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**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 November 19th, 2023**

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The 33rd Sunday in ordinary Time



The Gospel is from *St. Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21*. The lesson of this parable, like all the teaching of the gospel, is as applicable to us today as it was to the first generation of Christians. In its relation to Christ and to his divine Father our world today is very similar to first century Palestine. Christ and God have opponents and

followers. Their opponents today have the very same reasons that moved the Pharisees and leaders of the people in Christ's day. They want their messianic kingdom here on earth, a kingdom of pleasure and plenty; they want no limits set to their freedom to follow their own earthly inclinations. Their pride in their own self-exalted dignity will not let them bow the head to any deity or divine authority which does not conform to their standards. Like the Pharisees they keep on trying to convince themselves that Christianity is not true, that Christ will not reign, that there will be no day of reckoning.

Yet with all their efforts to get rid of Christ and God, the small inner voice of conscience is not completely silenced. It has the nasty habit of reminding them of their folly. They have their troubled moments when the epicurean motto "eat, drink, sleep and be merry" does not somehow ring true.

For the followers of Christ who are sincere in their efforts, the parable has a message of encouragement and consolation. At times the road we have to travel seems strewn with obstacles, our battles seem never-ending, yet God has provided each one of us with the necessary helps to ensure the final victory. These helps are given according to each one's need. Those servants in the parable who received five and two talents used them faithfully and successfully. He who received one talent needed only one, and could have succeeded with it had he been a faithful servant. God is a kind Father who has our eternal interests at heart. He does expect us to make the necessary sacrifices. He showed us the way on Calvary. When working for God we are really providing for our own future; his external glory and our eternal salvation are the fruits of the same labor. He will certainly return to settle accounts—it will then be too late to make any changes. Let us be wise and make the changes now while we have time and then our books will be in order on the day of reckoning.

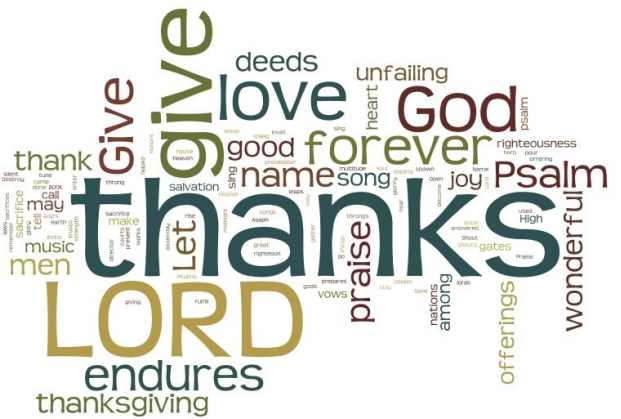
In Courtesy of Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

Sunday Reflection

The greatest challenge of the Holy Scriptures is to allow their truth to transform us and help us mediate God to the world. As we come closer to the end of the liturgical year A, which culminates with the solemnity of Christ the King, the readings for the 33rd Sunday encourage us to remain faithful to Christ our head and to respond with great alertness to what is going on around us. In Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians, we read about the Second Coming of Christ and our responsibility to hold on to what is good and be spiritually alert. And one of the most effective ways of embracing this call to spiritual alertness is to be completely open and receptive to God, who comes to us in our daily lives, confronts us with the truth of who we are to become, and sometimes with things that may be hard to hear. The challenge here is to let the word of God touch our hearts so that we can mature in our fear of God and grow in our faith.

Brothers and sisters, God loves us. He trusts deeply from his heart everything about us, and he does not demand more than we can handle. However, he expects us to use our talents to find our unique path to holiness. So, today, let us allow the generosity of the talented people in Jesus' parable and the faithfulness of the worthy wife in the first reading to teach us how to invest our hearts in God and make good use of our unique talents to grow his kingdom.

Fr. Michelle.



West Point Parish Family Weekend Mass Schedule:		
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



From Fr. Vincent's Desk:
Updates on AAA 2023/2024 as of Nov. 15th 2023

Jesus calls us to be alert to the opportunities to be His disciples, His witnesses and share His love. Your participation in the Archbishop's Annual Appeal is an extension of our call to discipleship in our parish. Every gift matters. To date, St. Joseph Church, Wisner has committed \$9,875.00 towards our goal of \$8,268.17. Holy Cross Church, Beemer has committed \$6,470.00 towards our goal of \$11,396.77. Please help us reach our goal.

