

May 18, 2025  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

We are in Year C of the Lectionary, which is the Year of Luke but, with the exception of the Solemnity of the Ascension, the Gospel for each Sunday of Easter is from John. Last Sunday we saw the Good Shepherd passage of chapter 10. From today onward, the story arcs toward the Last Discourse, Jesus' lengthy prayer and teaching to his disciples before his arrest, trial and crucifixion. But didn't we just celebrate that on Holy Week?

The idea of placing chapters 13 through 17 of John on the final Sundays of Easter has less to do with revisiting the Passion event and more to do with the content of the Last Discourse. Jesus is concerned that his disciples continue his legacy after he has returned to his Father. And what is that legacy? Love, unity, and the Holy Spirit! Today's Gospel is about love, Jesus' new commandment.

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. . . My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another. . . This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

This commandment is "new" because it is grounded not in the love commands of the Old Testament tradition – for example, Leviticus 19:18, "love your neighbor as yourself." Rather, the love of which Jesus speaks is his total selfless, life-giving love that he offered on the Cross – a love that will live on in the world through the total, selfless, life-giving love of Jesus' disciples – namely us!

In the Second Reading from the Book of Revelation: I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. . . I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying: "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. . . He will wipe every tear from their eyes. . . for the old order has passed away." The One who sat on the throne said: "Behold, I make all things new."

The word "new" appears six times in today's readings! Jesus' commandment is new because his love surpasses all previous understanding of that word.

Love is a word that can be used cheaply and meaninglessly in our modern world. Young people grapple to understand what love is about. Older folks often take love for granted. It's time for something new: Jesus' vision for love, his commandment to "love one another as I have loved you." And we are reminded of his selfless, life-giving love every time we pray the Sign of the Cross.

—Reflection by Ken Canedo at <https://www.ocp.org/>

**Bless us with Love, O Merciful God;  
That we may Love as you Love!  
That we may show patience, tolerance,  
Kindness, caring and love to all!  
Give me knowledge; O giver of Knowledge,  
That I may be one with my Universe and Mother Earth!  
O Compassionate One, grant compassion unto us;  
That we may help all fellow souls in need!  
Bless us with your Love O God.  
Bless us with your Love. Amen.**



May is devoted to Mary, Queen of Heaven, providing an opportunity to focus on our relationship with the Holy Mother of Christ. As our mother, Mary has much to teach us and endless love to give. The month of May is one rich in tradition and a beautiful time of the year to honor our heavenly mother.

**\*Breakfast in May\* will be provided by the Men's Club to celebrate our parish Mothers this Sunday.**

**Sunday, May 18th, after 8:30 a.m. Mass**  
Visitors Welcome!

**Per Fr. Donovan's request, we are suspending the Parish Council Elections until after he comes on board in July!**

**Thank you to those that were nominated for being willing to serve the needs of our parish.**

*Jesus, I Trust in You!*

**The Holy Cross Catholic Charities Mobile Food Pantry**



**Thursday, May 22nd,  
10 a.m.—Noon**  
Food Boxes Available & Distributed while supplies last using a drive-through format.

Contact Earlyne, if you can volunteer to help.

**Parish Council Meeting  
Tuesday, May 27 @ 6:30 p.m.**

Parishioners should contact a Parish Council member, if you have a suggestion/concern to be addressed by the council.

**Ascension of the Lord, Thurs., May 29, 6 p.m.**  
**Confirmations of Holy Cross Youth and Mass**  
will be celebrated by Bishop Konderla

Please continue to pray for an end to abortion and the protection and sanctity of all human life.

**Unable to Attend Weekend Mass?**

Don't miss out on receiving the bulletin! The weekly bulletin is always available each week on the Holy Cross website; also, if you would like to receive the weekly bulletin via a Flocknote email each week, please sign up in the foyer or notify Kay or Karol.

**Altar Flower Fund**

M&M greatly appreciates your continued support of the ongoing Altar Flower Fund that financially assists with the purchase of flowers to decorate the altar each weekend during Ordinary Time.

The group is asking that parishioners sponsor a weekend in memory/honor of a loved one by donating \$25 to this Flower Fund.

