

May 25, 2025
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Move Through the Cross

One of my favorite lines from the Rule of Benedict reads: "As we progress in this way of life and in faith, we shall run on the path of God's commandments, our hearts overflowing with the inexpressible delight of love."

God created our hearts to overflow with the inexpressible delight of love. In today's Gospel, Jesus highlights two characteristics of Christian love: generosity and courage.

Jesus calls his followers to love **generously**. Jesus tells the disciples, "If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father ..." This type of generous, expansive love can be really challenging to practice. Of course, we want our beloved friends to live into the fullness of their callings. We know that their whole purpose in life does not revolve around us. Other people are not ours to possess. Still, the departure of a dear friend can evoke difficult feelings. How will the relationship change when we are not together every day? Will we still be as close?

It's easy to imagine the disciples asking difficult relational questions as their dear friend Jesus prepares to be assumed into heaven. Still, a generous spirit and a hurting heart can coincide in one body. Jesus calls the disciples to move through this transition with generosity. Rejoice that I have accomplished my life's work. Rejoice that I am going to the Father. Rejoice that I will take you with me, for where I am you will also be.

Jesus calls his followers to love **courageously**. Jesus tells the disciples, "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." Now, I don't think Jesus expects his followers to never feel these profoundly human emotions. The Son of God knows better than anyone that hard things happen. Hearts get hurt. Sin and suffering remain strong forces in our world even with the promises of Easter. Abbot John Klassen, OSB, of Saint John's Abbey spoke powerfully to this reality on Good Friday when he said: "We can never really know the resurrection of Christ if we drive around the cross."

To get to resurrection, we must move through the cross. Suffering and death, hope and resurrection, are always part of the same story. Jesus calls us to move through the crosses of our lives with courage. Courage does not erase suffering. Rather courage recognizes human hardship and says: move forward anyway. Feel troubled and move forward anyway. Feel afraid and move forward anyway. You can do it. You are never alone. My Spirit is with you always.

—Reflection by Jessie Bazan at <https://uscatholic.org/>

Love
each other
as I have
loved you.
John 15:12



*We Pray for Those That Gave Their Lives
for Our Freedom!
And Pray for Those Currently Serving in the
Military*

Andrew Higginbottom Kendall Woodard

Craig Dorsey Anthony Guariglia

Memorial Day Prayer

Father in Heaven,
Bring us peace and make us peacemakers.
Grant us the courage to work for your Kingdom
so that justice can flourish in our world.
In your mercy, gather in all of the brave men and
women
who have given their lives so we can be free.
Let them live forever with you in heaven
freed from pain in your loving embrace.
Comfort their families,
who have also sacrificed for us.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.

**The Parish Council Elections has been
suspended until after Fr. Donovan's arrival**

Ascension of the Lord, Thursday, May 29th

Confirmations and Mass @ 6 p.m.

will be celebrated by Bishop Konderla

Reception to follow in the Parish Hall

***Congratulations
to Holy Cross' five confirmands!***

"We are disciples of Christ, and Christ precedes.
The world needs His light. Humanity needs Him as
the bridge in order to be reached by God and by
His love. Help us, all of you, one for another, to
build bridges with dialogue, with encounter,
uniting together to be one people, always in
peace."

**POPE LEO XIV, FROM HIS FIRST ADDRESS AFTER HE
WAS ELECTED THE 267TH BISHOP OF ROME, MAY 8,
2025**

Ministers for Mass

Please consider volunteering to serve as a Mass
minister, especially as a server at the Sat. Vigil or as an
usher for the Sunday Mass. Please contact Mary
Feichtinger @ 303-519-0605, if interested in serving,
or if you are not able to serve on your scheduled date.

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.



**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**

Saturday, 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. To learn about
volunteer opportunities or for more info., text or call 918-
697-9763.**

MASS INTENTION

**May 30 For **Jim Odom (in remembrance of his
wedding anniversary)***

by Ashleigh Berry

Mass Ministers

	<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Eucharistic Min</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Servers</i>
Sat 5/24—5 pm	Judy Helms	Dorene McMahan	Kay Rodriguez	
	Richard Helms	Mike McMahan		
Sun 5/25—8:30 am	Chris Holland	Katzy Hale	Paul Stuart	Carlos, Liam, Elizabeth,
	Mike Hickman	Elaine Hall		& Amelia
Sat 5/31—5 pm	Kay Rodriguez	Sherri Moe	Judy Helms	Larry Chekofsky
	Mary Feichtinger	Charlie Moe		
Sun 6/1—8:30 am	Heather Jordan	Raydean Yoder	Chris Holland	Carlos, Liam, Kaygan,
	Eric Jordan	Seth Yoder		& Amelia

Jubilee Year of Hope
Quote from the Bible on Hope
"Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer."
—Romans 12:12

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!

June	Altar Linens	Kay Rodriguez
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Offerings from May 17-18 (last week's collection) will be available next week

General Weekend Collections	\$.00
Capital Improvement Fund	\$.00
Building Projects Fund	.00
TOTAL	\$.00

Your Generosity & Support is Always Appreciated!

Happy Birthday!

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



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This Week's Daily Readings—May 25-31	
Sunday	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29
Monday	Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday	Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday	Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20
Friday	Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday	Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56
*Daily Readings (and link to full biblical text) also available on Holy Cross Website: www.holycross-wagoner.org	

"Mary, give me your Heart: so beautiful, so pure, so immaculate; your Heart so full of love and humility that I may be able to receive Jesus in the Bread of Life and love Him as you love Him and serve Him in the distressing guise of the poor." --Blessed Mother Teresa

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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May 25, 2025 Sixth Sunday of Easter

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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 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

Breaking Bread Book
Pages 162-163

Vatican II Hymnal
Pages 498-500

WELCOME VISITORS & NEW PARISHIONERS!