

**Saint Joseph's Church**

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**Solemnity of the Most Holy  
Body & Blood of Christ  
June 2nd, 2024**

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Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ



**The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ** is observed on the Thursday following on the solemnity of the Most Blessed Trinity. Where the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ is not observed as a Holy Day of obligation on Thursday, it is assigned to the Sunday after Trinity Sunday, which is then considered its proper day in the calendar.

This feast is both a doctrinal and cultic response to heretical teaching on the mystery of the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, and became a church doctrine in 1264.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Mark 14:12-16; 22-26*. We have St. Mark's brief account of what happened in Jerusalem on the first Holy Thursday night. Jesus evidently had a Passover meal with his disciples, at the end of which he instituted the Blessed Eucharist.

Our Savior not only became man, lived among us and died on the cross for our sakes, but in his love for us, and because of his divine power, he arranged to leave to his Church the power to re-present once more to his heavenly Father and ours, his fully atoning sacrifice of the cross under the Eucharistic form. He thus enabled us to partake of that sacrifice as our spiritual tournament during life. This is what our Savior did for us on Holy Thursday night in Jerusalem. That he could do it we have no doubt, because we admit he was God and man. He hid his divinity under the cloak of humanity while he was on earth as the incarnate Son. That he could hide his humanity, his body and blood, under the appearance of bread and wine is hardly any more difficult for divine power.

With such evidence from sacred scripture, and from the tradition of the Church from its very infancy, it seems strange that some who still claim to be Christians say they cannot admit that Christ left us his real body and his real blood in the blessed Eucharist. If he did not, he deceived the Church, a statement which is blasphemous for anyone who admits Christ's divine nature. The Church was not deceived.

"What return can I make to the Lord for all he has done for me?" The answer is: almost nothing or very little indeed. My finite love is puny indeed beside the infinite love of God. But that does not exempt me from doing what I can. What greater source of help and strength could I get than Christ himself, the very author of my salvation?

*In Courtesy of Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan*



**From Fr. Vincent's Desk:  
EMHC & Lector Training**

The registration of EMHC and Lector Training for 2024-25 are now out. What is EMHC and Lector Training? EMHC is an abbreviation for Extra Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion. This is a lay person who takes a training in handling Holy Communion and assists the priest who is the ordinary minister of Holy Communion. Lector Training is a program of training people who will proclaim the word of God during Mass. They are commonly called lectors or readers.

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Eligible candidates need to ensure that they are: fully initiated, practicing Catholics, in good standing, who have a parish affiliation, and demonstrated responsibility and commitment to service.

I encourage high school students especially the Juniors and Seniors to take this training. Anyone interested, reach out to me by phone or email.

Ordinations in the Archdiocese of Omaha

We are happy announce that five men were ordained between May 24<sup>th</sup>, and June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Three as transitional deacons and two men to the priesthood.



**Transitional Deacon Ordinations on May 24<sup>th</sup>**

- Logan Hepp – From St. Stephen the Martyr, Omaha.
- Brian Hula – From St. Peter, Omaha.
- Will Targy – Fr. St. Mary's Parish, Bellevue.

**Priesthood Ordinations on June 1<sup>st</sup>**

- Rev. Zachary Eischeid – St. Boniface parish, Elgin.
- Rev. Mathew Pohlman – From St. Gerald, Ralston.

We thank God for these gifts of vocation to the priesthood this year and let us pray for these newly ordained Priests and the Deacons.

If there is any young man desiring the priesthood, please let me know how we can support him to realize his vocation.

New Assignment

This is to let you know that my six-year term limit, according to Archdiocesan policy of clergy assignment, is coming to an end on June 30th. Archbishop George Lucas called me this week to let me know that in consultation with the Personnel Board, he is assigning me to St. Patrick's Church and St. Charles Borromeo, both of Gretna, as an associate Pastor. The future plan is to open a new parish between the two parishes.

Fr. James Weeder, the pastor of the West Point family of parishes, will take over from me as the Pastor of St. Joseph, Wisner and Holy Cross, Beemer, as well as the churches of West Point, Aloys, Monterrey, Dodge & Howells. The archbishop plans to send another associate priest into the larger family of West Point.

