

## **Saint Joseph's Church**

PO Box 623

1318 Ave G West

Wisner, NE 68791

Parish Office: 529-3891

[www.stjosephwisner.org](http://www.stjosephwisner.org)

Reconciliation: Sundays after Mass  
or by appointment

## ***29th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 22nd, 2023***

**Administrator: Rev. Vincent Sunguti**

402-529-3531

Email: [vsunguti2018@gmail.com](mailto:vsunguti2018@gmail.com)

## **Holy Cross Parish**

PO Box 212

517 N Fraiser

Beemer, NE 68716

Phone: 528-3475

[www.holycrossbeemer.org](http://www.holycrossbeemer.org)

Reconciliation: Sundays  
8:00-8:20 am or by appt.

**Bulletin and Office Email: [stjo68791@gmail.com](mailto:stjo68791@gmail.com)**

### **The 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday- World Mission Sunday**



The Gospel is from *Matthew 22:15-21*. God's plan for man on earth was that he should live in the society of his fellowmen. Society must be governed, there must be authority which will direct the actions of the component members toward the common good, which common good is principally, though not exclusively, the material welfare of the

members as a whole. As his ultimate end, however, man has his spiritual welfare. This government, this temporal power to rule and direct the human groups or societies or states, comes, therefore, from God for it is his will that such societies should exist. The answer of our Lord explicitly restates this fundamental norm of the divine natural law. "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's;" the state authorities have a right to the obedience and cooperation in all things that tend to the material welfare of the state, provided always the spiritual welfare of the members is not impeded by the rulers' demands.

As a partly spiritual being man is destined to be a citizen of a spiritual eternal kingdom, and while on this earth he has the duty and the possibility of preparing himself for citizenship in that kingdom. And since this kingdom is of a higher and much more important nature, man's primary aim in life must be to reach that kingdom. He must, in other words, find out and fulfill his duties toward God; he must "give to God what is God's."

This dual citizenship of man and the dual obligations that arise from it are the common knowledge of all from the natural law but are made more explicit still in divine revelation of which today's answer, given by Christ to the Pharisees, is a precise and perfect resume. We have duties to God and duties to our country and the fulfillment of the latter is part of the fulfillment of the former. We Christians have no doubts as to our obligations under these two headings. We fulfill our duties to God by being faithful, loyal, active members of the spiritual kingdom, the Church, which Christ established on earth in order to lead us to our eternal kingdom. We fulfill our duties to our country by loyally obeying the just laws of the State, by paying all lawful taxes, and by contributing our share, whenever called on, toward the common good.

Both St. Peter (1 Pet. 2: 13-14) and St. Paul (Rom. 13: 1-7), stressed the obligation on the early Christians of being an example to all in their loyalty as citizens of the state. The same necessity obliges us too. We who know the divine, positive and natural law so much better than many others, must help to enlighten those others by our faithful observance of these laws. And our loyalty, too, will give the lie to those enemies of the faith who, in their ignorance and foolish opposition to things spiritual, are only too ready to think that loyalty to our Church and our God must of necessity make us disloyal to our country. History already has given the lie to such calumnies, for the loyal Christian has ever been the loyal citizen, but we must keep on writing such history in glaring lights of daily deeds, for there are, and there always will be, those enemies who cannot read history books.

*In courtesy of Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.*



**From Fr. Vincent's Desk:**

**Just for today: The Rosary is a  
Powerful way to Pray**

October is here and is usually dedicated to the rosary prayer. On October 7<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated Our Lady of the Rosary. There is power in the rosary and I'm sure some of you may or may have not experienced this.

In December of 1992, I had just joined the Major Seminary and after the first semester, I was on my way back home for Christmas vacation. I was using a public van popularly known as "Matatu" in Kenya. I have this habit of saying a rosary while traveling any long distance. So, I pulled out my rosary and started to pray while traveling. The driver was speeding and some passengers were complaining about it. After about half an hour of our trip, there was a terrible front wheel tire burst and we ended up rolling several times sideways into a ditch. The vehicle having no safety belts, there was 3 fatalities with so many injuries. Out of the 14 passengers that were in the van, I was the only one who survived without a single scratch of injuries and my rosary was still in my hand instinctively. This experience made me strong in the rosary prayer.

