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**6th Sunday of Easter**  
**May 17th, 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 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – May 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> 2020**



Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you forever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows Him, but you know Him, because He is with you, He is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you."

The **first reading** is taken from the Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17. In this reading Peter and John are sent from Jerusalem to Samaria to be ministers of the coming of the Spirit to the new converts in that town. These men had already been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus, and the imposition of hands completes the initiation of these converts.

The **second reading** is from the first letter of Peter 3:15-18 and indicates that baptism initiates a person to imitation of the death and resurrection of Jesus and that the destiny of all believers is to live according to the realm of the Spirit.

The **Gospel** is from St. John 14:15-21. In this discourse at the Last Supper, which was His last will and testament, our divine Lord promised His Church, through the Apostles, that the Holy Spirit would be with it until the end of time. The Spirit of truth will be directing it and effectively aiding it to preserve the faith, the doctrine, and the morals which Christ taught His Apostles.

Looking back now over almost 2,000 years of the Church's history we can see how this promise has been fulfilled.

There were heretics and schismatics who threatened the very continuance of the Church as God's faithful people on earth. There were crises and near catastrophes caused by the human weaknesses of its heads and its members, yet the Church survived and spread and continued to send saints to heaven because of the direct and active aid of the Holy Spirit.

During those two thousand years great empires have risen and fallen. They had large armies and vast wealth and earthly resources at their disposal, yet they disintegrated like all things human. The names of one-time mighty men who ruled over millions are now nothing more than a nuisance for children in their history classes. The large tracts of our globe which they ruled are now divided and known by other names. This was, is, and will be the lot of all merely human enterprises. Today's despots, where they rule with iron hand, will share the same fate.

In the midst of all these upheavals the Church of Christ has continued to flourish because it was directed and sustained by the Holy Spirit, who abides within it. How can we ever show enough gratitude to the three Divine Persons of the Blessed Trinity who planned so lovingly and so efficaciously for our safe journey to heaven? The Father sent His Son as man among us so that we men could become His brothers and adopted sons of the Father. The Son suffered hardships, insults and misunderstandings during His temporary stay on earth, and ended like a crucified malefactor because of the sins of mankind. But He rose triumphantly from the dead and set up the Church as a society which would bring to men of all races, ages and colors the salvation and exaltation of mankind, which His life and death had won for us.

Knowing only too well the weaknesses and waywardness of human nature, He and the Father sent the

Holy Spirit to remain with His Church as its infallible guide until the last man has entered heaven.

This is a very brief summary of what the Blessed Trinity has done, and is continuing to do for us, through the Church. We, the people of God, the chosen race of the New Testament are God's Church on earth. It is for you and me that the Holy Spirit is at work this very day. When He guides the steps of Peter's successor, the Pope, or the deliberations of the bishops, the heirs of the apostolic college, it is for us and for our salvation that He is acting. While we are faithful members of the Church, and of Christ's mystical body, while we remain live branches safely attached to the vine who is Christ, we have nothing to fear; we are on the sure road to heaven, to enjoy eternal happiness with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit whom we shall thank and glorify forever.

*by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.*

We must ask only for what keeps us on the Christian road. "I go to the father" is the signpost on this road to which Jesus points. The Epistle warns us of a dangerous detour if we ignore this road guide. Religion is vain unless one be a doer and not a hearer only. "Religion pure and undefiled" in our interior life, means keeping "oneself unspotted;" in our social life, it means the spiritual and corporal works of mercy to all in their tribulation.



**From Fr. Vincent's Desk:**  
**Congratulations all the 2020 Graduates**

Congratulations to our high school seniors, College and University graduates of 2020. On behalf of all our parishioners, I would like to recognize and appreciate you on your D-Day. Whether it has already taken place, or it has been delayed, let nothing stand on your way when celebrating the fruits of your hard earned academic work. May you all have a bright and successful futures full of God's blessings.



**Updates on Covid -19 Guidelines**

As you all know the limit of up to 10 people restriction was relaxed as from May 4<sup>th</sup>. We resumed to our regular Mass schedule as from Tuesday May 5<sup>th</sup>. Last weekend attendance was small, and we appreciate all those who showed up and for adhering to the safety guidelines given. As you may be aware, the threat of the virus in our county and state is still at high level risk and we still recommend the elderly to stay at home, and those who choose to come for Mass follow the guidelines given. You are all still under dispensation not to attend Mass physically but at least follow it on the TV or internet.

