

7th Sunday of Easter
May 9, 2021

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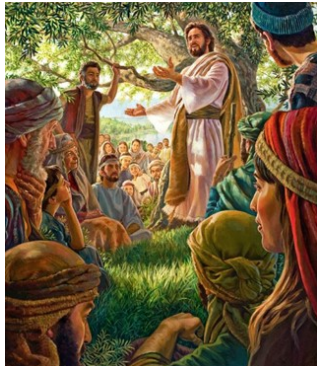
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8:00-8:20 am or by appt.

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First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17,20a,20c-26

Matthias is chosen to take Judas' place among the apostles.

Gospel Reading - John 17:11b-19 -Jesus prays for his disciples.

Background on the Gospel Reading

On the seventh Sunday of Easter, we always read from the seven-

teenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter of John's Gospel comes at the conclusion of Jesus' farewell discourse delivered to the disciples at the Last Supper. This entire chapter is a prayer by Jesus, commending himself to the Father and expressing his care and concern for his disciples.

At the end of this prayer, Jesus and his disciples depart for the garden, and Jesus is arrested. Several important themes appear in this prayer.

First, Jesus' prayer reaffirms the complete union between himself and the Father. Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus has been presented as the one who preexisted with the Father and as the one sent by the Father to do his work on earth. In today's reading, we hear Jesus include all his disciples in this union with the Father. We are reminded that Christ is the source of Christian unity. Through Christ, we are united with one another and with God Our Father.

In this prayer, Jesus describes part of his mission in the language of protection. He has protected those who were given to him by the Father.

In this we hear echoes of the dualism that is reflected throughout John's Gospel. Beginning with the opening chapter, the Evangelist John has presented Jesus' mission on earth in the context of a cosmic struggle between good and evil, represented by light and darkness.

In Jesus' presence, his disciples have been protected from Satan. Now that Jesus is returning to the Father, he prays that his disciples will continue to be protected from the evil one. We can't help but note here the echoes of the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples, the Lord's Prayer.

We also see in this chapter the distinction found in John's Gospel between the world and the disciples. The disciples are in the world, but they do not belong to the world. Yet like Jesus, they are sent into the world for the world's salvation. As Jesus' teaching and ministry was a source of consternation for some, Jesus knows that the world may not accept his disciples with open arms. Again, we hear echoes of John's theme that salvation is worked out through the cosmic battle between light and darkness.

The world, according to John, prefers the darkness. Yet the light will not be overcome by the darkness. Reading this prayer of Jesus during the Easter Season, through the lens of his Resurrection, we know that the light of Christ has overcome the darkness of sin and death in our world. In the opening line of this prayer, we hear Jesus pray that his disciples will be kept in the name that he was given by God. We know that the salvation is given to us in the name of Jesus, and that his name—"God saves"—announces his mission on our behalf.



From Fr. Vincent's' Desk:

Vocations Corner

Have you ever thought of becoming a priest, a nun, or a brother? Well, if it is too late for you, help me to reach out to someone who still has the opportunity.

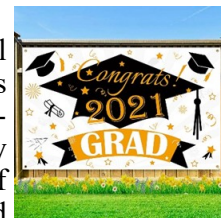
Vocations begin with just an idea or a thought. God calls us each in different ways. We need parents and children that make up a family and we need priests and religious who make up the church leadership. Let's all be part of promoters of vocation to priesthood in our parishes. Talk to any young person (especially high school students) and help me to float the idea to him or her. You don't have to receive a response immediately from him or her. Tell him/her to think about it and get back to you or talk to me. Before reaching out, pray about it and ask God to speak through you and lead you who to talk to.

Once you get one or two parties interested, kindly communicate to me ASAP. On **June 5th, at 10:00 am**, we are supposed to have ordination at St. Cecilia Cathedral. Since we have no one to be ordained this year, Archbishop Lucas has dedicated that day as a holy hour adoration for vocations. I plan to attend with young people who may consider or discern to become priests in the future. It is called "Come and see Mission", to find out if that is your call or not. No pressure at all. I wouldn't like to go alone; I need your help and I will appreciate to have their company on this important day.

Secondly, on June 13th, there will be an open house for vocations visit with the Archbishop George Lucas at St. Mary's Church in Norfolk. Those young people who can't make it with me to Omaha, are welcome to go with me to this open house in Norfolk. Kindly contact me. More details and a time will be communicated soon.

Congratulations 2021 Graduates

Congratulations to all our high school seniors, college and university graduates of 2021. This has been a very challenging academic year for you but be happy that you have been part of the history of 2020/2021. There have been ups and downs, but you have come out successfully. On behalf of all our parishioners, I would like to recognize and appreciate you on your graduation day. Whether it has already taken place, or it has been delayed, let nothing stand in your way when celebrating the fruits of your hard-earned academic work. May you all have a bright and successful future full of God's blessings.



