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Pentecost Sunday
May 28th, 2023

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Pentecost Sunday Year A



And when the days of Pentecost were drawing to a close, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a violent wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them parted tongues as of fire, which settled upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in foreign tongues, even as the Holy Spirit prompted them to

speak (Acts 2, 1-4).

Pentecost (Whitsunday), with Christmas and Easter, ranks among the great feasts of Christianity. It commemorates not only the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and Disciples, but also the fruits and effects of that event: the completion of the work of redemption, the fullness of grace for the Church and its children, and the gift of faith for all nations.

After Jesus had ascended to heaven from Mt. Olivet, the apostles and disciples returned to the Holy City. They remained together in the Upper Room or Cenacle, the place where Jesus had appeared to them and which may well be called the first Christian church. About a hundred and twenty persons were assembled there. They chose Matthias as an apostle in place of the unhappy Judas; they prayed and waited for the Paraclete.

Ten days had passed, it was Sunday, the seventh Sunday after the resurrection. At about nine o'clock in the morning, as they were together praying fervently, the Holy Spirit descended upon them. Note how all the great theophanies in Christ's life occurred during the course of prayer. After His baptism, for instance, when Jesus was praying the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended in the form of a dove; likewise, it was during prayer at night that the transfiguration took place on Tabor. Surely too it was while Mary was praying that Gabriel delivered his message, and the Holy Spirit overshadowed her.

Today at Mass, particularly at holy Communion, the power of the Holy Spirit will come down upon us; fiery tongues will not be seen, but invisible tongues of fire will not be absent. There was still another external manifestation of the Holy Spirit; the apostles and disciples were enabled to speak various languages.

After the roar of the wind many of Jerusalem's pilgrims hurried to the Cenacle. Pentecost was one of the three festivals which obliged all Jews to be present in Jerusalem. Jews from distant lands, and Jewish converts from paganism too, attended these feasts. As a result, a colorful crowd speaking a variety of languages surrounded the house. Now the apostles, who so shortly before had hid in fear behind locked doors, came forth and courageously walked among the multitude speaking to each in his native tongue. It was indeed amazing! Galileans, and multilingual?

One final question: why the miracle of tongues? In answer, recall the story regarding the tower of Babel. Puffed up by pride, men attempted to build a tower that would touch the heavens. To punish their sin, God confused their speech. Sin causes confusion and division. Now Christ came to gather all men into His Church and thereby to unite them to Himself. This should result in creating but

one family of nations again. To this blessed state the miracle of tongues points.

Yes, even we as individuals have a gift of tongues which all men can understand. It is the gift of love infused into us by the Holy Spirit. Love unites, love is a common language, by means of love we can speak to all nations.

In Courtesy of Pius Parsch



From Fr. Vincent's Desk:
Memorial Day Mass


Memorial Day is already here. On Monday, May 29th, I would like to re-start the tradition of saying Mass at the cemetery on this important day of remembering our beloved dead. I will celebrate Mass at the Wisner cemetery at 8:30 am and you are welcome to join me. Then I will join the 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 always do other special Masses.

Come and join us for Holy Hour for Prayer for Vocations

On the first Saturday of June every year, we usually have ordinations of priests in Omaha. Unfortunately, there has been no ordinations for the last two years due to lack of candidates. Usually, Seminarians go to the seminary for 7 years and then they are ordained to become Deacons. Then, after 6 months, they are ordained to the priesthood. As a result of the lack of ordinations, the archbishop has asked us to dedicate this day of ordination as a day of prayer for vocations in our parishes. Each parish can pick any other day closer to the first Saturday of June and arrange their own prayer format.

For our two parishes of Wisner and Beemer, we will do our prayers on this Sunday, May 28th from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm at Holy Cross Church, Beemer. It will be exposition of the Eucharist followed by holy hour or adoration, rosary, prayers and concluded by Benediction.





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.

