

Saint Joseph's Church

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Reconciliation: Sundays after Mass
or by appointment

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
December 29th, 2024**

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Holy Cross Parish

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Announcements for:

**The ST. JOSEPH
FAMILY OF PARISHES**

NEW WEBSITE: St Joseph Family of Parishes has a new website. This website includes all 10 Parishes in our Family. <https://stjosephfamilyofparishes.org/>
St. Joseph and Holy Cross websites remain the same, but may now also be accessed thru this new website.

Feast of the Holy Family of JesusMary and Joseph

“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” (1 JOHN 3:1) During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God’s children, it’s in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship

SPIRITUAL INSIGHT— From Fr. Weeder

Today we continue our Christmas contemplation beholding the Holy Family, now twelve years removed from the scene in Bethlehem. We continue in the spirit of Christmas, which is to pause and wonder before the mystery of the birth of Our Lord. With Luke’s guidance, we are brought to the Temple at a point in time when the Lord Jesus was twelve years of age. In this episode, Mary and Joseph “lose Jesus” for a time. As Christians, we may also feel like we have “lost Jesus.” Today, we are tasked with renewing our search for Jesus. This is to seek out God and his will and Kingdom in our personal lives. While Joseph and Mary lost Jesus for a time, they also are the ideal for every Catholic family to look up to! They retrace their steps and find Jesus in His Father’s house. While they didn’t fully understand at the time what this meant, they pondered it and would come to know what Jesus’ divinity meant as He continued to reveal Himself to them over the years. In the same way, Jesus reveals himself to us, especially through prayer, even in times when we feel we lost Him. This revelation begins in the family where parents first teach their children about faith.

While this might seem like a big task, it can start simply with prayer. Following are three easy steps to begin to introduce prayer into your family routine:
Model Prayer: The first step is to model prayer yourself. You and your spouse should let your children see you praying regularly. This could be during mealtimes, before bed, or at specific times during the day. Your example will show them that prayer is a normal part of life.

Teach Them About Prayer: Explain to your children what prayer is. Sometimes reading stories of the lives of the saints can help to give kids a model to follow. You can tell them that prayer is a way to talk to God, thank Him for His blessings at the end of the day, ask Him for help, and to pray for others.

Pray Together: Start a routine of praying together as a family. Starting with bedtime prayers is easiest because the kids are calmer and always want to spend time with their parents to delay going to sleep! Also, before meals, or a once-a-week moment all together. If you pray the rosary, you might just start with one decade. Encourage each family member to take turns leading the prayer. This will give your children the opportunity to practice praying out loud and will help them become comfortable with it.

These simple steps are the beginning of sharing the faith which helps us find Jesus, especially when it seems we’ve lost Him.

**ST. JOSEPH FAMILY OF PARISHES
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

YEAR-END PLANNING: As we approach the end of the year, many of you may be planning for year-end donations.

Members of St. Joseph parish, please consider a contribution to the Capital Campaign to help with parish expenses. The expense of the cement project by itself was \$75,000.00 and there are other items yet to be completed, such as painting the exterior trim and new doors for the church basement.

Members of Holy Cross parish, please consider donating to help with recent expenses of the installation of the pews and pew fronts as well as the work done on the front ramp and steps. The total of these two projects was around \$13,700.00.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated and wishing you a Christmas filled with the peace and love of Christ.



Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
New Years Day—January 1st

WORD: Marilyn Ortmeier
 EMHC: Dawn Peatrowsky
 SERVER: Kim Pena, Stella Guenther
 USHER: Scott Ortmeier

Weekend of January 5th

WORD: Rita Eichelberger
 EMHC: Brenda Andersen
 SERVER: Elijah & Easley Woodbury
 USHER: Brad Schulz

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
New Years Eve—December 31st

LEC: Jeff Phillips
 EMHC: Kathy Johnson
 SERV: Jentrye Frederickson, Kaizley Hunke,
 Hailey Grenier
 OFF: Steve McGuire

