

**2nd Sunday of Easter  
April 24, 2022**

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**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday**



*“You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are they who have not seen me, but still believe!”*

**A Little History of Divine Mercy Sunday**

This Sunday is popularly known as Mercy of God Sunday. Between 1930 and 1938 Christ appeared to Sister Faustina, a sister of Mercy in Poland who initiated the Divine Mercy devotion. She was canonized on April 30, 2000, the Sunday after Easter, the Feast of Divine Mercy. On Good Friday, 1937, Jesus requested that Blessed Faustina make a special novena before the Feast of Mercy, from Good Friday through the following Saturday. Jesus also asked that a picture be painted according to the vision of Himself as the fountain of mercy. He gave her a chaplet to be recited and said that it was appropriate to pray the chaplet at three o'clock each afternoon (the Hour of Great Mercy).

The Holy Gospel that the Liturgy presents to us on this second Sunday of Easter, is one of the most well-known, discussed, and appreciated—the meeting of the Risen Lord with St Thomas. The Fathers of the Church have given us numerous insights into this Gospel text. Likewise, it is has proven the inspiration to the numerous artists who have physically represented the events of this Gospel in order to give us a clear idea of what happened, ‘eight days after’ the first apparition of the Risen One, to the disciples congregated in the cenacle.

Jesus’ response to Thomas, after he recognized Him as ‘My Lord and my God’, has a mysterious fascination that must relate not so much to the disciples—those who ‘have seen’—but rather to those, like us, who were added to their number afterwards. ‘You have come to believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.’ (Jn 20:29)

The attention that these words evoke seems yet more paradoxical if we remember that the Lord had proposed, to the same author of the Gospel, what can be justly referred to as the Christian method, ‘come and see’ (Jn 1:39). How can we possibly reconcile these two phrases by Jesus that form the ideal setting for the whole of the fourth Gospel? Perhaps, in the end, the Lord decided to change His method? What do the words ‘have not seen’ really mean?

Like Thomas, Christ calls us to fill the holes left by the instruments of the passion in His Body with our own hands so that our lives and the verbal witness that we give proclaim His Resurrection. Our senses could betray us, but we know that we have met the Risen One and we have recognized Him!

*In Courtesy of the Congregation of the clergy*

**COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS.**  
NAME THEM ONE BY ONE.  
COUNT YOUR  
**MANY BLESSINGS**  
SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE.



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

**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 starting from Holy Thursday and during this time of Easter season. Kindly be generous and return these envelopes for special needs since we only do it once per year and then divide the collection.

**St. Joseph's Youth and Family Mass**

Last year, we held a Youth and Family Mass in our both parishes of Beemer and Wisner. Next Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, at 10:00 am, it will take place in Wisner. We will let you know once we schedule the Beemer one. Just like last year, during this Mass, we ask the youth to participate as greeters, ushers, lectors, servers, and presentation of offertory. Parents kindly support and encourage our young people to participate in this event. Refreshments to follow in the basement hall after Mass. Everyone is welcome.

**Kenya Mission Trip PowerPoint Presentation at St. Joseph & Christ Lutheran Churches - Wisner**

I have had some people asking us if we had pictures or anything from our recent Mission trip to Kenya. We have put together some notes along with pictures and video clips in a PowerPoint presentation. It shows the places we visited, the people we met and the things we did. If you would like to listen and watch, you are invited to St. Joseph Church basement hall on next Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup> after Mass. There will be another evening presentation at Christ Lutheran Church Hall on same day at 7 pm.



**Special thanks** to all who donated lilies and flowers this Easter season! Sally & Alan Harms in honor of our parents; Del & Bonnie Styskal in memory of Edwin and Edna

Knievel, Leonard Styskal, & John and Floyd Semmons; Bob & Judy Feller in memory of Leo and Delores Rief & Bill and Clara Feller; Linda & Larry Hansen in memory of George and Marcella Koester, Doug Koester, John and Adela Koester, and Leonard and Ricky Adams; Steve & Annie McManigal in memory of Deceased Family Members; Tim & Joyce Stalp in honor of Babe and Mary Wiese, Robert and Illa Stalp, & Joshua Stalp; Fred & Kay Schultz and Barb & Dave Deitloff in memory of Francis Oligmueller and Jim Sapp; Rick & Sarah Jacobs in memory of Ralph & Irma Donner; Dave & Carol Oligmueller in memory of Jayda Marie; Dianne Dixon & Family in memory of Jack Dixon; Capri & Dave McGuire in memory of Stephen Fenton, Bill and Mary Ann McGuire, & Wayne Godbersen; Steve & Anne Ausdemore in honor of Living & Deceased Members of their Families.

