

Saint Joseph's Church

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The Second Sunday of Lent February 25th, 2024

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The 2nd Sunday of Lent



The Gospel is from *St. Mark 9:2-10*. This vision of Christ glorified, given to these Apostles on Mount Tabor (the traditional site of Transfiguration) was surely a very special privilege, and it was one they did not forget.

Yes, the three Apostles were privileged and we too are sharers in their privilege. The Transfiguration of Christ is but one among many of the incontrovertible proofs of the divine Sonship of Christ which we have in the gospel narratives and in the twenty centuries-long history of the Church which he founded. Were he not divine, that Church would long since have crumbled and fallen under the many vicious assaults from outside which it has undergone, as well as from the many human weaknesses which have beset it from within. But Christ is God and the Church has his divine protection and assistance. Therefore, it will go on to the end of time to continue his work of elevating and redeeming mankind.

This enlightening glimpse of Christ's future glory—a glory in which they would share—was given to these Apostles to strengthen and encourage them in the terrible test of their faith which the passion and death of Jesus would be for them very soon. It is for a similar reason that the Church orders this story of the Transfiguration to be read to us during this season of Lent. We are or should be mortifying ourselves during this season. This mortification can earn for us a glorious and unending future life. To encourage us to continue it, we are reminded that the One we are following, the One whose voice we listen to, is none other than the Son of God. There are the voices of many false prophets shouting around us, telling us to enjoy ourselves in this life, to "eat, sleep, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die," but there is the rub—tomorrow we shall die, but where shall we go then?

Let us thank our divine Lord today, for giving this consoling and encouraging vision of his glory to his Apostles and through them to us. It was for them, and it is for us, a guarantee and a foretaste of the joys and the glory that will be ours for eternity, if we but persevere in our struggles against the world, the flesh and the devil. This struggle is not easy for our weak nature, but our loving Savior is ever beside us to "raise us up and tell us not to fear" if we but rely on him.

In Courtesy of Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

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



From Fr. Vincent's Desk:

Sunday Reflection: Lent still works in today's different times

It is indeed amazing that the world has changed significantly since the days many of us grew up in, and adapting traditional practices like Lent to modern life can indeed be a challenge. However, your sentiment that Lent can still be meaningful and relevant in today's times is absolutely valid.

In the past, Lent often focused on sacrifices related to food and drink, and other physical sacrifices, but today's distractions and temptations come in many forms, such as smartphones and social media. It's essential to recognize these modern challenges and find ways to incorporate them into our Lenten observance.

I tend to think that setting goals related to technology use as a family during Lent is a great example of adapting the practice to fit contemporary life. Just as foregoing certain foods or activities during Lent helps us reflect on our relationship with God and others, limiting smartphone use can provide an opportunity for introspection and spiritual growth.

Additionally, finding ways to support and encourage each other in these efforts, whether through family discussions, community activities, or online support groups, can help strengthen our commitment to Lenten observance in the midst of today's busy and often overwhelming world.

Ultimately, Lent is about more than just giving up something for a few weeks; it's about deepening our connection to God, examining our lives, and striving for personal growth and renewal. By creatively adapting traditional practices to fit our modern circumstances, we can still experience the transformative power of Lent in our lives today.



TITHE.LY

Online Giving with Tithe.ly

Both St. Joseph and Holy Cross parishes have an online giving option. For additional ways to contribute, QR codes have been made for both parishes, or you may still sign up under the parish websites. If you have any questions, call the parish office at 402-529-3891.



Holy Cross
Beemer



St. Joseph
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Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of March 3rd

WORD: Tom Peatrowsky
EMHC: Dennis Mostek
SERVER: Elijah & Easley Woodbury

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LEC: Bonnie Styskal
EMHC: Shane Batenhorst
EMHC 2: Sally Harms
SERV: Angel Ramirez-Lugo, Charlee Thies,
Bentley Sateren
OFF: Ruth Bloedorn
USHER: March Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts Holy Cross—Feb. 18th, 2024	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$676.00
Plate:	32.00
Children:	18.00
Tithe.ly Online:	200.00
HELP/Fuel:	110.00
GA/CC:	500.00
Sol. Of Mary:	50.00
Total:	\$1,586.00

MONEY COUNTERS

Sunday, February 25th—Team #3 Steve McGuire,
Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer
Sunday, March 3rd—Team #4 AJ Burki, Lindsey Burki,
Chris Liermann, Brenda Liermann

MEN'S WORK GROUP—February 2024


Chair: Fred Schultz
Co-Chair: Chris Ruskamp
Members: Richard Schultz, Jim Jensen, Willy May,
Garrett Esau, Jesse Grenier, Jeremy Rehak, Logan
Godbersen

MEN'S WORK GROUP—March 2024

Chair: Tim Stalp
Co-Chair: Eric VonSeggern
Members: Jeff Phillips, Nathan Janke, Ken Knust,
Mark Porter, Nate Phillips, Chuck Ross

THANK YOU to all who donated to the "Souper Bowl" collection! Anyone still wishing to donate, please put it in an envelope marked as such and put it in the Sunday collection or give it to Renae. Thanks again.

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



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

Birthdays
Gerald Schlickbernd February 26
Preston Praest February 27
Vicky Krupka February 29
Doug Steffensmeier March 2
Joanna Borgmann March 2


Stewardship of God's Gifts St. Joseph—Feb. 18th, 2024	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,245.00
Plate:	130.00
Children:	19.00
Tithely:	274.11
Insurance:	140.00

LENTEN SERVICES

**Adoration 5:30pm followed by
Stations of the Cross 6:00pm**

At Holy Cross—Beemer
Fridays, Feb. 16th— Mar. 22nd


*** Everyone is welcome to attend! ***



TODAY!!
WISNER LION'S CLUB PANCAKE FEED
Sunday, Feb. 25th, 10:00 am—1:00 pm
Wisner City Auditorium

**MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES:
St. Joseph and Holy Cross.**

There are envelopes available in the back of church. If you would like to have a Mass said for a loved one, complete the envelope and place in the collection basket or contact Sarah at the parish office 402-529-3891, or email the info to stjo68791@gmail.com. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per Mass.



Men's Lenten Breakfast
At the United Methodist Church of Christ

Men and boys of all ages are encouraged to attend this event each Thursday during Lent. Breakfast is served at 6:45 a.m. followed by a short message at 7:00. A free-will donation is accepted, and the proceeds go to the Wisner Ministerial Association to help members in our community who are in need. The St. Joseph's men are scheduled to serve on February 29th and March 14th.

Religious Education

ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6
Grades K-6: The classes were doing Circle of Grace lessons and Lent lessons. They ended the afternoon by burying the Alleluia and celebrating Mass with Fr. Vincent.

ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS– GRADES 7-12
Grade 7-9 Girls: We began by journaling what we are DOING for Lent, not just giving up. We began Lesson 6 on the difference between love and lust. God made people to love and things to use, not the other way around.
Grade 7-9 Boys: Started the Circle of Grace Lessons
Grade 10-12: Discussed things to fast from for Lent and talked about the 5 C's of negative thinking. The word for this week was "Cultivate"- out with the old and in with new.

The evening closed by all gathering in church and doing the Stations of the Cross.

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	26	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	27	9:30 AM	WCC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Wed	28	8:00 AM	HC	+ Eugene Mestl
Thu	29	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Gerald Ruskamp
Fri	01	9:00 AM	CHB	+ Russell Gentrup
Sat	02	—	—	NO MASS
Sun	03	8:30 AM	HC	+ Mike McTaggart + Norbert Ruskamp
Sun	03	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Bill Murphy

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

Second Sunday of

