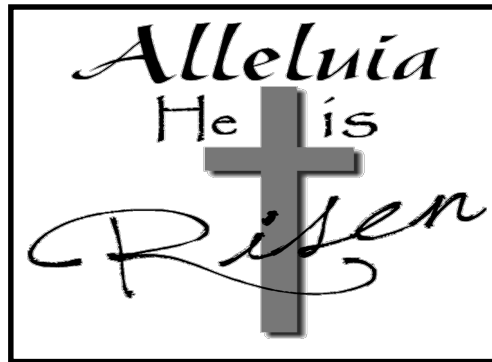


May 7, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Easter



"Behold the wood of the Cross on
which hung the Savior of the world."

Sunday Activities
May 7th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass

Crowning of Mary
Kaygan Allen's First Communion
Youth Readers, Ushers, & Gift
Bearers

Breakfast provided by the Men's
Club Honoring Mothers and
Kaygan

Congratulations!
Kaygan Allen—1st Communion
Max Herndon—2023 High School
Graduate

Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 16 @ 6:30 p.m.
Contact a Parish Council member, if
you have a suggestion/concern to be
addressed by the council.

* "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." When Jesus speaks these
* words at the Last Supper, two disciples speak out. Maybe you can relate
* to each of them in turn.
* The first is the Apostle Thomas, often called "Doubting Thomas". This
* unflattering name is usually connected to Thomas doubting his fellow
* apostles when they tell him that they've seen the Risen Lord [John 20:24-
* 25].
* Yet this Sunday, we hear Thomas express doubt, not about his fellow
* apostles, but about his Lord. He does this in two ways. First, he doubts
* Jesus when he complains that "we do not know where you are going".
* He's expressing doubt about Jesus as a leader, for Jesus does not seem
* to be sharing knowledge about what their goal is.
* Second, he expresses doubt about the means by which to reach the
* goal. "How can we know the way?" You have to admit that this objection
* bears a certain logic: if you do not know where you're headed, how can
* you know how to get there? If you've read Alice's Adventures in
* Wonderland, you remember the nonsensical exchange between Alice
* and the Cheshire Cat. Alice asks the Cat, "Would you tell me, please,
* which way I ought to go from here?" "That depends a good deal on where
* you want to get to," said the Cat. "I don't much care where—" said Alice.
* "Then it doesn't matter which way you go," said the Cat. [Alice added as
* an explanation:] "—so long as I get somewhere". "Oh, you're sure to do
* that," said the Cat, "if you only walk long enough."
* Many people in our culture feel like a hamster on a wheel. Earthly
* goals, after many decades, don't seem to produce the accomplishment
* they had hoped for, and the goal of Heaven on earth never seems to
* materialize. So, the doubter asks, what is the connection between earth
* and Heaven? As far as reaching the goal of Heaven, is our time on earth
* just simple waiting, hoping we don't commit the mortal sin that will close
* the doors of Heaven against us? This is a very negative view of the
* spiritual life: that following Jesus is defined by what we don't do.
* We need to put ourselves in the shoes of the apostle Philip. Philip
* makes a simple request: "Master, show us the Father, and that will be
* enough for us." But if Philip thought that he was being humble in asking
* this, Jesus has other ideas. "Have I been with you for so long... and you
* still do not know me, Philip? ... How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"
* Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?" You
* can almost imagine Philip wide-eyed at Jesus' response, thinking that
* he'd asked for very little.
* Jesus expands on what He means by explaining that His own words
* and works are not, in fact, done on His own. The Father and the Son are
* one. They are one to such perfection that their words and works are one.
* This is a profound point, but it's not Jesus' final point—or even His
* strongest point—in today's Gospel passage.
* "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works I
* do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the
* Father." The Easter Season is not only about Jesus rising from the dead.
* The Easter Season is also about Jesus rising to the Right Hand of the
* Father. The sacred event of Jesus' Ascension is what makes it possible
* for those 'greater works' to be worked by Jesus' followers. Whether it's
* the work of one's vocation to Holy Matrimony or consecrated life or Holy
* Orders, or whether it's dedication in old age to an intense life of prayer
* and the acceptance of suffering, each and every Christian finds strength
* for the journey in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus is the only Way that
* leads to the embrace of God the Father.
* *Reflection by Fr. Thomas Hoisington at catholicdioceseofwichita.org/

Mary & Martha Society Meeting

Wednesday, May 10, at 6:00 p.m.