Since we have 4 days of Masses per week, I will recommend you to choose to attend at least one of your choice that may have less people attending. I would like to let you know that If the weekend attendance will increase and the space be rendered not enough, we will ask people to sign up for the Mass that they will attend. The goal is to ensure that we all keep 6 feet away from each other all the time.

Find our Safety Guidelines on the announcement's tables at the entrances of both churches and in Facebook bulletins of May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Ascension Day Mass**

On Thursday, **May 21<sup>st</sup>**, it will be **Ascension Day** which is a Holy Day of Obligation.

**St. Joseph's Mass** will be in the morning at 8:00 am and will be streamed via Wisner Facebook.

**Holy Cross Mass** will be in evening at 5:30 pm and will be streamed via Beemer Facebook.

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer

Weekend of May 23rd & 24th

**WORD:** Doris Guenther, Tom Peatrowsky  
**EMHC:** Mary Mostek, Dennis Mostek  
 Ken Schlickbernd, Marjorie Gentrup  
**USHER:** Gerald Gentrup, Brad Schulz  
**PRAISE:** Duane Neesen, Bev Francis

Stewardship of God's Gifts Holy Cross—May 3, 2020	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$775.00
Plate:	40.00
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$815.00</b>

**MAY MOWING GROUP:** Chair—Tim Oligmueller, Doug Steffensmeier, Jesus Pena, Robert Praest, Ron Guenther, Dan Spenner, Shane Combs

**Prayer for Healing**



Gracious Healer, I entrust these persons into your care. Ease the burdens that this illness brings. Relieve the sharp edges of pain. Stir up hope amid adversity. Give them spiritual strength to cope with the difficulties of this situation. Encourage them to lean on you and to find comfort in your presence. May those who tend to them do so with compassion and skill. Let all who are near these loved ones be a source of love and hope. We commit your loved ones who are ill into your care and safekeeping. Hold them close with your love as you gather them under your wings.

**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 stj068791@gmail.com. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per mass.



MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	18	NO MASS	---	NO MASS
Tue	19	—	WCC	(private Mass only) Residents of Wisner Care Center
Wed	20	8:00 AM	HC	+ Mary Ann Schlickbernd
Thu	21	8:00 AM	SJ	<b>Ascension Day</b> Holy Day of Obligation + Gary Servi Live streamed via Wisner
Thu	21	5:30 PM	HC	<b>Ascension Day</b> Holy Day of Obligation Live streamed via Beemer
Fri	22	—	CHB	(private Mass only) + Mary Wordekemper
Sat	23	5:00 PM	HC	+ Dec'd Members of the Ed Nitz Family
Sun	24	8:30 AM	HC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sun	24	10:00 AM	SJ	+ John Davies
SJ—St. Joseph's		HC—Holy Cross		
WCC—Wisner Care Center		CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer		
<b>Fr. will <u>live stream only the 5:00 Saturday Mass</u> via both Facebook pages...</b>				
St. Joseph—"Joseph Wisner"				
Holy Cross—"Holy Cross Catholic Church—Beemer"				

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner

Weekend of May 24th

**LEC:** Joyce Stalp  
**EMHC:** Steve Ausdemore, Anne Ausdemore  
**USHER:** Men's May Work Group



**St. Joseph Catholic Church—Wisner**

**MONEY COUNTERS**

If you are available to help count on Tuesday mornings, please contact Sarah at the church office, 402-529-3891.

**MEN'S WORK GROUP—May 2020**

**Chair:** Terry Soden  
**Co-Chair:** Ron Machacek  
**Members:** Bernie Ruskamp, Steve Obermeyer, Adam Brahmer, Jeff Recker, Dan Kane, Tyler McBride

Stewardship of God's Gifts St. Joseph—May 10, 2020	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$880.11
Cemetery:	70.00

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AT CHURCH:** At St. Joseph, there are several items we would like to find a home for from the rectory basement. There are many folding chair desks, small gas stove, and a mini fridge. We believe they are all in working order. If possible, we would like to sell them for a small donation to the church. For more information, please contact Sarah at the church office at 402-529-3891.

**MANY THANKS** to these volunteers who recently helped deliver a lot of meals to shut-ins on behalf of St. Joseph Church: Rina McGuire, Bonnie Styskal, Norm Weber, Dorothy Weber, Helen Feller, Madonna Servi, Carol Oligmueller, Dot Schultz, Anne Ausdemore, Steve Ausdemore.

**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.



**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.

