

## Pentecost Sunday May 23, 2021

### Saint Joseph's Parish

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### The Pentecost Sunday Mass –Year B



#### Pentecost

(Whitsunday), with Christmas and Easter, ranks among the great feasts of Christianity. It commemorates not only the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and Disciples, but also the fruits and effects of that event: the completion of the work of redemption, the fullness of grace for the Church and its children, and the gift of faith for all nations.

After Jesus had ascended to heaven from Mt. Olivet, the apostles and disciples returned to the Holy City. They remained together in the Upper Room or Cenacle, the place where Jesus had appeared to them and which may well be called the first Christian church. About a hundred and twenty persons were assembled there. They chose Matthias as an apostle in place of the unhappy Judas; they prayed and waited for the Paraclete.

Ten days had passed, it was Sunday, the seventh Sunday after the resurrection. At about nine o'clock in the morning, as they were together praying fervently, the Holy Spirit descended upon them. Note how all the great theophanies in Christ's life occurred during the course of prayer. After His baptism, for instance, when Jesus was praying the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended in the form of a dove; likewise, it was during prayer at night that the transfiguration took place on Tabor. The small community of Christians had prepared themselves through prayer for the coming of the Paraclete. The same is true at Mass today, every day; through prayer we ready our souls for the advent of the Spirit.

The descent upon the apostles was internal and invisible in nature although accompanied by certain visible phenomena. There came a mighty roar, like the onrush of a violent wind. It came suddenly, from heaven; but unlike storms that strike a structure from without, this one penetrated and filled the room where the disciples were gathered. Therefore, it was not a natural wind, it was a miracle peculiar to the occasion. A second visible sign consisted in tongues of fire that descended upon each one present. These fiery tongues gave visible evidence that the Holy Spirit had descended upon them.

Today at Mass, particularly at holy Communion, the power of the Holy Spirit will come down upon us; fiery tongues will not be seen, but invisible tongues of fire will not be absent. There was still another external manifestation of the Holy Spirit; the apostles and disciples were enabled to speak various languages.

Pentecost was one of the three festivals which obliged all Jews to be present in Jerusalem. Jews from distant lands, and Jewish converts from paganism too, attended these feasts. As a result, a colorful crowd speaking a variety of languages surrounded the house. Now the apostles, who so shortly before had hid in fear behind locked doors, came forth and courageously walked among the multitude speaking to each in his native tongue. It was indeed amazing! Galileans, and multilingual?

But the malicious too were present; they had the answer. Nothing marvelous at all! Those Galileans were simply drunk, and their drunken babble sounded like a foreign language! Peter showed no hesitation in answering the charge. None of their number, he said, were intoxicated; it

was but nine o'clock in the morning, and at that hour men usually are sober. What the multitude saw was, in fact, the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy: In those days (of the Messiah), God will pour forth His Spirit upon men and they will prophesy. . . .

One final question: why the miracle of tongues? In answer, recall the story regarding the tower of Babel. Puffed up by pride, men attempted to build a tower that would touch the heavens. To punish their sin, God confused their speech. Sin causes confusion and division. Now Christ came to gather all men into His Church and thereby to unite them to Himself. This should result in creating but one family of nations again. To this blessed state the miracle of tongues points.

Yes, even we as individuals have a gift of tongues which all men can understand. It is the gift of love infused into us by the Holy Spirit. Love unites, love is a common language, by means of love we can speak to all nations.

*In Courtesy of The Church's Year of Grace, Pius Parsch*



#### **From Fr. Vincent's' Desk:**

#### **Welcome Back to Your Parish Home**

This Pentecost Sunday marks an official day of welcoming back all Catholics who have been away for some time due to the pandemic. Although most of our parishioners are back into the Church, if there are a few left out, on behalf of our two parishes in Wisner and Beemer, I would like to welcome you back into our church. This is your home where you belong and let's together start doing what we used to do before covid hit. Please let each participate in the role that you used to play; be it lectoring, ministering as EMHC, ushering, or taking Holy Communion to the sick, and many other things. We are happy to have you back.

#### **Vocations Corner**

#### **HOLY HOUR PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:**

**May 30<sup>th</sup> – June 5, 2021**, is a special week of Eucharistic Adoration for priests and Vocations. Join us in praying to the Master of the vocations to the priesthood, consecrated and religious life on **Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at St. Cecelia cathedral**, Omaha. Your presence and prayers are important.

At Parish level, we will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and adoration on **Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:00pm with Benediction at Holy Cross Church Beemer**. It will be a series of prayers for vocations. You are all welcome.

I'm also looking for volunteers to serve on the **Parish Vocations Committee** in each of our parishes. The purpose of the Parish Vocation Committee is to inspire and assist the community of in fulfilling its mission of fostering a culture of vocation, and, in particular, encouraging young people to develop the skills to discern their vocation and to provide resources and information about all vocations. I will work with you and expound on that in detail once we form this committee. If you are willing to join this, please contact me.

#### **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.

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer  
Weekend of May 30th

WORD: Shelly Wellman  
EMHC: Susan Niewohner, Marjorie Gentrup  
PRIASE: Diana Dinslage, Rosie McNamara  
USHER: Michael Gentrup

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner  
Weekend of May 29th & 30th

LEC: Gayle Lampman  
EMHC: Janet Ludwig  
SERV: Autumn Chohon, Lillian Leathers  
USHER: May Men's Group

LEC: Alan Harms  
EMHC: Shane Batenhorst  
EMHC 2: Tammie Batenhorst  
SERV: Yasmine Miranda, Jordyn Gentrup  
USHER: May Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—May 16, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$355.00
Plate:	44.00
Ascension:	230.00
Total:	\$629.00
Ascension Thursday—May 13, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$270.00
Ascension Plate:	23.00
Ascension Envelopes:	185.00
Total:	\$478.00

MONEY COUNTERS

Sunday, May 23rd—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder  
Sunday, May 30th—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer

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

MEN'S WORK GROUP—June 2021

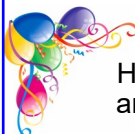
Chair: Jeff Phillips  
Co-Chair: Ken Knust  
Members: Mark Porter, Andy Bachman, Tony Wemhoff, Chuck Ross, Tim Stalp, John Woerdemann, Eric VonSeggern, Jack Knust

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

**JUNE MOWING GROUP:** Chair: Dave Steffensmeier  
Members: Brian Oligmueller, Ben Borgman, Josh Bramble, Art Fernandez, Gerald Wellman

**FOR SALE:** Beautiful refurbished memorial flower arrangements and single bushes. All proceeds go to Beemer Senior Center.  
Contact Marge Gentrup 402-528-3698

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—May 16, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,415.00
Plate:	315.00
Ascension:	36.00



### Celebrations:

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

**Birthdays:**  
Henry Robertson May 23  
Deb Schlickbernd May 25

**Anniversaries:**  
Sam & Dana Steffensmeier May 27  
Brandon & Sarah Lierman May 28  
Brian & Tanya Oligmueller May 29

*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.

**NEW PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Congratulations to the newly elected members of St. Joseph's Parish Council. They are Chris Ruskamp, Ruth Bloedorn, Matt Albers, and Lindsey Burki. We welcome you and appreciate your willingness to serve.

**LOST AND FOUND ITEMS:** There have been several pieces of clothing, books and other items left in the church over the past several months to a year. They will be set out on a table in the basement of church. Anything not claimed by May 31, will be donated.



**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	24	—	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue	25	9:30 AM	WCC	Wisner Care Center Residents
Wed	26	8:00 AM	HC	+ Genevive Hass
Thu	27	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Herb Albers Jr.
Fri	28	9:00 AM	CHB	Colonial Haven Pastoral Care
Fri	28	5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	HC	Holy Hour Prayer for Vocations with benediction
Sat	29	5:00 PM	SJ	+ William Ausdemore
Sun	30	8:30 AM	HC	Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of the Leo & Hildegard Hunke Family
Sun	30	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		



**The Way: A Healing Retreat for Women Survivors of Abuse**

Registration is now open. The Archdiocese of Omaha Victim Outreach Ministry, in collaboration with the Victim Assistance Ministries in the Dioceses of Grand Island and Lincoln, are hosting the retreat July 23-25, 2021 at St. Benedict Center Schuyler, Nebraska. The Way is a 3-day guided meditation and prayer experience for women whose abuse by another has deeply affected their heart, mind, body and soul. Space is limited so if interested, see brochure at <https://archomaha.org/safe-environment/victim-assistance/>. For more information or to request an application, email [mbhanus@archomaha.org](mailto:mbhanus@archomaha.org) or call Mary Beth Hanus LMHP at 402-827-3798.

