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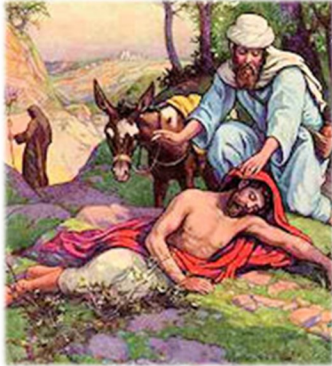
**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**October 29th, 2023**

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**The 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



The Gospel is from *Matthew 22:34-40*. The Pharisees may not have had evil intentions when asking Christ, the question as to the greatest commandment. But they have done us a good service by getting this crystal-clear answer from him. In this answer he tells us that the man who loves God and neighbor fulfills all his obligations, and carries out all the

duties that God's self-revelation in "the law and the prophets" imposes on him. God revealed himself to us in the Old Testament as our Creator and divine benefactor. He had no need of us, since he is infinitely perfect in himself, but out of his infinite goodness he wished to share his eternal kingdom of happiness with mankind and so he created us. That we should love such a benefactor and be grateful to him is not asking much of us; such love should surely be the spontaneous reaction of a rational being, and yet there were and there are many who fail to acknowledge any such obligation.

No Christian, worthy of the name, can ever be among such thoughtless and thankless people. We have greater proofs of God's love for us than "the law and the prophets" gave to the Israelites. We have the added proofs of God's infinite interest in us brought to us by the Incarnation. We have been raised to the sublime status of adopted sons of God.

Where Christians can, and too often do fail, is in their true love of neighbor. Yet Christ says that this commandment is like the first. Love of neighbor is an essential part of our obligations toward God. If we fail in this we fail in our love for God, for we refuse to carry out this sacred duty. If we do not recognize our neighbor as our brother, we do not recognize God as our Father and we do not love him. As St. John puts it: "Anyone who says 'I love God' and hates (does not love) his neighbor is a liar" (1 Jn.3: 20).

Let each one of us ask himself today how seriously he takes this law of fraternal charity and how faithfully he carries it out. Not all of us may be able to give material help to a neighbor in need but the poorest of us can spare a kindly word, an encouraging word, for a neighbor weighed down with cares and troubles. All of us can pray for a neighbor who needs spiritual and temporal help. Most of us can deny ourselves some unnecessary luxuries in order to give a needed loaf of bread to a hungry fellowman, while those who have an abundance of this world's goods need not look far afield to find cases and causes worthy of their Christian charity.

Remember that whatever spiritual or material help is given out of true charity to a neighbor in need, is given to God, and whatever is given to God is soundly invested in heaven, and heaven pays handsome dividends.

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



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

**Just for Today: A Peaceful World is Possible**

Many of us are so blessed with peace in our beautiful country. We hear many a times what is happening in the world around us and wonder what next. We must thank God for the peace that we enjoy in this country and not forget to support others not privileged with such serenity. The awareness and offering our prayers and thoughts is so much appreciated. Every time we celebrate Mass, we do offer a sign of peace. Perhaps this part of the Mass passes so quickly such that we don't reflect on its meaning. The church included this prayer of peace in Mass because we know that it is the key to our existence. I think of the shattered future of families, especially the school children and the young among many others of all these regions that are currently in turmoil of war. Their lives have been changed into uncertainty but we must not give up. However far we are, let us do what we can in small or big ways as good Catholics.



Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 1 John 4:8

On this note of doing something for peace, this week the Pope asked us to dedicate Friday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> as a day of keeping vigil prayer, penance and fasting to invoke God's spirit of peace. If you didn't do it, it is not late, get one day this coming week and do it. United together in the world of prayer, the evil of war will be defeated so that a Jew will embrace a Palestinian, a Russian will hug a Ukrainian and a Christian will share a meal with a Muslim. God bless our world with Peace. *Fr. Vincent.*

**Updates on AAA as of Friday Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> 2023**

Our gifts to the 2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal bear witness to God's love at work in our lives. Thank you to all those at our parish who have responded so generously to Archbishop Lucas' invitation to join him in the work of equipping disciples and living mercy. To date, our parish of Wisner has raised \$9,475.00 towards the goal of \$8,268.17. Our other parish of Beemer has raised \$5,170 towards the goal of \$11,396.77. Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

<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 November 5th

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

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner  
Weekend of November 5th

