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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 23rd 2023

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The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of Wisdom 12:13, 16-19* where the author reminds us that the kind of judgment we receive depends not on the scales of godless justice, but instead on the mercy and love of God for those who strive to live life in response to His love.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Matthew 13:24-43*. Today's parable is Christ's answer to the question so frequently asked:

"Why does God permit evil to triumph so often in this world, why are the wicked allowed to prosper?" The triumph of the wicked is short-lived, the reward of the Christian who suffers from their wickedness is everlasting. The very wickedness and injustices of evil-doers are one of the ways that God uses to perfect his elect. It is only on a battlefield that a true soldier can be proved.

The patience of the farmer in letting the weed grow on until harvest time, exemplifies the infinite mercy of God toward sinners. The weed could not change its nature, but the sinner can change his ways and God gives him every chance and every help to do this, up to his last moment of life. No sinner will be excluded from heaven because of the sins he committed but because he did not repent of these sins while he had the opportunity.

We must learn a double lesson of patience from this parable. First, to be patient with those who make our spiritual progress more difficult for us—they are actually helping us to be better Christians if we bear with patience the injuries, they inflict on us. Second, we must try to imitate the patience God shows in his dealings with sinners. While we must not approve of their evil deeds, or their sins, we must still look on them as our brothers and do all in our power to put them back on the right road to heaven. We can do this by good example, and by fervent prayer for their conversion. This is not easy for human nature, but we can be certain that God will give us the necessary grace and strength to subdue our natural weakness and aversion, if we try to act with charity and true brotherly interest toward our erring fellowmen.

By acting thus, we will not only be helping a weak brother on the rugged road to heaven, we will also be making doubly sure of our own arrival there, for God will never be outdone in generosity.

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



From Fr. Vincent's Desk:

Missionary Priest Visit

Next Sunday July 30th, we will be having a visiting Missionary priest Fr. Onesmo Komba from the Archdiocese of Songea in Tanzania. We will therefore have a second collection after Holy Communion. You will find envelopes in the pews and let us use those. Write your check to your parish and note "Tanzania Missions" in the memo. There are so many Missionary challenges in working in the Archdiocese of Songea in Tanzania. Since we can't all travel there to help, let us give a hand and encourage the priests there by being generous to them. Your support will be appreciated. God blesses a generous giver.

What happened with Catholic tradition of a Saint's name during baptism?

Where I grew up, during baptism of babies, one had to choose a saint's name as the first name and then the last name would be either family name or choice of your own according to your own culture. The name was a big deal during baptism and priests were strict about that. One of the things that would be included in the instructions to the parents and godparents during the preparations of the infant baptism is the choice of a saint's name. The catechist would emphasize that the parents have to choose a saint's name that they are familiar with or do some research and know something about the saint. There had to be some relevance to the family or the child's birth or anything that would associate the family with the saint. The priest's question during the baptism homily would be: Why did you choose this saint and not any other? Each parent had to have the answer at their finger tips. Gone are those days.



The priests were right. They wanted to connect us with the saints. The catechism of the Catholic church states that we have three churches that all of us ought to be connected to: The pilgrim church (the current church that we are in), suffering church (our dear ones who are in purgatory waiting purification before they go to heaven), and the triumphant church (the saints and all other people who are already in union with God). Invocation of the saints makes this third church really alive and present. One of the ways to invoke the intercession of this church is through naming. This Catholic tradition is still good. Use it if you can. It is a way of teaching your child something about the saint they are named after. I'm always excited when I hear babies named after saints. Sometimes I would ask the parents how they came to name their child with that name.

Does it mean those with names that are not of saints have gone wrong? I don't think so. They are fine but at one point in life, that child will have to choose for himself or herself a saint's name during confirmation. Parents have to ensure that they are confirmed. The first name of a saint during infant baptism is chosen by parents and the name of the second saint during confirmation is picked by the candidate since he or she is considered mature in faith and confirms his or her own faith. We can't therefore blame him or her for the name that he had no role in choosing.

If you can choose a saint's name for your baby, please do it. It is our old Catholic tradition that gives us some identity and connection with the successful heavenly church. By so doing, you are invoking the saints to pray for the child. If we keep other secular traditions in life, why not in our church? You are free of course to choose any name as you so wish since am sure it has some connection and relevance to your family. All I am emphasizing is that we still value our catholic tradition of naming after saints. They are important to us and let's uphold them if we can. Wishing you God's blessings especially to the newborn babies in our homes.



Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer

Weekend of July 30th

WORD: Renae Carlson
EMHC: Dawn Peatrowsky
SERVER: Vanessa & Preston Praest

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner

Weekend of July 30th

LEC: Diane Davies
EMHC: Kathy Johnson
EMHC 2: Richard Schultz
SERV: Myles Lampman, Ella Jacobs, Jordyn Gentrup
OFF: Rick Jacobs
USHER: July Men's Group

**Stewardship of God's Gifts
 Holy Cross—July 16th, 2023**

Sunday Envelopes:	\$430.00
Plate:	100.00
Children:	8.00
Tithe.ly Online:	100.00
Total:	\$638.00

MONEY COUNTERS

Sunday, July 23rd —Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore
Sunday, July 30th—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

MEN'S WORK GROUP—August 2023

Chair: Arvid Hass
Co-Chair: Matt McGuire
Members: Brook Andersen, Tim McGuire, LaVern Houghton, Mitch Schweers, Steve McGuire, Jack Godbersen

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

AUGUST MOWING GROUP— CHAIR: Alan Batenhorst
 Members: Gary Batenhorst, Heath Harrison, Tom Peatrowsky, Ron Francis, Gerald Schlickbernd



Celebrations:

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

Birthdays
 Jackson Steffensmeier July 23
 Ron Francis July 24

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Sunday Envelopes:	\$670.00
Plate:	125.00
Children:	14.00
Tithe.ly Online:	242.93
Insurance:	20.00


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Religious Education

CO-DRE AND TEACHERS NEEDED:

Would you like to share your faith with the children of our parish? The Religious Education program is in need of a Co-DRE to share in coordinating our Rel Ed program. This is a part time paid position. We are also looking for volunteer teachers for grades 1st and 6th this fall semester, starting in September. We would like to fill these 3 positions as soon as possible. If interested, please contact Capri (402) 380-2925 or Sarah (402) 841-6144.

ST. WENCESLAUS LOTTER SUPPER: Friday, July 28th-Dodge Vets Club. Chicken Fried Steak Meal. Social Hour 6pm & meal served at 7pm. Carry outs are available from 5:30pm-6:30pm only. \$125 per ticket (two meals per ticket). Grand Prize \$999. Other prizes – one \$500 – one \$250 – three \$100 – twenty \$50 – twenty-five \$25 & all others \$10. All sales end Thursday, July 27, 2023. Tickets available to purchase at – Stitches & Petals, Nebraska Bank, Dodge Insurance, Dodge Dental Office & St Wenceslaus Parish Office.



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.

West Point Parish Family Weekend Mass Schedule:		
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



MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	24	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	25	9:30 AM	WCC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Wed	26	8:00 AM	HC	+ Barb Albers
Thu	27	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Lori Ruskamp
Fri	28	9:30 AM	CHB	+ Beata Batenhorst
Sat	29	—	—	NO MASS
Sun	30	8:30 AM	HC	Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of Henry & Eleanor Spenner Fam.
Sun	30	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Stephen Fenton
SJ—St. Joseph's		HC—Holy Cross		
WCC—Wisner Care Center		CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer		