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 or by appointment

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 17th, 2023

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The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Gospel is from *St. Matthew 18:21-35*. On reading or hearing this story of the merciless servant, each one of us would rightly judge him a mean, low type of man, a heartless man, who puts himself outside the pale of mercy. He throttled his fellow-servant for a paltry debt of ten dollars, and would not listen to the poor man's plea for mercy.

When we hear what the king did to this heartless servant we heartily approve and say: "It served him right, he got what he richly deserved."

That day has not yet come for us. We still have time to put our affairs in order. We still can forgive all our enemies from our heart. If we do not, we are cutting ourselves off from the possibility of having our own sins and offenses forgiven by God. We have the solemn word of our divine Lord for this in the lesson he draws from the parable "So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you (that is, deliver us up to eternal slavery) if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

September 10, 2023— Archbishop's Annual Appeal (AAA) 2023-2024 Launch Weekend

This week, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal will kick-off across the entire archdiocese! The Annual Appeal supports the parishes, schools and ministries across all 23 counties that the archdiocese covers. Our financial goal for this year's Annual Appeal for the Parish of St. Joseph, Wisner is \$8,268.17 and our participation goal is 28%. For Holy Cross Parish, Beemer, the goal is \$11,396.77 and the participation goal is 49%. As we prepare to enter into this season of giving, please prayerfully discern what gift you are going to provide this year!

A Life Changing Experience
Trip to Indianapolis in 2024

What is a Eucharistic Congress?

Eucharistic congress is a powerful manifestation of the unity of the Church where a large number of Catholics gather to worship our Lord in Eucharist through the communal celebration of Mass. This gathering reaffirms and re-emphasize the source and summit of our faith in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.



NATIONAL
Eucharistic Revival

The United States has not done a National Eucharistic congress since WWII. If you can join this one-time congress, it will be an historical event in your life. The congress will be centered on experience of prayer among many other activities that are lined up.

Where will it be held: At Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, IN.

When: July 17 – 21, 2024

With: 80,000 Joyful Catholics from the entire nation.

Registration: Open to anyone. If you are interested, send me an email: vsunguti2018@gmail.com. Our plan and hope are to go as a family of parishes of West Point. Our means of transportation will be by a Bus hopefully that we can get more people to register. The more we are, the cheaper the transportation cost. Once we have few interested people, we will get the cost quotation of the entire trip and more information soon.

Talk to your friends. Start a movement. Let us make this as a pilgrimage of our parishes to celebrate our love of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.



From Fr. Vincent's Desk:

Just For Today: We Have the Most Significant Treasure in Eucharist

Our Catholic church has so much that we can tap in for our spiritual and even physical renewal. Mass in our catholic church is the most important resource among many others. We are lucky to have Mass here weekly if not daily. Protestants call this ritual service and for Catholics, it is called Mass. What is the difference? The difference is found in the meaning of the ritual and the person who leads. For Protestant, this ritual is just a prayer session that sometimes is organized and other times it is simultaneous. It is led by a church minister or any member can offer it too. Mass for Catholics is a solemn ritual that is offered as a sacrifice. It is only offered by a priest. Therefore, Mass has something to do with sacrifice.

The priest in the Mass takes the role of Christ and leads the sacrifice on behalf of the assembly that is present. The climax of this offertory is during consecration when he invokes the power of the Holy Spirit to come down and change the species of bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ. I just want to let you know that this part of the Mass called consecration is the healing session. The Holy spirit who comes down does not only remain on the altar of sacrifice but also comes to us members present to heal us from our infirmities. If you really believe in the power of consecration, I ask you to make use of this powerful part of the Mass to invite Jesus into the dark area of your life that needs help. It takes so much faith and focus on what is happening on the altar right from the beginning of the Mass. Do not miss Mass especially on Sunday which is an opportunity for you and me to encounter Jesus in his true presence through the Eucharist.



| West Point Parish Family 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 |

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of September 24th

WORD: Doris Guenther
EMHC: Tom Peatrowsky
SERVER: Ben Oligmueller and Stella Guenther

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
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LEC: Tammie Batenhorst
EMHC: Janet Ludwig
EMHC 2: Linda Hansen
SERV: Aubrianna Good, Ella Jacobs, Anna Jacobs
OFF: Kelly Lueken
USHER: September Men's Group

| Stewardship of God's Gifts | |
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| Holy Cross—Sept. 10th, 2023 | |
| Sunday Envelopes: | 835.00 |
| Plate: | 59.00 |
| Children: | 12.00 |
| Tithe.ly Online: | 150.00 |
| Insurance: | 140.00 |
| Building Fund: | 10.00 |
| Total: | \$1,206.00 |


MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, September 17th —Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer
Sunday, September 24th—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore

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

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.

| Stewardship of God's Gifts | |
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| St. Joseph—Sept. 10th, 2023 | |
| Sunday Envelopes: | \$1,355.00 |
| Plate: | 175.00 |
| Children: | 36.00 |
| Tithe.ly Online: | 410.58 |
| Heating/AC: | .00 |
| Religious Ed: | 220.00 |



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

Birthdays
 Brian Oligmueller September 17
 Joyce Schlickbernd September 18
 Edward Pena September 21
 Noah Borgmann September 23

Harvest Picnic: **TODAY!!!!**
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.


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.

—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help with various aspects of the program: Snack volunteers, Christmas program, prayer partners, and substitute teachers. Questions, please contact Capri (402) 380-2925 or Sarah (402) 841-6144.

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

MEALS ON WHEELS Thank you to these parishioners who delivered Meals-on-Wheels in August on behalf of St. Joseph's: Helen Feller, Annie McManigal, Jeanette Marx, Kari Moeller, & Mary Donner.

| MASS INTENTIONS | | | | |
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| Mon | 18 | — | — | NO MASS |
| Tue | 19 | 9:30 AM | WCC | Care Center Residents |
| Wed | 20 | 8:00 AM | HC | + Alvin Dinslage |
| Thu | 21 | 8:00 AM | SJ | Lvng & Dec'd Members of Ron & Mary Ann Wemhoff |
| Fri | 22 | 9:30 AM | CHB | + Russell Gentrup |
| Sat | 23 | — | — | NO MASS |
| Sun | 24 | 8:30 AM | HC | Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of Ray & Odelia Steffensmeier |
| Sun | 24 | 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 | | |



Religious Education

ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6
Grades K-6: We welcomed the students back with ice cream and an opening prayer. The classes took beginning of the year tests. The second grade talked about belonging to a community, a parish and being the people of God.

ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS— GRADES 7-12
Grade 7-9: We began with prayer and then journaled about who we are now and where we think we will be in 10 years. Our first Theology of the Body lesson will be "Who Am I" as we see who we are and what God created us to be.
Grade 10-12: Met in the loft & discussed plans for the year.

