

5th Sunday of Easter
May 15, 2022

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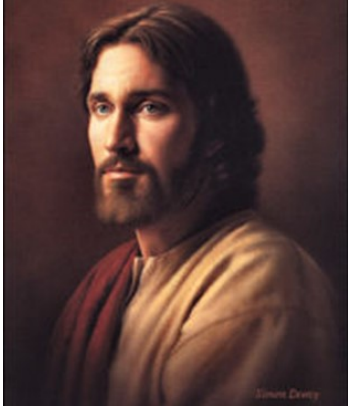
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I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you.

The **First Reading** is taken from Acts 14:21-27. Last week we heard of St. Paul's experiences at Antioch in Pisidia during his first missionary journey. Their visit had ended on a sour note as Paul and Barnabas were expelled. The reading ended with "the two shook

the dust from their feet in protest and went on to Iconium. Their disciples knew only how to be filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." Today we hear of the conclusion of this first missionary journey where Paul and Barnabas retrace their steps back through Antioch in Pisidia on their way back to Antioch in Syria where they had begun their journey.

The **Gospel** is from John 13:31-33a, 34-35. We are disciples, followers of Christ, but how many of us would pass the test that Christ himself lays down for deciding who are his true followers? The word "charity" unfortunately has come to have a very restricted meaning in our present-day vocabulary. It signifies giving alms, a gift of money to a needy person. This is but a very small part of the true charity, true love of neighbor which Christ made the distinguishing mark of the true Christian. He who truly loves his neighbor must be interested, first and foremost, in those things which concern that neighbor's most important purpose in life, his eternal salvation.

Here is where so many good Christians fail in true charity. Effective interest in missionary activity is a case in point. Practical help in parochial matters, taking part in the various societies which are intended to build up and strengthen the faith and the devotion of the members of the parish is another obligation of true charity. So many seem to think it is no concern of theirs but it is. Advising and encouraging, with true Christian kindness, a neighbor who is beginning to grow lax in his attendance to his Christian duties, or who is forming habits or alliances which, if unchecked, will bring misery and suffering to his family, and scandal to the neighborhood, and even the possibility of his own eternal destruction, is also an exercise of real Christian charity.

There are thousands of broken homes today which would not be broken if there was true charity in those homes not only in the heart of the offender but in the hearts of the offended. There are thousands in jails and in hospitals of rehabilitation today who would not be there if their families and neighbors fulfilled their obligation of Christian charity. There are many, far too many, lapsed Catholics in the world today, who would not have lapsed had true charity been practiced by their relatives and neighbors. And, last but not least, there are millions of people who have remained outside the Church of Christ because the hall-mark of charity which Christ said was its distinguishing mark was tarnished or invisible. Each one of us could, with great profit, spend a few moments today looking into ourselves and comparing our thoughts and our words and our actions with the thoughts, words and actions of love which Christ expects from his followers.



From Fr. Vincent's Desk:

Congratulations to all the 2022 Graduates

Congratulations to our high school seniors, college and university graduates of 2022, especially those from our parishes. It takes so much hard work and sacrifice to be at school for all those years and more, do the exams, and to pass. On behalf of all our parishioners, I would like to recognize and appreciate you on your graduation. The fruit of your hard-earned academic work is graduation and enjoy as you look forward to the next steps in life. May you all have a bright and successful future full of God's blessings.



Death and funeral announcement

I wanted to share with you the loss of my half-brother Newton Sunguti in Kenya. Newton was 42 years old and was married with 4 children ranging in age from 1 to 14 years old. He lived in Lubao village, which is 40 miles from my home village. His funeral is scheduled for Monday, May 16th. I will not be traveling to Kenya to attend the funeral. I ask that you kindly remember the soul of Newton and his family in your prayers.

Are you registered in your parish? Why is it important?

