

Saint Joseph's Church
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Reconciliation: Sundays after Mass
or by appointment

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 1st, 2023

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The 26th Sunday (Respect Life Sunday)



The Gospel is from *St. Matthew 21:28-32*. This parable was primarily intended to show us the hypocrisy of the chief priests and elders of the Jews, and the perilous position in which they stood in relation to God and heaven. It is, however, a warning against hypocrisy for all time. Lip service of God will not merit heaven.

While we are still on earth, the door of God's mercy is wide open to us. If in the past we said, "I will not go into your vineyard", we still have time to reverse that sinful decision. Not only can we with God's grace turn over a new leaf, but we can completely wipe out the sinful pages of our life's story written up to now. Remember that what God in His mercy did for the tax-collectors and harlots in the parable, the Matthews, the Mary Magdalenes, the Augustines, the Margarets of Cortona, the Matt Talbots and the millions of unknown penitents who are now saints in heaven He can also do for you.

We answered the call to God's vineyard by accepting baptism and membership of His Church. If we have grown lax in our fervor and refused to do the tasks allotted to us, we still have time, thanks to God's mercy and patience, to put things right. Today, look into your conscience and see how much of your past life you have given to God and how much you have kept for yourself. If you were called tonight to render an account to the Lord, would the balance sheet be in your favor? Is your corner of the vineyard producing abundant crops, or is it perhaps filling up with weeds, briars and brambles? If the latter, then we will say a heartfelt "Thank you, God, for not calling us to judgment today. We will begin right now to understand our sinful past, so that our corner of your vineyard will be in good order when you do call us. Thank you, Lord, for your mercy. God grant that we shall never abuse it."

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



From Fr. Vincent's Desk:

Archbishop's Annual Appeal (AAA) 2023-2024

Recently you received a letter from Archbishop Lucas inviting your support of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Please give prayerful consideration to your response. Our parish of St. Joseph, Wisner's financial goal for this year's Annual Appeal is \$8,268.17 and our participation goal is 28%. Our other parish of Holy Cross, Beemer's financial goal for this year's annual appeal is \$11,396.77 and our participation goal is 49%.

Together, with the help of the Holy Spirit, we will create a culture of unity, evangelization, leadership and mercy.

PADRE'S PONDERINGS

PRAY THE ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS— The Archdiocese of Omaha is seeking to pray 50,000 rosaries in the month of October to encourage young Catholics discerning priesthood and consecrated life. They are in a spiritual battle and need your help. How to participate: 1. Pray the Rosary 2. Log your rosary at Omahavocations.org, email to rosary@archomaha.org, or call 402-827-3749.

SPIRITUAL INSIGHT— There is a false thought that freedom is the ability to do what one wants when one wants without consequence. The reading from Ezekiel offers a lesson about choices, personal retribution, and consequences. If a virtuous man turns away from virtue towards sin he will receive eternal damnation. However, if he turns away from sin back to virtue, he will receive eternal life. This where some argue that "The Lord's way in not fair!" One must understand this in the context of mortal sin. The Catholic Church states that it only take one mortal sin for one to receive eternal damnation, but if one turns away from that sin and seeks the sacrament of reconciliation it will be forgiven and one's life is restored. While we know that God is always ready to forgive it is connected with personal repentance, conversion, and contrition.

To conclude, actions do have consequences to which one is responsible. Thus, it leads to the understanding that true freedom is the choice to do what one ought because if one does what he/she ought then it leads to of freedom from eternal consequences. Accordingly, may we turn to virtue and hasten to obtain God's promises as we pray in the collect of Mass: "O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven."

In Christ, Fr. Weeder



Rev. Walter W. Jong-A-Kiem Bio (Howells/Dodge)

I was born in Suriname, former Dutch Guiana, at the North East coast of South America. I moved to the United States and I graduated from Broward Community College and Florida Atlantic University in Florida. After that I went to work for Siemens for five years. That is when my search for God brought me to San Isidro Church in Pompano Beach Florida and to my vocation to be a priest. My desire for a deeper relationship with God connected me with the Intercessors of the Lamb community. I was there for 15 years. I went to the Josephinum seminary in Columbus, OH for pre-theology and graduated from Kenrick Glennon Seminary in St. Louis MO. I was an Associate Pastor at St Bernadette, St James, St Vincent de Paul, and Mary Our Queen parish. Afterwards I was Pastor at St Joseph in Platte Center, St Stanislaus in Duncan, and St Michael in Tarnov. The last 7 years I was pastor at St Joseph and St Stanislaus and Associate Pastor at St. Bonaventure and St Isidore.



Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of October 8th

WORD: Marilyn Ortmeier
 EMHC: Dawn Peatrowsky
 SERVER: Kris & Kim Pena

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
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LEC: Sally Harms
 EMHC: Anne Ausdemore
 EMHC 2: Steve Ausdemore
 SERV: Claire Flack, Abraham Millan Jr.,
 Charlee Thies
 OFF: Tim Phillips
 USHER: October Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts Holy Cross—Sept. 24th, 2023	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$724.00
Plate:	82.00
Children:	11.00
Tithe.ly Online:	200.00
Insurance:	20.00
Total:	\$1,037.00

MONEY COUNTERS
 Sunday, October 1st—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder
 Sunday, October 8th—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer


MEN'S WORK GROUP—October 2023
 Chair: Dave Oligmueller
 Co-Chair: Dane Miller
 Members: Steve McManigal, Jeff Albers, David Dinklage, Del Styskal, Steve Gerken

OCTOBER MOWING GROUP— CHAIR: Ron Guenther
 Members: Shane Combs, Jesus Pena, Robert Praest, Tim Oligmueller, Dan Spenner

LIFE CHAIN—We will be participating in Life Chain on October 1, 2023 on Highway 275 in front of the Nutrien Ag facility in Beemer from 2 to 3 PM. This is a peaceful, prayerful hour of holding signs and praying for an end to abortion. The signs will be provided. People are welcome to bring chairs if standing for an hour is a problem. Children and young people are encouraged to attend.

HOLY CROSS will have our monthly bible study. Wednesday October 4th, 5:00 p.m. at the rectory. Everyone is welcome. We will discuss the coming Sunday's gospel readings.

Stewardship of God's Gifts St. Joseph—Sept. 24th, 2023	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$780.00
Plate:	229.00
Children:	29.00
Tithe.ly Online:	493.34
Heating/AC:	50.00
Religious Ed:	100.00



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

Birthdays
 Doris Guenther October 1
 Ben Borgmann October 4
 Rosie McNamara October 5
 Kristopher Pena October 5
 Fred Gentrup October 7
 Tracy Oligmueller October 7
 Krista Green October 7



OPEN HOUSE at the WISNER CARE CENTER:
 Sunday, October 1st. 11:00 am—1:00 pm.
 Join them for Coffee and Donuts!

UNDERSTANDING YOUR GRIEF support group sessions will meet on Mondays from Oct 2nd-Nov 20th from 5:30-7:00 pm. Meetings will be held at Franciscan Healthcare in West Point on the second floor in the Bonaventure Conference Room. Registration is required as space is limited and for material purposes. Register by phone or email to Tom Manhart at 372-6708 or tmanhart@franhealth.org.

SS CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH in Clarkson
 Parish Fall Dinner on September 24th
 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at St. John Neumann Hall.
 \$13 for adults, \$7.00 for children 6-12 years old
 5 and under are free
 Lots of activities. Auction begins at 1:15 pm

Religious Education

ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6

Grades K-6: Grade 4 discussed the Holy Trinity and are learning the 4 parts of the Apostles Creed. This week, after class all students will celebrate Mass with Fr. Vincent.

ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS— GRADES 7-12


Grade 7-9: Girls: We began our Lesson 2 with prayer and our video. We discussed Original Sin and how God sent Jesus to save us. We also thought about how we see God.

Grade 7-9: Boys: Finished the Lesson on "Who Am I"? We discovered what things are important to us.

Grade 10-12: Had class around a fire pit. They discussed fire and it's appearances in the bible, offered up prayers and enjoyed smores.

All grades ended with prayer in church with the parents that attended Father's class.

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	02	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	03	9:30 AM	WCC	NO MASS
Wed	04	8:00 AM	HC	Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of the Leo & Hildegard Hunke Fam.
Thu	05	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Lori Hollman Ruskamp
Fri	06	9:30 AM	CHB	+ Georgia Batenhorst
Sat	07	—	—	NO MASS
Sun	08	8:30 AM	HC	+ Ralph & Fern Creek
Sun	08	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		



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.