

Saint Joseph's Parish
PO Box 623
1318 Ave G West
Wisner, NE 68791
Parish Office: 529-3891
www.stjosephwisner.org
Reconciliation: Saturdays before Mass
4:15-4:40 pm or by appointment

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 29th, 2023

Administrator: Rev. Vincent Sunguti
402-529-3531
Email: vsunguti2018@gmail.com

Holy Cross Parish
PO Box 212
517 N Fraiser
Beemer, NE 68716
Phone: 528-3475
www.holycrossbeemer.org
Reconciliation: Sundays
8:00-8:20 am or by appt.

Bulletin and Office Email: stj68791@gmail.com

The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Today's readings in the liturgy of the Word use the same theme of the poor, not only the needy but above everything else, those who founded their security and hope in God.

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of the Prophet Zephaniah (one of the twelve minor prophets) 2:3; 3:12-13*.

It introduces the poor as those who are repressed by the inequities of the powerful and by injustice, those who never lose hope, who seek the Lord with trust and rely only on Him.

The **Gospel** reading is taken from the *Gospel of St. Matthew 5:1-12a*. At the end of the Gospel of the Beatitudes, the poor appear as the privileged ones in the discourse, the definitive, true protagonists in the story.

The first recipients of the Beatitudes are, in fact, the 'poor in spirit', an expression that indicates those who have their hearts and consciences directed intimately to Our Lord. They are the expression of the just who are tried by moments of suffering and difficulties. However, they are called 'blessed' and 'happy' because God's merciful and compassionate gaze rests on them. These are the poor that the Bible text really refers to. The poor in the Bible are the humbled, the 'anawim', who bear a burden on their shoulders. They are given God's favor and because of this the Word identifies them as just, meek and humble. All kinds of attitudes are included in the eight beatitudes. This way the true significance of the 'just poor' is revealed; the ones who don't confide mainly in themselves but in God. The poor are those who detach themselves concretely and interiorly from the possession of persons and things and above all, of themselves. The poor don't find security in the gods of this world like success, power or pride but the true Lord God in Heaven.

Thus, the poor, meek and humble become a scandal before the world because they witness that one can found our lives on God, with the same certainty of His constant presence and so they confirm the existence and works of God. Each one of us is invited to verify where our certainty rests and if our daily life and actions proclaim God's efficacious presence in the world.

In Courtesy of the congregation of the clergy



From Fr. Vincent's Desk:

Family Pastoral Planning Team Updates
(FPPT)



As the Archdiocese of Omaha embarks on the next stage of its Journey of Faith, parishes are preparing for changes. Some will have significant changes and others less. Our Family Pastoral Planning Team made up of 2 representatives from each parish in our family which include St. Mary's Church - West Point, St. Aloysius - Aloys, St. Anthony - St. Charles, St. Boniface - Monterey, St. Wenceslaus - Dodge, St. Peter and Paul - Howells, and St. John Nepumecene - Howells, St. Joseph - Wisner, and Holy Cross - Beemer, has submitted to the archdiocese a proposal which was reviewed and sent back to us with some areas that needed further discussions. Just over a week ago, we (FPPT) had a lengthy meeting at St. Wenceslaus Church in Dodge together with the archbishop's delegates Jim Jensen and Whitney Bradley. They emphasized that the new pastoral program will start on July 1st, 2023, and is meant to last for 10 years until 2033. We also discussed some of the changes that needed to be made. Consequently, we modified our proposal to meet the parameters set by the archdiocese. Although I am waiting for the proposal to be accepted before I communicate the particular changes, I wanted to let you know that the Journey of Faith is continuing to move forward. Updates will be given when the proposal has been accepted. General information about the Journey of Faith can be found at journeyoffaith.org



Let's learn something about our Catholic Faith

Lesson 21: The Sacrament of Holy Eucharist

What is the Holy Eucharist? It is the sacrament in which Christ is really and physically present and the appearances of bread and wine.

It is unfortunate that many Catholics even those who come to Mass don't believe in this teaching any more today. This group of Catholics believe that Christ is symbolically present in the Eucharist but not physically present. If you don't belong to this group, help your brother or sister to believe that Jesus is truly present in the Holy communion. If not, then we are simply acting in Mass. It will also mean that we don't believe in Jesus words on Holy Thursday that stated: "I'm the true bread of life. Whoever eats this bread and drinks of this chalice, will have everlasting life." That means Christ is fully present in what we receive.

Did the bread and wine change the appearance?

No, the appearance of bread and wine (taste, smell, color, size, shape, weight) did not change, even though the bread and wine were actually changed into the body and blood of Jesus. It is only the substance that changes (transubstantiation) but the appearance remains the same.

