

Saint Joseph's Church

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Wisner, NE 68791
Parish Office: 529-3891
www.stjosephwisner.org
Reconciliation: Sundays after Mass
or by appointment

**The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 25th, 2024**

Pastor: Fr. James Weeder
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Holy Cross Parish

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Beemer, NE 68716
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Reconciliation: Sundays
8:00-8:20 am or by appt.

St. Joseph and Holy Cross Bulletin and Office Email: stjo68791@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE
November 13, 2024
DOUBLE FEATURE WITH JASON EVERT

PURIFIED AND GENDER
AND THE THEOLOGY OF YOUR BODY

St. Mary's Parish Activity Center
343 North Monitor Street, West Point, NE 68788
6:00 - 9:15 PM
Hosted by: Spirit Catholic Radio Network

Archdiocese of Omaha

August 25, 2024 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

....“If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” JOSHUA 24:15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we become a disciple in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports their local parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, our words and actions should reflect the Gospel message to others.



SPIRITUAL INSIGHT— from Fr. Sule

The readings of the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, call for us to grow in understanding and appreciation of the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Jesus’ invitation to his followers to eat his body and drink his blood did not go well with his disciples. His Jewish listeners found this invitation very scandalous and therefore unacceptable. Because of this message many of them stopped following Him, and went away. But Jesus insisted that his is the bread of life the source of everlasting life. Jesus gives you freedom, no one need to stay, but we are to make our choices like in the case of Joshua and the people of Israel. “If you be unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve...but as for me and my house we will serve the Lord.”

As Catholic Christians can we join with Peter in expressing our faith “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life; and we have believed and have come to know...” instead of going away the Psalmist in Psalm 34 said: —Taste and see that the Lord is good.” Those rejecting his invitation will miss not just wisdom, but life; not just any life, but life eternal.



**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

**West Point Parish Family
Weekend Mass Schedule:**

| Weekend Mass | Sat. | Sun. |
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| St. Boniface—Monterey | 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 |



Announcements for:

**The ST. JOSEPH
FAMILY OF PARISHES**

RCIA—If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or considering becoming Catholic, join Fr Weeder for an informational meeting on Tuesday, September 3 at 7:00pm in the St Mary’s Rectory Meeting Room. Or call the office at 402-372-2188 if you are interested but unable to make it.

FLOCKNOTE—Our family of 10 parishes has been named **St. Joseph Family of Parishes**. St Joseph, as the head of the Holy Family, is the protector of Families.

St. Joseph Family of Parishes will be utilizing a new text and email notification system called **Flocknote**. **Flocknote** will greatly expand communication both within individual parishes as well as our family of parishes. **Flocknote** will not replace the bulletin, radio or website communications. Sign up information will be coming in August.



Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of September 1st

WORD: Marilyn Ortmeier
EMHC: Dennis Mostek
SERVER: Elijah & Easley Woodbury
USHER: Mike Gentrup

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of September 1st

LEC: Gayle Lampman
EMHC: Linda Hansen
EMHC 2: Alan Harms
SERV: Kinsley Lueken, Emma Schroetlin, Jesa Montgomery
OFF: Steve Ausdemore
USHER: September Men's Group

| Stewardship of God's Gifts | |
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| Holy Cross—August 18th, 2024 | |
| Sunday Envelopes: | \$260.00 |
| Plate: | 113.00 |
| Children: | 28.00 |
| Tithe.ly Online: | 200.00 |
| Assumption: | 5.00 |
| Total: | \$606.00 |

MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, Aug. 25th—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore
Sunday, Sep. 1st—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder

MEN'S WORK GROUP—August 2024
Chair: Chet Beckman
Co-Chair: Randy Jensen
Members: Dave McGuire, Tom Feller, Ryan Schulz, Jordan Feller, Tim Montgomery, Rick Jacobs

AUGUST MOWING GROUP- Chair: Dan Woodbury
Co-Chair: Conner Buss; Members: Mike Guenther, Tom Peatrowsky, Dan Spenner, Jesus Pena

