EMHC: Tom Peatrowsky
SERVER: Youth

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—October 2, 2022	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$470.00
Plate:	68.00
Tithe.ly Online:	100.00
Youth:	22.00
Total:	\$660.00

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

HOLY CROSS YOUTH MASS & SERVER APPRECIATION next Sunday, October 16th. Coffee & rolls after. Let's show our youth how special they are to us.



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

Birthdays
 Mary Gentrup October 15
 David Steffensmeier October 15




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.

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				
Mon	10	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	11	9:30 AM	WCC	Lvng & Dec'd Members of Ron & MaryAnn Wemhoff Family
Wed	12	8:00 AM	HC	+ Viola Doerneman
Thu	13	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Deborah Houghton
Fri	14	9:30 AM	CHB	+ Alvin Dinslage
Sat	15	5:00 PM	SJ	+ Yalanda Avila
Sun	16	8:30 AM	HC	Lvng & Dec'd Members of Henry & Eleanor Spenner Family
Sun	16	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		

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of October 15th & 16th

LEC: Gayle Lampman
EMHC: Alison Kluthe
SERVER: Haley Kneifl, Jentrye Fredrickson, Charli Jacobs
OFF: Tim Phillips
USHER: October Men's Group

LEC: Steve McGuire
EMHC: Shane Batenhorst
EMHC2: Kathy Johnson
SERVER: Jose Ramirez Lugo, Emma Schroetlin, Anna Jacobs
OFF: Duane Mendlik
USHER: October Men's Group

MONEY COUNTERS

Sunday, October 9th—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder

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

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	
St. Joseph—October 2, 2022	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$3,810.00
Plate:	1,676.00
Children:	78.00
Tithe.ly Online:	160.81
Heating/AC:	300.00

Ladies' Guild **A BIG Thank You** to all the women who participated and made the Fall Dinner at St. Joseph's a wonderful success!! Special thanks to all the committee chairs who gave their time, talent and treasures. It is truly appreciated!! Ladies of the Parish are asked to pick up their dishes from the kitchen of the church.

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. Church ID is "ne179" and Password is "photos". Please contact Laura Ritter (402-380-8639) or Brenda Liermann (402-649-5001) with any questions.

HOWELLS CRAFT SHOW... at the Howells Ballroom Saturday, October 15th - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Over 50 vendor tables. Homemade chicken soup and sandwiches. And a Bake Sale!! Admission is \$2.00. Sponsored by Howells Community Catholic School

Religious Education

ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6

Grades K-6: The first -grade class enjoyed a field trip to the Wisner Care Center and delivered decorated paper pumpkins. The class got to visit with many of the residents and also received some candy and stickers. Prayer sheets were sent home with the students so please help your child review for prayers that they need to recite on October 19th.

ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS— GRADES 7-12

Grade 7: The class discussed the Rosary, who the founder was and how the Rosary also relates to bible scriptures that we are familiar with. They also learned 5 easy things about the Rosary to help them pray it more often.

Grade 8-10: We finished our lesson on Baptism. Please bring your Service Hours sheet next week for an update.

All the classes gathered together for closing prayer and Fr. Vincent led us in praying the Rosary in honor of our month of Mary.