

ST. JOSEPH'S—Auburn, ST. CLARA'S—Peru

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May 13, 2012

Sixth Sunday of Easter

LOVE ONE ANOTHER



Cancer, diabetes, AIDS or heart disease will never destroy the human race, but the assumption we can solve problems by violence can easily ruin us. Jesus said, “Remain in my love. Keep my commands...I tell you this that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete.” Violence and fear come from hate, but peace and joy come from love; they are fruits of God’s Spirit. We do not fear even disease because of Christ. After all, what would we have to lose?

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR May 14 – 20, 2012

Mon	7:30 a.m.	+Scott Mann
Tues	7:00 a.m.	
Wed	1:30 p.m.	(Good Sam.)
	6:30 p.m.	(Vigil) +Herman Obermeyer by Rita
Thurs	7:00 a.m.	Ascension of Our Lord
	5:30 p.m.	St. Clara's Kevin Reiman & family by Margaret
Fri	7:30 a.m.	Judy Prevette & family
Sat.	5:30 p.m.	+Francis Reiff
Sun.	8:30 a.m.	+Elsie Stemper by Family
	10:30 a.m.	<i>People of our parishes</i>

Thursday is the ASCENSION OF OUR LORD, a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass schedule is listed above. Please remind one another

Daily Gospel Readings: Mon: **St. Matthias** JN 15:9-17; Tues: JN 16:5-11; Wed: JN 16:12-15; Thurs: **Ascension of the Lord** JN 16:16-20; Fri: JN 16:20-23; Sat: JN 16:23b-28; Sun: JN 17: 11b-19

Stewardship Report: May 6, 2012

	<u>St Joseph's</u>	<u>St. Clara's</u>
Adult Tithe	\$1810.00	\$475.00
Loose Plate	17.27	110.00
Rectory Support	1078.84	\$585.00
The Register	15.00	
Reading Center	3.50	
Candles	25.51	
	\$2950.12	

WEEKEND MAY 19 & 20 MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>Sat. 5:30 PM</u>	<u>Sun., 8:30 AM</u>	<u>Sun., 10:30 AM</u>
Lector	Lorie Volkmer	Barb Decker	Kathleen Young
Acolyte	Mike Steadman		Jim Flaherty
Servers	Hayden Hall	Darian Yates	Wyatt Taylor
Gifts & Ushers	Chandler Bulmer		Colter Fulton
EMHC	Davison family	Marnell's	Boellstorff family
Rosary	Lorie Volkmer		Lorie Volkmer
Flowers	Lana Fulton		Joyce Reich

CONFESSIONS
 Saturday – 4:00-5:15 p.m.
 Sunday – before Mass
 Every Weekday:
 Before daily Mass
 For confessions and spiritual direction by appointment, call the rectory: 402-274-3733.

BAPTISM
 Please contact the pastor early in pregnancy for Baptismal instructions.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
 Call 402-274-3733 to request the Anointing, prayers for the sick or Holy Communion at home.

MARRIAGE
 Please contact pastor 6 months before planned marriage.

NEW OR MOVING ?
 Please let us know.
 Registration forms are in church on the bulletin board or call.

PRAYER CHAIN CONTACT
 Deb Kubik @ 402-274-5075 or mk71951@gmail.com;
 Joyce Reich @ 402-274-5561 jreich2@unl.edu



Prayer Intentions: Kevin Reiman & family; Repose of the Soul of Frances Reiff;
Seminarians: Mark Francis Ruhl, Mount St. Mary, Theology 2

PLEASE NOTE: Confirmation Class will have it's first meeting next Sunday, May 20. Students in grades 3, 4 & 5 of this year and any others will meet in the church basement from 9:00 -10:15 a.m.

2012 Charity & Stewardship Appeal

A blessed thank you to everyone who gave a gift this past weekend to the Bishop's Charity and Stewardship, (DDP) Appeal. Our parish goal is 100% participation. Each and every person's gift is important. For those who have not made a pledge, please join us in supporting the vital programs and services throughout the Diocese of Lincoln, that no single individual or parish can offer. Your gift to the Bishop's Charity and Stewardship, (DDP) Appeal supports the ministries and services in this diocese from which you and this parish benefit. If you have not made a pledge to this appeal please consider doing so this weekend. Thank you for your generosity and your support of the Bishop's Charity and Stewardship, (DDP) Appeal.

