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**The 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**June 9th, 2024**

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**The 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



The **First Reading** is taken from *Genesis 3:9-15* and gives the background and reason for the call of Abraham.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Mark 3:20-35*. The truth of the saying "pride goes before destruction" (Prov. 16:18) is clearly demonstrated in the first and third readings today. Pride indeed induced the First Parents to disobey God. They wished to be independent of

him, in fact, they hoped to be his equals. The evil results of their folly are still among us. It was their sinful pride, their sense of superiority, their utter contempt for all who did not conform to their standard of observance, that led the Scribes and Pharisees to oppose Jesus. Blinded as they were by this deep-rooted pride, they could see nothing good in him. Absurdly, they explained as the work of Satan the miracles he worked. To any honest mind, these miracles proved that he was, at least, a friend of God. That most of the Scribes and Pharisees continued in their blind pride even after their attempt to silence him forever had failed, is most likely, as Jesus' reference to the unforgivable sin would indicate. They could not be forgiven while they refused, through pride, to ask for forgiveness.

We are living today in what is politely called the permissive age—the age when God's laws are shamelessly flouted and despised; the age when men and women, old as well as young, do what they like regardless of whether or not their actions offend God and neighbor. This is a false philosophy, not of life, but of death; this is a philosophy or whim which has the ripe seeds of destruction of human society breaking through its crust. Divine authority helps us to understand state laws in a better way. State laws do not supersede God's laws.

He who does the will of God is the brother and kinsman of Christ and only his true brothers will get to heaven. We must keep the commandments of God. Not only are they the guides that will keep us on the road to heaven, but they are our only guarantee of survival during our short sojourn here on earth.

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



**From Fr. Vincent's Desk:**  
**EMHC & Lector Training**

The registration of EMHC and Lector Training for 2024-25 are now out. What is EMHC and Lector Training? EMHC is an abbreviation for Extra Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion. This is a lay person who takes a training in handling Holy Communion and assists the priest who is the ordinary minister of Holy Communion. Lector Training is a program of training people who will proclaim the word of God during Mass. They are commonly called lectors or readers.

Eligible candidates need to ensure that they are: fully initiated, practicing Catholics, in good standing, who have a parish affiliation, and demonstrated responsibility and commitment to service.

I encourage high school students especially the Juniors and Seniors to take this training. Anyone interested, reach out to me by phone or email.

**New Assignment**

This is to let you know that my six-year term limit, according to Archdiocesan policy of clergy assignment, is coming to an end on June 30th. Archbishop George Lucas called me this week to let me know that in consultation with the Personnel Board, he is assigning me to St. Patrick's Church and St. Charles Borromeo, both of Gretna, as an associate Pastor. The future plan is to open a new parish between the two parishes.

Fr. James Weeder, the pastor of the West Point family of parishes, will take over from me as the Pastor of St. Joseph, Wisner and Holy Cross, Beemer, as well as the churches of West Point, Aloys, Monterrey, Dodge & Howells.

The archbishop plans to send an associate pastor into the larger family of West Point. He will be from Nigeria in Africa.

I have enjoyed my six-year assignment at St. Joseph, Wisner and Holy Cross, Beemer, and I will miss all of you in a very big way. I feel sad to think of leaving but at the same time, it is part of the life of priesthood that I have to accept. You will forever be in my thoughts and prayers. Fr. Vincent

**The 10th Sunday reflection**

God asked Adam why he ate from the forbidden fruit, the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Adam's response was that it was the woman You put here with who gave me the fruit to eat. Eve then told God that the serpent tricked her. It is so easy to blame someone else for my bad choices. Of course, the enemy tempts us to do evil and that is not good. But who makes the decision to commit evil? I am. Often times we can see in society the blame game. If you had not left your wallet out on the park bench, I would not have taken it to buy a juicy burger, ice cream, and soft drink. If you had not insulted me and called me a moron, I would not have belted you and knocked you out. Wasn't that a great hit though? If you had not left your paper so visible on your desk, I would not have cheated. Wait a minute. Look at all those *You statements* that judge and accuse others; I am the innocent victim. Really? But Jesus tells us in Matt 15:19 *For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander.* Jesus is making us look at ourselves to examine our hearts and realize that I am the one who makes bad decisions by giving into my evil desires that He wants to uproot. I can be tempted, hurt by others but that does not give me the right to fight evil with evil. Rather Jesus calls me to fight evil with good. And it first starts by asking Him to remove the sin from my heart so that I can love those who hurt me. Look at them as my benefactors to expose the sin within that needs to go. Jesus loves to set me free; I need to repent for my sin. (Fr. Walter W. Jong -A-Kiem).



Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer  
Weekend of June 16th

WORD: Rita Eichelberger  
EMHC: Andy Guenther  
SERVER: Elijah & Easley Woodbury  
USHER: Scott Ortmeier

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner  
Weekend of June 16th

LEC: Bonnie Styskal  
EMHC: Linda Hansen  
EMHC 2: Madonna Servi  
SERV: Myles Lampman, Charlee Thies, Hayden Schroeder  
OFF: Keith Schroetlin  
USHER: June Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts  
Holy Cross—June 2nd, 2024

Sunday Envelopes:	\$930.00
Plate:	101.00
Children:	25.00
Tithe.ly Online:	150.00
Total:	\$1,206.00

MONEY COUNTERS

Sunday, June 9th—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder  
Sunday, June 16th—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer

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

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

Emily Oligmueller June 9

Anniversaries

Kevin and Jeanette Lueshen June 10

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.



ST. JOSEPH PARISH COFFEE:  
The Parish Council will be hosting a coffee TODAY, June 9th, in the church basement. Please join them for fellowship.

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— The Ladies Guild has a sign up sheet in the back of church for the presale of mums for the Harvest Picnic this year. Please choose your colors and prepay by July 15th.

SACRED HEART—OLEAN  
Is 150 Years Old

Help them celebrate on Sunday, June 9th  
Mass: 2:00 with Fr. Dan Kampschneider  
Reception on the church grounds with games for kids and adults, and music by Mark Vyhlidal  
Meal with ice cream and cookies served at 4:00  
Beer Garden also available



SERRA CLUB SERVER AWARD WINNERS:

Congratulations to Paislie B., Ella J., Emma S., Jaylee L., and Haley K. Not pictured is Sydney P. They were selected to receive this award for their willingness and commitment to serving here at St. Joseph Church.

MASS INTENTIONS

Day	Date	Time	Location	Intention
Mon	10	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	11	9:30 AM	WCC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Wed	12	8:00 AM	HC	+ Wayne Meier
Thu	13	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Norbert Oligmueller
Fri	14	9:00 AM	CHB	+ Paul Stalp
Sat	15	—	—	NO MASS
Sun	16	8:30 AM	HC	+ Russell Gentrup + Brent Carlson
Sun	16	10:00 AM	SJ	Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of Ron & MaryAnn Wemhoff

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

LOST & FOUND

Many items have been left at St. Joseph's church over the past couple of years. There are coats, gloves, hats, toys and more. These items will be set out on a table in the basement of church. They will be there until June 15th, after which, any remaining items will be donated. Please stop by and take a quick look.