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**Easter Sunday**  
**April 12th, 2020**  
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**Reconciliation:**

St. Joseph's-Saturday: 4:15-4:40 PM or by appointment  
Holy Cross-Sunday: 8:00-8:20 AM or by appointment

**Easter Sunday – April 12<sup>th</sup> 2020**



This year, Easter is coming when our lives seem to be upside down. Many things that define our humanity have been put on a pause but despite all, how much more so should we not glorify You God on this day when Christ our Passover was sacrificed. He is the true Lamb who took away the sins of the world, who by His Death destroyed our death and by His Resurrection restored our life. Easter means, then, Redemption obtained — sin destroyed,

death overcome, divine life brought back to us, the resurrection of our body which is promised immortality. In the same way, we will overcome soon this virus and get back to our joyful lives. With such a certitude, we should banish all trace of anxiety that is not doing us any good. We have no control over the future but the present is in our hands that we hold with the risen Lord.

"I rose up and am still with Thee." After His labors and His humiliations, Christ finds rest with His Father. "I am still with Thee." This is perfect beatitude. Through His cross He entered into the possession of eternal glory. Christ has gained the crown of victory; through Christ men also win their crowns of victory. Humanity was under a curse and subject to the wrath of God. Now that they have risen with Christ, their guilt has been destroyed. "I rose up and am still with Thee." The liturgy places these words in the mouth of the Church that she may pray them with Christ.

"The earth trembled and was still when God arose in judgment." The resurrection of Christ is the judgment and condemnation of those who have turned away from God. This judgment was prefigured by the angel who passed through the land of Egypt destroying the first-born of the Egyptians. The Israelites marked the doors of their houses with the blood of the paschal lamb. We are the new Israel, and "Christ our Pasch is sacrificed." We mark ourselves with His blood, which we enjoy in the Holy Eucharist. We have been pardoned, we are saved, we shall live.

"He is risen." The resurrection of Christ is a pledge of our own resurrection. It is the foundation upon which our faith rests. It is the guarantee of our redemption and God's assurance that our sins are forgiven and that we are called to eternal life. "This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us be glad and rejoice therein. Give praise to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever. Alleluia." "Christ our Pasch is sacrificed. . . The Lamb redeems the sheep. Christ, the innocent One, hath reconciled sinners to the Father."

"You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, He is not here. . .Go, tell His disciples. . .that He goes before you" (Gospel).

Yes; we, too, searchers after Christ, now confess we have found Him. The task before us is to "tell" others of His victory, that all may be "of one mind and heart".

Why? Because if Christmas is the loveliest Feast as we behold God *born of Mary* unto man's life, certainly Easter is the greatest as we behold Jesus *born of a tomb* so that man may rise unto God's Life.

Our faith in His Divinity is confirmed because He "overcame death;" our hope is enlivened because He has "opened unto us the Gate of Eternity" (Prayer). Is it any wonder that the "earth trembled. . .when God arose" (Offertory)?

How are we to prepare for our Easter Communion? A Resurrection Day effort to "purge out the old" life for the "new!" How could we be nourished by the "sincerity and truth" of Divine Bread if it were spoiled by the "leaven" of an insincere will, or an untrue mind (Epistle)?



**From Fr. Vincent's Desk:**

**Happy Easter to you All:**

I would like to wish you all a Happy Blessed Easter. The virus has denied us many of the things we have done ever since in celebration of Easter but it will never take away our faith and hope. As we look forward to the end of this kind of isolated life, I want to wish you some joy and happiness as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord who is and has always been alive in us. Happy Easter with God's blessings.

**Recent Parish Finance Income:**

We have posted here our last 3 Sundays giving from both parishes. I appreciate your generosity in supporting our parishes. I would like to thank you all for heeding to our plea by responding generously as you have always done before. Those collections include building Fund, Easter Flowers, Easter Tithes, Works of Mercy, Heating/AC and Cemetery contributions. For those who are not aware, you have several options of giving your offering. You may mail your check to us, drop it in the church collection basket, or for Wisner members, drop it at Pinnacle Bank in Wisner and Beemer parishioners at First Community Bank in Beemer. Please include your name. You may also give by online as indicated by using the below link.

**Online giving:**

Even though we haven't set up our own, the Archdiocese has set up a link that was designed particularly to assist parishes that do not have online giving capabilities. You may make a gift online, including a recurring gift, and designate your parish. Here is the link... <http://archomaha.org/offertory> Feel free to use this link to give your tithes and it will be passed on to our account.

