

Saint Joseph's Church

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**The 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 16th, 2024**

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The Gospel is from *St. Mark 4:26-34*. One of the proofs of the divine origin of the Church of Christ is its growth from very humble beginnings. Christ could have come on earth in the prime of manhood, without the cooperation of any human ancestry. He could have preached his gospel to the whole world himself without any help from men. By extraordinary miracles he could have astounded the world into believing. If he wished to have the assistance of men he could have chosen the outstanding philosophers and orators of Greece and Rome. Instead, he chose to come into this world as a baby, the son of a poor mother and of a carpenter foster-father.

When the time came for him to lay down his life for the world as prearranged by his Father, he allowed his enemies to capture him and to condemn him to the death of the cross. These were surely humble beginnings for a kingdom which was to span the earth and the ages. The mustard seed in comparison was large. Yet, this was God's plan and therefore it succeeded as he said it would. The story of his humble origins among us, of his equality with us in all things, sin alone excepted, and of his self-immolation for us, touched human hearts wherever it was told and the grace of God did the rest.

Therefore, the spread of the Church is a proof of its divine origin—it is from God and God is with it. Knowing this, how grateful should we not be to him who has made us members of his kingdom on earth, with the assurance of a place in his eternal kingdom in heaven, if we remain his loyal subjects here below. How good God has been to us! The tiny mustard seed has grown into a tree, but it has yet to gather many more under the shelter of its branches. Realizing all that God and his divine Son have done for us, would we be so mean and ungrateful as to refuse to lend a helping hand? God forbids! God has already put us on the right road to heaven; we will help him to get in the stragglers, the lazy, the "couldn't-care-less" ones on that same road, by every means available to us.

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

From Fr. Vincent's Desk:

Praying with Dementia Patients and Alzheimer's Patients By Karen Barber

This is an article on praying with dementia and Alzheimer's patients that has simple prayer ideas that can be used by caregivers, family members, clergy and church members to actively engage their loved ones in prayer.



Doing simple prayer activities with memory care patients can stimulate memories and enable them to connect with God despite their limitations. It also enables us to give loved ones the peace, encouragement and strength of prayer.

If you would like this prayer article, send me an email and I will get it to you: vsunguti2018@gmail.com or call if you need a hard copy 402-529-3531.

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Choose Life

The Conference of Nebraska Bishop's sent all the clergy a letter and below I have shared a portion of it with you. It is helpful for us to be aware of legitimate pro-life group before make sign of approval.

"Recently, a third abortion-related ballot initiative was launched. This effort, under the name *Choose Life Now*, seeks to provide protection in the state constitution for unborn children from the moment of conception. While the goal is one, we all share, we are not going to allow signature collection at parishes on this third initiative. This ballot initiative effort is confusing for pro-lifers, and some of its promoters are opposing the bishops' clear guidance on the pro-life initiative already in circulation. This is not conducive to uniting Catholics against the pro-abortion proposal, which must be defeated. Our focus has been and continues to be on urging Nebraskans to defeat the pro-abortion ballot initiative proposal and helping Catholics understand that they can support the *Protect Women & Children pro-life ballot initiative proposal*".

Notice of Church Repair and Maintenance: We are expecting the crew to begin work on the front steps this Monday, June 17th. While the steps are under repair, please use the basement door or the one by the ramp to gain access to the church. We will keep you updated as the process moves along.



SPIRITUAL INSIGHT—

On this 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Evangelist Mark beckons us to delve into the depths of our souls and nurture the seeds of faith that lie within us. Through the Parable of the Mustard Seed, he reminds us that even the tiniest acts of faith, when tended with love and devotion, can blossom into magnificent demonstrations of God's grace, offering shelter and sustenance to all who seek solace. Similarly, his portrayal of the Growing Seed serves as a poignant illustration of the silent but relentless growth of God's kingdom within us, unseen but palpable as it takes root in the fertile soil of our hearts. This Sunday, we also pay tribute to the fathers and father figures in our lives, recognizing their indispensable role in nurturing, guiding, and supporting their families. Much like the Sower in Jesus' parable, fathers sow seeds of wisdom, faith, and love in their children's hearts. Their guidance and support, often conveyed through small, everyday acts of kindness and encouragement, cultivate nurturing environments that echo the vast and inclusive nature of God's Kingdom. As we contemplate the teachings of today's parables and the pivotal role of fathers, let us vow to scatter seeds of kindness, faith, and love in our communities. May we all continue to thrive in God's grace, fostering environments of love and support that reflect His Kingdom on earth, and may we cherish and honor the fathers among us today and always.

Happy Father's Day, Fr. Michel N'DO

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of June 23rd

WORD: Renae Carlson
EMHC: Dawn Peatrowsky
SERVER: Vanessa & Preston Praest
USHER: Brad Schulz

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
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LEC: Joyce Stalp
EMHC: Shane Batenhorst
EMHC 2: Sally Harms
SERV: Henry Jacobs, Paislie Burki
Ella Jacobs
OFF: Del Styskal
USHER: June Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts
Holy Cross—June 9th, 2024

Sunday Envelopes:	\$781.00
Plate:	87.00
Children:	16.00
Tithe.ly Online:	150.00
Total:	\$1,034.00

JUNE MOWING GROUP- Chair: Dave Steffensmeier
Co-Chair: Jeff Robertson; Members: Ron Guenther, Tom Peterson, Keith Anderson, Gerald Wellman



Celebrations:

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

Birthdays

Ken Krupka June 16
Robert Praest June 17
Mike Gentrup June 21

Anniversaries

Ken and Vicky Krupka June 19

ACCOMODATIONS FOR FAREWELL RECEPTIONS

Holy Cross, Beemer:

Sunday June 23rd ** Sacrament of reconciliation at 7:30 am. **Mass at 8:00 am (not the usual 8:30 am) followed by reception in the basement hall.

St. Joseph, Wisner

Saturday June 29th - Sacrament of reconciliation at 3:00 pm - 3.30 pm

Sunday June 30th - Mass at 10:00 am followed by reception in the basement hall.

**MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES:
St. Joseph and Holy Cross.**



There are envelopes available in the back of church. If you would like to have a Mass said for a loved one, complete the envelope and place in the collection basket or contact Sarah at the parish office 402-529-3891, or email the info to stj068791@gmail.com. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	17	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	18	9:30 AM	WCC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Wed	19	8:00 AM	HC	Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of the Leo & Hildegard Hunke Fam.
Thu	20	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Richard Kane
Fri	21	9:00 AM	CHB	+ Eric Wellman
Sat	22	—	—	NO MASS
Sun	23	8:00 AM	HC	+ Mac Seeman + Yvonne Niewohner
Sun	23	10:00 AM	SJ	Lori Hollman Ruskamp

SJ—St. Joseph's HC—Holy Cross
WCC—Wisner Care Center CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer

MONEY COUNTERS

Sunday, June 16th—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer
Sunday, June 23rd—Team #4 A.J. & Lindsey Burki, Chris & Brenda Liermann

MEN'S WORK GROUP—June 2024

Chair: Blake Albers
Co-Chair: Derreck Marx
Members: David Deitloff, Jeremy Schultz, Mike Stuhr, Norm Weber, Matt Albers, Alan Feller, Bob Feller

Stewardship of God's Gifts
St. Joseph—June 9th, 2024

Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,125.00
Plate:	110.00
Children:	27.75
Tithe.ly Online:	584.69
Heating/AC:	350.00

SAVE THE DATE: Please mark your calendar for Sunday, June 30 after the 10:00 Mass. St Joseph's Parish will be serving pork sandwiches, chips, salads and cake to wish Father Vincent farewell. Everyone from Wisner and Beemer parishes are welcome to attend.



MUMS PRESALE ANNOUNCEMENT

It's that time of year again! The Ladies Guild will be selling mums to brighten up your gardens this fall. To ensure you get your mums, please sign up in the back of the church for presales.



Important Dates:

Sign-Up Deadline: July 15th
Payment Deadline: July 15th

Don't miss out on this opportunity to support the Ladies Guild and add some beautiful mums to your home. Sign up and pay by July 15th to guarantee your delivery. Thank you for your support!

Religious Education

ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6

Looking for Co-DRE. This is a paid position which involves helping coordinate the program for K-12.

Also, needing a volunteer teacher for Grade 3.

Please contact Capri or Sarah if you are interested in either position.

Thank You!!



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Online Giving with Tithe.ly

Both St. Joseph and Holy Cross parishes have an online giving option. For additional ways to contribute, QR codes have been made for both parishes, or you may still sign up under the parish websites. If you have any questions, call the parish office at 402-529-3891.



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