

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 3, 2022**

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The **First Reading** is taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, 43:16-21. Last week we heard of the conclusion of the exodus from Egypt; the first Passover celebration in the land of Canaan. This week we look forward to a new exodus that God promises through the prophet Isaiah. The new exodus promises to be far more wonderful than the first. God promises to restore His people after they have suffered in exile.

The **Gospel** is from St. John, 8:1-11 and is about the woman caught in adultery. "The two of them were left on their own, the wretched woman and Mercy. But the Lord, having smitten them with the dart of injustice, does not even deign to watch them go but turns his gaze away from them and once more writes on the ground with his finger. But when the woman was left alone and they had all gone, he lifted up his eyes to the woman. We have already heard the voice of justice; let us now hear the voice of gentleness. I think that woman was the more terrified when she heard the Lord say, 'Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her,' . . . fearing now that she would be punished by him, in whom no sin could be found. But he, who had driven away her adversaries with the tongue of justice, now looking at her with the eyes of gentleness, asks her, 'Has no one condemned you?' She replies, 'No one, Lord.' And he says, 'Neither do I condemn you; I who perhaps you feared would punish you, because in me you have found no sin.' Lord, can it be that you favor sinners? Assuredly not. See what follows: 'Go and sin no more.' Therefore, the Lord also condemned sin, but not the woman'.

Jesus, who is the just One, does not condemn the woman; whereas these people are sinners, yet they pass sentence of death. God's infinite mercy should move us always to have compassion on those who commit sins, because we ourselves are sinners and in need of God's forgiveness.

Today's Catechism – Let's learn something about our Catholic Faith

Lesson 13: What is original sin?

Romans: 5:12-19 – "Through one man, sin entered into the world....and so by obedience of one, many will be constituted just".

How did the sin of Adam and Eve affect the rest of the human beings? Because of their sin, every human creature lost grace of union with God.

What else did original sin do?

No human being could enter heaven; pain and death entered the world; natural wisdom was diminished, and human willpower weakened.

Is heaven still closed to the human race?

No, because of Christ's death on the cross, God re-opened heaven and made union with God possible once more.

What happened to the good people who died before Christ? They went to a place called Limbo. (Eccl. 36:18 – Give those who wait for you their reward, and let your prophets be proved worthy of belief").

How is union with God established?

Baptism takes away original sin and unites a person with God.

Was any human being preserved from original sin?

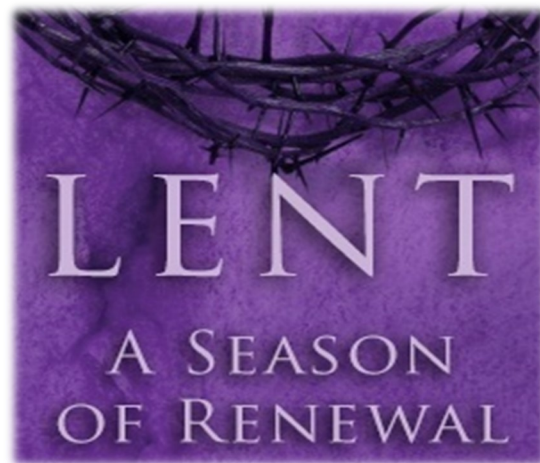
Yes, the blessed virgin Mary, whose soul was created in union with God. This is called the Immaculate conception (Luke. 1:28 And when the angel had come to her, he said: "Hail full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women.")

Application:

From the way He punished Adam and Eve, we can see what sin does to us today in the eyes of God. If Adam had not committed their sin of disobedience, there could be no pain and death in the world and no death of Jesus on the Cross.

We are all born with an inclination to sin. Each one inherits a fallen human nature. But belief in Jesus takes away this guilt.

PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATIONS
ST. JOSEPH—Sunday, April 3rd after Mass
HOLY CROSS—Thursday, April 7th at 7:00 pm



ADORATION & STATIONS OF THE CROSS
At HOLY CROSS
6:30 pm—Adoration & 7:00 pm—Stations of the Cross
Fridays, Mar. 4th—April 8th

LIVE LENT TOGETHER!

Join us for scripture, prayer and fellowship this Lent. Small groups are starting in both parishes.

Holy Cross

Tuesday, **April 5** at Sue Steffensmeier's home at 2:00 P.M., and Wednesday, **April 6** at Holy Cross rectory at 5:30 P.M. Let Marilyn (402-380-0676) know which you will be attending to have materials ready.

