

***The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph
December 26, 2021***

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**The Feast of the Holy family
of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph – December 26th, 2021**



Today is the feast day of the Holy Family, but also every family's feast day, since the Holy Family is the patron and model of all Christian families. Today should be a huge family feast, since it is devoted entirely to the Holy Family as a model for the Christian family life.

The children must learn to see in their father the foster-father St. Joseph, and the Blessed Mother as the perfect model for their own mother. The lesson to be learned is both practical and theoretical, in that the children must learn how to obey and to love their parents in thought, word and action, just as Christ was obedient to Mary and Joseph. Helping mother in the kitchen and in the housework and helping father in his odd jobs about the home thus take on a new significance by being performed in a Christ-like spirit.

Marriage is too often conceived as the sacrament which unites a man and a woman to form a couple. In reality, marriage establishes a family, and its purpose is to increase the number of the elect, through the bodily and spiritual fecundity of the Christian spouses.

1. Every marriage intends children. Although Mary and Joseph were not united in a carnal way, their marriage is a true marriage: an indissoluble, exclusive union, wholly subordinated to the child. Mary and Joseph are united only in order to bring Jesus into the world, to protect and raise him. They have only one child, but he contains the whole of mankind, even as Isaac, an only child, fulfilled the promise made to Abraham of a countless progeny.

2. The purpose of every marriage is to establish a Christian family. The Holy Family observed the religious laws of Israel; it went in pilgrimage to Jerusalem every year with other Jewish families (Lk. 2:41). Jesus saddens and amazes his father and his mother because to their will and company he prefers "to be in his Father's house". Thus, it may happen that God's will obliges the family to make disconcerting sacrifices. Yet every Christian family must live in harmony and in prayer, which are the pledges of joy and union.

3. "He remained obedient to them." Jesus was God. And through the fullness of grace Mary stood above Joseph. Nevertheless — if we except the event in the Temple — Joseph remained the head of the family; he took the initiative (as when the Holy Family fled to Egypt), and in Nazareth Jesus obeyed his parents.

*Last 3 paragraphs are Excerpted
from Bread and the Word, A.M. Roguet*



From Fr. Vincent's Desk:

Merry Christmas to you all

As you gather together with your families during this important annual Christian festivity, I would like to wish you all a blessed and Merry Christmas. May God bless you and keep you all safe.



Thank you to all who donated poinsettias at St. Joseph Church in Wisner this Christmas! Shane & Tammie Batenhorst Family in memory of Beata Batenhorst; Tim & Joyce Stalp in memory of Wayne and Mary Wiese, Robert and Illa Stalp, and Joshua Stalp; Kathy Albers in memory of Herb Albers; Pam Brockemeier and Ben Huber in memory of Glen Huber; Rick & Sarah Jacobs Family in memory of Ralph & Irma Donner; Todd & Holly Schroeder; Matt Albers & Justin Reifert; The Borgmann Family in memory of Abigail Borgmann; Del & Bonnie Styskal in memory of Edwin and Edna Knievel, John and Floyd Semmons, & Leonard Styskal; Linda & Larry Hansen in memory of George & Marcella Koester, Doug Koester, John & Adala Koester, and Leonard & Ricky Adams; Bob & Judy Feller in memory of Bill and Clara Feller & Leo and Dolores Rief; Mark & Martha Schweers in memory of Vincent & Catherine Ulrich; Gary & Carmen Godbersen in memory of Wayne Godbersen; Steve & Annie McManigal in memory of deceased Family Members; Dave & Carol Oligmueller in memory of Jayda Oligmueller and Norbert Ruskamp; Sally & Alan Harms in memory of Rudolph and Donna Harms & William and Laura Winter; Dianne Dixon Family in memory of Jack Dixon; Chris & Lori Ruskamp in memory of Mary Jo Barent & Norbert Ruskamp; Dave & Barb Deitloff and Fred & Kay Schultz in memory of Francis Oligmueller, Jim Sapp, Bill and Hannah Oligmueller, & Ben and Elizabeth Wordekemper; Rus Loberg Family in memory of Melvin Loberg, Wade Loberg, & Sue Fredrickson; Terry Buderus in memory of Ron and Dan Buderus * James, June, and Peggy Holly; Arvid & Karen Hass in memory of Arvid L. & Genevieve Hass; Chad & Janet Ludwig in memory of Leonard Schmale, Darrell French, and Arven Ludwig.



