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The 5th Sunday of Lent
March 26th, 2023

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The 5th Sunday of Lent



The **First Reading** from the Old Testament prophet *Ezekiel 37:12-14* is taken from the chapter about pouring forth the Spirit upon the "dry bones" in the valley of his vision. The prophet speaks of restoration through an act of God through the Spirit and that it was through him that the people first were saved from their oppression in Egypt, and by his power they will be saved again and restored as the people of God. The symbolic meaning of the reading is the resurrection of the people to new life, a theme clearly reiterated in succeeding apocalyptic literature and finally present in the death and resurrection of Jesus.

The **Gospel** reading from *St. John 11:1-45*, opens up in front of us a scene of unprecedented sorrow. The Lord Jesus receives the message from the sisters of Lazarus who, when confronted with the gravity of his condition, tried the only thing possible, they turned to the Lord of who it was said: *'Everything he does is good, he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak'* (Mk 7:37). It is the cry of each one of us who would like their loved ones to live forever without ever leaving us.

The Lord Jesus, inexplicably, waited a further two days before heading for Lazarus' home. Even then, he only left with his disciples when he divinely knew of his friend's death. This particular detail from the Gospel tells us that the word of God was made man for the love of all of us. Also, that his look of love is always upon us waiting for that meeting of immense joy that will happen in eternity.

It was Martha and Mary's faith, even when confronted with Lazarus' death that gave rise to the extraordinary miracle worked by Christ. This is not only a consoling story narrated in the letters of the Gospel, but it is also accessible to us today in the church from the day of our baptism until when we are incorporated to him by means of the spirit that he has given to us. *'If the spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his spirit who dwells in you.'* (Rom 8:11)

In Courtesy of the congregation of Faith



Suggested Things to Do on this Sunday:

- The Fifth Sunday of Lent is when the Church would veil crosses and sacred images. You could do this at home. There is no prescribed color, but traditionally it has been a plain purple. You could use a lighter cloth, like a quilting fabric. See [Passiontide and Veiling of Images](#) for more information.
- In parts of England and Scotland this is known as "Carling Sunday" because of eating a meal of fried carlings, which is a type of dried peas. Carlings aren't universally available, but split peas are often a good substitute. See [Carling Sunday](#) from "Cooks Info" and [Carlin Sunday](#) from "Beamish Food Online".



From Fr. Vincent's Desk:
RURAL FAMILY F WEEKEND MASS
Schedule beginning July 1, 2023

SATURDAYS

4:30 PM St Anthony/St Boniface rotation allowed until July 1, 2024*

*St Anthony will cease having a weekend Mass beginning July 1, 2024

5:00 PM Howells – Sts. Peter and Paul

6:00 PM West Point

SUNDAYS

7:30 AM Aloys

8:30 AM Beemer

9:00 AM Dodge

10:00 AM West Point

10:00 AM Wisner

10:30 AM Howells – St. John

11:30 AM West Point – Spanish*

*The Spanish Mass will continue until we no longer have a Spanish speaking priest in our family. Sacred Heart in Olean will cease having a weekend Mass beginning July 1, 2023.



Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration

The Archdiocese is encouraging each parish to revive Eucharist as the center of our worship or what is called Eucharistic revival. This is in preparation to the Eucharistic Congress for the entire nation that will be held at Indianapolis in 2024.

I invite you to join me for Eucharistic adoration as follows: Holy Cross, Beemer - Friday March 31st at 6:15 pm – 7:00 pm. Followed by Stations of the Cross.



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

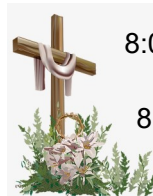
Holy Saturday

8:00 pm at Holy Cross—Beemer

Easter Sunday

8:30 am Holy Cross—Beemer

10:00 am Joseph—Wisner




Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of April 2nd

WORD: Doris Guenther
 EMHC: Jeanie McTaggart
 SERVER: Sun: Will Robertson

Stewardship of God's Gifts Holy Cross—March 19th, 2023	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,705.00
Plate:	122.00
Children:	7.00
Tithe.ly Online:	100.00
Total:	\$1,934.00

THE LIVE LENT TOGETHER sessions for this coming week will be Tuesday, March 28, at the rectory at 3 PM and Wednesday, March 29, at the rectory at 5 PM. Another group is forming and for more information you can call Trisha Steffensmeier at 402-380-5943. Everyone is welcome to any group.

