

Saint Joseph's Church

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Reconciliation: Sundays after Mass
or by appointment

Easter Sunday March 31st, 2024

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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



"Easter is the Solemnity of Solemnities, the center and climax of the Church year. All the mysteries that we have commemorated from Advent until now have pointed toward Easter; all that we shall yet celebrate in the weeks that follow has its foundation in the mystery of Easter, and receives its meaning and importance from this mystery."—Benedict Baur, OSB, *The Light of the World*

In the very center of the Mass, the great prayer of thanksgiving, from the first words of the Preface, expresses the unrivaled motive for this joy: if it is right to praise You, Lord, at all times, how much more so should we not glorify You on this day when Christ our Passover was sacrificed, for He is the true Lamb who took away the sins of the world, who by His Death destroyed our death and by His Resurrection restored our life. Easter means, then, Redemption obtained — sin destroyed, death overcome, divine life brought back to us, the resurrection of our body which is promised immortality. With such a certitude, we should banish all trace of sadness.

Meditation—He is Risen!

"I rose up and am still with Thee." After His labors and His humiliations, Christ finds rest with His Father. "I am still with Thee." This is perfect beatitude. Through His cross He entered into the possession of eternal glory. Christ has gained the crown of victory; through Christ men also win their crowns of victory. Humanity was under a curse and subject to the wrath of God. Now that they have risen with Christ, their guilt has been destroyed. "I rose up and am still with Thee." The liturgy places these words in the mouth of the Church that she may pray them with Christ.

"The earth trembled and was still when God arose in judgment." The resurrection of Christ is the judgment and condemnation of those who have turned away from God. This judgment was prefigured by the angel who passed through the land of Egypt destroying the first-born of the Egyptians. The Israelites marked the doors of their houses with the blood of the paschal lamb. We are the new Israel, and "Christ our Pasch is sacrificed." We mark ourselves with His blood, which we enjoy in the Holy Eucharist. We have been pardoned, we are saved, we shall live.

"He is risen." The resurrection of Christ is a pledge of our own resurrection. It is the foundation upon which our faith rests. It is the guarantee of our redemption and God's assurance that our sins are forgiven and that we are called to eternal life. "This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us be glad and rejoice therein. Give praise to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever. Alleluia."

"Christ our Pasch is sacrificed. . . . The Lamb redeems the sheep. Christ, the innocent One, hath reconciled sinners to the Father."

In Courtesy of Fr. Benedict Baur, O.S.B.



From Fr. Vincent's Desk: 2023-2024 RCIA Candidates Welcomed into the Church

On behalf of our parishes of St. Joseph, Wisner and Holy Cross, Beemer, I would like to congratulate and welcome our new catholic members:

- 1) Anthony John Kilcoin – St. Joseph, Wisner
- 2) Amber Jo Soto – St. Joseph, Wisner
- 3) Skyler Breann Peatrowsky – Holy Cross, Beemer.

These three people were officially received into the Catholic faith Saturday night during the Easter Vigil Mass. One was baptized and 2 received into the church. They were also confirmed and received Holy Communion for the first time. Thank you for your perseverance of the program for the last 8 months and congratulations. I want to thank also their sponsors who accompanied them all along every Tuesday evening during our classes. I saw you beside the RCIA candidates every week and it was really kind of you. You have planted seeds that will thrive in their lives.

Easter Good Will Message

Here comes the birthday of our faith as the faithful followers of our Savior. It's a reminder that Easter is not just an historical event but a living reality that shapes our lives and gives meaning to our existence.

Every day we go through our lives the 14 Stations of the Cross that he went through. These stations are nothing other than the summary of who we are and what others are to us. We fall at one point but we rise and then move to the Calvary of the sunset of old age for the fortunate ones. Then good Joseph of Arimathea represented by our loving families and friends, bury the body in the cemetery. It will be a sad experience. But the good news is that all will not end there, on the 3rd day like our master, we shall arise from those graves and be in union with our heavenly father.

We are therefore people destined of Easter Sunday and not the cross which is just a passage. Let us make him alive again by living our faith. He died for our own good and therefore, our honor to him is to try and make his legacy alive again.