Have a Blessed Christmas!

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of January 2nd

WORD:
EMHC:
PRAISE:
SERVER:
USHER:

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of January 1st & 2nd

Saturday Morning—10:00 am
LEC: Jeff Phillips
EMHC: Allison Kluthe
SERVER: Hailey Kneifl, Lindsey Kneifl
OFF: Sid Kneifl
USHER: January Men's Group

LEC: Joyce Stalp
EMHC: Sally Harms
EMHC2: Richard Schultz
SERVER: Sydney Porter, Hayden Schroeder
OFF: Chad Ludwig
USHER: January Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—December 19, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$750.00
Plate:	31.00
Children:	15.00
Immaculate Conc.:	100.00
Christmas:	1,020.00
Christmas Flowers:	185.00
Total:	\$2,101.00

MONEY COUNTERS

Sunday, Dec. 26th—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahrmer
Sunday, Jan. 2nd—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore

MEN'S WORK GROUP—January 2022

Chair: Chris Liermann
Co-Chair: Ken Duncan
Members: Marvin Seier, Greg Schlautman, Tony Lampman, AJ Kluthe, Rich Bodwell, Russ Loberg, Gavin Lampman, Alex Kluthe

HOLY CROSS 2022 DONATION ENVELOPES will be delayed into January. The company we get them from is having paper and staff shortages as well as delivery problems. Please put your donations in a regular envelope with your name or number on it along with the amount enclosed. Sorry for the inconvenience, but it is beyond our control.

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—December 19, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,255.00
Plate:	144.00
Children:	16.00
Christmas:	350.00



Celebrations:

Holy Cross Parish wishes happiness and God's blessings to the following:

Birthdays:

Michelle Borgmann December 29

Anniversaries:

Marilyn and Stan Ortmeier December 29

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE—Friday, Dec. 24th

NO MORNING MASS

Holy Cross—5:00 pm

St. Joseph—7:00 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY—Saturday, Dec. 25th

Holy Cross—8:30 am

St. Joseph—10:00 am

NO SATURDAY 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, Dec. 26th, Regular Mass Times

No Confessions in Beemer

NEW YEAR'S

Holy Cross—5:30 pm—Friday, Dec. 31st

St. Joseph—10:00 am—Saturday, Jan. 1st

NO SATURDAY 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, Jan. 2nd, Regular Mass Times



Religious Education

ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6

Grades K-6: The students spent class time rehearsing for the Christmas Program. The children did a fantastic job at the performance in the evening which was followed by a soup supper hosted by the Ladies Guild. There was even a special visit from Santa Claus. Thank you to everyone that attended making it a memorable night for the children. No classes this week due to Christmas break. Classes will resume on January 5th.

ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS (GRADES 7 -12)

Grades 7-12: There was no class due to Christmas Break and no class this coming week. Classes will resume on January 5th.

Appreciation to CCD

It was so exciting to see a wonderful Christmas presentation performed by our CCD children on Wednesday Dec. 22nd, 2021. I can't imagine the time, the skills and the dedication that took all the volunteer teachers to prepare all those kids. I want to thank Capri and Sarah, our CCD directors of our parish, together with all the volunteer teachers and parents for allowing their kids to be present here every Wednesday. Thank you to the ladies Guild and all who helped in arranging and providing soup dinner after the concert. I would like to thank also all those who decorated the church, together with Kari in playing for the children as they sang beautiful Christmas music that crowned the event. It is my prayer and wish that parents of all those kids who were present in the church that Wednesday evening will continue coming for Mass on Sundays. Merry Christmas to you all. *Fr. Vincent.*

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	27	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	28	9:30 AM	WCC	NO MASS
Wed	29	8:00 AM	HC	NO MASS
Thu	30	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Joseph Svoboda
Fri	31	9:30 AM	CHB	+ Beata Batenhorst
Fri	31	5:30 PM	HC	New Years Eve Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sat	01	10:00 AM	SJ	New Years Day + Bill Neumayer
Sat	01	5:00 PM	SJ	NO MASS
Sun	02	8:30 AM	HC	+ James V. Hetherington
Sun	02	10:00 AM	SJ	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
SJ—St. Joseph's		HC—Holy Cross		
WCC—Wisner Care Center		CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer		

ST. JOSEPH MINISTRY SCHEDULE for Jan-March is completed and copies are available in the back of church.