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer

Weekend of June 4th

WORD: Doris Guenther
EMHC: Mary Mostek
SERVER: Ben Oligmueller

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer

Weekend of June 10th & 11th

WORD: Marilyn Ortmeier, Rita Eichelberger
EMHC: Ann Bausch, Brenda Anderson
SERVER: Sun: Kris & Kim Pena

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner

Weekend of June 3rd & 4th

LEC: Maci Batenhorst
EMHC: John Woerdemann
SERVER: Alicia Ramirez-Torres, Lilly Good, Chloe Schroetlin
OFF: Duane Mendlik
USHER: June Men's Group

LEC: Bonnie Styskal
EMHC: Linda Hansen
EMHC2: Sally Harms
SERVER: Anna Jacobs, Henry Jacobs, Jentrye Frederickson
OFF: A.J. Burki
USHER: June Men's Group

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner

Weekend of June 11th

LEC: Jeff Phillips
EMHC: Janet Ludwig
EMHC 2: Madonna Servi
SERV: Ella Jacobs, Jaylee Lueken, Angel Ramirez-Lugo
OFF: Chris Liermann
USHER: June Men's Group

MONEY COUNTERS

Sunday, May 28th—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder
Sunday, June 4th—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer


MEN'S WORK GROUP—June 2023

Chair: AJ Burki
Co-Chair: Keith Schroetlin
Members: Trevor Cyboron, Alan Harms, Chad Dixon, Devon Dixon, Brad Cornell, Sid Kneifl

**Stewardship of God's Gifts
 Holy Cross—May 21st, 2023**

Sunday Envelopes:	\$715.00
Plate:	69.25
Children:	12.00
Tithe.ly Online:	100.00
Ascension:	105.00
Total:	\$1,001.25

JUNE MOWING GROUP— CHAIR: Dave Steffensmeier
 Members: Brian Oligmueller, Ben Borgmann, Josh Bramble, Art Fernandez, Gerald Wellman



Celebrations:

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

Birthdays
 Stan Ortmeier May 31
 Tom Peatrowsky June 1

Anniversaries
 Brandon and Sarah Lierman May 28
 Brian and Tanya Oligmueller May 29
 Larry and Annette Bausch May 31
 Mike and Mary Kate Guenther May 31



**Stewardship of God's Gifts
 St. Joseph—May 21st, 2023**

Sunday Envelopes:	\$665.00
Plate:	215.00
Children:	4.00
Tithe.ly Online:	270.81

MASS INTENTIONS

Day	Date	Time	Location	Intention
Mon	29	8:30 AM		Memorial Day Mass At Wisner Cemetery
Tue	30	9:30 AM	WCC	Care Center Residents
Wed	31	8:00 AM	HC	Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of the Leo & Hildegard Hunke Family
Thu	01	8:00 AM	SJ	Lvng & Dec'd Family of Ron & MaryAnn Wemhoff
Fri	02	9:30 AM	CHB	+ Barb Albers
Sat	03	5:00 PM	SJ	+ Jayda Oligmueller
Sun	04	8:30 AM	HC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sun	04	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Kathy Lorenz
Mon	05	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	06	9:30 AM	WCC	Care Center Residents
Wed	07	8:00 AM	HC	+ Charles F. Hetherington
Thu	08	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Scott McManigal
Fri	09	9:30 AM	CHB	+ Paul Stalp
Sat	10	5:00 PM	HC	+ Al Batenhorst
Sun	11	8:30 AM	HC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sun	11	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Mary Thomas

SJ—St. Joseph's HC—Holy Cross
 WCC—Wisner Care Center CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer

ST. JOSEPH PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS:

Congratulations to our parishioners elected to serve on Parish Council for the 2023-2025 term. They include: Arvid Hass, Chris Ruskamp, Brenda Liermann, and Kyla Miller. Let us thank them for their dedication and pray the Lord guides them during their time of service to our parish community. We also extend our sincere appreciation to the outgoing members of Ruth Bloedorn, Lindsey Burki, and Matt Albers for their time on the council.

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.

HOWELLS PARISHES invite you to:

Save the Date: June 5-6-7, at 7pm each evening, we will have a guest speaker, Deacon Patrick Simons, who will speak on the Eucharistic Revival. Last year, the US Bishops called for a 3-year revival of devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The Eucharistic Revival calls us to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ – particularly the transforming power and mercy of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. More info to come.

SPECIAL NOTICE: There will be no "new" bulletin for the week of June 3rd & 4th. The parish secretary/bookkeeper will be out of the office. This bulletin contains ministry and Mass schedules for the next two weeks. Thank You.