Did Jesus give anyone the power of changing the bread and wine into his body and blood? Yes, the apostles during the last supper when he told them: "Do this in memory of me". (Lk. 22:19). *(To be continued next weekend)*

Hello
February


Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of February 5th

WORD:
 EMHC: Mary Mostek
 SERVER:

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—January 22nd, 2023	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$640.00
Plate:	29.00
Youth:	30.00
Tithe.ly Online:	100.00
GA/CC:	110.00
Total:	\$909.00

HOLY CROSS MEN'S SOCIAL ...will be held on Monday, January 30th at 6:00 pm in the rectory. Come and enjoy drinks, snack, and cards.

BIBLE STUDY in Beemer will be Wednesday, February 1st at the rectory at 5:30 PM. Everyone is welcome.



Celebrations:
 Holy Cross Parish wishes happiness and God's blessings to the following:
 No birthdays or anniversaries

**GriefShare—
 Grieving the loss of someone close to you**


Franciscan Healthcare in West Point will be hosting a GriefShare workshop. It is a video seminar series that features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on grief and recovery topics as seen from a biblical perspective. The video seminars are combined with support group discussion of the materials presented during the video.

Date and Times are: January 30th—April 10th, 2023, from 6-7 pm. The workshop will be held at the Hospital on the second floor in the Clare Conference Room. Registration is strongly encouraged for material purposes (please see the flyer in the back of church).

For questions, contact Chaplain Tom Manhart at 402-372-6708 or tmanhart@franhealth.org. Check flyers for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	30	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	31	9:30 AM	WCC	Wisner Care Center Residents
Wed	01	8:00 AM	HC	+ Theresa Funari
Thu	02	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Herb Albers
Fri	03	9:30 AM	CHB	+ Duane Humlicek
Sat	04	5:00 PM	SJ	+ Irma Donner
Sun	05	8:30 AM	SJ	Mike McTaggart
Sun	05	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



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH!!!
 2nd annual Trivia Night for St. Joseph Church, Wisner
Get your teams together!
Registration forms are being mailed this week!!
 To sign up, contact Paige Godbersen at 402-604-0406

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of February 4th & 5th

LEC: Bonnie Styskal
 EMHC: Alison Kluthe
 SERVER: Angel Ramirez-Lugo, Maddisyn Lampman, Lilly Good
 OFF: Ruth Bloedorn
 USHER: February Men's Group

LEC: Dave McGuire
 EMHC: Janet Ludwig
 EMHC2: Martha Schweers
 SERVER: Kinsley Lueken, Charli Jacobs, Jace Hansen
 OFF: Chris Ruskamp
 USHER: February Men's Group

MONEY COUNTERS

Sunday, January 29th —Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer
 Sunday, February 5th—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore

MEN'S WORK GROUP—February 2023

Chair: Adam Brahmer
 Co-Chair: Jeff Recker
 Members: Dan Kane, Terry Soden, Ron Machacek, Shawn Davie, Doug Oertwich, Bernie Ruskamp

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—January 22nd, 2023	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,125.00
Plate:	193.00
Children:	28.00
Tithe.ly Online:	110.00

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2022 are completed and are available for pick up in the back of church. Also, if you have not yet grabbed your envelopes, they are on the table as well. Should you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 402-529-3891.



COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS will be hosted by St. Joseph Parish Council in the church basement **TODAY**, Sunday, January 29th, after Mass. Stop down to share food and fellowship with your parish family!!

**ADVANCE NOTICE
 TO ALL CONFIRMATION FAMILIES**

The Ladies Guild will provide a hot meal to all confirmation students and their families and extended family members for Confirmation on Sunday, March 12, 2023. The meal will be in the church basement following the Confirmation Mass. Invites with more details will be sent to all Confirmation families within the next weeks. Questions, please contact Martha Schweers 402-380-2114.

Religious Education

ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6
Grades K-6: Kindergarten and first grade both did Circle of Grace Lessons. The second grade celebrated their First Reconciliation with Fr. Vincent and will keep preparing for First Communion.

ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS– GRADES 7-12
Grade 7: The class started the Circle of Grace Curriculum and will finish it this week.

Grades 8-10: We talked about the Saints we are choosing for Confirmation with Fr. Vincent's direction. We also collected some of the papers that are due. We discussed the Creed and ended with a prayer for the unborn and their parents. We need to have the saint report, service hours, and sponsor sheet in by next week. Please make sure they are finished.

Grades 11-12: No class. Will resume normal class this week.