

Saint Joseph's Parish

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**12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 25th 2023**

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The 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Gospel is from *St. Matthew 10:26-33*. What our Lord said to His Apostles applies to all Christians in the practice of their faith.

This true light is needed more today perhaps than ever before. Our world is three quarters pagan or neo-pagan. The neo-pagans are those who once were Christians but abandoned their religion, sometimes through their own fault,

but more often than not, because of the bad example they were given by their fellow Christians. These are worse off spiritually than the pagans who have never heard of Christ or the true God. These latter have at least some idols, some ancestral deities, to whom they pay respect. The neo-pagans have only themselves to venerate, and they can find little spiritual uplift in this form of religion.

A large majority of today's teenagers, in most so-called Christian countries, have come to despise, or at least to neglect, the religion of their ancestors. In most cases the cause of this is that Christianity was never really put into practice in their own homes. There are cases of very black sheep coming out of very white Christian homes, but these are cases of weak personality—they prefer to follow the mob rather than try to force their way against it. On the whole, the decline of religion among today's youth is due to bad example from their elders.

In today's gospel message, our Lord is asking each one of us to be a fearless apostle. We will be, if we live up to our religion at home and abroad. "Have no fear of men," He tells us, "don't mind what your fellowmen think of you, if you object to obscene language in your work-place. Don't fear what will be thought of you if you say your grace before and after meals in a public restaurant or hotel. Don't take that extra drink just because your companions at the party might ridicule your control ..."

These acts and many others like them, may seem trivial to some but they are giving testimony to the faith that is in us. Those who scoff at such things at first, may begin later to look into their own hearts, and come to realize what it is to be a man of principle. Eventually they may become men of principle themselves.

Let us remember our Lord's promise "Everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven."

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



**From Fr. Vincent's Desk:
Summer Goodwill Message**

This week begins our summer season and I would like to wish you all well and



God's blessings. We are also experiencing another dry year that is affecting our farmers badly. We need the rain and I ask you to join me in prayer for favorable weather this season. For those making vacation travels, be safe and enjoy your trips. I will be remembering you every day in my prayers. Stay cool.

As we come to the end of our fiscal year on June 30th, we have submitted the budget for the coming year to the Archdiocese finance office, and we look forward to having a successful year in terms of finance.

I'm aware of the challenges of the economy throughout the country and I appreciate your continued support to ensure that our parish is running smoothly, and that 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 to kindly consider signing up for online giving. To sign up, visit our parish website. Click the donate bar on the top right to sign up for donations. You choose the dates and frequency. This will be helpful especially to those who will be attending Saturday Mass in our other family parishes.

At the end of this month, we are also saddened to see our Saturday night Mass coming to an end, but it was the best decision to enable us to serve each parish with at least one Mass per weekend rather than none. We are blessed to keep our Sunday Masses at St. Joseph and Holy Cross parishes, and to keep them at their same times. With regard to the sacrament of reconciliation for St. Joseph's church that used to be on Saturday before Mass, I will let you know soon. Wishing you all a happy and healthy summer with God's blessings 😊!

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

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer

Weekend of July 2nd

WORD: Marilyn Ortmeier
EMHC: Tom Peatrowsky
SERVER: Sun: Ben Oligmueller

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner

Weekend of July 2nd

LEC: Joyce Stalp
EMHC: Sally Harms
EMHC 2: Madonna Servi
SERV: Sydney Porter, Leighton Porter,
 Averi Buhrman
OFF: Chris Ruskamp
USHER: July Men's Group

**Stewardship of God's Gifts
 Holy Cross—June 18th, 2023**

Sunday Envelopes:	\$275.00
Plate:	50.00
Children:	15.00
HELP/Fuel:	100.00
Tithe.ly Online:	100.00
Total:	\$540.00

MONEY COUNTERS

Sunday, June 25th —Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer
Sunday, July 2nd—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore

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

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

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

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

BEEMER COMMUNITY MEAL: Sunday, June 25th from 5:00-7:00 PM at Ritter's Riverside building. All are welcomed.



**Stewardship of God's Gifts
 St. Joseph—June 18th, 2023**

Sunday Envelopes:	\$650.00
Plate:	204.00
Children:	8.00
Tithe.ly Online:	170.81

Celebrations:
 Holy Cross Parish wishes happiness and God's blessings to the following:
Birthdays
 Jeanette Lueshen June 25
 Judy Guenther June 29



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!



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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.



MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	26	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	27	9:30 AM	WCC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Wed	28	8:00 AM	HC	+ Brandon Moody
Thu	29	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Gary Servi
Fri	30	9:30 AM	CHB	Lvng & Dec'd Family of Roy & Ruth Wieck
Sat	01	—	—	NO MASS
Sun	02	8:30 AM	HC	+ Mel Tomka
Sun	02	10:00 AM	SJ	+ John Davies
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!

Prayer Chain info.... St. Joseph prayer group is open to all men and women of the parish. The prayer request notifications come to you via text or phone call, and you are not asked to pass on the requests (like past prayer chains have required). You simply include the request in your regular prayers and there is no meeting involved.

If you or a loved one need extra prayers, please let us know. The information you give can be as general or specific as you'd like. All members of the prayer group are asked to keep the intentions confidential. To be added to the prayer group or to ask for special prayer requests, please notify Father Vincent or call or text Anne at 402-750-9616.