St. Joseph's

Tuesday, **April 5** at noon in the basement of St. Joseph Church, and Wednesday, **April 6** at 7:00 P.M. at Anne Ausdemore's home. Contact Anne (402-750-9616) or Ruth (402-640-3446) to attend either group.

All are welcome!



**Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Palm Sunday Weekend of April 9th & 10th**

WORD: Rita Eichelberger, Shelley Wellman
Marilyn Ortmeier, Doris Guenther
EMHC: Dennis Mostek, Tom Peatrowsky
SERVER: Sat.- Bo Oligmueller
Sun.— Will Robertson

**Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Palm Sunday Weekend of April 10th**

LEC: Richard Schultz, Chris Ruskamp
EMHC: Kathy Johnson
EMHC 2: Linda Hansen
SERV: Erica Good, Mariah Andersen
OFF: Del Styskal
USHER: April Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts Holy Cross—March 27, 2022	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,635.00
Plate:	136.00
Children:	11.00
Ukraine:	30.00
Total:	\$1,812.00

MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, Apr. 3rd—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder
Sunday, Apr. 10th—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer


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

CONGRATULATIONS PRESTON PRAEST! He will be receiving his First Holy Communion today. We will honor him along with Stella Guenther and Noah Borgmann (who will be receiving at St. Mary's soon) with coffee, juice and rolls in the basement after Mass today. **GOD BLESS!**

DONATION ENVELOPES are finally here! Please pick them up soon. Also, April Living Faith & Give Us This Day.

HOLY CROSS ALTAR SOCIETY... There is a correction from last weeks announcement. They will be meeting Monday, April 4th, at 5:30 in the church basement. No lunch and no Friday bingo for the guild ladies this month.

Stewardship of God's Gifts St. Joseph—March 27, 2022	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,145.00
Plate:	150.00
Children:	32.00
Cemetery:	265.00
Heating/AC:	10.00




Celebrations:

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

Birthdays:
Ann Ortmeier April 7
Bill McNamara April 9

Anniversaries:
Eric and Linda Robinson April 3
Josh and Sherron Bramble April 8

 **PARISH COFFEE...** Sunday, April 10th, after Mass in the church basement. Hosted by the Ladies Guild. Join us for refreshments and a time for gathering.

EASTER LILY DONATIONS: There is a sign up sheet in the back of church to donate for Easter lilies and flowers in the remembrance of your loved ones. Suggested donation for lilies is \$20 each. Please complete the form as you would like to have the names listed. Thank you.



MINISTRY SCHEDULES for the second quarter have been emailed out and there are copies available on the bulletin board in the back of church. We are excited to have our 5th grade students join us on the list as they grow in their stewardship for our parish.


HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday
5:30 pm at St. Joseph—Wisner
7:00 pm at Holy Cross—Beemer

Good Friday
3:00 pm at Cross—Beemer
7:00 pm at St. Joseph—Wisner

Holy Saturday
8:00 pm at St. Joseph—Wisner

Easter Sunday
8:30 am Holy Cross—Beemer
10:00 am Joseph—Wisner



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.

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	04	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	05	9:30 AM	WCC	+ John Davies
Wed	06	8:00 AM	HC	+ Casper Gentrup Jr.
Thu	07	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Steve & Perry Sass
Fri	08	9:30 AM	CHB	+ Beata Batenhorst
Fri	08	6:30 PM	HC	Adoration & Stations
Sat	09	5:00 PM	HC	Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of the Henry & Eleanor Spenner Fam
Sun	10	8:30 AM	HC	+ Russell Gentrup
Sun	10	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		

Religious Education

ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6

Grades K-6: The 5th grade took a field trip to West Point to see the Shroud of Turin Exhibit at St. Joseph's Retirement Community. The 3rd grade finished their Circle of Grace lessons.

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

Grades 7-9: Lesson 5 ended with us learning and believing in God no matter the cost and St. Teresa of Avila. We began Lesson 6 on our history as a Catholic Church founded by Jesus, himself. Next week is our mandatory parent's meeting.

Grades 10-12: The students did the Restore lessons for the 3rd and 4th week of lent. The third lesson was on the Roots of Sin and discussed fasting while the fourth lesson was titled The Healing Balm of Almsgiving and talked about the spiritual and corporal works of mercy and how we can better practice these works of mercy during Lent. No class for 10th-12th grades this week, April 6th.