**Communication:**

We will continue to post the bulletins on Facebooks for both parishes, email them to those who have provided us with email address and continue to place few copies in the church for pickup. We will use Facebook for quick announcements as we have done and stream Masses. We are working on a website for our two parishes and it will be done in the next few weeks. This will be handy in disseminating information to our parishioners who are accessible to internet.

**Rice Bowls:**

If you were unable to return the rice bowls on Holy Thursday, we ask you to drop them in your respective Church basket any time on any day. We have until April 23<sup>rd</sup> to return them to the Arch-Diocese Finance office. These Rice Bowls will be added to our Works of Mercy collection.



**Holy Cross Church—Beemer**

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—March 24th & 29th, 2020	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$710.00
Holy Cross—March 31st, 2020	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$490.00
Building Fund:	100.00
Easter Flowers:	75.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$670.00</b>
Holy Cross—April 6th, 2020	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$860.00
Plate:	100.00
Easter Flowers:	75.00
Works of Mercy:	100.00
Easter:	300.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,435.00</b>
Vigil Lights:	\$45.00
Cemetery:	\$330.00

**St. Joseph Catholic Church—Wisner**

**MONEY COUNTERS**



Due to the increasing threat of COVID-19, we are suspending our regular counting groups. Instead, if you are available to help count on a Tuesday morning, please call Sarah at the church office, 402-529-3891, to schedule a day that works for you.

**MEN'S WORK GROUP—April 2020**

**Chair:** Scott Mendlik  
**Co-Chair:** Dave Ebel  
**Members:** Dixon Godbersen, Gerald Gentrup, Drew Feller, Gary Godbersen, Michael Liermann, Duane Mendlik

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—March 31st, 2020	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,465.00
Plate:	8.00
Heating/AC:	1,000.00
Easter:	50.00
Cemetery:	50.00
St. Joseph—April 7th, 2020	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$2,210.00
Plate:	25.00
Heating/AC:	70.00
Easter:	410.00
Works of Mercy:	120.00
Cemetery:	125.00

**Welcome to St. Joseph's and Holy Cross Parishes**  
 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](mailto:stjo68791@gmail.com)  
 For Holy Cross—[renaecarlson@hotmail.com](mailto:renaecarlson@hotmail.com)



**SENIOR SUNDAY & SCHOLARSHIPS:**

Senior Sunday that was to be on April 26th has been postponed and will be rescheduled if possible.

Scholarships - Remember to turn in your application for the Ladies Guild Scholarship by 04-15-20 to Capri McGuire. They can be mailed to her at PO Box 118, Wisner or you can drop off at her home or office. You can contact Capri at 402-380-2925.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**ST. JOSEPH—GRADES K-6**

Many of the packets have been picked up. There are still a few there. We will try to deliver the remaining packets this week. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah at 402-841-6144 or Capri at 402-380-2925.

MASS INTENTIONS		
<i>Mass intentions will continue to be scheduled as Fr. Vincent will be saying private Masses. No Masses for the people will be held until further notice.</i>		
Mon	13	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue	14	Residents of the Wisner Care Center
Wed	15	+ Carol Poland
Thu	16	Living and Deceased members of the Ron & Mary Ann Wemhoff Family
Fri	17	+ Beata Batenhorst
Sat	18	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish Streamed via Wisner's Facebook
Sun	19	+ Ray Steffensmeier Streamed via Beemer's Facebook
FACEBOOK PAGES		
St. Joseph—Joseph Wisner		
Holy Cross—Holy Cross Catholic Church—Beemer		

**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 [stjo68791@gmail.com](mailto:stjo68791@gmail.com). The suggested donation is \$10.00 per mass.

**A Prayer for Easter Eyes**

*My Lord, Jesus,  
 You have risen to new life!  
 Give me new eyes with which to recognize your presence in the world around me.  
 Sharpen my vision so that I see beyond the ordinary events of each day and into the extraordinary reality of your grace.  
 Brighten my view of the world with renewed hope in the coming of your Kingdom.  
 Soften my gaze so that I view others with the kind of tenderness and compassion you showed to so many.  
 May each day of this Easter season provide glimpses of your glory.  
 In your sacred name, I pray.  
 Amen*