Deborah Steadman sent us a letter that is on the bulletin board asking for some support this summer for a program she is part of with Campus Crusade for Christ. She is the daughter of Michael & Michelle from St. Joseph's Parish and is attending Peru State College. She is seeking your prayerful and financial support.

Our 2012 High School Graduates

- Natasha Bradley
- Amanda Butler
- Tess Crotty
- Jacqueline Frary
- Grant Leslie
- Amy Mann
- Kelsey Nutt
- Kendall Victor
- Brenden Volkman
- Hannah Wynn

Charity & Stewardship Appeal

2011 Report

	<u>St. Joseph's:</u>	<u>St. Clara's:</u>
Pledges	107	20
Total Pledged	\$22,855	\$4,345
Total Paid	19,360	3,625
Outstanding	3,495	720
Rebate	2,282	570

Thank you for sharing your Time, Talent and Treasure!!!

End of Year CCD/Godparent Picnic

Everyone is invited to the End of Year picnic Wednesday, May 16. It starts at 6:30 with the Mass of the Ascension of Jesus. Then hot dogs and fun for all! If you could, bring a side dish according to the first letter of your last name: A-H: Salads, I-Q: Chips, R-Z: Desserts. See you there!!!

FLOWERS AT ST. JOSEPH'S

Thanks to Joyce Reich for her help with the flowers inside and outside of the church. A sign up sheet and information is available in the vestibule (entryway) of the church. Please sign up.

**St. Anne's Prayer Circle
 Wed., May 23 @ 2 PM**

St. Joseph's Church basement

MAY MEETING AND EVENTS

- 13 Graduation
- Mother's Day
- 16 CCD picnic
- 17 ASCENSION Thursday – Holy Day
- 20 K of C Breakfast (*proceeds to Holy Cross Cemetery*)
- 27 PENTECOST
- 28 Memorial Day

SKY Camp for students entering grades 6-9 in the Fall 2012. The cost for each of the 9 camps beginning May 29 (last camp June 23) is \$90. For information, a promotional video or to register go to: www.dioceseoflincoln.org/FamilyLifeOffice/ then click on Youth Ministries and Sky Kamp or call: 402-488-2040

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IN CHURCH:

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THE PENTECOST NOVENA
(ORIGINAL NINE DAYS) BEGINS ON
THURSDAY.

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VOTER'S GUIDE
for Serious Catholics

The five non-negotiables are:
Abortion
Euthanasia
Embryonic Stem Cell Research
Human Cloning
Homosexual "Marriage"

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One More Soul
"Prove, God...And He Did"
DVD by Patty Schneier

Meals on Wheels Signup

There are MANY spots still available for Meals on Wheels delivery in June. Please call or email Lorie if you can help out. It doesn't require a large amount of time for this worthwhile cause.

Questions – call or email Lorie Volkmer
(402.274.3648 or

lorievolkmer@windstream.net

Campin With the Marians for girls entering 6 – 9th grades next Fall at Camp Kateri, June 28 thru July 1. \$135 per camper. Registration due June 12. See the bulletin board in the back of church for additional information.

PROCEEDS FROM THIS MONTH'S BREAKFAST ON THE 20TH WILL GO TO THE HOLY CROSS CEMETERY. Come let the Knights of Columbus cook for you that morning. Hope to see you there.



Totus Tuus, July 15 – 20

Sixth Sunday of Easter



Prayer to Go Forth and Bear Fruit

Ever-living God,
your Son Jesus laid down his life
for ours,
and called us not slaves, but friends.
Help us to honor his sacrifice
by going forth and bearing fruit
that endures,
that gladdens people's hearts,
and nourishes them
for right thinking and action.
Give us sure hope in the Resurrection.
We ask this through our Lord
Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday, May 13, 2012

Joy and Friendship: The Final Commandment

Today's Readings: Acts 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48; Psalm 98:1, 2–3, 3–4 (See 2b); 1 John 4:7–10; John 15:9–17. Today Jesus tells his friends his purpose in coming: “that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete” (15:11). Because Jesus set his eyes set on joyful loving, he endured the cross; the Passion wasn't redemptive simply because it was painful. Suffering and joy seem like strange companions, but Jesus promises we can both suffer and be joyous.

We may not think of ourselves as being God's delight, but that seems to be what Jesus says. We are more often filled with doubt or self-recrimination, and that must grieve the heart of God. Furthermore, Jesus calls those gathered for

his Last Supper not servants but friends (15:15), and we know from the beloved Lenten story of raising Lazarus what friendship with him means. It gives us the freedom to speak as plainly as Martha did (“there will be a stench!”). It motivates us to act not from fear as a slave might, but from eagerness to please a friend.

Indeed, Jesus does not ask for brilliance, daring exploits, or superhuman feats. Instead, he commands, “Abide in my love,” enjoying a restful peace and security. His commandment is not to jump through hoops, trying to please, but to love each other. Not that it's easy. Loving can be fraught with difficulty. But it bears eternal fruit.



This Week at Home

Monday, May 14

Feast of Saint Matthias

Today's Readings: Acts 1:15–17, 20–26; Psalm 113:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8 (8); John 15:9–17. All we know about Matthias is found in today's reading from Acts: he is chosen by prayer and by lots to replace Judas, taking up the mission Jesus gave the apostles. We also are called to walk with the Lord Jesus and to witness to his Resurrection.

Tuesday, May 15

Saint Isidore (1070–1130)

Today's Readings: Acts 16:22–34; Psalm 138:1–2ab, 2cde–3, 7c–8 (7c); John 16:5–11. Born in Madrid, Saint Isidore, whose optional memorial we may celebrate today, was a simple peasant who lived an ordinary life, working for a large landowner. He was known for generosity to those poorer than himself. One of the few canonized saints who was married, Isidore and his wife Maria are patron saints of farmers. At meals today, give thanks for farmers who grow our food.

Wednesday, May 16

How Could We Ever Repay?

Today's Readings: Acts 17:15, 22–18:1; Psalm 148:1–2, 11–12, 13, 14 (Alleluia); John 16:12–15. During the tragic shooting in Tucson, Arizona, in January of 2011, some made heroic efforts to protect others, and died doing so. Imagine being a survivor whose spouse or friend died saving your life. You would want to live in a way that honored the person and the gift. Christ gave his life to save ours. The Spirit of truth in today's Gospel can show us how to make some small repayment in our lives.

Thursday, May 17

If Celebrating the Ascension Today

Today's Readings: Acts 1:1–11; Psalm 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9 (6); Ephesians 1:17–23 or 4:1–13; Mark 16:15–20. Today's solemnity is not about Jesus' absence or about saying good bye, but

rather his continued presence among us. Ephesians 1:23 explains that Christ fills the universe, so we must learn to expect him at every turn. It's a great day for a picnic or procession, burning incense, and celebratory music.

If Celebrating the Ascension Next Sunday:

Today's Readings: Acts 18:1–8; Psalm 98:1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4 (Alleluia); John 16:16–20. Today's reading from Acts gives us a fascinating window on Paul's missionary work: the people he met, how he supported himself, his frustrations, and his successes with those who "came to believe." Coming to believe ever more deeply is a lifelong process. Where are you in that process this year?

Friday, May 18

Saint John I

Today's Readings: Acts 18:9–18; Psalm 47:2–3, 4–5, 6–7 (8a); John 16:20–23. Pope John, whose optional memorial we may celebrate today, served from 523 to 526. He walked a difficult line between his own orthodoxy and Theodoric, ruler of Italy, who embraced the Arian heresy. Theodoric sent him to Constantinople to persuade the Byzantine Emperor to soften his harsh treatment of Arians in that region. On his return John was imprisoned at Ravenna, where he died. Jesus' words in today's Gospel would have given comfort: "So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice" (16:22).

Saturday, May 19

Joy after Sorrow

Today's Readings: Acts 18:23–28; Psalm 47:2–3, 8–9, 10 (8a); John 16:23b–28. In today's Gospel, Jesus promises his disciples that joy will eventually eclipse suffering, just as the joy of a child coming into the world replaces the pain of childbirth. He says, "On that day you will ask nothing of me" (16:23). But in the meantime, we will need to ask for help, and he invites us to ask the Father in his name. "Ask and you will receive . . ." (24).

