

Easter Sunday April 4, 2021

Saint Joseph's Parish

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Easter Sunday Mass



Easter is the feast of feasts, the unalloyed joy and gladness of all Christians. In the very center of the Mass, the great prayer of thanksgiving, from the first words of the Preface, expresses the unrivalled motive for this joy: if it is right to praise You, Lord, at all times, how much more so should we not glorify You on this day when Christ our Passover was sacrificed, for 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. With such a certitude, we should banish all trace of sadness.

"This is the day which the Lord has made." Throughout the octave we shall sing of the unequalled joy which throws open eternity to us. Every Sunday will furnish a reminder of it, and from Sunday to Sunday, from year to year, the Easters of this earth will lead us to that blessed day on which Christ has promised that He will come again with glory to take us with Him into the kingdom of His Father.

Meditation - He is Risen!

"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."

In Courtesy of Benedict Baur, O.S.B.



From Fr. Vincent's' Desk:

Happy Easter

We are grateful to God that we can all celebrate this Easter happily in our churches. One year ago, things were quite different. As the number of vaccinations continue to increase, I encourage you to make this Easter as our return moment to our parish family which is our spiritual home. Invite someone to come for Mass today if not next Sunday. We thank God that so far, our churches have remained open to all who need to come in. Some states here and countries are on the second or 3rd lockdown including churches. I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Easter full of God's blessings.

Updates of St. Joseph's Church Maintenance and Repairs Capital Campaign

We are most grateful to all our parishioners who have already made a donation and pledged to our parish Capital campaign. As of today, we currently have \$63,850 committed towards our goal of \$150,000, with 24 out of 140 of our parish families participating which is 18% of our total parishioners. If you have not taken the opportunity to make a donation, you may drop off your commitment card to the parish office or place it in the collection basket next weekend.

Courage and Encourage Apostolates

Within the Archdiocese of Omaha, Courage and Encourage Apostolate is a support group for persons with same-sex attraction (SSA) as well as a support for parents and loved ones of persons with same-sex attraction (SSA). We are here to help. Feel free to pick pamphlets at the main door entrance table as well as business cards.

You may also visit the website of this support group at: couragerc.org (national) or locally for the Archdiocese at: courage@archomaha.org. You may also call 402-557-5692.

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



Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of April 10th & 11th

WORD: Tom Peatrowsky, Marilyn Ortmeier
EMHC: Brenda Anderson, Jeanie McTaggart
Mary Mostek, Dennis Mostek
PRIASE: Diana Dinslage, Rosie McNamara
USHER: Michael Gentrup, Scott Ortmeier

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of April 11th

LEC: Gayle Lampman
EMHC: Steve Ausdemore
EMHC 2: Sally Harms
SERV: Beau Ruskamp, Chesney Ruskamp
USHER: April Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts Holy Cross—March 28, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,065.00
Plate:	87.00
Easter:	500.00
Easter Flowers:	110.00
Works of Mercy:	100.00
Retreat:	50.00
Building Fund:	10.00
Totals:	\$1,922.00

MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, April 4th—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore
Sunday, April 11th—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder

MEN'S WORK GROUP—April 2021
Chair: Ron Machacek
Co-Chair: Bernie Ruskamp
Members: Steve Obermeyer, Adam Brahmer, Jeff Recker, Dan Kane, Terry Soden, Tyler McBride

HOLY CROSS ALTAR SOCIETY will meet Monday April 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement.

Stewardship of God's Gifts St. Joseph—March 28, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,445.00
Plate:	235.00
Cemetery:	130.00
Works of Mercy:	40.00



Celebrations:

Holy Cross Parish wishes happiness and God's blessings to the following:

Birthdays:

John Hassler - April 4
Ann Ortmeier - April 7
Bill McNamara - April 9



WORKS OF MERCY ENVELOPES For both St. Joseph and Holy Cross

Please remember our Works of Mercy collection in both parishes. There are gold colored envelopes in your envelope box that list the organizations for this collection. There are normally collections throughout the year for these charities, but our parishes do just one during Holy Week and the dollars are split between them. So, a \$90 contribution would allow \$10 to each organization. You may put them in the basket the next couple weekends, or the parish offices. We appreciate your generosity and your ability to see to the care of the those in need.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	05	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	06	9:30 AM	WCC	NO MASS
Wed	07	8:00 AM	HC	NO MASS
Thu	08	8:00 AM	SJ	NO MASS
Fri	09	9:00 AM	CHB	NO MASS
Sat	10	5:00 PM	HC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sun	11	8:30 AM	HC	+ Wenzel Franzluebbers
Sun	11	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Vincent & Catherine Ulrich

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

Religious Education

ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6

This past week was our Easter Break so there was no class. **This week:** Class at normal time from 4:00-5:30 p.m.. Prayer lists will be sent home with the students for their final time to recite prayers which will be April 14th. Please help your child learn the last of their prayers. May 5th will be the last class for this Spring semester.

ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS (GRADES 7 -12)

Grades 7th - 12th: : This past week was our Easter Break so there was no class. **This week:** Class will at normal time from 7:00p.m. to 8:30p.m. May 5th will be the final class for this Spring semester.

