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The Most Holy Trinity
June 7th, 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 Trinity Sunday – June 7th, 2020



The fundamental dogma, on which everything in Christianity is based, is that of the Blessed Trinity in whose name all Christians are baptized. The feast of the Blessed Trinity needs to be understood and celebrated as a prolongation of the mysteries of Christ and as the solemn expression of our faith in this triune life of the Divine Persons, to which we have been given access by

Baptism and by the Redemption won for us by Christ. Only in heaven shall we properly understand what it means, in union with Christ, to share as sons in the very life of God.

The feast of the Blessed Trinity was introduced in the ninth century and was only inserted in the general calendar of the Church in the fourteenth century by Pope John XXII. But the cultus of the Trinity is, of course, to be found throughout the liturgy. Constantly the Church causes us to praise and adore the thrice-holy God who has so shown His mercy towards us and has given us to share in His life.

The dogma of faith which forms the object of the feast is this: There is one God and in this one God there are three Divine Persons; the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God. Yet there are not three Gods, but one, eternal, incomprehensible God! The Father is not more God than the Son, neither is the Son more God than the Holy Spirit. The Father is the first Divine Person; the Son is the second Divine Person, begotten from the nature of the Father from eternity; the Holy Spirit is the third Divine Person, proceeding from the Father and the Son. No mortal can fully fathom this sublime truth. But I submit humbly and say: *Lord, I believe, help my weak faith.*

Why is this feast celebrated at this particular time? It may be interpreted as a finale to all the preceding feasts. All three Persons contributed to and shared in the work of redemption. The Father sent His Son to earth, for "God so loved the world as to give His only-begotten Son." The Father called us to the faith. The Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, became man and died for us. He redeemed us and made us children of God. He ever remains the liturgist *par excellence* to whom we are united in all sacred functions. After Christ's ascension the Holy Spirit, however, became our Teacher, our Leader, our Guide, our Consoler. On solemn occasions a thanksgiving *Te Deum* rises spontaneously from Christian hearts.

Excerpted from The Church's Year of Grace

Symbols of the Trinity: *Equilateral Triangle; Circle of Eternity; Three interwoven Circles; Triangle in Circle; Circle within Triangle; Interwoven Circle and Triangle; Two Triangles interwoven in shape of Star of David; Two Triangles in shape of Star of David interwoven with Circle; Shield of the Holy Trinity; Three Fishes linked together in shape of a triangle; Cross and Triangle overlapping; and St. Patrick's Shamrock.*

Suggested Things to Do:

- ◆ Depending on the ages of family members, research symbols of the Trinity and create something for the centerpiece of your family table, or something for your family altar, such as a small banner or poster. It can be as little as a 4 x 6 photograph or something to use every year as a backdrop or wall hanging.
- ◆ Think of different foods to serve that can reflect the

- ◆ symbolism of the Trinity. One example is clover leaf rolls. These rolls are formed with three balls of dough put into one hole of the muffin tin for each roll. They are easy to make. Use your favorite roll recipe (you can even buy frozen bread or roll dough), or search on the Internet for one of many examples.
- ◆ The Directory on Popular Piety explains some of the pious exercises related to the devotion of the Holy or Blessed Trinity. Three very simple prayers are the Sign of the Cross, Glory be to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit



From Fr. Vincent's' Desk:

Mass Servers

I'm in need of volunteer Mass servers for 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, 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 can also contact me at 402-529-3531 or vsunguti2018@gmail.com. All volunteer Mass servers will have to sanitize their hands before Mass and after and wear face masks when serving.

Corpus Christi Sunday

Next Sunday June 14th, we will be celebrating Corpus Christi Sunday or the Body and Blood of Christ Sunday. I plan to expose the Blessed Sacrament in the Monstrance after Mass and then do Benediction. After that, I will leave the Blessed Sacrament on the altar and people may adore and leave in silence at their own time.

In our traditional way of celebrating this Feast, we would do some outdoor procession, but we won't do that due to the virus situation.

The purpose of keeping this tradition is to remind ourselves the importance of Eucharist which is the center of our faith as expressed in Mass. You may consider to spend a quiet moment with the Lord and offer your intentions after Mass. That is a moment of special grace and God will listen to you and answer your prayers. We have a treasure within our church and let us make use of it. Taste and see that God is good in listening to us.

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 13th & 14th

WORD: Tom Peatrowsky, Rita Eichelberger
EMHC: Brenda Anderson, Ann Bausch
 Jeanie McTaggart, Mike McTaggart
USHER: Fred Gentrup, Scott Ortmeier
PRAISE: Diana Dinslage, Alvin Dinslage

Stewardship of God's Gifts Holy Cross—May 31, 2020	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$2,308.92
Plate:	3,000.00
Ascension	15.00
Totals:	\$5,323.92

HOLY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL meeting will be held on Monday, June 8th at 5:30 PM in the church basement.

Holy Cross Parish Council Members 2019-2020	
Mike Guenther—Pres.	Tracy Oligmueller—Sec.
Alan Batenhorst	Trisha Robertson
Mike Gentrup	Tanya Oligmueller—VP
For contact information, please see the parish directory	

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

HOLY WATER is available in containers for you to take home on the table at Holy Cross.

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 Call 888.456.HOPE (4673) or Visit hopeafterabortion.com

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner

Weekend of June 14th

LEC: Sally Harms
EMHC: Alan Harms
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

Stewardship of God's Gifts St. Joseph—May 31, 2020	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$3,475.00
Plate:	117.00
Heating/AC:	225.00
Easter:	50.00
Cemetery:	50.00

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
 For Holy Cross—renaecarlson@hotmail.com



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	08	NO MASS	---	NO MASS
Tue	09	—	WCC	(private Mass only) Residents of Wisner Care Center
Wed	10	8:00 AM	HC	+ Norbert Ruskamp
Thu	11	8:00 AM	SJ	Lvng & Dec's Members of Ron & MaryAnn Wemhoff Family
Fri	12	—	CHB	(private Mass only) + Mary Ann Schlickbernd
Sat	13	5:00 PM	HC	+ Dec'd Mbrs of Lee Wellman Family
Sun	14	8:30 AM	HC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sun	14	10:00 AM	SJ	+ John Davies
SJ—St. Joseph's		HC—Holy Cross		
WCC—Wisner Care Center		CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer		
Fr. will <u>live stream only the 5:00 Saturday Mass</u> via both Facebook pages...				
St. Joseph—"Joseph Wisner"				
Holy Cross—"Holy Cross Catholic Church—Beemer"				

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.



June is the gateway to Summer