

Saint Joseph's Church

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Reconciliation: Sundays after Mass
or by appointment

**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 12th, 2023**

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Holy Cross Parish

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The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of Wisdom 6:12-16* and cites watchfulness as the key to a faithful religion and understanding of wisdom.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Matthew 25:1-13*. Although commentators and writers have found difficulty in explaining many of the details in this parable, the general lesson is clear enough. Our Lord described

an incident that happened or could have happened at a wedding festival in order to bring home to his listeners the need for being ever vigilant and ready in his service if they wish to avoid the calamity of being excluded from the heavenly and eternal nuptials on the last day. In the other parable in which our Lord uses a wedding feast to describe his kingdom, the lesson concerns those who refused the invitation and will not come to the wedding. Here it concerns those who gladly accepted the invitation.

Sunday Reflection

The bridegroom could come any moment to meet his bride as we see in the Gospel. The foolish virgins had no oil in their lamps but the wise virgins did. Why is that so important? The lamps represent our faith and the oil our good works. Jesus is showing us that faith without works is dead. He did not recognize the foolish virgins who wanted to borrow oil from the wise virgins. We cannot borrow the good works from others or their holy character to make it to heaven. Jesus is calling us to a deep personal relationship with Him on earth. If we are deeply loved by Him in our personal prayer life, we want to love Him back by acts of charity. We can love Jesus back by our corporal works of mercy: we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the prisoners, bury the dead, and give alms to the poor. We can also perform spiritual works of mercy by counseling the doubtful, instructing the ignorant, admonishing the sinner, comforting the sorrowful, forgiving injuries, bearing wrongs patiently, and by praying for the living and the dead. When we are merciful, we imitate Jesus and can expect a merciful judge to receive us when we die. When we lack mercy and don't help others out, we will hear "Amen, I say to you, I do not know you." That is a very hard saying. Jesus calls us all to ask for more of His Holy Spirit, His divine love, to fill our hearts with overflowing love. Then we can more readily share His love in acts of charity. This is possible if we have a vibrant prayer life. Come Holy Spirit and give me the gift of deep prayer.

Thank You, Fr. Walter

From Fr. Vincent's Desk:

AAA 2023-2024

We are grateful for all those who have already committed to the AAA in both money form and prayers too. To support the Archdiocese is to support our Church.

In addition, your generosity is a commitment to be part of the Living Body of Christ. Please prayerfully consider the gifts you have received and share a portion of your blessings with others during this time.



Saint Joseph Parish Council Members 2023-2024

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| Trevor Cyboron—Pres. | Arvid Hass |
| Carmen Godbersen | Brenda Liermann |
| Matt McGuire | Kyla Miller |
| Holly Schroeder | Chris Ruskamp |
| For contact information, please see the parish directory | |

Holy Cross Parish Council Members 2023-2024

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| Mike Guenther—Pres. | Trisha Robertson—Sec. |
| Mike Gentrup | Karen Spenner |
| Robert Praest | Michelle Borgmann |
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**West Point Parish Family
Weekend Mass Schedule:**

| Weekend Mass | Sat. | Sun. |
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| St. Boniface/St. Anthony (Until July of 2024) | 4:30 pm | |
| Sts. Peter and Paul-Howells | 5:00 pm | |
| St. Mary's-West Point | 6:00 pm | |
| St. Aloysius-Aloys | | 7:30 am |
| Holy Cross-Beemer | | 8:30 am |
| St. Wenceslaus-Dodge | | 9:00 am |
| St. Joseph-Wisner | | 10:00 am |
| St. Mary's-West Point | | 10:00 am |
| St. John Nep.-Howells | | 10:30 am |

**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
For Holy Cross—renaecarlson@hotmail.com

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of November 19th

WORD: Renae Carlson
EMHC: Dawn Peatrowsky
SERVER: Vanessa & Preston Praest

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of November 19th

LEC: Chris Ruskamp
EMHC: Janet Ludwig
EMHC 2: Capri McGuire
SERV: Erica Good, Chesney Ruskamp,
Annamae Bloedorn
OFF: Gary Godbersen
USHER: November Men's Group

| Stewardship of God's Gifts Holy Cross—Nov. 5th, 2023 | |
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| Sunday Envelopes: | \$881.00 |
| Plate: | 250.00 |
| Children: | 14.00 |
| Tithe.ly Online: | 150.00 |
| HELP/Fuel: | 200.00 |
| All Saints: | 105.00 |
| Thanksgiving: | 500.00 |
| Total: | \$2,100.00 |

MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, November 12th—Team #4 A.J. and Lindsey Burki, Chris and Brenda Liermann
Sunday, November 19th—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore

MEN'S WORK GROUP—November 2023
Chair: Tyler Oligmueller
Co-Chair: Steve Ausdemore
Members: Shane Batenhorst, Tim Phillips, Galen Minds, Jeremy Ritter, Chris Borgelt

COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS next Sunday, Nov. 19th, after Mass. Please join us!

