

Corpus Christi
June 6, 2021

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Solemnity of Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ



While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many."

Corpus Christi Sunday

Corpus Christi (Body and Blood of Christ) is a Eucharistic solemnity, or better, the solemn commemoration of the institution of that sacrament. It is, moreover, the Church's official act of homage and gratitude to Christ, who by instituting the Holy Eucharist gave to the Church her greatest treasure. Holy Thursday, assuredly, marks the anniversary of the institution, but the commemoration of the Lord's passion that very night suppresses the rejoicing proper to the occasion. Today's observance, therefore, accents the joyous aspect of Holy Thursday.

In the words of St. Thomas: "How inestimable a dignity, beloved brethren, divine bounty has bestowed upon us Christians from the treasury of its infinite goodness! For there neither is nor ever has been a people to whom the gods were so nigh as our Lord and God is nigh unto us.

"Desirous that we be made partakers of His divinity, the only-begotten Son of God has taken to Himself our nature so that having become man, He would be enabled to make men gods. Whatever He assumed of our nature He wrought unto our salvation. For on the altar of the Cross He immolated to the Father His own Body as victim for our reconciliation and shed His blood both for our ransom and for our regeneration. Moreover, in order that a remembrance of so great benefits may always be with us, He has left us His Body as food and His Blood as drink under appearances of bread and wine.

"O banquet most precious! O banquet most admirable! O banquet overflowing with every spiritual delicacy! Can anything be more excellent than this repast, in which not the flesh of goats and heifers, as of old, but Christ the true God is given us for nourishment? What more wondrous than this holy sacrament! In it bread and wine are changed substantially, and under the appearance of a little bread and wine is had Christ Jesus, God and perfect Man. In this sacrament sins are purged away, virtues are increased, the soul is satiated with an abundance of every spiritual gift. No other sacrament is so beneficial. Since it was instituted unto the salvation of all, it is offered by Holy Church for the living and for the dead, that all may share in its treasures.

"My dearly beloved, is it not beyond human power to express the ineffable delicacy of this sacrament in which spiritual sweetness is tasted in its very source, in which is brought to mind the remembrance of that all-excelling charity which Christ showed in His sacred passion? Surely it was to impress more profoundly upon the hearts of the faithful the immensity of this charity that our loving Savior instituted this sacrament at the last supper when, having celebrated the Pasch with His disciples. He was about to leave the world and return to the Father. It was to serve as an unending remembrance of His passion, as the fulfillment of ancient types — this the greatest of His miracles. To those who sorrow over His departure He has given a unique solace."

Symbols: The usual symbol for the Holy Eucharist is a chalice, with a host rising out of it. The chalice is shown with a hexagonal base, as a rule, symbolizing the Six Attributes of the Deity (power, wisdom, majesty, mercy, justice, and love), and with a richly wrought stem of gold, studded with precious stones. The host is shown as the typical circular wafer, upon which may be imprinted the letters I. N. R. I., from which proceed rays of light, symbolical of the Real Presence, the substantial presence of Christ under the species of bread and wine.

An altar, upon which is set a cross, two or more candles in their tall candlesticks, a chalice, and a ciborium, is another symbol often seen.

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

Suggested Things to do: Freshly baked bread would be a key dish at your celebratory Sunday dinner, as bread has always been symbolic for life giving and nourishment, as is the Eucharist. We have also highlighted a Christmas cookie recipe called Lebkuchen (life cake), which is rich in symbolism.



From Fr. Vincent's Desk:

Brief Exposition and Adoration of Eucharist
To commemorate the Feast of today, I will expose the blessed sacrament and do a brief Benediction after Sunday Masses in Beemer and Wisner. We did the same last year. Traditionally, we are supposed to do Eucharistic procession but we will go for this second option.

Holy Water is back.

Following the recent relaxed CDC guidelines regarding the threat of Covid-19, I have brought back holy water at our church entrances. You are welcome to use it. However, if you are not yet comfortable, then do not use it. You have the option of coming with a bottle and you may draw some from the silver vessel that is visible at the vestibule in Wisner and at the right corner next to the confession room in Beemer. Our water was officially blessed during the recent Easter Vigil Mass. We use Holy water to bless many things and persons as part of our catholic tradition.

The Reality of Eucharist

In John 6:67, after Jesus taught his disciples about eating his body and drinking his blood to have life, some found it so difficult to fathom and left. Then Jesus asked his apostles if they wanted to leave too, but none left. One point he stated was that he cannot change that teaching. What he is telling us here is that if his apostles too could walk away like his disciples, he was ready to risk them all to go away, but he wasn't going to change his teaching on Eucharist.

The teaching about Eucharist is still the same today. If we do not want Eucharist, then we do not want Christ as Catholics. Jesus does not want just a relationship with you, but to keep you fully in Him, and that begins with receiving Eucharist.

Jesus hid his love, beauty, and glory in the Eucharist that whoever receives him, receives all his merits in faith. Therefore, what appears visible to us in the form of bread and wine, in reality is changed to the body and blood of Christ that gives real new life to us who receive it. If he did not hide himself in the Eucharist, I would be the one hiding. When Jesus said this is my body and blood, he meant it. Let's have faith in this "friends". But if you are not yet sure, seek more truth about it and hopefully you will believe when time comes.

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of June 12th & 13th

WORD: Doris Guenther, Marilyn Ortmeier
EMHC: Brenda Anderson, Jeanie McTaggart
Dennis Mostek, Mary Mostek
PRIASE: Marge Gentrup, JoAnn Steffensmeier
USHER: Scott Ortmeier, Melvin Niewohner

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of June 13

LEC: Jeff Phillips
EMHC: Sally Harms
EMHC 2: Richard Schultz
SERV: Zach Andersen, Averi Buhrman
USHER: June Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts
Holy Cross—May 30, 2021

Sunday Envelopes:	\$460.00
Plate:	53.00
Ascension:	25.00
Total:	\$538.00

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

Celebrations:

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

Birthdays:

Shelley Wellman June 6
Eric Robinson June 7
Cel Franzluebbbers June 8
Emily Oligmueller June 9

Anniversaries:

Kevin and Jeanette Lueshen June 10

MONEY COUNTERS

Sunday, June 6th—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore
Sunday, June 13th—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder

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

Stewardship of God's Gifts
St. Joseph—May 30, 2021

Sunday Envelopes:	\$755.00
Plate:	223.00



Prayer Chain info.....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.

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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

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	07	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	08	9:30 AM	WCC	Lvng & Dec'd Relatives Of Ron Stalp
Wed	09	8:00 AM	HC	+ Duane Batenhorst
Thu	10	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Jayda Oligmueller
Fri	11	9:00 AM	CHB	+ James Hetherington
Sat	12	5:00 PM	HC	+ Mike McTaggart
Sun	13	8:30 AM	HC	+Vincent & Catherine Ulrich
Sun	13	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 or call Mary Beth Hanus

17TH ANNUAL CHRISTIAN CROSS FESTIVAL
Saturday, June 12th, 2:00-11:00 pm
Skyview Lake, Norfolk

FREE Event featuring: The Afters, Rhett Walker Band, Hannah Kerr, KJ-52, Tom Golly, Remedy Drive and Speaker Ron Brown. Volunteers are needed for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday...visit their website at www.christiancrossfestival.org. A flyer is posted in the back of church