EMHC/Lector Formation Signup Is Open

From Dr. Michael Emmerich, Worship Office of the Archdiocese of Omaha. Candidates will receive a Zoom link and further instructions closer to their selected session time. The training will be in August. If you are interested, contact Fr. Vincent by email or Phone. Deadline for registration is June 27th 2021. There are limited spots. First come first serve.

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:

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Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of May 22nd & 23rd

WORD: Tom Peatrowsky, Rita Eichelberger
EMHC: Dennis Mostek, Mary Mostek
 Ann Bausch, Gerald Schlickbernd
PRIASE: Betty Guenther, Bev Francis
USHER: Melvin Niewohner, Fred Gentrup

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of May 23rd

LEC: Joyce Stalp
EMHC: Capri McGuire
EMHC 2: Anne Ausdemore
SERV: Lainey Montgomery, Luis Lara
USHER: May Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—May 9, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$2,750.00
Plate:	84.00
Easter:	100.00
Works of Mercy:	50.00
Building Fund:	100.00
Total:	\$3,084.00


MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, May 16th—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore
Sunday, May 23rd—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder

MEN'S WORK GROUP—May 2021
Chair: Jim Jensen
Co-Chair: Jesse Grenier
Members: Jeremy Rehak, Fred Schultz, Chris Ruskamp, Richard Schultz, Gerald Ruskamp, Beau Ruskamp, Caleb Rehak

MAY MOWING GROUP: Chair: Tim Oligmueller
 Members: Shane Coombs, Jesus Pena, Robert Praest, Ron Guenther, Dan Spenner

THE HOLY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL will meet Tuesday, May 18th at 5pm.

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—May 9, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,215.00
Plate:	333.00
Heating/AC:	140.00



Celebrations:

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

Birthdays:
 Lavina Mestl May 17
 Dana Steffensmeier May 17
 Brynnly Harrison May 17
 Marilyn Ortmeier May 18
 Bo Oligmueller May 18

Anniversaries:
 Gary & Jean Batenhorst May 19
 Tom & Dawn Peatrowsky May 20

TODAY PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS: Each adult parishioner will vote for 2 men and 2 women that will replace the 4 outgoing members. Ballots are in the pews and will be collected in a separate collection after communion or can be placed in the basket in the back of church.

Ladies' Guild The next Ladies Guild meeting will be Tuesday, May 25th at 7:00pm in the church basement. The annual fund raiser will be topic of discussion. ALL ladies of the parish are welcomed to attend.

More Like Jesus

Let us be more like Jesus
 In everything we do;
 Let's live a life of service,
 A life that's fresh and new.

Let's relinquish worldly things,
 And not be slaves to fashion;
 Let's fill our hearts with love,
 Forgiveness and compassion.

Yes, let's be more like Jesus,
 Being always in God's will,
 For if Jesus' light shines through us,
 Our earthly purpose we'll fulfill.

By Joanna Fuchs



Congratulations!

May God continue to bless these First Communicants: Ty Montgomery, Brodrick Burki, Sawyer Kloth, and Cooper Schultz.

THANK YOU to these volunteers who delivered Meals in Wheels on behalf of St. Joseph Church this past winter and spring: Barb Deitloff, Carol Oligmueller, Dorothy and Norm Weber, Dot Schultz, Helen Feller, Jeanette Marx, Kari Moeller, Kris Brahmer, Tammie Batenhorst, and Anne Ausdemore. Please thank them when you see them!

A BIBLE STUDY on the Book of Exodus will begin on Thursday, May 27, 8:30-9:30 am in the St. Joseph parish basement. The group will meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. You do not need to attend all the sessions to be able to gain a better understanding for this important biblical period. Holy Cross members are invited! For more information, please see Fr. Vincent.



THANK YOU to all who donated supplies to the Fourth Grade CCD Kids-in-Crisis backpack project. The students delivered the bags on their last day of class, meeting with a representative of The Bridge, the domestic violence organization serving Cuming County. The students also visit St. Francis Convent in West Point, learning about the lives and mission of the Sisters living and working there.

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	17	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	18	9:30 AM	WCC	Lvng & Dec'd Relatives Of Ron Stalp
Wed	19	8:00 AM	HC	+ Odelia Steffensmeier
Thu	20	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Donna Ellebrecht
Fri	21	9:00 AM	CHB	Colonial Haven Pastoral Care
Sat	22	5:00 PM	HC	Lvng & Dec'd Members of Richard & Nyla Batenhorst
Sun	23	8:30 AM	HC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sun	23	10:00 AM	SJ	+Jayda Oligmueller
SJ—St. Joseph's		HC—Holy Cross		
WCC—Wisner Care Center		CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer		

