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Corpus Christi Sunday
June 14th, 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

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



"While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, 'Take it; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many.'"

Where the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ is not observed as a holy day, it is

assigned to the Sunday after Trinity Sunday, which is then considered its proper day in the calendar.

Corpus Christi (Body and Blood of Christ) is a Eucharistic solemnity, or better, the solemn commemoration of the institution of that sacrament. It is, moreover, the Church's official act of homage and gratitude to Christ, who by instituting the Holy Eucharist gave to the Church her greatest treasure. Holy Thursday, assuredly, marks the anniversary of the institution, but the commemoration of the Lord's passion that very night suppresses the rejoicing proper to the occasion. Today's observance, therefore, accents the joyous aspect of Holy Thursday.

The Mass and the Office for the feast was edited or composed by St. Thomas Aquinas upon the request of Pope Urban IV in the year 1264. It is unquestionably a classic piece of liturgical work, wholly in accord with the best liturgical traditions. . . It is a perfect work of art.

In the words of St. Thomas: "*How inestimable a dignity, beloved brethren, divine bounty has bestowed upon us Christians from the treasury of its infinite goodness! For on the altar of the Cross He immolated to the Father His own Body as victim for our reconciliation and shed His blood both for our ransom and for our regeneration. Moreover, in order that a remembrance of so great benefits may always be with us, He has left us His Body as food and His Blood as drink under appearances of bread and wine.*

"O banquet most precious! O banquet most admirable! O banquet overflowing with every spiritual delicacy! Can anything be more excellent than this repast, in which not the flesh of goats and heifers, as of old, but Christ the true God is given us for nourishment? What more wondrous than this holy sacrament! In it bread and wine are changed substantially, and under the appearance of a little bread and wine is had Christ Jesus, God and perfect Man. In this sacrament sins are purged away, virtues are increased, the soul is satiated with an abundance of every spiritual gift. No other sacrament is so beneficial. He offered himself to us when he was about to leave the world and return to the Father. It was to serve as an unending remembrance of His passion, as the fulfillment of ancient types — this the greatest of His miracles. To those who sorrow over His departure He has given a unique solace."

Symbols: The usual symbol for the Holy Eucharist is a chalice, with a host rising out of it. The host is shown as the typical circular wafer, upon which may be imprinted the letters I. N. R. I., from which proceed rays of light, symbolical of the Real Presence, the substantial presence of Christ under the species of bread and wine.

An altar, upon which is set a cross, two or more candles in their tall candlesticks, a chalice and a ciborium, is another symbol often seen.

Things to Do:

- ◆ You may spend some time in the Church After Mass and pray.
- ◆ Adoration after Mass with Priest blessing the Congregation with Blessed Sacrament
- ◆ Freshly baked bread would be a key dish at your celebratory Sunday dinner, as bread has always been symbolic for life giving and nourishment, as is the Eucharist. We have also highlighted a Christmas cookie recipe called *Lebkuchen* (life cake), which is rich in symbolism.



From Fr. Vincent's' Desk:

Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

On Friday, June 19th, we will be celebrating the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Many Catholics prepare for this Feast by beginning a Novena to the Sacred Heart on the Feast of Corpus Christi, which is the Thursday of the week before. On the Feast of the Sacred Heart itself, we can gain a plenary indulgence by making an Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart.

The devotions to the sacred Heart of Jesus became popularized when St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690), a Visitation nun, had a personal revelation involving a series of visions of Christ as she prayed before the Blessed Sacrament.

Mass will be as follows:

Thursday, June 18th at 5:30 pm in Wisner.

Friday, June 19th at 8.00 am in Beemer.

Mass Servers

I'm in need of volunteer Mass servers for both Holy Cross parish and St. Joseph too. We are not scheduling anyone without their permission and therefore, I need some help on a voluntary basis. If you are interested, please contact Sarah Jacobs for Wisner at 402-529-3891 or Renae Carlson for Beemer at 402-528-3475 so that you can be scheduled. You may also contact me at 402-529-3531 or by email at vsunguti2018@gmail.com. All volunteer Mass servers will have to sanitize their hands before Mass and after and wear face masks when serving.

