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The 6th Sunday of Easter
May 14th 2023
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Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you forever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows Him, but you know Him, because He is with you, He is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you."

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Acts of the Apostles* 8:5-8, 14-17. In this reading Peter and John are sent from Jerusalem to Samaria to be ministers of the coming of the Spirit to the new converts in that town. These men had already been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus, and the imposition of hands completes the initiation of these converts.

The **Gospel** is from *St. John* 14:15-21. In this discourse at the Last Supper, which was His last will and testament, our divine Lord promised His Church, through the Apostles, that the Holy Spirit would be with it until the end of time. The Spirit of truth will be directing it and effectively aiding it to preserve the faith, the doctrine, and the morals which Christ taught His Apostles.

Looking back now over almost 2,000 years of the Church's history we can see how this promise has been fulfilled. There were heretics and schismatics who threatened the very continuance of the Church as God's faithful people on earth. There were crises and near catastrophes caused by the human weaknesses of its heads and its members, yet the Church survived and spread and continued to send saints to heaven because of the direct and active aid of the Holy Spirit.

During those two thousand years great empires have risen and fallen. They had large armies and vast wealth and earthly resources at their disposal, yet they disintegrated like all things human. The names of one-time mighty men who ruled over millions are now nothing more than a nuisance for children in their history classes. The large tracts of our globe which they ruled are now divided and known by other names. This was, is, and will be the lot of all merely human enterprises. Today's despots, where they rule with iron hand, will share the same fate.

In the midst of all these upheavals the Church of Christ has continued to flourish because it was directed and sustained by the Holy Spirit, who abides within it. How can we ever show enough gratitude to the three Divine Persons of the Blessed Trinity who planned so lovingly and so efficaciously for our safe journey to heaven? The Father sent His Son as man among us so that we men could become His brothers, and adopted sons of the Father. The Son suffered hardships, insults and misunderstandings during His temporary stay on earth, and ended like a crucified malefactor because of the sins of mankind. But He rose triumphantly from the dead and set up the Church as a society which would bring to men of all races, ages and colors the salvation and exaltation of mankind, which His life and death had won for us.

Knowing only too well the weaknesses and waywardness of human nature, He and the Father sent the Holy Spirit to remain with His Church as its infallible guide until the last man has entered heaven.

This is a very brief summary of what the Blessed Trinity has done, and is continuing to do for us, through the Church. We, the people of God, the chosen race of the New Testament are God's Church on earth. It is for you and me that the Holy Spirit is at work this very day. When He guides the steps of Peter's successor, the Pope, or the deliberations of the bishops, the heirs of the apostolic college, it is for us and for our salvation that He is acting. While we are faithful members of the Church, and of Christ's mystical body, while we remain live branches safely attached to the vine who is Christ, we have nothing to fear; we are on the sure road to heaven, to enjoy eternal happiness with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit whom we shall thank and glorify forever.

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



From Fr. Vincent's Desk:
Mass of the Ascension of Our Lord

On Thursday of this week, we will have Mass of the Ascension of our Lord. Check for the Mass times in this bulletin at the Mass schedule section. This is a Holy Day of Obligation and I encourage you to attend Mass; if not in your parish, in a neighboring one, or follow online. Ascension is not about Jesus leaving us and heading to heaven but it is the realization that it is time for us to take responsibility and do the work Christ began which started in you and me through faith and baptism. Happy Mother's Day.

Memorial Day Mass

Just a reminder that on Monday, May 29th. 2023, I will restart the tradition of saying Mass at the cemetery on this important day of remembering our beloved dead. On this Monday, I will celebrate Mass at the Wisner cemetery at 8:30 am and you are welcome to join me. Then I will join Beemer community for the Memorial Day celebrations at 10:00 am where I will say the benediction or prayers under the invitation of the Legion. Next year, Beemer will have Memorial Day Mass. We will be rotating as we do other special Masses.



Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of May 21st
WORD: Rita Eichelberger
EMHC: Dennis Mostek
SERVER: Kris & Kim Pena

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of May 20th & 21st
LEC: Gayle Lampman
EMHC: John Woerdemann
SERVER: Knoxyn Thies, Dayton Gentrup, Jace Hansen
OFF: Rick Jacobs
USHER: May Men’s Group

LEC: Chris Ruskamp
EMHC: Kathy Johnson
EMHC2: Janet Ludwig
SERVER: Paislie Burki, Joel Good, Claire Flack
OFF: Del Styskal
USHER: May Men’s Group

MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, May 14th—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer
Sunday, May 21st —Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore

MEN’S WORK GROUP—May 2023
Chair: Nick Heller
Co-Chair: Austen Godbersen
Members: Perry Albers, Roger Lampman, Todd Schroeder, Chad Ludwig, Lorin Batenhorst, Ray Johnson, Hayden Schroeder

Stewardship of God’s Gifts	
St. Joseph—May 7th, 2023	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$2,035.00
Plate:	94.00
Children:	40.00
Tithe.ly Online:	70.81
Cemetery:	150.00

ST. JOSEPH PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION... will take place weekend, May 20th & 21th. Nominees for this year are: Arvid Hass, Doug Oertwich, Chris Ruskamp, Norm Weber, Brenda Liermann, Janell Loberg, Annie McManigal, and Kyla Miller. On election day, parish members will choose two men and two women to replace outgoing members.




Religious Education

TEACHERS NEEDED:
Would you like to share your faith with the children of our parish? The Religious Education program is in need of 2 teachers for this fall semester starting in September. We would like to fill these 2 positions now. If interested, please contact Capri (402) 380-2925 or Sarah (402) 841-6144.

Stewardship of God’s Gifts	
Holy Cross—May 7th, 2023	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$998.00
Plate:	84.00
Children:	2.00
Tithe.ly Online:	100.00
Total:	\$1,184.00

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 Day of Obligation

Holy Cross—Wednesday, May 17th at 5:30 pm
St. Joseph—Thursday, May 18th 8:00 am

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon, Tues, Fri			—	NO MASS
Wed	17	5:30 PM	HC	Ascension + Eugene Mestl
Thur	18	8:00 AM	SJ	Ascension + Keith Schroeder
Sat	20	5:00 PM	SJ	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sun	21	8:30 AM	HC	+ Mike McTaggart
Sun	21	10:00 AM	SJ	+ John Davies
SJ—St. Joseph’s			HC—Holy Cross	
WCC—Wisner Care Center			CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer	



HAPPY Mother's day



ST. CROIX HOSPICE

There when you need us the most.

ST. CROIX HOSPICE is looking for volunteers to serve our patients in the Wisner area! Please consider sharing your time and talents to provide emotional and practical support for our patients and their families. Whether it's an hour a week or an hour a month, we would love to have you!

St Croix Hospice Volunteers are provided training, support, and flexible scheduling.
For more information, please reach out to parish member, Kyla Miller, at 402-350-7916. Thank you!