Weekend of January 5th

LEC: Bonnie Styskal
 EMHC: Martha Schweers
 EMHC 2: Shane Batenhorst
 SERV: Cooper Schultz, Riggan Bird, Henry Jacobs
 OFF: Tim Montgomery
 USHER: January Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—December 22nd, 2024	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$2,654.95
Plate:	199.00
Children:	24.00
Tithe.ly Online:	200.00
Christmas:	250.00
Total:	\$3,327.95

2025 ENVELOPES & CALENDARS are on the entrance table. Please pick yours up. Christmas donations are asked to be in soon so end of the year statements can go out. Thank you for your generosity.

HOLY CROSS ALTAR SOCIETY will continue to collect money or items for the baby Jesus Shower. The money is given to Emergency Pregnancy Services in Omaha. The baby items to Birthright in Norfolk.

MONEY COUNTERS


Sunday, Dec. 29th—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer
 Sunday, Jan. 5th—Team #4 AJ & Lindsey Burki, Chris & Brenda Liermann

MEN'S WORK GROUP—JANUARY 2025

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

MEN'S GROUP SCHEDULE: The 2025 St. Joseph Men's group schedule is complete. Please pick up your envelope in the back of church before January 1st.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES for 2025 are available to be picked up in the back of church. Please contact the office if you do not see yours there. Thank You.




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

Birthdays
 Michelle Borgmann December 29
 Caleb Combs January 1
 Trisha Robertson January 2
 Bridgette Borgmann January 3
 Griffen Robinson January 3

Anniversaries
 Stan and Marilyn Ortmeier December 29

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—December 8th, 2024	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,440.00
Plate:	168.00
Children:	19.00
Tithe.ly Online:	289.50



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
 Tues., Dec. 31st, St. Joseph—5:30 pm
 Wed, Jan. 1st, Holy Cross—8:30 am



MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	30	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	31	8:00 AM	HC	+ Al Batenhorst
Tue	31	5:30 PM	SJ	<u>New Years Mass</u> Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Wed	01	8:30 AM	HC	<u>New Years Mass</u> + Chad Francis
Wed	01	9:30 AM	WCC	NO MASS
Thu	02	8:00 AM	SJ	Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of Ron & MaryAnn Wemhoff Fam.
Fri	03	9:00 AM	CHB	+ Fred & Rita McNamara
Sat	04	—	—	NO MASS
Sun	05	8:30 AM	HC	+ Mike McTaggart
Sun	05	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Joe & Jim 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...They make the church look so beautiful!! Shane & Tammie Batenhorst in Memory of Winfred & Beata Batenhorst; Mike & Kari Moeller in Memory of Jack Dixon and Dale & Helen Moeller; Dianne Dixon in Memory of Jack Dixon and Francis & Mary Thomas; Mark & Martha Schweers in Memory of Vincent & Catherine Ulrich; Bob & Judy Feller in Memory of Leo & Delores Rief; Rick & Sarah Jacobs in Memory of Ralph & Irma Donner; Dave & Barb Deitloff and Fred & Kay Schultz in Memory of Francis Oligmueller and Jim Sapp; Chad & Janet Ludwig in Memory of Leonard Schmale, Darrell French, and Arven Ludwig; The Borgmann Family in Memory of Abigail Borgmann; Dave & Carol Oligmueller in Memory of Jayda Oligmueller, Norbert Ruskamp, and Norbert Oligmueller; Gary & Carmen Godbersen in Memory of Wayne Godbersen; Matthew Albers in Memory of Herb Albers; Chris & Lori Ruskamp in Memory of Norbert & MaryAnn Ruskamp and Alvin & Mary Jo Barent; Linda & Larry Hansen in Memory of George & Marcella and Doug Koester; Del & Bonnie Styskal in Memory of Edwin & Edna Knievel; and Richard & Dot Schultz in Memory of Dorothy A. Schultz.

Religious Education

ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS – GRADES K-12

Classes Resume January 8, 2025 for all grades.