



# St. Joseph Church

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## TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

06/21/20

Monday NO MASS  
 Tuesday NO MASS  
 Wednesday 8:15 AM + Janice Ries  
 Thursday NO MASS  
 Friday 8:15 AM + Paul & Karen Seger  
 Saturday NO MASS  
 Sunday 8:30 AM + Steve Schaaf

*Sacrament of Reconciliation: One half hour  
 prior to Sunday Morning Mass*

## TOP 5 REGRETS IN LIFE BY THOSE ABOUT TO DIE

**I wish I'd had the courage to live a life true to myself, not the life others expected of me.**

**I wish I hadn't worked so hard. *This came from every male patient that I was a nurse to. They missed their children's youth and their partner's companionship.***

**I wish I would have had the courage to express my feelings. *Many people suppressed their feelings in order to keep peace with others. Many developed illnesses to the bitterness & resentment they carried. As a result, they settled for a mediocre existence & never became who they were truly capable of becoming.***

**I wish I had stayed in touch with my friends. *Often they would not truly realize the full benefits of old friends---until their dying weeks and it wasn't always possible to track them down.***

**I wish that I had let myself be happier. *Many did not realize until the end that happiness is a choice.***

It's nearly the end of June and we are celebrating "Ordinary Time," the Twelfth Sunday of such. Easter is over; Pentecost and the feasts that follow have concluded. Now we enter the liturgical period wherein we will read primarily from the Gospel of Matthew (Cycle A), accompanying Jesus throughout this story, growing in our knowledge and awareness of him.

Matthew has long been known as the "church's gospel." We read the Sermon on the Mount, with its standard form of the Lord's Prayer (as opposed to the shorter version in Luke). Matthew tells us about the giving of the keys of the kingdom to Peter, and he uses the phrase "upon this rock I will build my church." In fact, the very term "church" appears in this gospel alone among the others. With an infancy narrative, resurrection narrative, and much material unique to Matthew, the gospel is twenty-eight chapters long. Compare that to the sixteen chapters of Mark, which was considered something of a "reader's digest" version of Matthew. So it's not surprising that the church placed this gospel first in the canon and preferred reading from it at liturgies. Now we settle in to hear Matthew's version of the Jesus story for much of the rest of the liturgical year. In the reading we hear this weekend [Matt 10:26-33, maybe it is fitting that Jesus says to his disciples three times some variation of "fear not" or "do not be afraid." The disciples (and that includes us) are to be fearless. The basis of this fearlessness is the Father, who knows all—even the most seemingly insignificant things that we do not know (e.g., the hairs on our head). The Father even knows each and every sparrow. We, each human being, is worth more than two sparrows (which themselves were worth only a small coin in antiquity). So the disciples can rest assured: they can be fearless in facing the world, as they are worth a great deal in the sight of God.

With this assurance, with this fearlessness, the disciples are emboldened to acknowledge Jesus and preach him to the ends of the earth (Matt 28:19-20). The danger is for those who know Jesus but choose not to acknowledge him before others. As far as they are concerned, Jesus will not acknowledge them before the Father.

Fearlessness ought to be a mark of Christian discipleship. It is a quality that motivated Jesus throughout his earthly ministry and allowed him to face threats and violence. Fearlessness accompanied him even as he went to his death. Not many of us will be called to make the ultimate sacrifice required for being a disciple of Jesus, though this does happen in parts of the world even today. Instead, our own attitude of fearlessness can manifest itself in caring for those in need and for those on the margins of society. When we overcome our own prejudices and implicit biases, we are dying to ourselves and allowing the spirit of Christ to rise up within us. So let us live as disciples of Jesus, facing the world in a fearless manner, knowing that we are worth a great deal in the sight of our loving God.

Ad multos annos! -----Fr. Bernard Starman, Pastor

*We Pray With Special Love & Concern For All Those Who Are Ill...* Emma Lou Gunther, Darrin Wedige, Gianna Slaymaker, Lois Tunender, Nathan Boyle, Miranda iJames, Blakely Bouska, John Gilg, Phil Fritz, Michelle Bulau, Garrett Scholz, Marilyn Morrison, John Mathis, Jerry Schaaf, Phil Schmaderer, Sandra Maybon.



- Wed., June 24—Adoration...9am–3pm

**A PRAYER FOR FATHERS**

**Our Father in Heaven, we thank you for all the fathers on earth who, like St. Joseph, accept the responsibility to care for and love their children. May you strengthen them with the kindness patience and wisdom they need to encourage and guide their children. May they be supported by a steadfast wife, a caring family and good friends. Most of all, may they know that you and you alone are the source of all that is good and truly valuable in this world. Amen.**

**Gift of Holy Orders---**We are so very grateful for the two newly ordained priests in the Archdiocese of Omaha. Fathers Mauricio Tovar and Zachary Tucker were ordained June 6. Fr. Tovar’s home parish is Divine Mercy in Schuyler and Fr. Tucker lists Christ the King, Omaha as his home parish. Please pray for these two young men, who have answered God’s call to priesthood.

*If You Would...* be willing to share your time as an usher @ 8am Mass on Sunday, would you kindly contact the parish office & leave a message? Thank you for your consideration in this special ministry.

*Let Us Also...* remember in a very special way all deceased fathers. They were our first teachers of....God, good work ethics, respect...shown to their wives, mothers & others. We thank them for all the sacrifices they made so their children could have a comfortable life. We pray that all these holy men are in the hands of God this day.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS...June 28**

MASS TIMES	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMHC		Andrea Borer
LECTOR		Tim Hamik
GIFT BEARERS		
ORGANIST		Diane Osborne
SERVERS		
<b><u>USHERS</u></b>	<b>FOR TWO WEEKS</b>	Tim Laible Allen Tooker

**THE LORD’S PORTON...06.14.20**

Adult envelopes (18)	1,497.00
Loose cash	20.00
Loose checks (1)	25.00
Easter (1)	50.00
Catholic Communications (1)	25.00
Peter’s Pence (1)	25.00
Insurance (2)	225.00
Online Giving (2)	<u>111.94</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,978.94</b>

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

A clear conscience makes  
a soft pillow