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**The Most Holy Trinity Sunday**  
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The Most Holy Trinity Sunday



The fundamental dogma, on which everything in Christianity is based, is that of the Blessed Trinity in whose name all Christians are baptized. The feast of the Blessed Trinity needs to be understood and celebrated as a prolongation of the mysteries of Christ and as the solemn expression of our faith in this triune life of the Divine Persons, to which we have been given access by Baptism and by the Redemption won for us by Christ. Only in heaven shall we properly understand what it means, in union with Christ, to share as sons in the very life of God.

The **First Reading** is *Deuteronomy 4:32-34; 39-40*. In today's reading from the book of Deuteronomy we see how privileged the Chosen People of Israel were, how wonderful God had been in his dealings with them, and how all he asked for in return was that they should keep his commandments, which were for their own good.... They quickly forgot all that he had done for them and turned to adore lifeless idols, pagan "gods" who could not help either themselves or anyone else. This was ingratitude and meanness of a high order, but let us remember that everything that God did for the Jews, he did for us, too. Through his dealings with them he was preparing the way for the Incarnation.

Today, as we honor the Blessed Trinity, our predominant thought must be one of gratitude to each of the three Persons for all they have done and are still doing for us. First, to God the Father, who in his love planned not only our creation as intelligent human beings, the highest and noblest of his creatures on earth, but planned to give us adopted sonship as well. Secondly, let us show our deepest gratitude to the all-obedient, all-loving Son of God, who carried out to the letter the divine Father's plan for our adoption, by sharing with us our humanity so that we could share in his divinity. Thirdly, let us be eternally grateful to the Holy Spirit—the fruit of the love of Father and Son—who has come to dwell in the Church and in each member of the Church, in order to fill our hearts with a true love of God, and to direct our faltering steps toward the everlasting happiness which awaits us beyond the grave.

We are so weak that we often let the passing things of this world turn our thoughts and actions away from God and from our own eternal interests. We forget Christ and his commandments at times and let the world rule our hearts and minds. However, even for sinners like us there is hope and encouragement in the infinity of God's love. Let us not forget it: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit know all our weaknesses, they knew them before they arranged to make us sharers in their own eternal happiness. They know, also, that those of us who try and try again to rise above our human weakness will finally share with them their heaven.

This possibility is open to all of us. The Blessed Trinity will excuse nobody from heaven. If some fail, the fault will be entirely and completely their own. May God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit goad us the courage and strength to overcome our human weaknesses! May they give us the grace to live and die in their love so that we may share their eternal kingdom of happiness!

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



**From Fr. Vincent's Desk:**  
**Spiritual Ponderings on the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity**

Since time immemorial, our God has been one of communion and relationship. We do not see Him acting alone. Even in the New Testament, we see His Son, Jesus, recognizing the importance of togetherness when He commissioned His disciples to go out two by two. Today, as we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, God introduces us to His immediate family with whom He works in perfect unity.

When we speak of God having a family, we might worry that this limits Him or excludes us. However, the reality is that God the Father operates in union with the Son and the Holy Spirit. This divine relationship is not about exclusion but about the fullness of communion and love.

It is perhaps on these grounds that we were created naturally social beings. This inherent social nature is a fact we often take for granted, forgetting to appreciate those around us, even strangers. Imagine driving on a beautiful road with perfect weather and stunning scenery, arriving at a magnificent, well-built city—only to find it empty, with no one else around. Such a place would be called a ghost town, a lonely and desolate experience no one would like to endure. Yet, this reality exists in parts of the world due to war and natural disasters.

The Feast of the Holy Trinity invites us to reflect on God's nature of operating in unity with the Son and the Holy Spirit. It reminds us to be grateful for the people around us who make our world a better place. In celebrating this feast, we acknowledge the divine model of community and are encouraged to foster a spirit of unity and appreciation in our own lives. *Fr. Vincent.*

**St. Joseph, Wisner Parish Council Elections**

Parish elections were held last Sunday, May 19th. The following were elected as new members:

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| Chad Ludwig    | Amanda Albers   |
| Todd Schroeder | Lynndy Beckmann |

Congratulations on being elected to the parish council. Your two-year term commences on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, and you are welcome to be part of our parish leadership.