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of November 26th

WORD: Rita Eichelberger
EMHC: Dennis Mostek
SERVER: Ben Oligmueller & Stella Guenther

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of November 26th

LEC: Holly Schroeder
EMHC: Shane Batenhorst
EMHC 2: Martha Schweers
SERV: Chloe Schroetlin, Henry Jacobs, Jace Hansen
OFF: Chris Liermann
USHER: November Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts
Holy Cross—Nov. 12th, 2023

Sunday Envelopes:	\$2,455.66
Plate:	166.00
Children:	17.00
Tithe.ly Online:	150.00
HELP/Fuel:	90.00
All Saints & Assumption:	75.00
Thanksgiving:	800.00
Total:	\$3,753.66

MONEY COUNTERS

Sunday, November 19th—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore
Sunday, November 26th—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder

MEN'S WORK GROUP—November 2023

Chair: Tyler Oligmueller
Co-Chair: Steve Ausdemore
Members: Shane Batenhorst, Tim Phillips, Galen Minds, Jeremy Ritter, Chris Borgelt



COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS after Mass today.
Please come down and join us!

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP starting at Holy Cross. It will start on Friday, December 1, from 6-7 am. Contact Mike Guenther 402-922-1114 for questions.

2023 ADVENT RETREAT—A free event at Holy Cross Dec. 3rd. Speaker at 4:00 pm followed by Exposition, Adoration, and Confessions. Childcare will be provided.

Stewardship of God's Gifts
St. Joseph—Nov. 12th, 2023

Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,650.00
Plate:	77.00
Children:	24.00
Tithe.ly Online:	478.77

WISNER VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE SOUP FUNDRAISER

Sunday, December 3rd
At the Wisner City Auditorium

Soup Meal 11:00am—1:30 pm
Chicken—Chili—Oyster Stew

Visit with SANTA 11:00—12:30

Celebrations:

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

Birthdays

Gerald Gentrup November 21
Mel Niewohner November 24
Mike Guenther November 24
Ron Guenther November 25

Welcome to St. Josephs Church
and Holy Cross Parish

We welcome all our guests and new members to our parishes. There are many opportunities for experiencing the peace and joy of our loving God in liturgy, groups, committees and volunteer service to the church. If you would like to join our parish family, contact the parish office or send an email to:
For St. Joseph—stjo68791@gmail.com
For Holy Cross—renaecarlson@hotmail.com

Thanksgiving Day Mass Schedule

Wednesday, November 22, 5:00 pm
at Holy Cross, Beemer

Thursday, November 23, 9:00 am
at St. Joseph, Wisner

Religious Education

ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6

Grades K-6: End of year schedule was sent home with the children so please make sure you see it. Christmas lines were sent home with Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grade. Please help them memorize their line.

No class this week— November 22nd

December 13th: Christmas Program & Soup Supper

ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS— GRADES 7-12

We began with a talk by Fr. Vincent about justice and empathy for the youth in warring countries and how we need to be aware of ways we can help.

Grade 7-9: Girls: We began our movie, "October Baby." It is about a girl who survived nearly being aborted.

Grade 7-9: Boys: Watched the first half of the movie "When The Game Stands Tall". It is based on a true story and is a very motivational movie about a high school football team dealing with the death of one of their teammates.

Grades 10-12: Read the poem "The Dash" and watched a short video. Our word for the week was "Choose" and we talked about making intentional choices to change the outcome of our dash.

All gathered in church for closing prayer.

November 22nd - No classes - Thanksgiving Break

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	20	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	21	9:30 AM	WCC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Wed	22	8:00 AM	HC	NO MASS
Wed	22	5:00 PM	HC	THANKSGIVING MASS + Ray & Odelia Steffensmeier
Thu	23	9:00 AM	SJ	THANKSGIVING MASS Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of Ron & Mary Ann Wemhoff
Fri	24	9:00 AM	CHB	NO MASS
Sat	25	—	—	NO MASS
Sun	26	8:30 AM	HC	+ Jim Sapp
Sun	26	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Kathy Lorenz
SJ—St. Joseph's		HC—Holy Cross		
WCC—Wisner Care Center		CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer		