

**Saint Joseph's Church**

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**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 27th, 2023**

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The 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Gospel is from *St. Matthew 16:13-20*. Today's reading from St. Matthew tells us how Christ provided for this necessity. In making Peter the head of the Apostolic College, the foundation-stone of his Church, the guarantor of its stability in the symbol of the keys and the promise that all his decisions would be ratified in heaven, Christ gave him the power of freedom from error when officially teaching the universal Church.

In other words, Peter received the primacy in the Church and the gift of infallibility in his official teaching on matters of faith and morals. As the Church was to continue long after Peter had died, it was rightly understood from the beginning that the privileges given to him and which were necessary for the successful mission of the Church, were given to his lawful successors-the Popes.

This has been the constant belief in the Church from its very beginning. The first Vatican Council solemnly defined this dogma and it was reconfirmed recently in the second Vatican Council. In giving these powers to Peter and to his lawful successors Christ was planning for our needs. In order to preserve and safeguard the right conduct of all its members He provided a central seat of authoritative power in His Church. Through the gift of infallibility, He assured us that whatever we were commanded to believe (faith) or to do (morals) would always be what He and his heavenly Father wanted us to believe and to do.

How can we ever thank Christ for these marvelous gifts to his Church, that is, to us? Let us say a fervent: "thank you, Lord; You have foreseen all our needs and provided for them, grant us the grace to do the little part you ask of us in order to continue our progress on the one direct road to heaven."

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

<b>West Point Parish Family Weekend Mass Schedule:</b>		
<b>Weekend Mass</b>	<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Sun.</b>
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



**From Fr. Vincent's Desk:**

**Just for Today: Identifying and Naming our Feelings in Prayer**

When we go for medical help with a pain, most of the time we are asked to rate our pain. We might be given a scale of 5 or 10 or use of words such as mild, painful, very painful, or seriously painful and so forth to describe one's pain. It is through such naming of how we feel that determines how we can receive treatment.

Similar thing also happen in our spiritual relationship with God. How we feel and what is going on in our lives affects our relationship with God. We may as well keep quiet about our feelings. If they are good ones, then we long to stay in that situation for a long time, but then it goes away. And if feeling bad, we hope it to go away but it doesn't.

In prayer, naming our feelings is very important. Tell God how you are feeling and let him know. You may do some journaling if you are comfortable with that. Tell God how you got there, what happened and if they are good feelings, thank Him and any other persons. If bad feelings, ask for his help and state where you would like to be or how you would like to feel and ask him to accompany you as you also think of how you will get where you want to be.

St. Ignatius talks about moments of consolation and moments of desolation. By consolation, Ignatius is referring to feeling happy, joyful, grateful, victorious, and even restful. Desolation for him means experiencing pain, sadness, loneliness, anger, anxiousness and even being tired. He goes on by stating that when we are in consolation, we are moving towards God and when we are in desolation, we move away from God. Every time we go through moments of consolation, our desire and prayer is that we stay there for long if not forever. Unfortunately, it comes and goes but the good news is that it will come back. When we experience desolation, know that consolation will be coming. We cause some of these experiences of life, others simply come naturally as part of the nature of the life which we live. God desires that we all experience moments of consolation forever since it is a glimpse of heaven, but we experience desolation because we are weak and continue to live in a weak world.

Take time to share with God the good or bad that is going on in your life. He wants to hear it from you since the solution will come partly from Him, me and you too.

**The 2023-2024 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Program**

It is now time to register new candidates for this year. Help us to pass this announcement to anyone interested in taking the program. Our classes will begin in September. Who should join the RCIA program?

Any adult who has never been baptized, any adult who was only baptized as a Catholic while young and never had an opportunity to go through catechism and receive First Holy Communion as well as Confirmation, or anyone baptized as a Christian and would like to be welcomed into the Catholic faith. You may reach out to me at 402-529-3531, or my cell 402-657-7093, or email me at [vsunguti2018@gmail.com](mailto:vsunguti2018@gmail.com).



**Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer**

**Weekend of September 3rd**

**WORD:** Marliyn Ortmeier  
**EMHC:** Dennis Mostek  
**SERVER:** Ben Oligmueller, Stella Guenther

**Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner**

**Weekend of September 3rd**

**LEC:** Bonnie Styskal  
**EMHC:** Shane Batenhorst  
**EMHC 2:** Sally Harms  
**SERV:** Angel Ramirez-Lugo, Maddisyn Lampman, Lilly Good  
**OFF:** Ruth Bloedorn  
**USHER:** September Men's Group

**Stewardship of God's Gifts  
 Holy Cross—Aug. 20th, 2023**

Sunday Envelopes:	355.00
Plate:	179.00
Children:	18.00
Assumption:	135.00
Tithe.ly Online:	125.56
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$812.56</b>

**MONEY COUNTERS**

**Sunday, August 27th—Team #3** Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer  
**Sunday, September 3rd —Team #1** Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore

**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

**MEN'S WORK GROUP—September 2023**

**Chair:** Rick Jacobs  
**Co-Chair:** Chet Beckmann  
**Members:** Randy Jensen, Dave McGuire, Tom Feller, Ryan Schulz, Jordan Feller, Tim Montgomery

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

**SEPTEMBER MOWING GROUP—** CHAIR: Brad Schulz  
 Members: Mike Guenther, Melvin Niewohner, Joe Hansen, Alex Schulz, Tom Peterson

**THANK YOU** for your generous donations to the Missions. Our total was \$1,020.



**Celebrations:**

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

**Birthdays**  
 Karen Spenner August 31  
 Ann Bausch September 1

**Anniversaries**  
 Gerald and Shelley Wellman August 29  
 Gerald and Fran Gentrup August 31

<b>Stewardship of God's Gifts              St. Joseph—Aug. 20th, 2023</b>	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,195.00
Plate:	235.00
Children:	16.00
Tithe.ly Online:	170.81
Heating/AC:	120.00
Assumption:	55.00

**Harvest Picnic:**



**September 17, 2023 from 11AM- 1PM.**

This year the Ladies Guild will be hosting a **Harvest Picnic** in place of the Fall Dinner. If there are parishioners willing to donate fresh produce to the Country Market on that day, please contact either Lori Ruskamp at 640-7209 or Lindsey Burki at 340-5017 with any questions.

**CHURCH DIRECTORIES:** The directories are still available for pick up in the back of church after Mass today. After today, they will be at the parish office for pick up. Directories are free to those that had pictures taken or submitted a photo. For anyone else that would like a copy, the cost is \$10.00.

**DON'T FORGET** to register for Rel Ed today. Forms are available in the basement.

**THE WOMEN OF ST. JOSEPH PARISH** are invited to the Christ Lutheran Church Women's Guest Night, Monday evening, September 18. The meal will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Humanities Nebraska program—a musical living history presentation of a family's journey from Russia to Nebraska in the 1870s. Using the Nebraska State Seal and Flag as a backdrop, Paul Siebert will tell the story using original and period music, accompanied by different acoustic instruments, including the hammer dulcimer, guitar, banjo, and button accordion. Please RSVP by September 15th, if you are able to attend LaRayne Topp at (402) 529-6310 or at [topplarayne@gmail.com](mailto:topplarayne@gmail.com)



<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>				
Mon	28	—	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue	29	9:30 AM	WCC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Wed	30	8:00 AM	HC	+ Clayton & Betty Francis
Thu	31	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Hugh McGuire
Fri	01	9:30 AM	CHB	+ John Hassler
Sat	02	—	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
Sun	03	8:30 AM	HC	+ William & Johanna Oligmueller
Sun	03	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Herb Albers
SJ—St. Joseph's		HC—Holy Cross		
WCC—Wisner Care Center		CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer		

**Religious Education**

—August 20th-27th—Open Registration for all students grades K-12. Forms in the church basement.  
 —Sept. 10th—Opening Mass, Sunday, at 10:00 am  
 —Sept. 13th—First day of class for all grades K-12  
 —Still need volunteers to help with various aspects of the program.

Questions, please contact Capri (402) 380-2925 or Sarah (402) 841-6144.

**TEACHERS MEETING**  
 Wednesday, September 6th, at 5:00 pm  
 In the church basement

*Grow  
 in Christ* 