May you all have a good Easter celebration.

Sacrament of reconciliation:

Due to Easter celebrations, we will not have the sacrament of reconciliation at Holy Cross Parish, Beemer, on Easter Sunday at 8:00 am, nor at St. Joseph Church, Wisner, after Mass. Happy Easter.



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 April 7th

WORD: Marilyn Ortmeier
EMHC: Tom Peatrowsky
SERVER: Vanessa & Preston Praest
USHER: Mike Gentrup

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

LEC: Steve Ausdemore
EMHC: Sally Harms
EMHC 2: Shane Batenhorst
SERV: Cooper Schultz, Claire Flack, Jaylee Lueken
OFF: Ruth Bloedorn
USHER: April Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts

Holy Cross—March 24th, 2024

Sunday Envelopes:	\$600.00
Plate:	249.00
Children:	18.00
Tithe.ly Online:	150.00
Easter:	50.00
Easter Flowers:	90.00
Works of Mercy:	50.00
Building Fund:	100.00
Total:	\$1,307.00

MONEY COUNTERS

Sunday, March 31st—Team #4 AJ and Lindsey Burki, Chris and Brenda Liermann
Sunday, April 7th—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore

MEN'S WORK GROUP—April 2024

Chair: Austen Godbersen
Co-Chair: Perry Albers
Members: Roger Lampman, Todd Schroeder, Chad Ludwig, Lorin Batenhorst, Ray Johnson, Wade Over-turf, Nick Heller, Hayden Schroeder

HOLY CROSS ALTAR SOCIETY will meet Monday, April 8th, at 5:00 p.m. in the church basement.

Celebrations:
Holy Cross Parish wishes happiness and God's blessings to the following:
Birthdays
Scott Ortmeier March 31



Stewardship of God's Gifts

St. Joseph—March 24th, 2024

Sunday Envelopes:	\$2,515.00
Plate:	286.00
Children:	45.00
Tithely:	396.64
Works of Mercy:	140.00
Easter:	300.00
Cemetery:	150.00

YOUTH MASS & SENIOR SUNDAY

Mark your calendars!! April 14th at the 10:00 am Mass at St. Joseph.

Refreshments after with free will offering. Proceeds will go toward our Youth Group trip to Steubenville, which this year is being held in Springfield, MO.

SENIOR SUNDAY: Senior Sunday is April 14, 2024. Invites have been sent out. Please contact Rina McGuire at 402-649-7796 or Barb Deitloff at 402-380-1008 before April 8 with the number that will attend from your family.

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP: St Joseph's Ladies Guild offers a scholarship to each senior. Senior Scholarship applications have been sent. Please return completed applications to Martha Schweers before April 24, 2024.

EASTER LILY DONATIONS: There is a sign up sheet in the back of church for Easter lilies and flowers in the remembrance of your loved ones. Suggested donation for lilies is \$20 each. Please complete the form as you would like to have the names listed. Thank you.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE: The new schedule for 2nd & 3rd quarters has been emailed and copies are available in the back of church

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	01	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	02	9:30 AM	WCC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Wed	03	8:00 AM	HC	+ Dee Steffensmeier
Thu	04	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Robert & Illa Stalp
Fri	05	9:00 AM	WCC	+ Fred & Rita McNamara
Sat	06	—	—	NO MASS
Sun	07	8:30 AM	HC	+ Janet Franzluebbbers + Russell Gentrup
Sun	07	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Norbert Oligmueller
SJ—St. Joseph's		HC—Holy Cross		
WCC—Wisner Care Center		CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer		

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 stj068791@gmail.com. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per Mass.



Religious Education

ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6

Grades K-6:

- Classes will resume this week after having last week off for Easter Break.
- First Communion will be held Sunday, April 7th at the 10:00a.m. Mass.
- Students will recite prayers on April 10th, so please help them learn the last of their prayers.

ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS— GRADES 7-12

Grade 7-12: Classes will resume this week after having last week off for Easter Break.

Youth Mass and Senior Sunday will be April 14th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass