

Saint Joseph's Church

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or by appointment

**The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 15th, 2024**

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**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
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September 15, 2024 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” MARK 8:34 Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for my own life, but for the lives of others as well. We realize that our gifts are not intended for ourselves, rather they are meant to be shared with others. “Taking up my cross” means doing things when someone else needs me and not when it’s convenient for me.



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

Weekend Mass	Sat.	Sun.
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

SPIRITUAL INSIGHT—

The readings for this 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle B) call us to a vibrant, action-packed faith—one that goes beyond mere lip service to embody true commitment. They challenge us to move from “I believe” to “I am living it.” In the Gospel, Jesus throws a bit of a pop quiz at His disciples: “Who do you say that I am?” Peter nails it with, “You are the Messiah.” Great job, Peter! But then Jesus throws a curveball—discipleship is not just about saying the right things; it is about picking up the cross and embracing the path of sacrifice. This call to active commitment underlines that our faith is not a passive assent but an engaged, transformative force in our lives. James reinforces this message by adding a bit of reality check: “Faith without works is dead.” Picture faith as a candle—beautiful but meaningless without a flame. Our actions are the spark that ignites our faith. Without them, our faith remains cold and inert. Here, James is giving us a reality check: words cannot do the work alone; faith needs to get its hands dirty, make a difference, and show up in the real world. It is not meant to be a trophy we keep on a shelf or something we only speak about—it is a living, breathing force that drives us into action, even when it costs us something.

Isaiah’s image of resilient faith in the face of suffering is a fitting conclusion to James’ message. Despite hardship, his unwavering trust in God serves as a model for how we are called to live out our faith—not just when it is easy, but especially when it is difficult. Just as Isaiah drew strength from God to persevere, we, too, are invited to rely on God’s grace as we shoulder our crosses, embody our faith, and effect real change in the world. So, as we ponder these readings, let us give ourselves a little spiritual check-up. Are we living our faith with more than just words? Are our actions giving our beliefs a turbo boost? And when life throws us a curveball, do we remember to call on God for a bit of divine help (Psalm 116: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9)?

Brothers and sisters, every act of love, every bit of perseverance, and every step of faithful action brings us closer to the vibrant, dynamic life that Jesus calls us to. This week, let us step out and put our faith into action, living it as a thrilling adventure of growth and commitment.

Sending you all my heartfelt blessings and prayers,
Fr. Michel N’DO



Announcements for:

**The ST. JOSEPH
FAMILY OF PARISHES**



We love having you as part of our FLOCK! Keep in touch with us via email and text!

TEXT: STJOSEPHWP to 84576 Or connect with us online at: stjosephwp.flocknote.com

-Choose to get updates from groups you’re interested in

-Unsubscribe anytime, no spam we promise

If you LINKED a family member it doesn’t mean they are signed up to receive text or emails. They need to sign up separately to receive text or emails.

ST ANTHONY’S—St Anthony’s will be having Mass at 7pm on the 2nd and 4th Monday’s of every month.



Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of September 22nd

WORD: Rita Eichelberger
EMHC: Mary Mostek
SERVER: Kim Pena & Stella Guenther
USHER: Scott Ortmeier

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of September 22nd

LEC: Tammie Batenhorst
EMHC: Sally Harms
EMHC 2: Capri McGuire
SERV: Hailey Grenier, Maddisyn Lampman, Jerik Lueken
OFF: Ruth Bloedorn
USHER: September Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts

Holy Cross—September 15th, 2024

Sunday Envelopes:	\$575.00
Plate:	86.00
Children:	27.00
Tithe.ly Online:	150.00
GA/CC:	120.00
Building:	10.00
Insurance:	30.00
Total:	\$998.00

MONEY COUNTERS

Sunday, Sep. 15th—Team #4 A.J. & Lindsey Burki, Chris & Brenda Liermann
Sunday, Sep. 22nd—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore

MEN'S WORK GROUP—September 2024

Chair: Dane Miller
Co-Chair: Jeff Albers
Members: David Dinklage, Del Styskal, Steve Gerken, Matthew Alexander, Dave Oligmueller

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

DIRECTORY UNVEILING—There will be an unveiling of the new directory at the Beemer Cemetery and Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery on Thursday, September 19th, at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Light refreshments will be served, and please bring your own chair.

Stewardship of God's Gifts

St. Joseph—September 15th, 2024

Sunday Envelopes:	\$475.00
Plate:	106.00
Children:	25.00
Tithe.ly Online:	481.39
Rel Ed:	20.00
Heating/AC:	2,000.00



Celebrations:

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

Birthdays

Brian Oligmueller September 17
Joyce Schlickbernd September 18
Edward Pena September 21

Anniversaries

Ken and Joyce Schlickbernd September 16

MASS INTENTIONS

Day	Date	Time	Location	Intention
Mon	16	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	17	8:00 AM	HC	+ Eric Wellman
Wed	18	9:30 AM	WCC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Thu	19	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Gerald Ruskamp
Fri	20	9:00 AM	CHB	+ William & Johanna Oligmueller
Sat	21	—	—	NO MASS
Sun	22	8:30 AM	HC	+ Elaine Throener + Marilyn Schulz
Sun	22	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Lori Hollman Ruskamp

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

Harvest Picnic: **TODAY!!** The Ladies Guild will be serving pork sandwiches, macaroni salad, potato salad, chips, and pie in the basement. Take out is available. The country market will be set up outside with an assortment of items to purchase.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING for St. Joseph will be held September 19th, at 7:00 pm in the church basement.

MASS INTENTIONS – ST. JOSEPH'S: St. Joseph's is in need of Mass intentions. Currently, we do not have enough Mass intentions to finish the year. Please remember that a Mass intention is just not for the deceased. It can be for the living or the dead, in celebration of anniversaries, and the reception of the sacraments.

Consider scheduling a Mass intention for this year and even into next year. Now is the perfect time to schedule an intention for next year to reserve a special date that means so much to you.

There are envelopes available in the back of church, and in the pews, if you would like to request a Mass intention. 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.

WISNER VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, September 22nd from 11:00 am—3:00 pm
At the Wisner Fire Hall - Free will donation
Come enjoy burgers, hot dogs, sides and desserts.

Religious Education

ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS – GRADES K-12

Grades K-6: Met as a group for opening prayer and introduced teachers. The students took beginning of the year tests.

7th-12th:

The evening started with opening prayer in church and discussed serving at Mass. We advised the students that they will be required to attend the Jason Evert Presentation in West Point on November 13th.

Grade 7-9 Confirmation Class: Discussed that they will be confirmed in Spring of 2026 and told them the requirements they need to meet in order to be confirmed. At the end of class, they set up tables for the church dinner this weekend.

Grade 10-12: Touched on Steubenville this past summer and discussed ideas for class this year.

JASON EVERT EVENT



This event was discussed with our high school students this week. They should have brought a flyer home with more details. This event will take the place of regular Rel Ed classes that week and students are required to attend.

We will register the students, but we highly encourage parents to attend if possible. Order tickets by using the QR code shown here, or from the flyer hanging in the back of church. For FREE tickets, enter the coupon code "westpoint" Do to the number of students, we will need several drivers. Let us know if you are able to help. Letters and field trip forms were mailed Friday, and are due back no later than September 25th. Any questions, please contact Capri McGuire 380-3925 or Sarah Jacobs 841-6144.

