

**Saint Joseph's Church**

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Reconciliation: Sundays after Mass  
or by appointment

**Second Sunday of Advent  
December 8th, 2024**

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**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

**2nd Sunday of Advent .....**

“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value...” (PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10) During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that “gift” truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your “obligation” to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them and learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less “stuff” and spend more time with those you love.

**SPIRITUAL INSIGHT— by Fr Walter**

John the Baptist proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. He prepares us for the coming of the Lord this Advent season in a new way. Why is this so important in our lives? St. Alphonsus Liguori reminds us: We have only one evil to fear, and that is sin. Too often society promotes being sinful as being virtues. Isaiah 5:20 warns us: Woe to those who call evil good and good evil who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter. Too often we see those who call the prideful who accomplish great things in the world as our heroes and those who stand up for the ten commandments as pests, old fashioned folks who have no idea what the majority wants, total freedom to do whatever they want to. But didn't Jesus teach us in the Our Father Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. In other words, God gave us a free will but a will that seeks total freedom to sin leads to darkness, the loss of eternal life and one that seeks God's will lead to true freedom, heaven. John the Baptist sought God's will to live in the desert and to lead people to Jesus to show that doing His will no matter how demanding at times leads to true freedom, divine peace, love, joy, heaven on earth and eternal life. Our biggest enemy is indeed sin, to do my will that opposes God's will and may lead to the loss of eternal life if we don't repent. But His mercy endures forever and He has conquered sin and death. All we need to do is to repent and turn to Him to receive His most holy mercy that saves us. Let us return to the sacrament of reconciliation at least monthly, especially this Advent to encounter a most tender, loving, and merciful Jesus Who restores us to new life.



**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
4:00 pm St. Boniface Monterey	7:30 am St. Aloysius Aloys
4:00 pm Sts. Peter and Paul Howells	8:30 am Holy Cross Beemer
5:00 pm St. Mary's West Point	9:00 am St. Wenceslaus Dodge
6:00 pm St. Joseph Wisner	10:00 am St. Joseph Wisner
6:00 pm St. Wenceslaus Dodge	10:00 am St. Mary's West Point
Midnight Mass St. Mary's West Point	10:30 am St. John's Howells



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SERVICES**

Sunday, December 8th  
5:30 PM—St. Wenceslaus, Dodge

Monday, December 9th  
7:00 AM St. Mary—West Point  
8:05 AM St. Mary—West Point All School  
8:15 AM—SS Peter & Paul, Howells  
12:00 noon—Holy Cross, Beemer  
5:30 PM—St. Joseph, Wisner  
6:00 PM St. Mary—West Point  
6:00 PM St. John—Howells



**Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer**  
**Weekend of December 15th**

**WORD:** Renae Carlson  
**EMHC:** Mary Mostek  
**SERVER:** Kim Pena, Stella Guenther  
**USHER:** Scott Ortmeier

**Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner**  
**Weekend of December 15th**

**LEC:** Diane Davies  
**EMHC:** Martha Schweers  
**EMHC 2:** Linda Hansen  
**SERV:** Emma Schroetlin, Henry Jacobs, Aubriana Good  
**OFF:** Austen Godbersen  
**USHER:** December Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—December 1st, 2024	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,121.00
Plate:	145.00
Children:	26.25
Tithe.ly Online:	150.00
Thanksgiving:	1,485.50
Christmas Flowers:	200.00
Total:	\$3,127.75

**MONEY COUNTERS**  
**Sunday, Dec. 8th—Team #4** AJ Burki, Lindsey Burki, Chris Liermann, Brenda Liermann  
**Sunday, Dec. 15th—Team #1** Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore


**MEN'S WORK GROUP—December 2024**  
**Chair:** Gary Godbersen  
**Co-Chair:** Duane Mendlik  
**Members:** Blaine Johnson, Nick Schultz, Scott Mendlik, Dave Ebel, Dixon Godbersen, Gerald Gentrup

**CONGRAULATIONS** to Frances Guenther, Shiloh Guenther, & Oliver Drey (and their families) as they were recently baptized at our parish. God bless you all, little ones!

**FOOD, PAPER, & PERSONAL ITEMS** will still be accepted till this coming weekend. Frozen turkeys & hams to be put in the freezer downstairs. Thank you!

**ALTAR SOCIETY:** We are having our Holy Cross Altar Society meeting December 9th, at 5:00 pm in the church rectory. Our Baby Jesus shower will begin as well as used glasses will be collected. Baskets will be available in the back of the church.

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—December 1st, 2024	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,040.00
Plate:	89.00
Children:	9.00
Tithe.ly Online:	70.81
Thanksgiving:	89.00



### Celebrations:

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

Last weeks celebrations were inadvertently missed, So, they are posted this week.

**Birthdays**

Carla Petersen December 2  
 Skyler Peatrowsky December 4  
 Duane Neesen December 8  
 Emmett Steffensmeier December 8  
 Hannah Praest December 12

**Anniversaries**

Robert and Ashley Praest December 2



**"COME TO THE MANGER"** - Join us this week for the St. Joseph K-6 Advent and Christmas program. Wednesday, Dec. 11th, at 6:00 pm followed by soup and sandwiches in the church basement. All are welcome.

**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:** Several factors have inspired us to try something different in 2025. With the implementation of Tithely (online giving), the increase in cost, and with many envelope boxes not being used, we decreased the number of boxes ordered.

- If you have used envelopes within the past 2 years, you will continue to receive a box for 2025.
- If you are an online giver, there will be a small box of special collection envelopes with your name on it. It will include things like Easter, Christmas, utilities, Rel Ed, Cemetery, Holy Days, etc.
- All others, including newly registered members that would like an envelope box, please call the parish office.

For any questions, or concerns, please contact Sarah at 402-529-3891.

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH—POINSETTIAS**  
 If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia for the Christmas Season in memory of a loved one(s), the sign up sheet and envelope are in the back of the church. You may also put an envelope in the collection basket, or mail it to the church at PO Box 623. Be sure to include the name of your loved one(s) and \$20 for each Poinsettia.



## Religious Education

**ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS – GRADES K-12**

**Grades K-6:** Practiced for the Christmas program that will be this week. Please help your child learn their line for the program.

**Year-end schedule:**  
 December 11<sup>th</sup> 4:00p.m. - 6:00p.m.—Regular Class  
**Christmas Program at 6:00 followed by Soup Supper in church basement. Invites were sent home with students last week stating details and what each family needs to bring.**

**Christmas Break** - classes resuming on January 8th

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**Grades 7-9:** Continued with Lesson 9 that discussed Baptism and its key words and 4 symbols. Evening ended with an Advent Prayer service and lighting the first purple candle on the advent wreath.

**Grades 10-12:** The kids made goodie plates and delivered them to people in the community. They had a great time spreading kindness this Christmas season.

**Year-end schedule:**  
 December 8th: Bowling Party at Tornado Alley at 4:00p.m.  
 December 11th: No class due to grade school Christmas Program

**Christmas Break** - classes resuming on January 8th

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	09	12:00 PM	HC	+ Marilyn Schulz
Mon	09	5:30 PM	SJ	+ Paul Kass
Tue	10	8:00 AM	HC	Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of the Casper Gentrup Family
Wed	11	9:30 AM	WCC	+ Norbert Oligmueller
Thu	12	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Lori Hollman Ruskamp
Fri	13	9:00 AM	CHB	+ Paul Stalp
Sat	14	—	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
Sun	15	8:30 AM	HC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sun	15	10:00 AM	SJ	+ James Kucera

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