SEPTEMBER MOWING GROUP- Chair: Brad Schulz
Co-Chair: Ben Borgmann; Members: Melvin Niewohner, Joe Hansen, Alex Schulz, Brian Gentrup

SPECIAL MASS—On Saturday, September 14th, 2024, Holy Cross will have Mass at 9:00 AM to celebrate the feast of The Exultation of the Holy Cross. Rolls and coffee will be served after Mass. All are welcome!!

| Stewardship of God's Gifts | |
|------------------------------|----------|
| St. Joseph—August 18th, 2024 | |
| Sunday Envelopes: | \$385.00 |
| Plate: | 108.00 |
| Children: | 14.00 |
| Tithe.ly Online: | 170.81 |
| Assumption: | 28.00 |



Celebrations:

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

Birthdays

Linda Robinson August 26
Karen Spenner August 31

Anniversaries

Shane and Brooke Combs August 26
Gerald and Shelley Wellman August 29
Gerald and Fran Gentrup August 31

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REMINDER— Pledge letters were mailed out several weeks ago. Please take some time to prayerfully consider what you are able to give and return your pledge card Sarah Jacobs. You may drop it in the collection basket, or mail directly to the parish office.

THE WOMEN OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH invite the women of St. Joseph and Holy Cross parishes to attend their "Guest Night" on Monday, September 16th at 6:00pm. Guest speaker for the evening will be Roxann Fox from the Norfolk Rescue Mission. RSVP by September 9th to LaRayne Topp at 402-529-6310. Flyer with complete details is in the back of church.

| MASS INTENTIONS | | | | |
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| Mon | 26 | — | — | NO MASS |
| Tue | 27 | 8:00 AM | HC | + Fred & Rita McNamara |
| Wed | 28 | 9:30 AM | WCC | Care Center Residents |
| Thu | 29 | 8:00 AM | SJ | + Fran Kass |
| Fri | 30 | 9:00 AM | CHB | Dec'd Family & Friends Of Duane Neesen |
| Sat | 31 | — | — | NO MASS |
| Sun | 01 | 8:30 AM | HC | + William & Johanna Oligmueller + Norbert Ruskamp |
| Sun | 01 | 10:00 AM | SJ | Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish |
| SJ—St. Joseph's | | HC—Holy Cross | | |
| WCC—Wisner Care Center | | CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer | | |



Mark your calendar for September 15th, from 11:00-1:00 for the **Ladies Guild Harvest Picnic**. Serving pork sandwiches, macaroni salad, potato salad, chips, and pie. There will also be a country market so if anyone has produce that they would be willing to donate, please contact Lindsey Burki or Lori Ruskamp.

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.

WEST POINT CRAFT FAIR—All are invited! Free Admission! Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters and held in conjunction with the Road Gems Car Show on Sunday, September 15th from 10 am to 3:30 pm at the Nielsen Center in West Point. There will be 63 vendors (46 handcrafted, 16 direct sales, and 1 boutique) with 38 returning vendors and 25 new vendors. We hope to see you there!

Religious Education

ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS – GRADES K-12

TEACHERS' MEETING GRADES K-6
SEPTEMBER 4TH AT 5:00P.M.
All teachers and aids for K-6 should attend

CLASSES START - SEPTEMBER 11TH
K-6th: 3:50p.m. - 5:30p.m.
7th-12th: 7:00p.m. - 8:30p.m.

BIRTHRIGHT OF NORFOLK— Would you like to make a difference in the life of a young lady who may be experiencing an unplanned pregnancy? Birthright of Norfolk is hoping to expand its list of volunteers and we would love to have you join us. We ask that you volunteer in our office one day a month for about 3 hours. We will provide you with the training you need to be a well-informed volunteer. If this sounds like something you would like to try, please contact Cindy Dinkel at 402-841-1414 and I will be happy to visit with you about becoming a Birthright volunteer. We plan to hold the training sessions in September.