There are so many miracles and experiences that people have shared that are associated with the rosary. In this month of October especially, pray the rosary and have faith in what you are dedicating your rosary prayer to and you will see the wonders of God. Mary the mother of Jesus is alive interceding to her own sons and daughters who cry out to her through the prayer of the rosary. It is a sacred weapon and treasure of our catholic Church that sometimes we forget. *Fr. Vincent.*

### **World Mission Sunday Second Collection**

On this Sunday, we celebrate World Mission Sunday. Missionaries still do the work of evangelization to taking the Gospel where it has not yet reached. By donating, you help in training priests, nuns and brothers, you support religious sisters, empower catechist, fund medical clinics for the sick and provide homes for the orphans and children all over the world.

We will therefore have a second collection this Sunday after Holy Communion.

### **Announcement reminder for CCD Parents: Family of Faith Formation 2<sup>nd</sup> session**

Towards the beginning of September I sent you a letter about the above. Then last month, I met with a few of you and it was successful. Thank you to the parents who attended. Our next session will be on October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, in the church here at St. Joseph. We usually spend one hour with different activities including learning a new prayer and a new saint of the month, "*Lectio Divina*" and watching a faith-based video followed by discussions.

### **Welcome to St. Josephs Church and Holy Cross Parish**

We welcome all our guests and new members to our parishes. There are many opportunities for experiencing the peace and joy of our loving God in liturgy, groups, committees and volunteer service to the church. If you would like to join our parish family, contact the parish office or send an email to:

For St. Joseph—[stjo68791@gmail.com](mailto:stjo68791@gmail.com)

For Holy Cross—[renaecarlson@hotmail.com](mailto:renaecarlson@hotmail.com)

**Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer  
Weekend of October 29th**

**WORD:** Tom Peatrowsky  
**EMHC:** Brenda Anderson  
**SERVER:** Vanessa & Preston Praest

**Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner  
Weekend of October 29th**

**LEC:** Joyce Stalp  
**EMHC:** Steve Ausdemore  
**EMHC 2:** Janet Ludwig  
**SERV:** Myles Lampman, Dayton Gentrup,  
Emma Schroetlin  
**OFF:** Duane Mendlik  
**USHER:** October Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts Holy Cross—Oct. 15th, 2023	
Sunday Envelopes:	550.00
Plate:	89.00
Children:	19.00
Tithe.ly Online:	150.00
Building Fund:	100.00
Insurance:	20.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$928.00</b>

**MONEY COUNTERS**  
**Sunday, October 22nd—Team #1** Mary VonSeggern,  
Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore  
**Sunday, October 29th—Team #2** Norm Weber, Shane  
Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder

**MEN'S WORK GROUP—October 2023**  
**Chair:** Dave Oligmueller  
**Co-Chair:** Dane Miller  
**Members:** Steve McManigal, Jeff Albers, David  
Dinklage, Del Styskal, Steve Gerken

**OCTOBER MOWING GROUP—** CHAIR: Ron Guenther  
Members: Shane Combs, Jesus Pena, Robert Praest,  
Tim Oligmueller, Dan Spenner

**COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS** after Mass today. Please join  
us! There are also free books for children & adults for you  
to take home on a table down in the hall.

**THE BOOK OF REMEBRENCE** is at the entrance of Holy  
Cross now and through the month of November. Please  
write the names of loved ones you wish us to pray for dur-  
ing this time.

**CELEBRATIONS:** No birthdays/anniversaries this week.

**BEEMER HEALTH FAIR:** Friday, October 27, from 9:30  
to 11 am. At Beemer senior center, Main Street of Beemer.  
Flu shots with Medicare card, under 65 age cost \$35,  
advantage plans cost \$65. Blood pressures, blood sugars.

