

**6th Sunday of Easter  
May 22, 2022**

**Saint Joseph's Parish**

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The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter



*"Peace, I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."*

Today is the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners and People of the Sea (USA).

The **First Reading** is taken from the Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29 and concerns the Council of Jerusalem which falls

in the middle of the book of Acts and describes the turning point for the Church when the council officially recognized the evangelization of the Gentiles. This evangelization had been initiated by Sts. Peter, Barnabas and Paul. Thus, the Christian church broke away from the Mosaic rules while maintaining its roots in the rich theology and traditions of the chosen people.

The **Gospel** is from John 14:23-29. In the first reading at today's Mass, we were given the story of the first General Council ever held by the Church authorities. There we saw that a vital decision was reached through the guidance and assistance of the Holy Spirit. "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and ours" (Acts 15:28) was how the authorities announced the conclusion they had reached. In this Gospel which we have just read, Christ promised his Apostles, the night before his death, that when he returned to the Father, the Holy Spirit would be sent to them. He would teach them all things and recall to their minds all that Christ had taught them. In other words, the Church, through the Apostles, was promised the direct assistance of the Holy Spirit in preserving and interpreting what we call "the deposit of faith" or the sum total of the divine revelation given to us for our sanctification.

The Holy Spirit "breathes where he wills." He assists the local authorities in the Church. He inspires individual Christians if they call on him in their need. He inspires young people of both sexes to offer their lives to the service of the Church and their neighbor. He has inspired founders of orders and congregations to form institutes which would help the spread of the faith. He is at work today among us and among the separated brothers of the Church, helping and inspiring them towards that unity for which Christ prayed.

*In Courtesy of Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.*



**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



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

Ascension Day Mass

Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, is **Ascension Day**, which is a Holy Day of Obligation. Holy Cross' Mass of Ascension will be on Wednesday evening at 5:30 pm. St. Joseph's Mass will be on Thursday morning at 8:00 am. You are welcome.

**Archdiocese Pastoral Planning Update –Parish changes**

Just to let you know that Fr. James Weeder, who is the convener in our parish cluster of West Point, called a clergy meeting recently. We agreed to form a leadership committee of 2 members from each of the 10 parishes that we have. This committee will meet with us priests on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and come up with a pastoral plan proposal that we will forward to the Archdiocese by November 2022. Find the below letter from our Archbishop George Lucas in connection to the above Pastoral planning:

May 2022

*Dear Friends in Christ,*

*I recently participated in seven meetings across the archdiocese to kick-off our Journey of Faith pastoral planning process. I came away from these gatherings filled with hope for the future. I am grateful to the clergy and hundreds of parish leaders from each parish who participated.*

*At these meetings, we looked carefully at trends that shape our current reality – declining religious participation, population shifts and numbers of priests available to serve in parishes. We also grouped parishes in "families" which will work together going forward.*

*In these Families of Parishes, we will bring together the best we have to offer, for the good of the whole family. A collaborative approach among parishes, schools and ministries will ensure a stronger future for Catholic life. Priests will be better able to focus on pastoral ministry, in cooperation with brother priests, with shared staff and financial resources to contribute to better stewardship.*

*Families of Parishes now begin the challenging work of planning for necessary changes. While fear often comes with the prospect of change, we recall the promise of the risen Jesus to be with the Church. He is with us at this important moment.*

*As we work toward the November goal for submitting plans, I ask you to think of the abundance that Jesus surely wants us to experience as we more fully embrace the mission of living and spreading the gospel. Join me in praying for a holy imagination, to see what God sees for our flourishing.*

*Thank you for joining this Journey of Faith and for your prayers as we meet, work and plan during the coming months.*

*Sincerely yours in Christ,*

*Most Reverend George J. Lucas  
Archbishop of Omaha.*



**Families of Parishes**



Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer  
Ascension Thursday

EMHC: Jeanie McTaggart  
Weekend of May 28th & 29th  
WORD: Rita Eichelberger, Tom Peatrowsky  
EMHC: Gerald Schlickbernd, Dawn Peatrowsky  
SERVER: Sat: Bo Oligmueller  
Sun: Kris & Kim Pena

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner  
Weekend of May 29th

LEC: Alan Harms  
EMHC: Sally Harms  
EMHC 2: Martha Schweers  
SERV: Dayton Gentrup, Emma Schroetlin  
OFF: Rick Jacobs  
USHER: May Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts  
Holy Cross—May 15, 2022

Sunday Envelopes:	\$740.00
Plate:	131.00
Children:	10.00
Total:	\$881.00

MONEY COUNTERS

Sunday, May 22nd—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer  
Sunday, May 29th—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore

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

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

**FRESH CUT FLOWERS** are requested at Holy Cross. If you have flowers from your gardens to share, please bring them to church. We will provide vases.

Stewardship of God's Gifts  
St. Joseph—May 15, 2022

Sunday Envelopes:	\$830.00
Plate:	62.00
Children:	28.00

**LADIES GUILD**—The next Ladies Guild meeting will be Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30pm in the church basement. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

*Celebrations:*

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

**Birthdays:**

Henry Robertson May 23  
Deb Schlickbernd May 25

**Anniversaries:**

Sam and Dana Steffensmeier May 27  
Brandon and Sarah Lierman May 28

**Ascension Mass Schedule**

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

**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 and are \$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	23	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	24	9:30 AM	WCC	Care Center Residents
Wed	25	5:30 PM	HC	+ Eugene Mestl
Thu	26	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Leo & Flavia & William Ausdemore
Fri	27	9:30 AM	CHB	+ Frances & Vera Hetherington
Sat	28	5:00 PM	HC	Lvng & Dec'd Family of Leo & Hildegard Hunke
Sun	29	8:30 AM	HC	+ Mke McTaggart
Sun	29	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		



**MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES:  
St. Joseph and Holy Cross.**

There are envelopes available in the back of church. If you would like to have a Mass said for a loved one, complete the envelope and place in the collection basket or contact Sarah at the parish office 402-529-3891, or email the info to stj068791@gmail.com. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per Mass.



**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.