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**Easter Sunday  
April 9th 2023**

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**Easter Sunday Resurrection of the Lord**



Easter is the Solemnity of Solemnities, the center and climax of the Church year. All the mysteries that we have commemorated from Advent until now have pointed toward Easter; all that we shall yet celebrate in the weeks that follow has its foundation in the mystery of Easter and receives its meaning and importance from this mystery.

How much more so should we not glorify God on this day when Christ our Passover

was sacrificed, for He is the true Lamb who took away the sins of the world, who by His Death destroyed our death and by His Resurrection restored our life. Easter means, Redemption obtained — sin destroyed, death overcome, divine life brought back to us, the resurrection of our body which is promised immortality. With such a certitude, we should banish all trace of sadness.

This is the day which the Lord has made. Throughout the octave we shall sing of the unequalled joy which throws open eternity to us. Every Sunday will furnish a reminder of it, and from Sunday to Sunday, from year to year, the Easters of this earth will lead us to that blessed day on which Christ has promised that He will come again with glory to take us with Him into the kingdom of His Father.

The First Reading is from *Acts 10:34; 37-43*. These verses are part of the story of the conversion of Cornelius, a Roman army officer. Stationed in Caesarea, Cornelius believed the God of the Jews was the true God, but though a good-living man, he had not become a Jew. Advised by a divine messenger, he sent to Joppa for St. Peter, whose antipathy to pagans had been corrected by a vision seen that same day. Peter came to Caesarea and, contrary to his life-long custom, entered the pagan home of Cornelius, who explained to him why he had been asked to come.

The Gospel for Easter, Cycle A, is from *John 20:1-9*. The accounts of the resurrection of Christ differ in many details in the different writings of the New Testament, but the fact of the resurrection stressed in all of them, was the basis of the new Christian Faith. Had it not happened, Christianity would have been stillborn. It would have disappeared from Jerusalem and the world on that first Easter Sunday. Peter and his companions would have returned to their fishing-nets and boats on Lake Gennesaret, and Christ the good and the kind man who had helped so many, would have been forgotten in half a generation.

But Christ was no mere man of kindly acts and words of wisdom. He was the Messiah promised for centuries. He was the suffering servant foretold by Isaiah, whose perfect obedience to his Father had led him to the Cross and the grave. But above all, he was the Son of God who had emptied himself (St. Paul) of his divine glory in order to be the perfect human servant of the Father, and who was now raised by the Father, with his divine glory restored, and his glorified resurrected body sharing in that glory. This was the kind of divine plan of God for mankind: through Christ, and because of Christ's (the new Adam's) perfect obedience, all mankind would be made worthy of divine sonship, and worthy of one day rising like Christ from the grave in glorified bodies.

Is all this too good to be true? It is, if we make God in our image and likeness, as so many opponents of Christianity do. He is God and His love is infinite and incomprehensible to us. What God can see in me and my fellowmen will always be a mystery to me, but then I have not the mind of God. All I know and all I need to know is that I have sufficient proofs that God loves all men. The Incarnation, death and resurrection of his Divine Son for man's sake is the greatest proof of love for us that even the omnipotent God could give. He has given it. As a necessary consequence from this act of divine love, we are guaranteed our resurrection from the dead to a life of unending happiness and glory if we do not, in extreme folly, reject God's offer.

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



**From Fr. Vincent's Desk:**  
An Easter Note from Fr. Vincent  
Dear Parishioners,

Happy Easter to you all. We have come to the end of the 40-day Lenten season with the celebration of Easter. I'm hoping that you were able to meet your spiritual goals that you had set for yourself at the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday. If you didn't, do not worry, it is not the end of the world, but you can plan and do it in your own way. It is never too late so long as you are capable of doing it. Lent or Easter have nothing to do with the days as such, but it is more about you and me. It is we who make the day Holy by what we do.



It is another relaxing moment when families get together and share a meal and the children hunt for Easter eggs. We are so blessed with these traditions that bring us together. Since these are spiritual holidays, let us be fair to them by honoring God a head of our other celebrations. Also, as we celebrate Easter, I would like to remind you about making an Easter donation to your parish. This is part of the parish budget and your generosity will enable us to meet our annual financial goals. A kind reminder to not forget to hand in your Works of Mercy envelopes and Rice Bowls. The Works of Mercy envelopes take the place of special collections as part of our commitment with the universal church in support of many church programs and the needs. Our parishes have chosen to do one collection during Holy Week rather than 9 times throughout the year. The Rice Bowl is for what you fasted and saved. This collection goes to Catholic Relief Services that supports people who are in disasters resulting from war, fires, natural calamities like earthquake, tornadoes, hurricanes, flooding and drought among many others. Your generosity will bless many throughout the world.