Stewardship of God's Gifts St. Joseph—Oct. 15th, 2023	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$3,150.00
Plate:	252.00
Children:	19.00
Tithe.ly Online:	101.31
Heating/AC:	100.00
Religious Ed:	50.00

**PANCAKE FEED:** Prom fundraiser by the W-P Jr. Class  
November 5th 10:00am– 1:00pm at the WP Elementary.  
Free Will Donation. Full details on flyer in the back of  
church.



**All Saints Day  
Mass Schedule**

**Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**

6:00 pm St. Mary's West Point  
7:00 pm St. John Howells

**Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**

7:00 am St. Mary's West Point  
8:00 am Holy Cross Beemer  
8:15 am St. Peter & St. Paul Howells  
6:00 pm St. Mary's West Point  
6:00 pm St. St Wenceslaus Dodge  
7:00 pm St. Joseph Wisner

**MARIAN APPARITION EXHIBIT**, sponsored by the Cath-  
olic Daughters, is being held in the lower level of St. Jo-  
seph's Retirement Home in West Point. Please use the  
West Door on Colfax Street to enter.

The Exhibit runs from Wednesday, October 18 to  
Tuesday, October 24 (Wednesday and Thursday from 8  
am - 7 pm; Friday from 8 am - 6 pm; Saturday - closed;  
Sunday from 8 am-Noon; Monday from 8 am - 7 pm;  
Tuesday, 8 am. - Noon)

**ST. MARY'S (WEST POINT) FAMILY FUN DAY**

"Take Me Out to the Ballgame" is Sunday November  
5th. Serving from 10:30am to 1:00pm a roast beef/pork,  
sausage, sauerkraut and dumplings dinner. Price for tick-  
ets will be \$15.00 for 12 & over and \$5.00 for 11 and un-  
der, 3 & under free. There will be a country store, raffle  
tables, cake walk, games, silent auction & a big auction  
starting at 1:00pm. Please join us.

**From Fr. Vincent's Desk Continued:  
Updates on 2023-2024 AAA (Archbishop's An-  
nual Appeal)**

Did you know this? The AAA provides the  
Archdiocesan offices with resources and funding to coach,  
consult and mentor the leaders of our parishes, schools,  
and ministries. Your donation also helps the immigrants,  
mothers in need, the poor, the elderly, those suffering from  
addiction, among many other charitable needs.

We are most grateful to all our parishioners who  
have already made a gift to the Archbishop's Annual Ap-  
peal. Our parish of St. Joseph has currently committed  
\$6,800 towards the goal of \$8,268.17. Our participation  
goal is 28% and we are currently at 12 donors.

Our other parish of Holy Cross Church, Beemer  
has currently committed \$5,170.00 towards the goal of  
\$11,396.77. Our participation goal is 49% and we are cur-  
rently at 11 donors. Thank you for your generosity.

**Religious Education**

**ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6**

**Grades K-6:** The 5<sup>th</sup> grade had their first Mass server train-  
ing with Fr. Vincent. The students recited prayers to the  
prayer personnel.

**ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS– GRADES 7-12**

**Grade 7-9: Girls:** We had a video of Lesson 3 on language  
of the body. We learned how our feelings are shown  
through the way we act and that God made us to show His  
love to each other. We prayed St. Dominic's prayer then  
joined the group in church.

**Grade 7-9: Boys:** We talked about virtue, having a prayer-  
ful life and also being what God wants us to be.

Prior to classes, Deacon Thierry gave a talk on St. Dominic  
Savio as a role model. The evening closed with Deacon  
Thierry and Fr. Vincent leading us in the Rosary.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Day	Date	Time	Location	Intention
Mon	23	—	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue	24	9:30 AM	WCC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Wed	25	8:00 AM	HC	+ Tom & Beata Prinz
Thu	26	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Bill Murphy
Fri	27	9:30 AM	CHB	+ Al Batenhorst
Sat	28	—	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
Sun	29	8:30 AM	HC	+ Marilyn Schulz
Sun	29	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Hugh McGuire

SJ—St. Joseph's HC—Holy Cross  
WCC—Wisner Care Center CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer