

Saint Joseph's Parish
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or by appointment

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 9th 2023

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The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of the Prophet Zechariah 9:9-10* and indicates that the humility asked for by Jesus is the kind that he himself endured, for he came in meekness and without pageantry, yet his dominion would be to the ends of the earth. The example of the humble servant is the very person of Jesus himself who invites us in the second part of the

gospel to come to Him for refreshment and rest.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Matthew 11:25-30*. Surely God is good to us, to put us into this world at this day and age, and give us the light of faith, and the knowledge of God and of His loving plans for us, which make the burdens of this life so relatively light and even so reasonable for us. We still have to earn our bread. We still have sickness and pains. We still have death stalking the earth, but unlike the people before Christ we now see a meaning to all these trials.

The yoke of Christ is not really a yoke but a bond of love, which joins us to Him, and through Him, to our loving Father in heaven. The rule of life which He asks us to keep, if we are loyal followers of His, is not a series of prohibitions and don'ts. It is rather a succession of sign-posts on the straight road to heaven, making our journey easier and safer. He does ask us to carry our cross daily, that is, to bear the burden of each day's duty, but once the cross is grasped firmly and lovingly it ceases to be a burden.

Ours is a world which is in an all-out search for new idols. It is a world which has left the path marked out by Christ, and forgotten or tried to forget, that man's life does not end with death. To be a Christian and to have the light of faith to guide our steps in this neo-pagan darkness, is surely a gift, and a blessing from God, for which we can never thank Him enough. Thank you, God, for this gift. Please give us the grace and the courage to live up to it and to die in the certainty that we shall hear, as we shut our eyes on the light of this world, the consoling words, "come you blessed of my Father, possess the kingdom prepared for you."

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



From Fr. Vincent's Desk:
Let God Define Your Life

Hope you had a good Independence Day. As we enjoy our summer season, I continue to wish you well and for those vacationing, enjoy good times with your loved ones.



Allow me to share a few thoughts and insights in terms of my faith and relationship with God. I believe that life is like a cup of coffee in that it tastes the way one prepares it. Faith is part of who we are. The good news is that many of us have this faith in God, but on the unfortunate side, for others, it may be overtaken by things and interests in life that supersede that of God. We see that every day.

It is not too late; let us all reclaim our identity as good Catholics. Let God be God, and you and I be who we are. That is, finite beings that are weak and limited before Him, and therefore out of humility, accept that we can't do without Him. We need God and need to start doing something to return back to our home (church) where we belong.

If you grew up in a family where parents instilled in you Catholic or Christian values, you would agree with me

that we were taught that God comes first and the rest of the things in life follow. We were taught that on Sunday, it is a day of the Lord and therefore, going to church is not an option, but mandatory as part of the practice of faith. Sunday was a day when we put on our best clothes, best shoes and ate the best food. We were also taught the importance of supporting our church in many ways since this church is us. Many of you have been guided by these values and I will say that our church is still standing today because of you and others.

Allowing God to define your life means making Him the center of who you are and integrating the Catholic and Christian values into your entire life. I'm not talking about being too spiritual which is fine to those who are. Moderation is the key here. Many of us do these things sometimes knowingly or unknowingly and God counts them definitely. However, I'm concerned with the high number of our Catholics, especially the young families who seem to have much more interests in the worldly things and ignore their faith and the faith of their children. You are bringing up young lives that will reflect exactly what you do. If you show them that faith is important, they will grow with that, and if you don't, they will turn to those other things that you value most which is not bad in itself. Yes, they may be successful, but they will be missing something very important that defines their lives. It will be a generation that will lean more to the secular and miss good Christian moral values. Do not ignore the spiritual aspect of that child. It will make him or her a better person for having faith in their life.

PRIEST ASSIGNMENTS—Although this announcement was in the bulletin last week I wanted to include it again, with a few changes, for those who may have been out of town last weekend. 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 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 weekend Mass, us priests will rotate amongst the different locations. 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. I also want to point out that the priest who has Mass in Wisner and 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 of 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. Furthermore, since I am also pastor of Howells, Dodge, and Olean, I need to be present there.

In Christ, Fr. Weeder

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer

Weekend of July 16th

WORD: Tom Peatrowsky
EMHC: Mary Mostek
SERVER: Kris & Kim Pena

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner

Weekend of July 16th

LEC: Joyce Stalp
EMHC: Capri McGuire
EMHC 2: Tammie Batenhorst
SERV: Emma Schroetlin, Maddisyn Lampman,
 Jaylee Lueken
OFF: Dave Oligmueller
USHER: July Men's Group

**Stewardship of God's Gifts
 Holy Cross—July 2nd, 2023**

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| Sunday Envelopes: | \$905.00 |
| Plate: | 64.00 |
| Children: | 17.00 |
| HELP/Fuel: | 400.00 |
| Tithe.ly Online: | 100.00 |
| Total: | \$1,486.00 |

MONEY COUNTERS

Sunday, July 9th —Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder
Sunday, July 16th—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer

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

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



**Potluck
Dinner**

**HOLY CROSS
PICNIC AT THE PARK
Wednesday, July 19th at 6:00 PM**

Bring a main dish and a side or dessert
 Water and tableware will be provided.
 BYOB if you desire other beverages.


Splash pad and playground for the kids!
YARD GAMES & FUN

Bring your lawn chair to relax.

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| Stewardship of God's Gifts St. Joseph—July 2nd, 2023 | |
| Sunday Envelopes: | \$5,110.00 |
| Plate: | 247.00 |
| Children: | 11.00 |
| Tithe.ly Online: | 141.62 |
| Insurance: | 300.00 |
| Heating/AC: | 20.00 |


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 2 volunteer teachers for 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.



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

Birthdays
 Sherron Bramble July 9
 Bridgid Guenther July 10
 Ethan Ortmeier July 12
 Paul Schlickbernd July 13
 Saige Breikreutz July 13
 Alex Schulz July 15

 **TITHE.LY** 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.



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.

| MASS INTENTIONS | | | | |
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| Mon | 10 | — | — | NO MASS |
| Tue | 11 | 9:30 AM | WCC | + Keith Schroeder |
| Wed | 12 | 8:00 AM | HC | + John Hassler |
| Thu | 13 | 8:00 AM | SJ | Lvng & Dec'd Family of Ron & Mary Ann Wemhoff |
| Fri | 14 | 9:30 AM | CHB | Family & Friends of Duane Neesen |
| Sat | 15 | — | — | NO MASS |
| Sun | 16 | 8:30 AM | HC | + Paul Mestl |
| Sun | 16 | 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

| 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 |