

Saint Joseph's Parish

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Easter Sunday April 17, 2022

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Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of the Lord



I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia. (Psalm 139).

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 unrivaled 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.

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:

Easter Message

I would like to wish all of you and your families a Happy and Holy Easter. When you think of the many miserable things that are going on elsewhere in the world this Easter season, you just thank God that we are safe in our homes and are able to celebrate a good Easter festivity with our families and friends. We really need to appreciate this fact of peace that we take for granted. The peace that came up with the aspect of resurrection, overcame the darkness of evil and death, and brought forth the light of reconciliation and resurrection. We celebrate this Easter after a very dry winter and now same with the spring so far. Let's as all together "invade" the heavens with our prayers until God will do something. I know he listens and perhaps he is waiting for that. BLESSINGS, AND HAPPY EASTER TO ALL OF YOU.

Upcoming Pastoral Planning Meeting

Many of you are aware about the tremendous changes that are coming up in our Archdiocese, especially in the rural parishes in terms of realignment of parishes that will affect the Mass times, number of Masses per weekend among other changes. As of now, all I know is that our two parishes will belong to the cluster of St. Mary's Parish. This is in preparation to anticipated clergy decline. Numbers don't lie, if we don't do something in the next coming 10 years or so, we will be caught up. The details of these anticipated changes will come from a meeting that will be held at Nielsen Community Center on Wednesday April 20th, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

Therefore, the following will represent our Parishes along with myself:

St. Joseph Church Wisner: Becky McGuire, Paige Godbersen, Trevor Cyboron, Sally Harms, Ruth Bloedorn, Holly Schroeder, Dave Oligmueller, and Dave McGuire

Holy Cross Parish Beemer: Mike Guenther, David Stefensmeier, Karen Spenner, Renae Carlson, Stan Ortmeier, Bev Francis, Ashley Praest, Rita Eichelberger, and Trisha Robertson.

Works of Mercy Collection: Works of Mercy envelopes are donations that we make once a year to cover all of the special collections the church does to support other universal activities in our church that depend on our generosity. The organizations are listed on the front of the gold colored envelope in your box. They include: Seminary, Home & Foreign Missions, Black & Indian Missions, Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Communication Campaign, Peter's Pence, World Mission Sunday, Catholic Charities, and Retirement Fund For Religious. We usually return these mercy envelopes as from Holy Thursday. Kindly be generous to these special needs since we only do it once per year and then divide the collection.



Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer

Weekend of April 23rd & 24th

WORD: Shelly Wellman, Rita Eichelberger
EMHC: Dawn Peatrowsky, Jeanie McTaggart
SERVER: Sat.-Ben Oligmueller, Sun. Gus/Bryn Harrison

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner

Weekend of April 24th

LEC: Dave McGuire
EMHC: Dave Deitloff
EMHC 2: Kathy Johnson
SERV: Jose Ramirez Lugo, Maddisyn Lampman
OFF: Keith Schroetlin
USHER: April Men's Group


Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—April 10, 2022	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,449.00
Plate:	74.00
Children:	7.00
Easter Flowers:	230.00
Solemnity of Mary:	35.00
Total:	\$1,795.00

MONEY COUNTERS

Sunday, Apr. 17th—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore
Sunday, Apr. 24th—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder

MEN'S WORK GROUP—April 2022

Chair: Jesse Grenier
Co-Chair: Jeremy Rehak
Members: Fred Schultz, Chris Ruskamp, Richard Schultz, Gerald Ruskamp, Jim Jensen, Willy May, Beau Ruskamp, Caleb Rehak



Celebrations:

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

Birthdays:
 Ella Schulz April 17
 Alan Batenhorst April 21
 Art Fernandez April 23

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—April 10, 2022	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,014.00
Plate:	154.00
Children:	36.00
Heating/AC:	20.00
Works of Mercy:	25.00
Cemetery:	50.00

GRIEVING WITH GREAT HOPE is a Christian based support group that meets weekly for 5 weeks. There are two sessions to choose from: Mondays, 1:30-3:30 or 6:00pm to 8:00pm, starting April 25th and ending May 23. Meetings will be held at Franciscan Healthcare in West Point on the second floor in the Clare Conference Room. Masks are currently required in the hospital. Please enter through the Main Entrance and park in the south parking lot. Flyer in the back of church with more details.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION... will take place in May, on the 7th & 8th. Nominees for this year are: Mark Porter, Trevor Cyboron, Marvin Seier, Matt McGuire, Lisa Dixon, Holly Schroeder, Carmen Godbersen, and Missy Johnson. On election day, parish members will choose two men and two women to replace outgoing members.



ST. JOSEPH YOUTH MASS...

Sunday, May 1st.

We are excited for our students to attend. Refreshments will be served following Mass at a brief social in the church basement.

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	18	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	19	9:30 AM	WCC	Wisner Care Center Residents
Wed	20	8:00 AM	HC	+ Francis Oligmueller
Thu	21	8:00 AM	SJ	Lvng & Dec'd Members of Ron & Mary Ann Wemhoff Family
Fri	22	9:30 AM	CHB	Lvng & Dec'd Members of Ray & Odelia Steffensmeier Family
Sat	23	5:00 PM	HC	+ Wayne & Maria Emanuel
Sun	24	8:30 AM	HC	+ Alvin & Betty Havranek
Sun	24	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		

APRIL is CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Week 3 Did you know... Hope is rising. Throughout scripture there is evidence that we are called to be ambassadors of hope and healing. Did you know children of abuse long to hear this message of hope. Victims of crime, their family and loved ones need to know that their voices are heard. Organizations throughout the nation are striving to share the message that He has risen and there is hope. Each of us has a unique ability to support individuals who are hurting, to promote healthy relationships, and to build communities that are safe from those who may want to do harm. How has He called you to be an ambassador of hope and healing?

4TH GRADE SERVICE PROJECT...

"KIDS IN CRISIS"...Help Requested

"When kids have to flee a violent home, they can't take anything with them. So we want to help with things they need. Some suggestions for donations are:

- Toothpaste/Toothbrush
- Shampoo, conditioner, soap (Full Size)
- Combs and brushes
- Small toys and books
- Reusable bags
- Diapers
- School Supplies
- Packaged snacks-granola bars/crackers

We will be filling bags with some necessities for them. A list is on the parish Facebook Page. Put the items in the box at the entrance to church before April 27th. Call Anne Ausdemore at 750-9616 if you have questions or want to donate cash. Help is much needed for these poor children. Help the 4th grade class succeed on this project."

By Chloe & Leighton...Thank You!

Religious Education

ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6

Grades K-6: This past week there was no class due to Holy Week. The 6th grade had an overnight retreat/lock in at church on Saturday April 9th that was headed by Jen Andersen and Angie Kilcoin. Fr. Vincent joined them for a spaghetti dinner and discussed different topics that were requested by the students. They then watched The Passion of Christ movie to help remind them and prepare themselves for Holy Week. This week the students will be reciting prayers to the prayer personnel so please help your child with their prayers. Final class will be May 4th.

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

Grades 7-12: There was no class this past week due to Holy Week. Class as normal this week for all grades. Final class will be May 4th.