<b>West Point Parish Family Weekend Mass Schedule:</b>		
<b>Weekend Mass</b>	<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Sun.</b>
St. Boniface/St. Anthony (Until July of 2024)	4:30 pm	
Sts. Peter and Paul-Howells	5:00 pm	
St. Mary's-West Point	6:00 pm	
St. Aloysius-Aloys		7:30 am
Holy Cross-Beemer		8:30 am
St. Wenceslaus-Dodge		9:00 am
St. Joseph-Wisner		10:00 am
St. Mary's-West Point		10:00 am
St. John Nep.-Howells		10:30 am

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

**WORD:** Tom Peatrowsky  
**EMHC:** Dennis Mostek  
**SERVER:** Kim Pena & Stella Guenther  
**USHER:** Mike Gentrup

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner  
Weekend of June 2nd

**LEC:** Gayle Lampman  
**EMHC:** Richard Schultz  
**EMHC 2:** Sally Harms  
**SERV:** Leighton Porter, Lilly Good,  
 Alicia Ramirez-Torres  
**OFF:** Dave McGuire  
**USHER:** June Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—May 19th, 2024	
Sunday Envelopes:	650.00
Plate:	104.00
Children:	12.00
Tithe.ly Online:	200.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$966.00</b>

**MONEY COUNTERS**  
**Sunday, May 26th—Team #4** AJ and Lindsey Burki,  
 Chris and Brenda Liermann  
**Sunday, June 2nd—Team #1** Mary VonSeggern, Chris  
 Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore

**MAY MOWING GROUP-** Chair: Mike Gentrup  
 Co-Chair: Ethan Ortmeier; Members: Scott Ortmeier, Tim  
 Oligmueller, Gerald Schlickbernd, Josh Bramble


**MEN'S WORK GROUP—May 2024**  
**Chair:** Keith Schroetlin  
**Co-Chair:** Trevor Cyboron  
**Members:** Alan Harms, Chad Dixon, Devon Dixon,  
 Brad Cornell, Sid Kneifl, AJ Burki, Craig Kreikemeier

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

**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

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TOP SERVERS!** We  
 have a tie for top server this year (May – April): Vanessa  
 Praest & Easley Woodbury. Holy Cross Parish thanks you  
 for your service.

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—May 19th, 2024	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,050.00
Plate:	145.00
Children:	27.00
Tithe.ly Online:	170.81
Ascension:	35.00




### Celebrations:

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

**Birthdays**  
 Stan Ortmeier May 31  
 Tom Peatrowsky June 1

**Anniversaries**  
 Sam and Dana Steffensmeier May 27  
 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

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the newly elected members of  
 St. Joseph's Parish Council. They include Chad Ludwig,  
 Todd Schroeder, Amanda Albers, and Lynndsy Beck-  
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 **MEALS ON WHEELS:** Many thanks to  
 these volunteers who recently delivered  
 Meals-on-Wheels on behalf of our parish:  
 Barb Deitloff, Tammie Batenhorst, Mary  
 Donner, Carol Oligmueller, and Carmen Godbersen.



**TITHE.LY** Online Giving with Tithe.ly

Both St. Joseph and Holy  
 Cross parishes have an  
 online giving option. For  
 additional ways to contribute, QR codes have been  
 made for both parishes, or you may still sign up  
 under the parish websites. If you have any questions,  
 call the parish office at 402-529-3891.



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Thank you to everyone who donated to  
 the Kids-in-Crisis backpack project that was conducted  
 by the 4th graders. The bags were delivered to a  
 representative of The Bridge, the domestic violence  
 agency serving Cuming County.  
 The students also visited the convent of the Sisters of  
 Franciscan Charity who gave each child a rosary.

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	27	—	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue	28	9:30 AM	WCC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Wed	29	8:00 AM	HC	+ Ray & Odelia Steffensmeier
Thu	30	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Marie Nosal
Fri	31	9:00 AM	CHB	Lving & Dec'd Mbrs of the Leo & Hildegard Hunke Family
Sat	01	—	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
Sun	02	8:30 AM	HC	+ Barb Albers + Wayne Meier
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		

## 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 re-  
 maining items will be donated. Please stop by and  
 take a quick look.