Updates on the COVID-19 by DHMs as from June 1st

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHMs) Phase II has made statewide changes as from June 1st:

- ◆ Only individuals returning from international travel will be required to quarantine for 14 days upon returning in Nebraska.
- ◆ The above restrictions do not apply to those returning from military or health care services abroad.
- ◆ Church gatherings remain limited to only 25 % of rated occupancy with maintenance of 6 feet separation from each party. We have been doing these and will continue.
- ◆ Wedding and Funeral Reception Venues: Will be limited to the greater of 25 people or 50% of rated occupancy, keeping 6 feet separation between parties with maximum of 6 people per party. Self-serve buffets and salad bars are prohibited. Venue staff will serve food directly to all individuals. No dances or other social events that require guests to gather outside of their respective tables are permitted.

This DHM does not change the previous DHM for churches, so our current status quo will remain after June 1st.

N/B: I would like to remind you to keep using facemasks when coming for Mass and use hand sanitizer before and after Mass.

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer

Weekend of June 21st

WORD: Marilyn Ortmeier
EMHC: Tom Peatrowsky, Dawn Peatrowsky
USHER: Brad Schulz
PRAISE: Marge Gentrup, JoAnn Steffensmeier

JUNE MOWING GROUP: Dave Steffensmeier, Mike Guenther, Ben Borgmann, Josh Bramble, Art Fernandez, Sam Steffensmeier, Gerald Wellman, Roy Liermann

Holy Cross Church, Beemer Office Availability

FYI: I will be available in the Beemer parish office every Tuesday from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm during the summer season beginning June 2nd, 2020. Note that you are welcome at any time. No need for appointments.

Fr. Vincent

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner

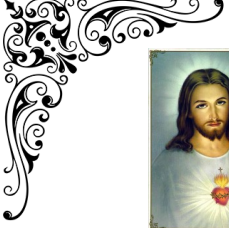

Weekend of June 20th & 21st

LEC: Chris Ruskamp
EMHC: Madonna Servi
USHER: Men's June Work Group

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EMHC: Anne Ausdemore
USHER: Men's June Work Group


MEN'S WORK GROUP—June 2020

Chair: Gerald Ruskamp
Co-Chair: Jim Jensen
Members: Jesse Grenier, Jeremy Rehak, Fred Schultz, Chris Ruskamp, Richard Schultz, Caleb Rehak, Beau Ruskamp

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass Times

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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
 For Holy Cross—renaecarlson@hotmail.com

CAN YOU HELP? **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS NEEDED**
ST. JOSEPH—GRADES K-12
 Looking ahead to the 2020-2021 school year, we will be in need of 5-7 teachers total for elementary and evening Rel Ed classes, as well as the volunteers for prayers, Christmas program, snack, etc. Our program depends completely on volunteers in order to function, and each year it becomes harder and harder to find help. If you are able and willing to lend a hand, please let us know by June 15th. Please call Sarah Jacobs at 402-841-6144 or Capri McGuire at 402-380-2925.

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. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per mass.





Prayer Chain info.....The St. Joseph prayer group is open to all men and women of the parish. The prayer request notifications come to you via text or phone call, and you are not asked to pass on the requests (like past prayer chains have required). You simply include the request in your regular prayers and there is no meeting involved.
 If you or a loved one need extra prayers, please let us know. The information you give can be as general or specific as you'd like. All members of the prayer group are asked to keep the intentions confidential. To be added to the prayer group or to ask for special prayer requests, please notify Father Vincent or call or text Anne at 402-750-9616.



MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	15	NO MASS	---	NO MASS
Tue	16	—	WCC	(private Mass only) Residents of Wisner Care Center
Wed	17	8:00 AM	HC	+ Jim Sapp
Thu	18	8:00 AM	SJ	No Morning Mass
Thu	18	5:30 PM	SJ	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus + Joseph Svoboda
Fri	19	8:00 AM	HC	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus + Roy Wieck
Sat	20	5:00 PM	SJ	+ Jayda Oligmueller
Sun	21	8:30 AM	HC	Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of the Henry & Eleanor Spenner Family
Sun	21	10:00 AM	SJ	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish

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

Fr. will live stream only the 5:00 Saturday Mass via both Facebook pages...
 St. Joseph—"Joseph Wisner"
 Holy Cross—"Holy Cross Catholic Church—Beemer"



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