To sponsor a weekend, please complete a Flower Fund envelope (available in the vestibule) and place the completed envelope and payment in the collection basket.

Also, thank you to the "M&M ladies" who decorate our lovely church each week throughout the year.

**Mass Ministers**

	<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Eucharistic Min</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Servers</i>
<b>Sat 5/17—5 pm</b>	Laura Rodriguez	Judy Helms	Karol Watson	
	Paul Rodriguez	Richard Helms		
<b>Sun 5/18—8:30 am</b>	Heather Jordan	Rosemary Brauner	Chris Holland	Carlos, Liam, Aceah,
	Eric Jordan	Mike Hickman		& Makenna
<b>Sat 5/24—5 pm</b>	Judy Helms	Dorene McMahan	Kay Rodriguez	
	Richard Helms	Mike McMahan		
<b>Sun 5/25—8:30 am</b>	Chris Holland	Katzy Hale	Paul Stuart	Carlos, Liam, Elizabeth,
	Mike Hickman	Elaine Hall		& Amelia



**Next Jubilee Pilgrimage is the National Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage**  
This final cross-country Eucharistic pilgrimage will be traveling through Eastern Oklahoma on May 30-31. Named the St. Katharine Drexel Route, it begins in Indianapolis, coming through Oklahoma, on its way to Los Angeles.

**Local events include:  
Friday, May 30**

**11:30-12:30 pm—Opening Mass at Sacred Heart in Miami**  
**4:00-8:00 pm—Eucharistic Procession thru Midtown & Downtown Tulsa**  
**8:00-10:00 pm—Eucharistic Festival at Holy Family Cathedral**  
**May 30—May 31**  
**8:00 pm-9:00 am—All-night Adoration at Holy Family Cathedral**  
**May 31**  
**10:00-11:00 am—Closing Mass at Holy Family Cathedral**  
**2:00-3:00 pm—Handoff of the Eucharist at St. Gregory's Abbey in Shawnee**

**All events are free and open to the public, but organizers ask that participants register in advance so they can plan accordingly for the expected number of people.**

**Register at [www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org](http://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org). To learn about volunteer opportunities or for more info., text or call 918-697-9763.**

**Jubilee Year of Hope  
Quote from a Saint of Hope**

**"Hope is the beacon that shines in the darkness reminding us of God's love."  
—St. Bonaventure**



*Blessed are they that Hope in 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 to the world. As your disciples, help us love others, pray for all souls, proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and bring all people into the fullness of your Kingdom. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen!

*May*

*Altar Linens*

*Carolyn Greer*

### Offerings from May 10-11

General Weekend Collections	\$2,282.24
Capital Improvement Fund	90.00
Building Projects Fund	.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,372.24</b>
2nd Collection for Pro-Life	\$326.00

*Your Generosity & Support is Always Appreciated!*

### Happy Birthday!

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



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Author of inclusive works for inquisitive young minds

### This Week's Daily Readings—May 18-24

Sunday	Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
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**

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

*Andrew Higginbottom      Kendall Woodard*  
*Craig Dorsey                  Anthony Guariglia*

### FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING

Jean Podeyn, sister of Jackie Spieker  
Judy Wright, parishioner  
Becky Harding, parishioner  
Hope Watson, parishioner  
John Spieker, husband of Jackie Spieker  
Marie Herndon, parishioner  
Geraldine Wallace  
Bill Scrimsher, parishioner

**WE PRAY TO THE LORD**



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*Also, **Sign Up** in the foyer to receive a copy of the bulletin each weekend in your email!*



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### MASS TIMES

**Saturday Vigil — 5:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday — 8:30 a.m.**  
**2nd Sunday (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**  
**1st Wed. of the Month — 6:30 p.m.**

### CONFESSIONS

**30 minutes before weekend Masses**  
**Or by appointment/request**

### BIBLE STUDY

**Wednesday mornings — 9:15 a.m.**

### THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

**Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35**

**Breaking Bread Book**  
**Pages 160-161**

**Vatican II Hymnal**  
**Pages 494-495**



**WELCOME VISITORS & NEW PARISHIONERS!**