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP starting at Holy Cross. It will start on Friday, December 1 from 6-7 am. Contact Mike Guenther 402-922-1114 for questions.

2023 ADVENT RETREAT—A free event at Holy Cross Dec. 3rd. Speaker at 4:00 pm followed by Exposition, Adoration, and Confessions. Childcare will be provided.

| Stewardship of God's Gifts St. Joseph—Nov. 5th, 2023 | |
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| Sunday Envelopes: | \$3,445.00 |
| Plate: | 110.00 |
| Children: | 29.00 |
| Tithe.ly Online: | 70.81 |
| All Saints: | 10.00 |

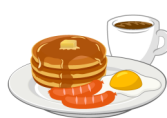


Celebrations:

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

Birthdays

Keith Anderson November 14
Rita Eichelberger November 15
Max Guenther November 16
Roy Liermann November 16



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will host a hot breakfast **TODAY**, November 12th, after Mass in the church basement. Please join them for great food and fellowship.



THE LADIES GUILD'S next meeting is Tuesday, November 14 at 4:30 in the church basement. All Ladies are welcomed to attend. The Ladies Work Group list is being updated. Each lady from the parish is encouraged to review phone numbers listed for themselves. Please contact Alison Kluthe at 402-541-6522 with any changes or if your name needs to be added. **THANK YOU!!**

The Ladies Guild Harvest Picnic Fundraiser was a huge success this year. We would like to thank everyone who participated in the Harvest Picnic in any way. This year's Harvest Picnic netted \$6,058.00 in proceeds. Again Thank You!!



Is hosting their "Surviving the Holidays" seminar. Wednesday, December 6th, from 6:00pm-8:00pm at Franciscan Healthcare in West Point. They will meet on the second floor in the Clare Conference Room. To register, contact Chaplain Tom Manhart at 402-372-6708 or tmanhart@franhealth.org.

Religious Education

ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6

Grades K-6: The 3rd grade discussed the parts of the Mass and continue to work on the Apostles Creed. They are reviewing the Steps of Reconciliation and the Prayer of Sorrow. The afternoon ended by celebrating Mass with Fr. Vincent.

ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS– GRADES 7-12

Grade 7-9: Girls: We continued the lesson on virtues and vices and discussed how we need to live a prayerful life.

Grade 7-9: Boys: Continued the lesson on Chastity, Modesty and Love.

Grades 10-12: We talked about thankfulness, and made turkey cookie decorations for the Senior Center.

All classes gathered in the basement for closing prayer.
November 22nd - No classes - Thanksgiving Break

Thanksgiving Day Mass Schedule

Wednesday, November 22, 5:00 pm
at Holy Cross, Beemer

Thursday, November 23, 9:00 am
at St. Joseph, Wisner



| MASS INTENTIONS | | | | |
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| Mon | 13 | — | — | NO MASS |
| Tue | 14 | 9:30 AM | WCC | Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of Ron & MaryAnn Wemhoff |
| Wed | 15 | 8:00 AM | HC | + Julita Fernandez |
| Thu | 16 | 8:00 AM | SJ | + Todd Lorenz |
| Fri | 17 | 9:30 AM | CHB | Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish |
| Sat | 18 | — | — | NO MASS |
| Sun | 19 | 8:30 AM | HC | + Elaine Throener |
| Sun | 19 | 10:00 AM | SJ | + Herb Albers |

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

ST. CROIX HOSPICE

ST. CROIX HOSPICE is looking for volunteers to serve our patients in the Wisner area! Please consider sharing your time and talents to provide emotional and practical support for our patients and their families. Whether it's an hour a week or an hour a month, we would love to have you!

St Croix Hospice Volunteers are provided training, support, and flexible scheduling.

For more information, please reach out to parish member, Kyla Miller, at 402-350-7916. Thank you!