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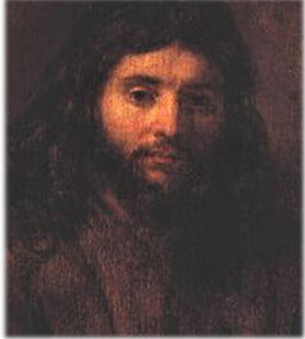
**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 September 10th, 2023**

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**The 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



The Gospel is from *St. Matthew 18:15-20*. Unfortunately, there are far too many Christians today who pay no heed to the serious obligation of encouraging an erring brother to give up his sinful ways. They shrug it off by saying: "I have more than enough to do to keep myself from sin" or "am I my brother's keeper"? The answer is in this lesson we have

just read. We are our brothers' keepers, and even if we have many temptations and inclinations to sin we shall not overcome them if we have no time to think of our neighbors' need.

Let each one of us look into his past conduct in relation to this law of charity. Have we really tried to help our fellow men on the road to heaven? Have we given them the good example of a truly Christian way of living? Have we offered advice and encouragement when it was needed, and correction in private where that was possible? If so "we have gained our brother." We have brought a prodigal son back to a loving Father and that loving Father will repay us a hundred-fold in this life and especially in the next.

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



**From Fr. Vincent's Desk:**  
**Just for Today: We Really Need**  
**You in Children's Formation**

We will be starting CCD classes this Wednesday. We thank all the volunteer catechists who have come to help and enable this program to kick off on this new year of 2023-2024. I ask the parents to ensure their children attend classes every Wednesday. In the past year, we had a sluggish turnout of the high school juniors and seniors. Hopefully this year they will make use of this one day per week to learn something about their faith.

I usually try to visit each class on Wednesday for a few minutes to answer the student's questions or share something brief. I always start with the question of knowing what they learned in the previous Sunday during Mass. Unfortunately, the answers are usually not good. Most of them don't show up for Sunday Mass and so it is tricky for them to answer me. When I ask them why they didn't attend Mass, most of the answers are based on the decisions of the parents and not children. If you choose to bring your child for CCD, ensure that you reinforce what they learn by bringing them on Sunday. Most of the things they learn, are practically done or seen on Sunday during Mass. You will be helping your child in a big way if you value Sunday Mass. If you really mind your child's faith and would like to instill in them some good Catholic Christian faith and morals, help them to know that attending Mass on the day of the Lord is not an option but a requirement.

I know some of the parents really try. They not only come to Sunday Mass with their kids but they teach them at home how to pray, what to pray, names of things in the church, how to behave while in the church, among other faith related knowledge. These students who are supported by parents do very well in CCD and even serving at Mass. They are also very enthusiastic to learn their faith. Practice makes perfect. You and me who grew up in Catholic faith I am sure your parents were supportive to you and played a big role in your faith formation. So, parents, let us not leave this responsibility to the CCD teachers and me only. Let's support them and you will see good results. The good seeds of faith that you plant in your child when he or she is still young, will grow with them and will never go away. They can make their own decisions later on in life but they do still have our good Catholic conscience at the back of their minds. Together we can make this happen!

**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. This year, we will combining our group of Wisner and Beemer with St. Mary's in West Point. The venue therefore will be rotating between West Point and Wisner. Our first class is scheduled to start on Tuesday September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in West Point.

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).



<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



Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer  
Weekend of September 17th

**WORD:** Rita Eichelberger  
**EMHC:** Brenda Anderson  
**SERVER:** Kris & Kim Pena

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner  
Weekend of September 17th

**LEC:** Dave McGuire  
**EMHC:** Martha Schweers  
**EMHC 2:** Alan Harms  
**SERV:** Erica Good, Hayden Schroeder,  
 Emma Schroetlin  
**OFF:** Steve Ausdemore  
**USHER:** September Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts Holy Cross—Sept. 3rd, 2023	
Sunday Envelopes:	1,020.00
Plate:	15.00
Children:	20.00
Tithe.ly Online:	100.00
Insurance:	40.00
GA/CC:	250.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,445.00</b>

**MONEY COUNTERS**  
**Sunday, September 10th—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder**  
**Sunday, September 17th —Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer**

**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

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

**CELEBRATIONS—** There was a mistake in last week's bulletin. The wrong week's celebrations were listed. Here are last week's and this weeks.

Stewardship of God's Gifts St. Joseph—Sept. 3rd, 2023	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$2,190.00
Plate:	84.00
Children:	52.00
Tithe.ly Online:	170.81
Heating/AC:	350.00
Religious Ed:	130.00

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

**Birthdays**  
 Mary Mostek September 4  
 Jeanie McTaggart September 5  
 Bee Seeman September 10  
 Pia Fernandez September 14

**Anniversaries**  
 Curtis and Renae Carlson September 6  
 Ben and Michelle Borgmann September 10  
 Ken and Joyce Schlickbernd September 16

## Religious Education

**Sept. 13th—First day of class for all grades K-12**  
 K-6th: Snack starts 3:45; Class 4:00-5:30  
 7-12: 7:00-8:30

—**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to help with various aspects of the program: Snack volunteers, Christmas program, prayer partners, substitute teachers,

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

**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH - LYONS, NE**  
**Fall Salad Luncheon**  
 Friday, September 15th from 11:00 am—1:00 pm  
 Walk-ins welcome & carry outs available  
 \$8.00 meal ticket  
 430 Lincoln St., Lyons, NE

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH COUNCIL** meeting will be held Thursday, September 14th, at 7:00 pm in the church basement.



**Harvest Picnic:**  
**September 17, 2023 from 11AM- 1PM**  
 Invite your family and friends. Enjoy sliced pork sandwiches with salad, chips, a drink and pie. Dine in or carry out.  
 \$10.00/meal—4 and under free.  
 We hope to see you all there.

**THE WOMEN OF ST. JOSEPH AND HOLY CROSS PARISHES** 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. If you are able to attend, please RSVP by September 15th, to LaRayne Topp at (402) 529-6310 or email at [topplarayne@gmail.com](mailto:topplarayne@gmail.com)

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	11	—	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue	12	9:30 AM	WCC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Wed	13	8:00 AM	HC	+ Wayne Meier
Thu	14	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Gerald Ruskamp
Fri	15	9:30 AM	CHB	+ Paul Stalp
Sat	16	—	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
Sun	17	8:30 AM	HC	+Peter & Elizabeth Peitzmeier
Sun	17	10:00 AM	SJ	Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of the McGonigal Family
SJ—St. Joseph's		HC—Holy Cross		
WCC—Wisner Care Center		CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer		