I have enjoyed my six-year assignment at St. Joseph, Wisner and Holy Cross, Beemer, and I will miss all of you in a very big way. I feel sad to think of leaving but at the same time, it is part of the life of priesthood that I have to accept. You will forever be in my thoughts and prayers. Fr. Vincent

**SPIRITUAL INSIGHT:**

The Eucharist, Pope Francis said, "communicates the Lord's love for us: a love so great that it nourishes us with himself; a freely given love, always available to every person who hungers.... To live the experience of faith means to allow oneself to be nourished by the Lord and to build one's own existence not with material goods but with the reality that does not perish: the gifts of God, his Word and his Body." We rejoice on this solemn celebration of our Eucharistic faith in order to show fitting honor to the Lord and deepen our attachment to him. Lord, we are not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and our souls shall be healed! (Magnificat, June 2024)

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer  
Weekend of June 9th

WORD: Rita Eichelberger  
EMHC: Brenda Anderson  
SERVER: Ben Oligmueller  
USHER: Gerald Gentrup

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner  
Weekend of June 9th

LEC: Steve McGuire  
EMHC: Tammie Batenhorst  
EMHC 2: Martha Schweers  
SERV: Kinsley Lueken, Jentrye Frederickson,  
Jesa Montgomery  
OFF: Tim Montgomery  
USHER: June Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts  
Holy Cross—May 26th, 2024

Sunday Envelopes:	\$421.00
Plate:	195.00
Children:	31.00
Tithe.ly Online:	150.00
HELP/Fuel:	100.00
Total:	\$897.00

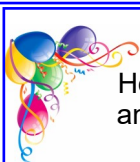
MONEY COUNTERS

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

MEN'S WORK GROUP—June 2024

Chair: Blake Albers  
Co-Chair: Derreck Marx  
Members: David Deitloff, Jeremy Schultz, Mike Stuhr, Norm Weber, Matt Albers, Alan Feller, Bob Feller

JUNE MOWING GROUP- Chair: Dave Steffensmeier  
Co-Chair: Jeff Robertson; Members: Ron Guenther, Tom Peterson, Keith Anderson, Gerald Wellman



Celebrations:

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

Birthdays

Vanessa Praest June 4  
Shelley Wellman June 6  
Eric Robinson June 7  
Cel Franzluebbers June 8

Stewardship of God's Gifts  
St. Joseph—May 26th, 2024

Sunday Envelopes:	\$700.00
Plate:	108.00
Children:	50.00
Tithe.ly Online:	293.34
Insurance:	100.00
Heating/AC:	10.00

SACRED HEART—OLEAN  
Is 150 Years Old

Help them celebrate on Sunday, June 9th  
Mass: 2:00 with Fr. Dan Kampschneider  
Reception on the church grounds with games for kids and adults, and music by Mark Vyhldal  
Meal with ice cream and cookies served at 4:00  
Beer Garden also available

SERRA CLUB SERVER AWARDS: Congratulations to Haley Kneifl, Sydney Porter, Paislie Burki, Ella Jacobs, Jaylee Lueken, and Emma Schroetlin, as they were selected to receive this award for their willingness and commitment to serving here at St. Joseph Church.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH COFFEE: The Parish Council will be hosting a coffee next Sunday, June 9th, in the church basement. Please join them for fellowship.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	03	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	04	9:30 AM	WCC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Wed	05	8:00 AM	HC	+ Helena Steffensmeier
Thu	06	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Gerald Ruskamp
Fri	07	9:00 AM	CHB	+ Paul Stalp
Sat	08	—	—	NO MASS
Sun	09	8:30 AM	HC	+ Eugene Mestl + Duane Humlicek
Sun	09	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Nyla Borgman

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

CHRISTIAN CROSS FESTIVAL

20th Anniversary  
Saturday, June 8th, 2024—2:00pm to 11:00 pm  
At Skyview Lake in Norfolk  
FREE Admissions  
For more details, visit:

<https://christiancrossfestival.org/>

LOST & FOUND

Many items have been left at St. Joseph's church over the past couple of years. There are coats, gloves, hats, toys and more. These items will be set out on a table in the basement of church. They will be there until June 15th, after which, any remaining items will be donated. Please stop by and take a quick look.



More than 40 students learned about Pentecost and the Holy Spirit at the Pentecost Party, held this past Wednesday. Interspersed with chants of "Holy Spirit Activate!" they sang songs, heard short lessons, made crafts, and played many games outside. They also watched a play presented by some of the older students. The play was directed by Jose Ramirez and even had Fr. Vincent cast in one of the roles. Thanks to Ruth Bloedorn, Capri McGuire, Rina McGuire, Angie Kilcoin, Anne Ausdemore, Sarah Jacobs, Madonna Servi, Becky McGuire, and Monica Lugo for organizing, helping, and contributing to the Pentecost Party.