All Women of the Parish Welcome!

Please Join Us for the last mtg. until Sept.

**Bring finger food to share and enjoy fellowship while
serving the altar society ministry of Holy Cross.**

Camp Rother Registration is OPEN!

Resident Summer Camp options are available for
Grades 4-5, 6-8, and 9-12

More Details Available at dioceseoftulsayouth.org
Contact Sky Creed with scholarship requests, questions
or concerns at 918-307-4907 or
sky.creed@dioceseoftulsa.org

St. Anne Men's Theology Unhinged

Thurs., May 18th (3rd Thurs. of ea. mo.)

Men of Holy Cross Are Invited
to join other men from across the diocese at this monthly
event.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

A Meal, Craft Beer and a Quality Speaker are provided.

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, signup
in the vestibule or contact Kathy Gordon @ 918-606-
2488.

May 6 (Vigil)	May 7		May 13 (Vigil)	May 14
Kay Rodriguez Skip Gordon	Isaac Ervin Matthew Higginbot-	USHERS/GIFT BEARERS	Sherry Ruyle Mary Feichtinger	Raul Empuerto Bill Scrimsher
Larry Chekofsky	Carlos, Liam, & Larry C	ALTAR SERVERS	Larry Chekofsky	Aceah, Carlos, & Liam
Sherri Moe	Mike Hickman	EUCCHARISTIC MIN	Dorene McMahan	Elaine Hall
Laura Rodriguez	Carlos Sorell Kinney Herndon	READERS	Karol Watson	Eric Jordan

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

There will be a Funeral Mass

for **Bob Kuehn**

Saturday, May 20, at 10 a.m.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for

MAY

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and
groups may rediscover their mission of
evangelization each day, placing their
own spiritual gifts at the service of needs
in the world.

SAVE THE DATE

St. John Before the Latin Gate

Spring Retreat "UNITED MISSION"

MAY 20th

conducted by Dec. David Hamel from Catholic
Charities

Happy Birthday!

James Ruyle 5/2 Candace Stuart 5/23
Greg Troxel 5/6 Robert Bond 5/24
Maria Elena Herl 5/7 Mark Jameson 5/25
Henry Leonard 5/12 Elijah McCaw 5/28
Issac Ervin 5/14
Blake Jameson 5/14
Amelia Wright 5/17



Let us run to Mary, and, as her little children,
cast ourselves into her arms with a perfect
confidence.

--Saint Francis de Sales

Weekend Collections Apr 29-30

General Collections	\$1,745.00
Capital Improvement	150.00
TOTAL	\$1,895.00
Special Collection	\$345.00

Daily Mass Readings—May 7—13*

Sunday	Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
Monday	Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday	Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday	Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday	Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
Friday	Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday	Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

*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>May</i>	Laura Rodriguez	Laura Rodriguez
<i>June</i>	Mary Feichtinger	Sherri Moe

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Family**

*Daily Readings, Daily Prayer of the Day, Bulletins,
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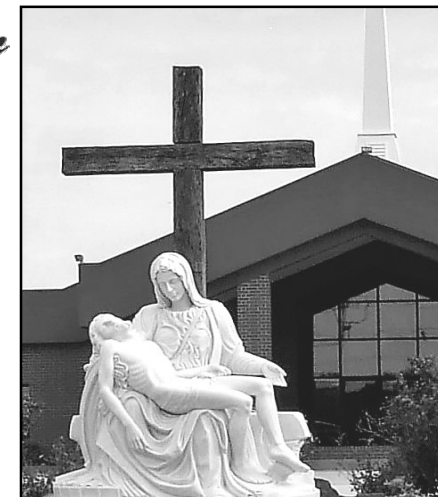
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MASS TIMES

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 146-147**

**Vatican II Hymnal
Pages 491-492**