LEC: Dave McGuire  
EMHC: Capri McGuire  
EMHC 2: Kathy Johnson  
SERV: Kinsley Lueken, Alicia Ramirez-Torres,  
Lilly Good  
OFF: Rick Jacobs  
USHER: November Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts Holy Cross—Oct. 22nd, 2023	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$385.00
Plate:	49.00
Children:	22.00
Tithe.ly Online:	200.00
Hall Rent:	50.00
Total:	\$706.00

**MONEY COUNTERS**  
Sunday, October 29th—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder  
Sunday, November 5th—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer

**MEN'S WORK GROUP—November 2023**  
Chair: Tyler Oligmueller  
Co-Chair: Steve Ausdemore  
Members: Shane Batenhorst, Tim Phillips, Galen Minds, Jeremy Ritter, Chris Borgelt

**THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE** is at the entrance of Holy Cross now and through the month of November. Please write the names of loved ones you wish us to pray for during this time. Please use the All Souls envelopes for any Masses to be said.

**BIBLE STUDY**—Due to All Saints Day Holy Cross bible study will be postponed and held Wednesday, November 8th, at 5:00 p.m. in the church rectory.

Stewardship of God's Gifts St. Joseph—Oct. 22nd, 2023	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$980.00
Plate:	193.00
Children:	50.00
Tithe.ly Online:	241.62
Insurance:	100.00
World Mission:	270.00

**AED**—An Automated External Defibrillator has been installed at the entrance of the church. There are two educational sheets on the table for you to take. One includes a QR code to access a short 2-3 minute video demonstration on what an AED is and how to use it. We encourage you to be familiar with how it works. If there is interest, we can arrange a live demonstration and hands on practice time. If interested, contact Sarah at the office. 529-3891.



### Celebrations:

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

**Birthdays**  
Casey Green October 30  
Ken Schlickbernd October 30  
Brooke Combs November 2

**Anniversaries**  
Dan and Karen Spenner November 3

**Meals on Wheels** Delivered with Love  
**Many thanks** to those who, on behalf of our parish, delivered Meals-on-Wheels earlier this month: Helen Feller, Carmen Godbersen, Carol Oligmueller, Tammie Batenhorst, and Barb Deitloff.

**ST. MARY'S (WEST POINT) FAMILY FUN DAY**  
"Take Me Out to the Ballgame" is Sunday November 5th. Serving from 10:30am to 1:00pm a roast beef/pork, sausage, sauerkraut and dumplings dinner. Price for tickets will be \$15.00 for 12 & over and \$5.00 for 11 and under, 3 & under free. There will be a country store, raffle tables, cake walk, games, silent auction & a big auction starting at 1:00pm. Please join us.

**PANCAKE FEED:** Prom fundraiser by the W-P Jr. Class November 5th 10:00am– 1:00pm at the WP Elementary. Free Will Donation. Full details on flyer in the back of church.



## All Saints Day Mass Schedule

**Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**  
6:00 pm St. Mary's West Point  
7:00 pm St. John Howells

**Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**  
7:00 am St. Mary's West Point  
8:00 am Holy Cross Beemer  
8:15 am St. Peter & St. Paul Howells  
6:00 pm St. Mary's West Point  
6:00 pm St. St Wenceslaus Dodge  
7:00 pm St. Joseph Wisner

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	30	—	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue	31	9:30 AM	WCC	+ Irma Donner
Wed	01	8:00 AM	HC	ALL SAINTS DAY + Dorothy Gentrup
Wed	01	7:00 PM	SJ	ALL SAINTS DAY + Gerald Ruskamp
Thu	02	8:00 AM	SJ	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Fri	03	9:30 AM	CHB	+ Mel Tomka
Sat	04	—	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
Sun	05	8:30 AM	HC	+ Mike McTaggart
Sun	05	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Norbert Oligmueller
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:** The 5<sup>th</sup> grade had another session of Mass server training with Fr. Vincent. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade decorated pumpkins.

**ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS– GRADES 7-12**

**Grade 7-9: Girls:** We finished our Lesson 3 and began with our video of Lesson 4. It is about virtues and vices and our control of them. We then had questions about our good and bad habits. Very interesting!

**Grade 7-9: Boys:** Finished their discussion on vice, virtues and leading a prayerful life.

**Grades 10-12:** Our word for the week was "Create". We carved and painted pumpkins to display on the church steps for All Souls & All Saints Day.

Our visiting Deacon came down to say good-bye as he is leaving soon. We pray for him in his journey to priesthood and thanked him for his time with us. The evening ended with closing prayer in church.