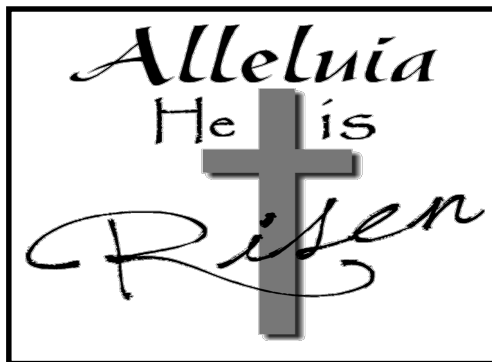


# April 23, 2023 Third Sunday of Easter

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**Hear, See, Receive, and Serve Jesus**  
 \* The purpose of the Mass is to help us hear Jesus, see Jesus, \*  
 \* receive Jesus, and serve Jesus. This description isn't exhaustive, but \*  
 \* we can use it to reflect on today's Gospel Reading. \*  
 \* Following the Introductory Rites, the first chief part of Holy Mass \*  
 \* is the Liturgy of the Word. As the Word of God speaks through His \*  
 \* Scriptures, He teaches us about God, about us as sinners, and \*  
 \* about how we might be reconciled and united with God. \*  
 \* On a given Sunday, through the course of the Scripture readings, \*  
 \* we make an ascent. This ascent reaches its climax when the Gospel \*  
 \* Reading is proclaimed. We stand for the proclamation of the Gospel \*  
 \* because in it we hear about the words and works of the Word of God \*  
 \* in the Flesh. We profess exactly who this divine Person is when we \*  
 \* stand after the homily and proclaim in the Creed that "for us men and \*  
 \* for our salvation [this Word of God] came down from Heaven, and by \*  
 \* the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man." \*  
 \* But then, in the second chief part of Holy Mass, something \*  
 \* miraculous takes place. If the first part is the Liturgy of the Word, the \*  
 \* second is the Liturgy of the Word Made Flesh. That is, God does the \*  
 \* proclamation of the Gospel one better: the One whose words and \*  
 \* works were proclaimed to our ears becomes incarnate before our \*  
 \* eyes. The Word of God whom we hear in Scripture becomes the \*  
 \* Word made Flesh in the Eucharist. \*  
 \* As the Word becomes Flesh at the altar and dwells among us, we \*  
 \* certainly adore Him as He's raised up at the Consecration. But that's \*  
 \* not enough for God. In addition to allowing us to adore Him from \*  
 \* afar, He invites us to His Supper. We are not worthy to receive His \*  
 \* Body and Blood, soul and divinity, but He wills it more than we \*  
 \* deserve it. He makes it possible to approach Him in a state of grace. \*  
 \* This two-fold Mystery—of God's Word, and God's Word made \*  
 \* Flesh—is what St. Luke proclaims to us in today's Gospel Reading. \*  
 \* The two disciples, who symbolize you and me, are on the way to \*  
 \* Emmaus. They are caught unawares by this man with whom they \*  
 \* converse. At first they don't recognize him. But as they hear him, \*  
 \* their hearts burn with passion for God through Sacred Scripture. \*  
 \* After a long journey, they recognize Jesus in what St. Luke the \*  
 \* Evangelist calls "the breaking of bread": a phrase Luke uses \*  
 \* throughout his other book of the Bible—Acts of the Apostles—to \*  
 \* refer to the Holy Eucharist. \*  
 \* But what do these two disciples do after Jesus proclaims the \*  
 \* Word to them, and shares with them the Word made Flesh? After \*  
 \* hearing, seeing, and receiving Jesus, they serve Him by sharing with \*  
 \* others their encounter with the Word in the Flesh. That service is \*  
 \* called for from those who receive the Holy Eucharist is ritualized by \*  
 \* the conclusion of Holy Mass: "Go forth, the Mass is ended". These \*  
 \* words succinctly express the missionary nature of the Church. \*  
 \* Today's Gospel passage, and the gift of Holy Mass itself, helps us \*  
 \* understand the importance of the entire Easter Season: to hear, \*  
 \* see, receive, and serve Jesus. \*  
 \* \*Reflection by Fr. Thomas Hoisington <https://catholicdioceseofwichita.org> \*  
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*"Behold the wood of the Cross on which hung the Savior of the world."*

**Raising Saints Youth Group**  
 For the 6th-12th grade youth of Holy Cross and St. Vincent de Paul to gather for Fun, Fellowship, and Faith Formation  
**This Month's Activity — Service Project**  
**Sunday, Apr. 23, 4—7 p.m.**  
**St. Vincent's in Coweta**

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of our dear parishioner, Mary Harris*

*The Lord walks beside us through the darkness and leads us back to peace. Pray for Jim and their family that they find comfort in the Lord's peace.*

**Funeral Services:**  
 Tues., Apr. 25, Visitation 5-7 p.m. followed by Rosary @ Shipman's Funeral Home  
 Wed., Apr. 26, Funeral Mass 10 a.m. @ Holy Cross

*In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to the Holy Cross outdoor stations/grotto project in honor of Mary.*

**Online Contributions/Donations**  
**For Parish Support/Diocesan Ministries**  
 A reminder that you can donate anytime online to any parish or Diocesan effort.  
 Go to <https://dioceseoftulsa.org> and choose the Stewardship tab. There is an option for "Support a Specific Diocesan Ministry" and also one to "Donate to Support a Specific Parish" to process your online donation.

**Jesus, I trust in You!**  
**The Holy Cross Catholic Charities**  
**Mobile Food Pantry**  
**Thursday, Apr. 27th, 10 a.m.—Noon**  
**Food Boxes Available & Distributed While Supplies Last using a drive-through format**

A **Personal Intention Book** is available in the vestibule so that you can add your personal intention for that Mass. The book is carried up to the altar along with the other gifts during the Offertory at each Mass.

**Faith & Culture Conference**  
**TWO GREAT LIGHTS-The Spiritual & Temporal Powers**  
**May 12-13, DoubleTree Hotel, Tulsa**  
 Register for this conference featuring speakers discussing the importance of the Catholic faith in shaping and restoring culture. Registration includes a continental breakfast, box lunch, and two cocktails at the social. More information and registration can be found at [www.alcuinstitute.org](http://www.alcuinstitute.org)

Aug 22 (Vigil)	Aug 23		Aug 29 (Vigil)	Aug 30
Judy Helms Richard Helms	Bill Scrimsher Mike Cucchiara	<b>USHERS/GIFT BEARERS</b>	Linda Steinheil Richard Steinheil	Rosalina Empuerto Raul Empuerto
	Aceah, Carlos, Liam, & Amelia	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>		Aceah, Liam, Carlos, & Makenna
Laura Rodriguez	Theresa Fosburg	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MIN</b>	Charlie Moe	Chris Holland
Paul Rodriguez	Candace Stuart	<b>READERS</b>	Carolyn Greer	Heather Jordan

Request Cards for both **Outreach to The Sick and/or Homebound & Special Mass Intentions** are available in the vestibule

**Carpool to St. Joseph's School from Wagoner**  
 A Wagoner parent is seeking other parent(s) interested in carpooling to St. Joseph's School next school year. If interested, call or text Louise Adams at 918-441-2585.