Registering in your parish is an important step to becoming an active member in your local parish. Church community brings with it many benefits that can help you to become fully engaged in our local parish. We do not share the registration information you give us with anyone, not even government or law enforcement officers. Registration in your parish has the following benefits:

- ♦ It provides proof of sacramental participation if you would move to another parish. We can send your sacramental proof to that parish.
- ♦ Registering offers spiritual benefits and you feel more fully connected to the rest of the parish family. The priest can use your contact information to reach out to you, especially in the times of need, either spiritually or financially.
- ♦ It demonstrates community involvement. You become acquainted with other parishioners and your pastor through volunteer opportunities.
- ♦ Demonstrates financial commitment. You will be able to provide regular offerings at the weekly Mass by using the offering envelopes provided.

PRAYER FOR GRADUATES

Heavenly Father,
Surround those who are graduating with
your grace.
Bless them with hope so that they move into
the future with eager and open hearts.
Help them to put the knowledge, skills, and
insights gained through their education to
use for the good of all humankind.
Inspire them to believe in the goodness of
life even when faced with challenges and
difficulties.
As they commence with their lives, may they
grow ever more grateful and wise.
All of this we ask in the name of Jesus, your
beloved Son. Amen.



Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of May 22nd
WORD: Renae Carlson
EMHC: Tom Peatrowsky
SERVER: Ben Oligmueller

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of May 21st & 22nd
LEC: Madonna Servi
EMHC: John Woerdemann
SERVER: Alicia Ramirez-Torres, Charli Jacobs
OFF: Roger Lampman
USHER: May Men’s Group

LEC: Steve McGuire
EMHC: Steve Ausdemore
EMHC2: Janet Ludwig
SERVER: Joel Good, Jentrye Frederickson
OFF: Jeff Phillips
USHER: May Men’s Group

MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, May 15th—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder
Sunday, May 22nd—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer

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—May 8, 2022	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$2,585.00
Plate:	303.00
Children:	31.00
Cemetery:	270.00

ST. JOSEPH PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS
Congratulations to the newly elected council members. They include, Trevor Cyboron, Carmen Godbersen, Matt McGuire, and Holly Schroeder. God’s blessings and wisdom to you as you serve our parish

LADIES GUILD—The next Ladies Guild meeting will be Tuesday, May 24th 5:30pm in the church basement. All ladies of the parish are welcomed to attend.

Congratulations!




GOD BLESS OUR GRADUATES!!
Pictured here with Fr. Vincent are Zack Andersen, Spencer Batenhorst, Kristian Overjordet, Joslyn Jacobs, Lindsey Kneifl, and Beau Ruskamp.



Stewardship of God’s Gifts Holy Cross—May 8, 2022	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$860.00
Plate:	141.00
Children:	9.00
Thank You Gift:	50.00
Works of Mercy:	50.00
Easter:	50.00
HELP/Fuel:	10.00
GA/CC	30.00
Total:	\$1,200.00

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:
Lavina Mestl May 17
Dana Steffensmeier May 17
Brynnly Harrison May 17
Marilyn Ortmeier May 18
Bo Oligmueller May 18

Anniversaries:
Gary and Jean Batenhorst May 19
Tom and Dawn Peatrowsky May 20

Ascension Mass Schedule

Holy Cross—Wednesday, May 25th at 5:30 pm
St. Joseph—Thursday, May 26th 8:00 am

AseraCare Hospice out of Norfolk, is looking for volunteers in this area to provide support to our terminally ill patients and their families. Volunteers offer companionship, read and write letters, play board games, provide support to caregivers, and make veteran to veteran visits. Some even work in the AseraCare office. AseraCare has been giving compassionate care for over 16 years in this part of Nebraska. There is no cost for the training.

To sign up or to find out more please contact the Volunteer Coordinator. She is located in Norfolk and her number is 402-379-4158.



MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	16	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	17	9:30 AM	WCC	+ Richard Kane
Wed	18	8:00 AM	HC	+ John Hassler
Thu	19	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Jayda Oligmueller
Fri	20	9:30 AM	CHB	Deceased Members of the Roy Wieck Family
Sat	21	5:00 PM	SJ	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sun	22	8:30 AM	HC	+ Wayne & Maria Emanuel
Sun	22	10:00 AM	SJ	+ John Davies
SJ—St. Joseph’s HC—Holy Cross WCC—Wisner Care Center CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer				