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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 12th, 2023

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The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Gospel: Mathew 5:17-37 - Today Jesus instructs His disciples what not to do. He begins His instructions by saying: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets, I have come, not to abolish them, but to fulfill them." He continues on: "Of this much I assure you: until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter of the law . . . shall be done away with until it all comes true." Anyone who fulfills the law is the least in the kingdom." Then He adds: Whoever fulfills and teaches these commandments shall be great in the kingdom of God. And unless your holiness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of God."

Jesus also speaks about judging others. If we judge a sister or brother, we are the ones who will be liable for judgment, not them. He then talks about anger. He tells his disciples that if they get angry or use abusive language they will be held in contempt and they also are risking "the fires of Gehenna." Jesus warns his disciples about the danger of thoughts of impurity, adultery, divorce or making false oaths or pledges. He ends with these words: "Say 'Yes' when you mean 'Yes' and 'No' when you mean 'No'. Anything else is from the evil one."

Take a moment and ask yourself: how often do I speak words that are neither just nor appropriate? If you are like me, it is far too often! Yet, I may continue to do it. Why do we do this? Most of us know what is appropriate and inappropriate yet we continue to berate, judge, or demean others. In today's Gospel, Jesus is very clear about what we are not to do! Today pause a moment and ask yourself: Do I take Jesus' words seriously? Do I strive to live as He calls us to live? Or will I continue to act in a manner I know is not healthy for me or for the people in my life? Every day, every moment, we have a choice! What will we choose today?

 **From Fr. Vincent's Desk:**
Norfolk Christians Encounter Christ (CEC)
(A Personal Encounter with Christ)

What is CEC? It is a Catholic movement within the Archdiocese of Omaha. It is a 3-day weekend experience beginning on Friday and ending on Sunday. It is a personal and communal encounter with Christ which leads to a lifelong relationship with God in our spiritual growth. It will be held as follows: Men: March 17, 18 & 19. Women: April 28, 29, & 30. I have been planning to attend this program for the last 4 years and I didn't do it. But this time I have already registered to attend. Anyone interested? We will reach out to you also individually or by phone call.

ROOTED - Nebraska Catholic Men's Conference
Men of Nebraska, join us as we strive to be uncompromising for Jesus Christ. Through prayer, keynotes, fellowship and challenge, this one-day conference aims to help all men establish a firm foundation rooted in Christ. NOTE: This event has 2 dates left at different locations. February 25th at Norfolk and March 4th at Clarkson. I attended this conference last year with a few men and it is very helpful. We will reach out to you by phone calls too to see if you are interested. Register at rootednebraska.com



Let's learn something about our Catholic Faith
Continuation on Lesson 21: Sacrament of Eucharist

How did the apostles hand down this power of the sacrament? They handed it down by making some other men priests and bishops through the sacrament of Holy Orders.

What is required to receive Holy Communion worthily? No one could ever be worthy, but at least this much is required: you must be baptized catholic, free of mortal sin and you must fast one hour at least before receiving this Holy Communion.

What kind of a sin is committed when someone receives Holy Communion unworthily? To so knowingly and willingly is a mortal sin called sacrilege.

How often are Catholics obliged to receive Holy Communion? At least once in a year during Easter season that is any time from the first Sunday of Lent to the Sunday of Pentecost.

How often to good Catholics receive Holy Communion? Every Sunday and many receive every day. The ideal is that you receive Holy Communion every time you attend Holy Mass.

What does Holy Communion do for us? It nourishes our life with Christ, strengthens it, repairs it, and revives it. In general, it does all the things natural food does to our body but in this sense, spiritually and unites us more closely with God.

Is the sacrament of Holy Eucharist important for our salvation? Jesus said, "Unless you eat the flesh of the son of man and drink his blood, you shall not have life in you. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has life everlasting and I will raise him or her up on the last day." (John 6:54-55).