**ST. JOSEPH 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.

**Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer**  
**Weekend of May 1st**


**WORD:** Rita Eichelberger  
**EMHC:** Ann Bausch  
**SERVER:** Bo Oligmueller

Stewardship of God's Gifts		
Holy Cross—	Holy Thursday	Easter Sunday
Sunday Env:	.00	560.00
Plate:	23.00	194.00
Children:	.00	43.00
Easter:	120.00	5,190.00
Works of Mercy:	3,075.00	800.00
Easter Flowers:	10.00	25.00
Total:	\$3,228.00	\$6,812.00

**SENIOR SUNDAY and May Crowning** will be next Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. We will honor them with coffee and rolls (doughnuts?) after Mass.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO STELLA GUENTHER and NOAH BORGMANN** who will be receiving their First Communion today in West Point. GOD BLESS!

**MAY MOWING GROUP--** CHAIR: Mike Gentrup  
Members: Sam Steffensmeier, Scott Ortmeier, Ethan Ortmeier, Brian Gentrup, Jeff Robertson



**Celebrations:**  
Holy Cross Parish wishes happiness and God's blessings to the following:  
**Birthdays:**  
Robin Hansen April 27

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon	25	—	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue	26	9:30 AM	WCC	+ Keith Schroeder
Wed	27	8:00 AM	HC	+ Alvin Dinslage
Thu	28	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Alfredo Ramirez
Fri	29	9:30 AM	CHB	+ Mike McTaggart
Sat	30	5:00 PM	SJ	+ Russell Gentrup
Sun	01	8:30 AM	HC	+ Ben & Catherine Franzluebbers
Sun	01	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 KENYAN MISSION GROUP** is sponsoring a fundraiser for new bathrooms at the elementary school in Fr. Vincent's village as well as for needs at the seminary in Nairobi, where Fr.'s brother Henry, is the seminary director. Posters will be hung in the back of both parishes with more details. Raffle tickets will be sold in **Wisner and Beemer**, before and after Masses starting the weekend of April 9th & 10th. Tickets will be \$10 each. Two prizes will be awarded. The winners may choose from either \$250 in cash or a \$250 beef voucher from Arvid's Foodtown. Prizes will be awarded on July 1st.

**Religious Education**

**ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6**

**Grades K-6:** All students recited prayers. The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade practiced for First Communion which they are celebrating today. Grade 4 learned about the 10<sup>th</sup> commandment and did a review of all the commandments. The day ended with unburying the Alleluia and practicing the song for the Youth Mass which is on Sunday, May 1st. All K-6 students need to attend this Youth Mass. Today in class they were assigned their duties for the Mass (lectors, servers, ushers, greeters, offertory and of course singing). Final class is May 4th.

**Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner**  
**Weekend of April 30th & May 1st**

**LEC:** Diane Davies  
**EMHC:** Linda Hansen  
**SERVER:** Chesney Ruskamp, Hayden Schroeder  
**OFF:** Ushers  
**USHER:** April Men's Group

**LEC:** Youth  
**EMHC:** Richard Schultz  
**EMHC2:** Madonna Servi  
**SERVER:** Youth  
**OFF:** Youth  
**USHER:** Youth

**MONEY COUNTERS**

**Sunday, Apr. 24th—Team #2** Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder

**Sunday, May 1st—Team #3** Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmaer

**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

**MEN'S WORK GROUP—May 2022**

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

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—April 17, 2022	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$610.00
Easter:	5,515.00
Easter Plate:	713.00
Easter Children:	82.01
Works of Mercy:	825.00



**FIRST COMMUNION:** Today, we celebrate and congratulate the First Communicants of St. Joseph Church. They include: Riggin Bird, Deidrick Bodwell, Kaizley Hunke, Edwin Millan, Lane Petersen, and Jayce Schuetze. May God bless you as you receive this Holy Sacrament.

**ST. JOSEPH YOUTH MASS...  
Sunday, May 1st.**

We are excited for students to attend and to participate in the Mass. A brief social with refreshments will be held after Mass in the church basement.



**SENIOR SUNDAY – MAY 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am Service**

Seniors and your Families - - You and your Families are invited to Senior Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. A breakfast will follow for Seniors and their families. Please RSVP to Rina McGuire 402-649-7796 or to Barb Deitloff 402-380-1008 with the number that will attend from your immediate family, grandparents, other family members and friends. Hope to see you there!

**4TH GRADE SERVICE PROJECT AT ST. JOSEPH'S...**

continues. A full list of items in need may be found on the Facebook page or on the lists in the back of church. Items should be placed in the donation box by April 27th.

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

**Grades 7-9:** Class started with opening prayer and then we did Lesson 7 (Where Am I Going?) which discusses the "four last things": death, judgement, heaven and hell. We also learned about Purgatory as a state of purification and people in Purgatory will one day see heaven. Death is a part of life, but eternity is real, and every human being will stand before God so whether we end up in heaven or hell is a direct result of the choices we make here and now on earth. Class was dismissed after closing prayer. Final class is May 4th.

**Grades 10-12:** The students are doing a community service project and making blankets to donate to the Animal Shelter in Norfolk. They also discussed the Circle of Grace. Final class is May 4th