HOLY CROSS ALTAR SOCIETY will meet Monday, April 3rd, 2023 at 5:00 pm. in the church basement. On Friday, April 7th, we will not serve Bingo at Colonial Haven due to Good Friday services at Holy Cross.



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

Birthdays
 Dawn Peatrowsky March 26
 Scott Ortmeier March 31

PENANCE SERVICES

At St. Joseph—Wisner
 Tuesday, March 28th at 7:00 pm

LENTEN SERVICES

Adoration (6:15pm) & Stations of the Cross (7:00pm)
At Holy Cross—Beemer
 Friday: Mar. 31st

Pray + Fast + Give



Religious Education

ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6

Grades K-6: The 1st grade learned about the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. The afternoon ended by doing Stations of the Cross at Church. This week the kids will be reciting prayers so please help your child review the prayers that were sent home a couple of weeks ago.

Youth Mass is on April 16th and a note was sent home with the students. Please make sure your child attends for each have an assignment.

ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS— GRADES 7-12

Grade 7: Fr. Vincent discussed the Resurrection, the Ascension and Pentecost with the class. We then played Jeopardy with categories that were all about Lent and Easter. The evening ended by joining the others at church for Stations of the Cross.

Grade 8-10: Rel. Ed. 8-10: Our lesson was on Mary, who she is and why we honor her as her Son does. We ended with Stations of the Cross in church. Class as usual next week.

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of April 1st & 2nd

LEC: Gayle Lampman, Tammie Batenhorst
 EMHC: Linda Hansen
 SERVER: Hailey Grenier, Ghia Bramble, Charlee Thies
 OFF: Dave Oligmueller
 USHER: March Men's Group

LEC: Steve McGuire, Alan Harms
 EMHC: Steve Ausdemore
 EMHC2: Capri McGuire
 SERVER: Kinsley Lueken, Jentrye Frederickson
 OFF: Ron Machacek
 USHER: March Men's Group

MONEY COUNTERS

Sunday, March 26th —Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder
Sunday, April 2nd—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer

MEN'S WORK GROUP—March 2023

Chair: Jeremy Rehak
Co-Chair: Fred Schultz
Members: Chris Ruskamp, Richard Schultz, Jim Jensen, Willy May, Garrett Esau, Jesse Grenier

MEN'S WORK GROUP—April 2023

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

Stewardship of God's Gifts St. Joseph—March 19th, 2023	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,170.00
Plate:	178.00
Children:	8.00
Cemetery:	180.81
Tithe.ly Online:	491.39

PROM MASS... will be held Saturday, April 1st, at the 5:00 pm Mass. We invite all students and their dates to attend.

EASTER LILY DONATIONS: There is a sign up sheet in the back of church 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.



MEN'S LENTEN BREAKFAST held each Thursday at 6:45 am during Lent at United Methodist Church of Christ.

GRADUATING SENIORS....Advance Notice to you and your families: Senior Sunday Mass and breakfast will be **April 16, 2023**. Invitation will be sent out soon.

YOUTH MASS—is quickly approaching. It is scheduled for Sunday, April 16th, at the 10:00 am Mass. All students in grades K-12 are strongly encouraged to attend. Those in K-6 will be participating in the ministry for Mass, and many will have assigned duties. A short reception will follow Mass in the basement hall.

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	27	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	28	9:30 AM	WCC	+ Keith Schroeder
Wed	29	8:00 AM	HC	+ Bob Schlickbernd
Thu	30	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Gerald Ruskamp
Fri	31	9:30 AM	CHB	Lvng & Dec'd Family of Alois & Anna Ortmeier
Sat	01	5:00 PM	SJ	PROM MASS + Mary Thomas
Sun	02	8:30 AM	HC	+ Eric Wellman
Sun	02	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