

Saint Joseph's Church *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*
December 31st, 2023

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph



The primary purpose of the Church in instituting and promoting this feast is to present the Holy Family as the model and exemplar of all Christian families. 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.

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 countless progeny.

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.

"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.

In Courtesy of Fr. A.M. Roguet, OSB



| West Point Parish Family Weekend Mass Schedule: | | |
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| Weekend Mass | Sat. | Sun. |
| 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 |



From Fr. Vincent's Desk:
End and New Year's Message

What a wonderful journey it has been through the year 2023! As we reflect on the blessings, challenges, and changes, I'm grateful for the unwavering support our community has shown to our parishes. We began the year seeking blessings, and it's incredible to see how those blessings have manifested in countless ways.

The transition and collaboration among our 9 parishes in West Point have been a testament to unity and strength. Our collective efforts have allowed us to work as a family of parishes, supporting each other through our shared faith.

As we step into the new year of 2024, my hope and prayer are for the continued blessings of good health, resilience, and unwavering faith for each one of you. I'm excited about the prospect of collaborating further, working together as we have always done. Remember, I'm here to serve and support your spiritual journey, ready to assist in any way that uplifts or strengthens your faith.

In the spirit of continuous support, I extend a humble request to consider your parish in your future plans. Your ongoing support means the world to us, and your generosity helps us continue the vital spiritual work within our community.

May this upcoming year be filled with happiness, peace, and an abundance of blessings for each one of you. You'll remain in my thoughts and prayers during Mass and beyond.

Wishing you all a joyous and blessed new year in 2024!



PADRE'S PONDERINGS

A PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY from the Fifth World Meeting of Families. O God, who in the Holy Family left us a perfect model of family life lived in faith and obedience to your will. Help us to be examples of faith and love for your commandments. Help us in our mission of transmitting the faith that we received from our parents. Open the hearts of our children so that the seed of faith, which they received in Baptism, will grow in them. Strengthen the faith of our young people, that they may grow in knowledge of Jesus. Increase love and faithfulness in all marriages, especially those going through times of suffering or difficulty. United to Joseph and Mary, we ask this through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen.

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 January 7th

WORD: Doris Guenther
EMHC: Brenda Anderson
SERVER: Kris & Kim Pena

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of January 7th

LEC: Maci Batenhorst
EMHC: Tammie Batenhorst
EMHC 2: Linda Hansen
SERV: Brodrick Burki, Paislie Burki, Knoxyn Thies
OFF: Del Styskal
USHER: January Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts
Holy Cross—Dec 24th, 2023

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| Sunday Envelopes: | \$820.00 |
| Plate: | 102.00 |
| Children: | 8.00 |
| Tithe.ly Online: | 250.00 |
| Immaculate Conc.: | 25.00 |
| Christmas: | 4,400.00 |
| Christmas Flowers: | 160.00 |
| Total: | \$5,765.00 |

MONEY COUNTERS

Sunday, December 31st—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer
Sunday, January 7th—Team #2 A.J. Burki, Lindsey Burki, Chris Liermann, Brenda Liermann

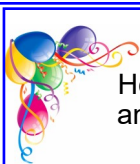
MEN'S WORK GROUP—January 2024

Chair: Jeff Recker
Co-Chair: Dan Kane
Members: Terry Soden, Ron Machacek, Shawn Davie, Doug Oertwich, Bernie Ruskamp, Adam Brahmer, Tyler McBride, Preston Hansen, Andrew Hansen

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP at Holy Cross will now meet 6-7 am on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month beginning January 5. All men are welcome. No commitment.

Stewardship of God's Gifts
St. Joseph—Dec 24th, 2023

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| Sunday Envelopes: | \$2,170.00 |
| Plate: | 103.00 |
| Children: | 7.00 |
| Tithely: | 393.34 |
| Christmas | |
| Christmas Envelopes: | \$8,150.00 |
| Christmas Plate: | 2,851.00 |
| Christmas Children: | 233.00 |
| Reg. Sun. Envelopes: | 570.00 |



Celebrations:

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

Birthdays

- Caleb Combs January 1
- Trisha Robertson January 2
- Bridgette Borgmann January 3
- Griffen Robinson January 3
- Fr. Vincent Sungunti January 5
- Rita Heiser January 5

MINISTRY SCHEDULE: The 1st Quarter Ministry Schedule for St. Joseph has been completed and emailed. If you did not receive the email and would like to be added to the group, please contact Jacki Kalkowski or Sarah Jacobs. Additional copies of the schedule are also available on the bulletin board in the vestibule.



MASS INTENTIONS

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| Mon | 01 | 9:00 AM | HC | + Mike McTaggart |
| Tue | 02 | 9:30 AM | WCC | Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish |
| Wed | 03 | 8:00 AM | HC | + Lorenz & Elizabeth Ruskamp |
| Thu | 04 | 8:00 AM | SJ | Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of Ron & MaryAnn Wemhoff |
| Fri | 05 | 9:00 AM | CHB | + Richard Menlik |
| Sat | 06 | — | — | NO MASS |
| Sun | 07 | 8:30 AM | HC | + Joe Batenhorst + Ray & Odelia Steffensmeier |
| Sun | 07 | 10:00 AM | SJ | + Tim Svoboda |
| SJ—St. Joseph's | | HC—Holy Cross | | |
| WCC—Wisner Care Center | | CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer | | |



Thank you to all who donated poinsettias at St. Joseph Church in Wisner this Christmas! Shane & Tammie Batenhorst in Memory of Beata Batenhorst; Chris & Brenda Liermann in Memory of Brian Kuchar, Victor Brandl, and Eileen Brandl; Ben & Michelle & Family in Memory of Abigail Borgmann; Chris & Lori Ruskamp in Memory of Alvin & Mary Jo Barent and Norbert Ruskamp; Mark & Martha Schweers in Memory of Vincent & Catherine Ulrich; Steve & Anne Ausdemore in Memory of Leo, Flavia, & William Ausdemore and Joseph & Tim Svoboda; Rick & Sarah Jacobs in Memory of Ralph & Irma Donner and Tom Prussa; Steve & Annie McManigal for the Deceased Members of the McManigal and Paplik Families; Del & Bonnie Styskal in Memory of Edwin & Edna Knievel; Arvid & Karen Hass in Memory of JMO and Norbert Oligmueller; Chad & Janet Ludwig in Memory of Leonard Schmale, Darrell French, and Arven Ludwig; Gary & Carmen Godbersen in Memory of Wayne Godbersen; Dave & Barb Deitloff and Fred & Kay Schultz in Memory of Francis Oligmueller and Jim Sapp; Kathy Albers Family in Memory of Herb Albers; Dave & Carol Oligmueller in Memory of Jayda Oligmueller, Norbert Ruskamp, and Norbert Oligmueller; Alan & Sally Harms in Memory of Laura & William Winter and Rudolph & Donna Harms; Larry & Linda Hansen in Memory of George & Marcella & Doug Koester.



Religious Education

January 10th -
Classes resume for all grades