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**May 2, 2021**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

*A big thank you to all those that helped work on the drainage project in the front of the church this weekend!*

**Mary & Martha Society Meeting  
Wednesday, May 12, at 6:30 p.m.**

This is the last meeting until September. Please bring finger food/pot luck item to share. New officers for the coming year are: Kathy Gordon, President; Sherry Ruyle, Vice-President; Kay Rodriguez, Secretary; and Sherri Moe, Treasurer

Outgoing officers: Elsa Kuehn, Kendra Kuehn-Smith, Carolyn Greer, and Dorene McMahan — your service is greatly appreciated!

*All Women of the Parish Welcome!*

**Parish Council Meeting  
Tues., May 18 @ 5:30 p.m.**

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

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

**Special Collection Next Weekend, May 8/9  
for Pro-Life**

**Collections from Apr. 24-25**

Weekend Collections	<b>\$1,632.00</b>
Capital Improvements	<b>100.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,732.00</b>
Special Collect--National Missions	<b>338.00</b>

**Reflection of the Week by Fr. Leo Ahanotu**

The parable in today's gospel challenges us with the kind of relationship we should have with Christ and with one another. Christ said, "I am the vine, and you are the branches." The parable refers to the relationship Christ wishes to have with His disciples – an interconnectedness where the branches (disciples) get life from the Vine (Christ) and support another too. Let us not forget that branches emanate from other branches, which leads to many branches from the same tree. Hence, McCarthy (*New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies*, 1999) described the vine branches as a supportive community, thereby reminding us that Christians should live as a community that relates well with Christ and with one another. Of course, the love of God and one another is the greatest commandment. Today's parable metaphorically explains it very well.

The bad Apostle, Judas, and many Judases in the world today come to my mind when I think of Christ's expression that anyone who does not remain in Him will wither. The self-serving attitude of Judas and his odious relationship with Christ and with the other apostles and how he died is a known story. Therefore, we pray that we may not be among the Judases in the world today, but Christians who relate well with God and one another.

*Fr. Leo*

**WAGONER AREA NEIGHBORS DONATIONS**

Please remember our local families in need by donating food and personal items to the **Wagoner Area Neighbors**. Currently, they are in need of personal items such as, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, etc. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Please place donated items in the box in the vestibule.

	Readers	Servers
May 1	Kay Rodriguez	
May 2	Mark Sorell	Max Herndon Kinney Herndon Kinley Herndon
May 8	Judy Helms	
May 9	Paul Stuart	Carlos Sorell Liam Wright

**In Christ, We Will Bear Much Fruit**

Through faith in Christ's sacrifice for us, we are connected to the risen Savior as a branch is connected to a grapevine. The result of being connected to Jesus is that we will now bear fruit. The fruit of a Christian is a life of love. Out of thanks for God's love, we now seek to love others in many ways, including telling them the good news of Christ. As believers, we seek to show love, not only in what we say, but also in what we do.

**Dignity for All Human Life**

*In a world in which those who are most vulnerable are so often overlooked and disregarded, Christ calls us to embrace and uphold the unconditional dignity of every human life. In answering this call, we help to build "a new culture of life, the fruit of the culture of truth and of love" (Evangelium vitae 77). May the Holy Spirit continually renew us as we strive to faithfully defend God's gift of life.*

**Pro-Life Sunday is Mother's Day,  
May 9th**

**Please consider a donation to:  
Birthright of Tulsa & Go Life Mobile  
Medical**

Partnering to provide lifesaving care for expectant mothers and their babies

INFORMATION ABOUT: Pregnancy, Childbirth, Adoption, Prenatal Care, Community Programs, Parenting Skills, Child Care

REFERRALS FOR: Medical Support, Financial Resources, Housing, Legal, Social Assistance, Professional Counseling

*Donation remittance envelopes are available in the vestibule or donate online, at [Dioceseoftulsa.org/second-collections](http://Dioceseoftulsa.org/second-collections)*

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**Breaking Bread Book  
Pages 155-156**

**Daily Mass Readings—May 2-8\***

Sunday	Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
Monday	1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
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](http://www.holycross-wagoner.org)**

*Happy Birthday!*



Dcn. Jim Ruyle 5/2  
 Greg Troxel 5/6  
 Jim Marsh 5/14

*"Pray for us that we may be a sign of the love of Christ for our people."*

— Blessed Stanley Rother

**MASS TIMES**

**Saturday Vigil — 5:00 pm**

**Sunday — 8:30 am**

**Tuesday & Friday — 5:00 pm**

**Wednesday & Thursday — 8:30 am**

**First Sat. of Each Month — 8:30 am**

**ADORATION AND BENEDICTION**

**Friday following 5:00 pm Mass**

**CONFESSIONS**

**Saturday** 4:30 to 4:50 pm  
**Sunday** 8:00 to 8:20 am  
 or by appointment/request

**Weddings**—Please contact the Pastor at least 6 months prior to your anticipated date

**Baptisms**—Please contact the Pastor for Preparation

**Youth Religious Education Classes** are held each Sunday morning following 8:30 a.m. Mass.

**Bulletin Deadline**  
**Wednesday 8pm**

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

**FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING**

Jerry Hickman, brother of Mike Hickman  
 Jean Podeyn, sister of Jackie Spieker  
 Paula Moore, parishioner  
 Mark Mason, 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>	Kathy Gordon	Kendra Kuehn-Smith
<i>June</i>	Sherry Ruyle	Sherri Moe

**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](http://www.holycross-wagoner.org) &  
 Holy Cross Catholic Church - Wagoner OK (FB)

**Whatever you do** for your family, for your children, for your husband, for your wife  
**you do for Jesus—Mother Teresa**

**Finding solutions for your financial need.**



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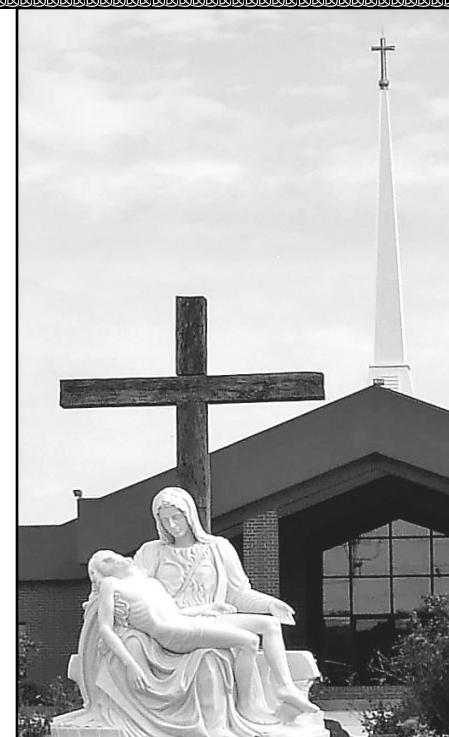


*Holy Cross Catholic Church*



*Holiness - Disciples - Community*  
*Wagoner, Oklahoma*

*May 2, 2021*  
*Fifth Sunday of Easter*



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