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**11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 June 18th 2023**

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The 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Gospel is from *St. Matthew 9:36, 10:8*. "Jesus had compassion for them." Who were the "crowds" on whom he had compassion? Among them were tax-collectors who cheated, robbers who robbed, murderers who murdered, harlots who lived lives of unchastity, adulterers who violated their marriage vows, nominal believers in God who never went to the temple or honored

God in private. These may have been a minority, but there was no town or district in Palestine of that time in which some, or all such sinners, could not be found. Yet Jesus, who read their innermost minds, had pity on them for he saw that most, if not all of these sinners, acted through ignorance and through lack of instruction. They were lost sheep because they had no shepherd to lead them. The exalted opinion of their own sanctity that their official teachers had, caused them to shun the people, lest they be contaminated.

Christ said the harvest of such poor, misguided souls was plentiful and he needed more harvesters. That, indeed, was true in his day, but it is a hundred percent truer today. Any of our modern larger cities today has a population greater than the whole of Palestine in Christ's day. And the percentage of sinners in these cities would be greater, not less, than the percentage of sinners then in Palestine.

Christ too is unchanged. He still has compassion for today's sinners and wants them to be saved, not lost. But for this he needs "harvesters," apostles, who will help him. Here is where all good Christians, all who really love God and their neighbor, must help. The harvest is plentiful; indeed, it is huge. But let not its huge size frighten us. If everyone reaps his own corner, we shall all meet in the center of the harvest-field someday.

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



**From Fr. Vincent's Desk:
 Do You Want to Become a FOCCUS Certified Facilitator?**

The acronym FOCCUS stands for Facilitating Open Couple Communication, Understanding and Study. It is an Archdiocese of Omaha program that prepares marriage couples. Many of who are married are familiar with it.

Are you interested in becoming a FOCCUS certified facilitator as a couple? Contact me if you would like to hear more about it. For many years priests have been preparing marriage couples in our parishes since we are trained, but due to more work that we have now, lay couples need to step up and train too so that they can help me in preparing couples for marriage. This training will also be helpful to you as a married couple. It will strengthen your relationship even more.

The training will take place on Saturday, June 24th, 2023, from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at the chancery auditorium in Omaha. The cost is \$195 per couple. Those interested need to contact me at vsunguti2018@gmail.com or phone: 402-529-3531 for registration.

THE NEW WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE will begin July 1 and is in part based on the Archdiocesan parameter of each priest being able to offer Mass at 3 locations. Because of this parameter, Sacred Heart in Olean and Holy Trinity in Heun will cease to have a weekend Mass. Hence, some of those parishioners will most likely attend Mass in Howells or Dodge. With this in mind and looking at current weekend Mass attendance and church capacity, it necessitates that West Point and Howells have two weekend Masses. St Wenceslaus in Dodge has a large enough capacity to accommodate any influx of people from surrounding parishes with one Mass. Accordingly, the following weekend Mass schedule was derived by the Family Pastoral Planning Team for the parishes in our family beginning July 1.

Proposed Weekend Schedule:		
Weekend Mass	Sat.	Sun.
St. Boniface/St. Anthony	4:30 pm	
Sts. Peter and Paul/Howells	5:00 pm	
St. Mary's/West Point	6:00 pm	
St. Aloysius		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

SPIRITUAL INSIGHT—Even when your upset or frustrated (in this case about Mass schedules), it's amazing at how a coincidence or in this case God-instance can make you laugh (most likely is disbelief). We have been preparing for and talking about these Mass time changes for several months and now it is upon us. The main reason for these changes is because of the declining number of priests. Wouldn't you know that in the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus instructs his disciples to "ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." It made me laugh because it's like, we've been praying for vocations, are you going to answer? But it's about more than just praying for vocations to the priesthood. The fact that we still have a declining number of priests should help one recognize that the laborers for the harvest aren't specifically a reference to priests, but is a reference to all the baptized. Every Christian has a role to play in the Church. Each one of us is called to be a laborer of the harvest. Thus, praying for more priests is one thing, but one should also ask, "Am I following God's will in the vocation to which He has called me? How am I laboring to further the mission of the Church?"

In Christ, Fr Weeder

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer

Weekend of June 24th & 25th

WORD: Doris Guenther, Marilyn Ordmeier
EMHC: Gerald Schlickbernd, Dennis Mostek
SERVER: Sun: Kris & Kim Pena

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner

Weekend of June 25th

LEC: Holly Schroeder
EMHC: Tammie Batenhorst
EMHC 2: Alan Harms
SERV: Hayden Schroeder, Kinsley Lueken, Abraham Millan
OFF: Mark Porter
USHER: June Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—June 11th, 2023	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,805.00
Plate:	97.00
Children:	21.00
GA/CC:	500.00
HELP/Fuel:	100.00
Tithe.ly Online:	100.00
Total:	\$2,623.00

MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, June 18th—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder
Sunday, June 25th —Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer

MEN'S WORK GROUP—June 2023
Chair: AJ Burki
Co-Chair: Keith Schroetlin
Members: Trevor Cyboron, Alan Harms, Chad Dixon, Devon Dixon, Brad Cornell, Sid Kneifl

JUNE MOWING GROUP— CHAIR: Dave Steffensmeier
 Members: Brian Oligmueller, Ben Borgmann, Josh Bramble, Art Fernandez, Gerald Wellman

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—June 11th, 2023	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,325.00
Plate:	64.00
Children:	15.00
Tithe.ly Online:	552.20
Heating/AC:	10.00



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

Birthdays
 Mike Gentrup June 21

Anniversaries
 Ken and Vicky Krupka June 19

TAKE NOTE... please be aware that we are moving from the "Joseph Wisner" Facebook account to the "Saint Joseph Catholic Church - Wisner" Facebook page. Parishioners should go to this page and Like and Follow so that this official Parish page stays at the top of their feed. "[Saint Joseph Catholic Church - Wisner](#)" on Facebook will be where the bulletin, Mass livestreams, announcements, and parish event coverage can be found. We also hope to post more resources to further enrich your spiritual lives!

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 stjo68791@gmail.com. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	19	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	20	9:30 AM	WCC	Care Center Residents
Wed	21	8:00 AM	HC	+ Ron Ruskamp
Thu	22	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Lori Ruskamp
Fri	23	9:30 AM	CHB	+ Francis Oligmueller
Sat	24	5:00 PM	HC	+ Mac Seeman
Sun	25	8:30 AM	HC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sun	25	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Wayne Godbersen

SJ—St. Joseph's HC—Holy Cross
 WCC—Wisner Care Center CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer

THE PENTECOST PARTY on May 31 was a huge hit! There were 36 students in attendance with 6 youth leaders. Many hands helped in the preparation of this special Day Camp. Thanks to all!

The group opened with an explanation of the trinity with a focus on the Holy Spirit. Pentecost was explained as the birthday of the Church. Throughout the day we celebrated with a birthday party including party hats, presents (Fruits of the Holy Spirit), saying "Happy Birthday" in different languages (speaking in tongues), and a BIRTHDAY CAKE! There were songs, crafts, and games. Many children processed into Mass the next Sunday with their ribbon wands. Again, thanks to all who helped and supported this fun event!

The righteous man walks in his integrity; his children are blessed after him.
 Proverbs 20:7

HAPPY
Father's Day
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