Wishing you all God's blessings at these Easter Festivals.



Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer

Weekend of April 16th

**WORD:** Doris Guenther  
**EMHC:** Brenda Anderson  
**SERVER:** Will Robertson

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner

Weekend of April 15th & 16th

**LEC:** Chris Ruskamp  
**EMHC:** Madonna Servi  
**SERVER:** Haley Kneifl, Jordyn Gentrup, Ghia Bramble  
**OFF:** Richard Schultz  
**USHER:** April Men's Group

**LEC:** Youth  
**EMHC:** Capri McGuire  
**EMHC2:** Tammie Batenhorst  
**SERVER:** Youth  
**OFF:** Youth  
**USHER:** Youth

**MONEY COUNTERS**

**Sunday, April 9th —Team #1** Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore  
**Sunday, April 16th—Team #2** Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder

**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  
 Holy Cross—April 2nd, 2023**

Sunday Envelopes:	\$305.00
Plate:	85.25
Children:	28.00
Building Fund:	110.00
Easter:	100.00
Holy Thurs. (Works of Mercy):	350.00
Tithe.ly Online:	100.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,078.25</b>

**COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS** next Sunday (DIVINE MERCY) after Mass. Please join us.



**Celebrations:**

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

**Birthdays**

Bill McNamara April 9  
 Gauge Bramble April 13  
 Marjorie Gentrup April 14

**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.



**Stewardship of God's Gifts  
 St. Joseph—April 2nd, 2023**

Sunday Envelopes:	\$2,020.00
Plate:	246.00
Children:	13.00
Cemetery:	450.00
Heating/AC:	600.00
Works of Mercy:	65.00
Easter:	550.00
Tithe.ly Online:	70.81

**YOUTH MASS**—is scheduled for next Sunday, April 16th, at the 10:00 am Mass. All students in grades K-12 are asked to attend. Those in K-6 will be participating in the ministry for Mass, and many will have assigned duties. Don't forget their offertory envelope. A short reception will follow Mass in the basement hall.



**4TH GRADE SERVICE PROJECT:**

Can you help us 4<sup>th</sup> graders help Kids in Crisis? We need donations of stuff that kids will need when they have to get out of a place that's dangerous. Mostly we need bathroom things like regular-size shampoo, soap, toothpaste and toothbrush, and brushes and maybe socks. We will put the things in bags and deliver them to The Bridge Crisis Center in West Point. There is a box in the back of church if you have donations. Or you can give money and our teachers will buy things. Thank you from the 4<sup>th</sup> grade religious education class. Please donate by April 18.

**SENIOR SUNDAY MASS** and breakfast will be next Sunday, April 16, 2023. Please RSVP by April 10th to Rina McGuire at 402-649-7796, or Barb Deitloff at 402-380-1008.

**CLASS OF  
 2023**

**PROM MASS 2023**



**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon	10	—	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue	11	9:30 AM	WCC	Care Center Residents
Wed	12	8:00 AM	HC	+ Elaine Throener
Thu	13	8:00 PM	SJ	+ Jack Dixon
Fri	14	9:30 PM	CHB	+ Al Batenhorst
Sat	15	5:00 PM	SJ	Lvng & Dec'd Family of Ron & MaryAnn Wemhoff
Sun	16	8:30 AM	HC	+ Mike McTaggart
Sun	16	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:** No classes were held due to Holy Week. The 5th grade did attend a small celebration on Wednesday for Easter. They reviewed year end test questions, watched part of a Fatima video, and had pizza and treats!!

This week, please return your Rice Bowls. The students are working toward a goal of \$250 to have an ice cream party the last day of class for the year. Students will receive their assigned parts this Wednesday for the Youth Mass that is this Sunday, April 16th. Please make sure your child/children attend the Youth Mass.

**ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS— GRADES 7-12**

**Grade 7-12:** No classes were held due to Holy Week. Class will resume as normal this week. Please attend Youth Mass on April 16<sup>th</sup> since we are honoring youth and many of you have younger siblings that will be taking part in the Mass.