*Enjoy a wonderful home-cooked meal and fellowship with your parish family!*  
**Dinner at Miller's Amish Farm, Mazie**  
**Wednesday, May 24th, @ 5:30 p.m.**  
**\$17/person**  
 A group of at least 20 people is necessary to secure the reservation. If you would like to reserve a spot, sign up in the vestibule or contact Kathy Gordon @ 918-606-2488.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for **APRIL**  
**For a culture of peace and non violence**  
 We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

**Second Collection Next Weekend**  
**Apr. 29/30 —For National Missions**  
**(Black & Indian Missions, Catholic Home Missions, Catholic Communications, Catholic University of America, Retirement Fund for Religious)**

## Happy Birthday!



Ryan Duffy 4/3  
Michelle Robinson  
Buscemi 4/6  
Joseph Dufour 4/10

Leonard Acevedo 4/11  
Rosemary Kotas 4/19  
Sherry Ruyle 4/20  
Sarah Jameson 4/25



*"He who knows how to forgive, prepares for himself many graces from God. As often as I look upon the cross, so often will I forgive with all my heart."*  
**St. Faustina**

### Weekend Collections Apr 15-16

General Collections **\$2,282.00**  
Capital Improvement **155.00**  
**TOTAL \$2,437.00**

### Daily Mass Readings—Apr 23-29\*

Sunday	Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35
Monday	Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday	1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
Wednesday	Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday	Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
Friday	Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday	Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69

\*Daily Readings (and link to full biblical text) also available on Holy Cross Website:

**www.holycross-wagoner.org**

To place information in the bulletin or on the church website, contact Karol Watson, karol\_watson@yahoo.com or 918-640-5819

For issues/help with Flocknotes, contact Kay Rodriguez, msrod@sbcglobal.net or 405-659-0507

### FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING

Jean Podeyn, sister of Jackie Spieker  
Judy Wright, parishioner  
Becky Harding, parishioner  
Meredith Zehr, parishioner  
Hope Watson, parishioner  
Donna Senner, parishioner



**WE PRAY TO THE LORD**

### Holy Cross Mission Statement/Prayer

Almighty God, the mission of Holy Cross Parish is to bring the love of Jesus Christ to our community and the world. As your disciples, help us to touch the hearts of everyone in a way that enhances human spirituality and will bring all people into the fullness of your Kingdom. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen!

	<i>Altar Linens</i>	<i>Altar Flowers</i>
<i>Apr</i>	Sherry Ruyle	Easter Lilies
<i>May</i>	Laura Rodriguez	Laura Rodriguez

**Stay Connected — Stay Informed  
with your Catholic Faith & your Holy Cross Family**

*Daily Readings, Daily Prayer of the Day, Bulletins,  
Catholic & Holy Cross News/Events*

**www.holycross-wagoner.org,  
Holy Cross Catholic Church - Wagoner OK (FB) &  
https://holycrosscatholicchurch5.flocknote.com/  
dashboard**

**Finding solutions for  
your financial need.**



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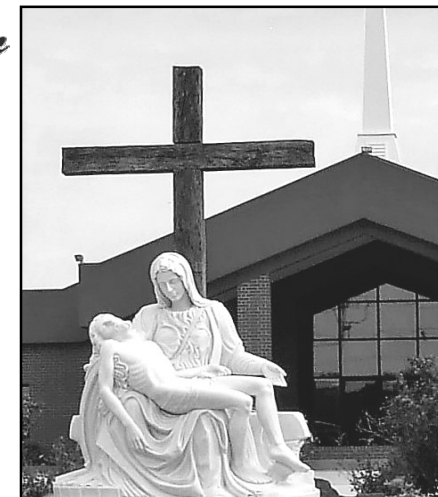
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**April 23, 2023  
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<b>Men's Group</b>	Seth Yoder seth.yoder@edwardjones.com 918-869-9129

### MASS TIMES

**Saturday Vigil — 5:00 p.m.**

**Sunday — 8:30 a.m.**

**2nd & 4th Sundays (Latin) — 10:30 a.m.**

**Tuesday & Friday — 5:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday & Thursday — 8:30 a.m.**

**First Sat. of Each Month — 8:30 a.m.**

### ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

**Fridays following 5:00 p.m. Mass**

### CONFESSIONS

**30 minutes before weekend Masses**

**Or by appointment/request**

### THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

**Breaking Bread Book  
Pages 141-143**

**Vatican II Hymnal  
Pages 481-482**

