

Saint Joseph's Church

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or by appointment

The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time June 30th, 2024

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The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Gospel is from *St. Mark 5:21-43* or *5:21-24, 35-43*. Today's gospel gives us two further proofs of the divine power and the infinite mercy of our Savior. Apart from the primary purpose of proving his claim to be the promised Messiah, all his miracles had as their aim and end — the benefit of suffering human beings. He worked no miracle

for the sake of astonishing people or to satisfy idle gossip. Each one was performed in order to help someone in distress.

The Gospels give us only some of the many miracles our Lord worked. They give them to prove that he was what he claimed to be — the Son of God and the long-expected Savior; and also, to prove his compassionate understanding and sympathy for suffering humanity.

We must not forget, however, that the meaning of his miracles and his mission was lost on thousands of his contemporaries in Palestine, small though the country was. While great throngs followed our Lord and listened to his message and were interested in his mission, still great throngs remained at home, stolidly immersed in their worldly tasks and thoughts. They heard rumors about the man from Nazareth who was said to be the Messiah, and was supposed to be able to work miracles, but they were too practical, too sensible to listen to such rumors. Anyway, they had no interest in the Messiah, or in silly spiritual things, they were fully occupied with their financial and worldly interests.

Today, let us say a fervent prayer of thanksgiving to God for the gift of active faith which he has given us and beg of him to keep that faith ever alive in our breasts. Let us think, too, of our fellowmen, our brothers in Christ, who are so busy with their worldly occupations and pleasures that they cannot find time to listen to his message. They are spiritually anemic and almost spiritually dead, but cannot push their way toward Christ through the throngs of earthly, worldly barricades which they have built about themselves. Our sincere prayers can help them to overcome these obstacles; frequently and fervently let us ask God to send them his efficacious grace so that these brothers in Christ will also be with him in heaven.

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



From Fr. Vincent's Desk:

A word of Appreciation

I came here from Omaha on June 30th, 2018 with so much excitement and joy. It was my first assignment in the rural American Parishes that resembled my native home. I was so happy to see farms with corn and beans, cattle and isolated farm homes. These were all reminiscent of my rural home in Western Kenya where I grew up; even though they are both different in some ways. If I had a choice, I would rather stay here for the next 6 years. Instead, I must leave to create room for the new parish family arrangements to take effect under the umbrella of one pastor within the stipulated Archdiocese parameters.

I look back with so much gratitude on what we have accomplished together in the past six years. Because of you, I enjoyed my priestly ministry, especially here in Wisner and Beemer and later on in the rest of the West Point parish family. You were part of the joy and successes in my assignment here. I thank God to have made many friends and encountered incredible people who have helped me to be a better priest through our faith practices as well as social interactions. As a human, I know I also made mistakes that may have hurt a few of the parishioners and I would like to take this opportunity to extend my apologies and regrets. I didn't mean to hurt anyone and I'm not perfect either. Every error we make in life, can become an opportunity to do better in the next experience. We can't change the past, but the future is at our hand to focus on and strengthen one other.

With countless names, I would like to thank everyone who contributed in different ways towards the growth of our parishes especially the regular volunteers during my tenure. You have all done a lot and please kindly continue with the same spirit to support the ministry with the next priests.

Finally, you are welcome to Gretna any time whenever you come to Omaha. I also look forward to coming back to Wisner & Beemer for several occasions due to the connections that we have made. Thank you and wishing you all God's blessings. See you soon.

Fr. Vincent Sunguti



SPIRITUAL INSIGHT—

In the Gospel this Sunday the woman afflicted with hemorrhages had such great faith that she said, —"If I but touch his [Jesus] clothes, I shall be cured." So she reached out, touched his cloak, and was healed. As Catholics we are blessed that we can also reach out and touch Jesus. In fact this happens each time we receive Holy Communion at Mass. It is a blessing and gift that we need to make sure we don't take for granted. In light of this, over the last three years the United States has been promoting a National Eucharistic Revival which is a response to the divine invitation to be united around the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. The revival will culminate July 17-21 with a National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis to which you are invited to attend. You can find more information and get tickets at archomaha.org To coincide with the Eucharistic Congress and to express our unity with Christ and those attending, our St Joseph Family of parishes will have opportunities for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as follows:

Wednesday, July 17 from 7-8am at Holy Cross in Beemer
Thursday, July 18 from 6-7pm at St John Nepomucene in Howells
Friday, July 19 from 6:15-7:15am at St Mary's in West Point
Saturday July 20 from 8-9am at St Wenceslaus in Dodge
Sunday, July 21 from 11-11:30am at St Mary's in West Point

I pray that you will seek these opportunities to reach out to Jesus and receive His love and healing. —Fr Weeder

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of July 7th

WORD: Tom Peatrowsky
EMHC: Ann Bausch
SERVER: Ben Oligmueller & Noah Borgmann
USHER: Mike Gentrup

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
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LEC: Gayle Lampman
EMHC: Tammie Batenhorst
EMHC 2: Capri McGuire
SERV: Cooper Schultz, Annamae Bloedorn, Emma Schroetlin
OFF: Eric VonSeggern
USHER: July Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts
Holy Cross—June 16th, 2024


Sunday Envelopes:	\$855.00
Plate:	112.00
Children:	18.00
Tithe.ly Online:	200.00
Total:	\$00

JULY MOWING GROUP- Chair: Alan Batenhorst
Co-Chair: Robert Praest; Members: Roy Liermann, Chris Black, Ron Francis, Gary Batenhorst


MEN'S PRAYER GROUP at Holy Cross will only be meeting July 19, and August 16, from 6-7 am until September.

Celebrations:
Holy Cross Parish wishes happiness and God's blessings to the following:
Birthdays
George Guenther July 5

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.



Holy Cross
Beemer



St. Joseph
Wisner

MONEY COUNTERS

Sunday, June 30th—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore
Sunday, July 7th—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder

MEN'S WORK GROUP—July 2024

Chair: Matt McGuire
Co-Chair: Tim McGuire
Members: Mitch Schweers, Steve McGuire, Jack Godbersen, Alfredo DiCostanzo, Arvid Hass, LaVern Houghton

Stewardship of God's Gifts
St. Joseph—June 16th, 2024

Sunday Envelopes:	490.00
Plate:	132.00
Children:	14.00
Tithe.ly Online:	293.34

JOIN US TODAY TODAY AFTER MASS - Fr. Vincent will be in the basement for a farewell dinner. 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. Serving until 1:00 PM. Please use the basement door or the west door with the ramp to basement to access the church

Thank You! Fr. Vincent – Thank you!
St. Joseph and Holy Cross Parishes would like to thank you for the wonderful ministry you have provided us. You have blessed us in so many ways and we are grateful for your guidance and wisdom. We were very fortunate to have you as our leader for the past 6 years and you will be greatly missed.
We will have fond memories of you with the Kenya trips, weddings, funerals, baptisms, time spent with religious education students and trivia night fundraisers.
We wish you all the best with your new endeavor in Gretna at St. Patrick's and St. Charles Borromeo. They are blessed that you will be joining their Parish family and you will do great things with them. We will always consider you a part of our parish families. Please feel free to stop for a visit if ever passing through Wisner. We will miss you!!

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	01	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	02	9:30 AM	WCC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Wed	03	8:00 AM	HC	+ Al Batenhorst + Paul Mestl
Thu	04	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Marie Nosal
Fri	05	9:00 AM	CHB	+ Fred & Rita McNamara
Sat	06	—	—	NO MASS
Sun	07	8:30 AM	HC	+ Vergil & Francis Liermann + Dale Wettlaufer
Sun	07	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Barb Albers

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

From Fr. Vincent's Desk Continued:

Update - St. Joseph's Church Repair & Maintenance:
The concrete work on the main church steps started on Monday June 24th and will take some time before it is done. While the steps are under repair, please use the basement door or the basement door by the ramp near the kitchen to gain access to the church. We will keep you posted as the process moves along.

Ladies' Guild 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!

MANY THANKS to these volunteers who, representing our parish, delivered Meals-on-Wheels earlier this month: Barb Deitloff, Tammie Batenhorst, Rina McGuire, Bonnie Styskal, Mary Donner, and Lori Ruskamp. Delivering meals to shut-ins takes less than one hour, and volunteers are always needed! Our parish takes on one week every 6 weeks. If you can help or need more information, call Anne at 402-750-9616.

