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or by appointment

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 2nd 2023

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The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Bulletin



The **First Reading** is taken from the *Second Book of Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a*. The account of Elisha and the woman was a minor incident in the life of this prophet, who worked greater miracles, but it is narrated to show that God rewards those who are charitable to his friends.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Matthew 10:37-42*. In the first

part, Christ tells his representatives, his delegates the Apostles, and those who succeed them, that they must be prepared to undergo great sacrifices, even death itself, if called on to do so for the sake of Christ. Even though they had only a very vague idea then of what he meant, when the time came, they remembered his words and gladly suffered imprisonment, hardships, and finally martyrdom for Christ. This shows how the resurrection of Christ, and the descent of the Holy Spirit on them, changed them from worldly weaklings into fearless heroes. They had become convinced that Christ was the Son of God who had come on earth to bring all men to heaven. They came to realize how transitory, and unimportant; the few years of earthly life were when compared with the eternal life of bliss to follow.

It was not only the Apostles who gave their lives gladly for Christ. There are thousands of martyrs who, during the first three centuries of the Church, not only accepted but welcomed death for Christ's sake, because they were convinced that it was the door to eternal life, the only life that mattered. Nor did occasions for martyrdom cease when the Church was granted freedom by Constantine, the first convert Roman emperor. Here and there, down through the centuries, the followers of Christ have been persecuted because of their belief in him, and many of us can be proud that we have had among our ancestors' men and women who died for the faith.

Today, too, there are still those who are suffering a lingering martyrdom, worse than quick death on the scaffold, because they obey God rather than man. We can help them to persevere, by our prayers. We ourselves, who are free from any overt persecution, must show our gratitude to God for being allowed to practice our religion openly and without fear, by doing just this. We must live according to the convictions of our Christian faith. We are here in this world for a few short years, our real and lasting home is in heaven. We must keep this thought uppermost in our minds, in all our doings and dealings.

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



From Fr. Vincent's Desk:

New Fiscal Year of Faith & Hope

We are beginning our new fiscal year with changes that are meant to bring us more together in order to share our faith and hope. We are experiencing another dry year that is affecting our farmers badly but we are still hopeful for things to get better. We need rain and I ask you to join me in prayers for favorable weather this season. For those making summer vacation travels be safe and have fun trips. I will be remembering you every day in my prayers. Stay cool.

As we start our new financial year, we look forward to meeting our budget goals. I'm aware of the challenges of the economy in the entire country and I appreciate your continuous support to ensure that our parish is running smoothly, and we are able to pay our bills on time. I appreciate it. In order to ensure our steady parish income, I would like to make a polite request. Kindly consider signing up for the online giving called Tithely. To sign up, visit our parish website and on the right top bar, click on donate and sign up for monthly donations. Check in our weekly bulletin too and our announcement tables at the back of your church. This will be more helpful especially to those who will be attending Saturday Mass in one of our other family parishes.

This June, we just concluded our Saturday Masses. For those who attend this Mass, feel free to choose any of our Family parishes where Saturday Mass is available. With regard to the sacrament of reconciliation for St. Joseph's Church; it used to be Saturdays before Mass and for now, we will be doing it on Sundays after Mass for the time being. That will be after greeting people after Mass.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy summer with God's blessings and Happy July 4th!



PRIEST ASSIGNMENTS—The three priests of our family, Fr Walter Jong-A-Kiem, Fr Vincent Sunguti, and I, will have primary parishes which will be our focus, but will also rotate where we offer some weekend Masses. Fr Walter will live in Dodge and be the primary contact for the HWY 91 parishes in Dodge, Howells, and Olean. Fr Vincent will continue to live in Wisner and be administrator of the HWY 275 parishes in Wisner and Beemer. I will continue to live in West Point and be the primary contact for the HWY 32 parishes in West Point, St Charles, Monterey, and Aloys. There will not be a new associate moving to West Point to replace Fr Matt N.

In regard to rotating where we offer weekend Masses, Fr Walter and I will rotate on the 2nd weekend of the month so that Fr Walter will be in West Point and Aloys while I will go to Dodge and Howells. Fr Vincent and I will rotate on the 4th weekend of the month so that Fr Vincent will be in West Point and Aloys and I will be in Wisner, Beemer, and St Anthony/St Boniface. As a clarification, the priest who has Mass in Wisner in Beemer on Sunday will also have Mass at St Anthony/St Boniface on Saturday. Fr Vincent and Fr Walter will rotate when there is a 5th weekend. When it comes to weekday Masses, the primary priest of the particular parishes will offer those.

My hope is that this arrangement, on one hand, will give you a sense a stability having a primary priest to build a relationship and turn to. On the other hand, the rotation allows us priests to get to all the parishes and for you to at least have an experience with each of us.

In Christ, Fr. Weeder

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer

Weekend of July 9th

WORD: Rita Eichelberger
EMHC: Ann Bausch
SERVER: Sun: Vanessa & Preston Praest

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner

Weekend of July 9th

LEC: Maci Batenhorst
EMHC: Tammie Batenhorst
EMHC 2: Linda Hansen
SERV: Leighton Porter, Paislie Burki, Knoxyn Thies
OFF: Del Styskal
USHER: July Men's Group

| Stewardship of God's Gifts | |
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| Holy Cross—June 25th, 2023 | |
| Sunday Envelopes: | \$1,195.00 |
| Plate: | 63.00 |
| Children: | 9.00 |
| Tithe.ly Online: | 100.00 |
| Total: | \$1,367.00 |

JULY MOWING GROUP— CHAIR: Doug Steffensmeier
 Members: Chris Black, Roy Liemann, Keith Anderson, Ron Stieren, Paul Schlickbernd

HOLY CORSS BIBLE STUDY will be Wednesday July 5th at 5:00 p.m. at the rectory.



Celebrations:
 Holy Cross Parish wishes happiness and God's blessings to the following:
Birthdays
 George Guenther July 5



| MASS INTENTIONS | | | | |
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| Mon | 03 | — | — | NO MASS |
| Tue | 04 | 9:30 AM | WCC | NO MASS |
| Tue | 04 | 9:00 AM | HC | Independence Day Mass + Eugene Mestl |
| Wed | 05 | 8:00 AM | HC | + Marilyn Schulz |
| Thu | 06 | 8:00 AM | SJ | + Yvonne Niewohner |
| Fri | 07 | 9:30 AM | CHB | Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of the Ray & Odelia Steffensmeier |
| Sat | 08 | — | — | NO MASS |
| Sun | 09 | 8:30 AM | HC | + Francis Oligmueller |
| Sun | 09 | 10:00 AM | SJ | + Scott McManigal |
| SJ—St. Joseph's | | HC—Holy Cross | | |
| WCC—Wisner Care Center | | CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer | | |

ST. CROIX HOSPICE is looking for volunteers to serve our patients in the Wisner area! Please consider sharing your time and talents to provide emotional and practical support for our patients and their families. Whether it's an hour a week or an hour a month, we would love to have you!

St Croix Hospice Volunteers are provided training, support, and flexible scheduling.
 For more information, please reach out to parish member, Kyla Miller, at 402-350-7916. Thank you!

MONEY COUNTERS

Sunday, July 2nd—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore
Sunday, July 9th —Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder

MEN'S WORK GROUP—July 2023

Chair: Alan Feller
Co-Chair: Blake Albers
Members: Derreck Marx, Dave Deitloff, Jeremy Schultz, Mike Stuhr, Norm Weber, Devon Schultz, Bowdy Bird

| Stewardship of God's Gifts | |
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| St. Joseph—June 25th, 2023 | |
| Sunday Envelopes: | \$885.00 |
| Plate: | 103.00 |
| Children: | 14.00 |
| Tithe.ly Online: | 322.53 |
| Cemetery: | 100.00 |

To our parish family,
 The family of Lori Hollman Ruskamp would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of love and support through Lori's illness and after her passing. The refreshments after the wake and after the funeral were so appreciated and offered us time to share stories and memories.
 Bernie, Riley, and Calby



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Online Giving with Tithe.ly

Both St. Joseph and Holy Cross parishes have an online giving option. The process is very simple. You may make a one time gift or sign up for something reoccurring and never have to remember your envelope again.

To sign up, visit your parish website and while at the home page, you will see a "Donate" button at the top right side. Click on it to create an account and set up how you would like to give to your parish. Brochures are available in the back of church. If you have any questions, call the parish office at 402-529-3891.

| The New Weekend Mass Schedule: | | |
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| Weekend Mass | Sat. | Sun. |
| St. Boniface/St. Anthony (Until July of 2024) | 4:30 pm | |
| Sts. Peter and Paul-Howells | 5:00 pm | |
| St. Mary's-West Point | 6:00 pm | |
| St. Aloysius-Aloys | | 7:30 am |
| Holy Cross-Beemer | | 8:30 am |
| St. Wenceslaus-Dodge | | 9:00 am |
| St. Joseph-Wisner | | 10:00 am |
| St. Mary's-West Point | | 10:00 am |
| St. John Nep.-Howells | | 10:30 am |