Practical point:

1. The Holy Communion is called viaticum when received by someone in times of danger of death. Viaticum is a Latin word which means "food for the journey" of life. That means Jesus will be with you on the way.
2. After receiving Holy Communion, spend some time in prayer, adoring our Lord, thanking Him, loving Him and asking for His help.
3. If after the last Holy Communion, you have committed venial sins, you may receive Holy Communion with no obligation to go to confession.
4. When you receive Holy Communion under one species like the body of Christ alone, it is still full Jesus. We are supposed to receive both species of the Holy Communion and the cup, but due to large Sunday congregation and now with the phobia of germs, many parishes are avoiding that. A few have returned to both species.



Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of February 19th

WORD: Renae Carlson
EMHC: Brenda Anderson
SERVER: Kris & Kim Pena

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of February 18th & 19th

LEC: Steve McGuire
EMHC: Anne Ausdemore
SERVER: Leighton Porter, Jentrye Frederickson,
 Haley Kneifl
OFF: Mark Porter
USHER: February Men's Group

LEC: Holly Schroeder
EMHC: Shane Batenhorst
EMHC2: Linda Hansen
SERVER: Claire Flack, Abraham Millan Jr.,
 Charlee Thies
OFF: Tim Phillips
USHER: February Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—February 5th, 2023	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$905.00
Plate:	57.00
Youth:	11.00
HELP/Fuel:	115.00
Tithe.ly Online:	100.00
Total:	\$1,188.00

COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS next week, Sunday, Feb. 19th.

Celebrations:

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

(These celebrations were omitted by mistake last week)

Birthdays
 Conner Robinson February 8
Anniversary
 Brian and Mary Gentrup February 9

This Week's Birthdays
 Winfred Batenhorst February 13
 William Robertson February 14
 Tim Oligmueller February 16
 Sam Steffensmeier February 18


MONEY COUNTERS

Sunday, February 12th —Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder
Sunday, February 19th—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller. Kris Brahmer

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—February 5th, 2023	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$2,580.00
Plate:	194.00
Children:	30.00
Insurance:	200.00
Tithe.ly Online:	80.81



LIVE


Lent

TOGETHER

Lent is more than just giving something up and eating fish on Fridays. It's an opportunity to refocus on Jesus. And you don't have to go it alone. Small groups are forming in both parishes for a six-week (once a week) focus on the meaning of Lent. Bonus--you'll form deeper friendships with group members as you make the Lenten journey together. To find out if there's a group that fits in your schedule, call Karen Spenner at 372-8430, or Anne Ausdemore at 750-9616.

ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS
ADVANCE NOTICE
TO ALL CONFIRMATION FAMILIES

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



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH!!!

2nd annual Trivia Night for St. Joseph Church, Wisner

Get your teams together!

Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards the growth of our parish and cemetery endowment funds.

To sign up, contact Paige Godbersen at 402-604-0406

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	13	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	14	—	—	NO MASS
Wed	15	8:00 AM	HC	+ Wayne Meier
Thu	16	8:00 AM	SJ	Dec'd Family Members of LaVern & Cleon Houghton
Fri	17	9:30 AM	CHB	+ Francis & Vera Hetherington
Sat	18	5:00 PM	SJ	Lvng & Dec'd Family of Ron & MaryAnn Wemhoff
Sun	19	8:30 AM	HC	+ Richard & Nyla Batenhorst
Sun	19	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		

Religious Education

ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6

Grades K-6: All the students recited prayers to our prayer personnel. Notes regarding First Communion were sent home with the second grade. This coming week we will celebrate Mass with Fr. Vincent.

ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS— GRADES 7-12

Grade 7: We finished season one of the Chosen and then discussed possible community service projects we could do during Lent.

Grades 8-10: Father talked to us about our lesson on the Beatitudes. We handed in our sponsor and service sheets. We took a test to see how much we knew about Confirmation and the Catholic faith in general. We will discuss it next week. We ended with prayer.

Grades 11-12: No Class.