

## Saint Joseph's Church

PO Box 623  
1318 Ave G West  
Wisner, NE 68791  
Parish Office: 529-3891  
www.stjosephwisner.org  
Reconciliation: Sundays after Mass  
or by appointment

## The Presentation of the Lord February 2, 2025

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## Holy Cross Parish

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Reconciliation: Sundays  
8:00-8:20 am or by appt.

St. Joseph and Holy Cross Bulletin and Office Email: stj068791@gmail.com



### Announcements for:

### ST. JOSEPH FAMILY OF PARISHES

**WEBSITE:** The St. Joseph Family of Parishes' website which includes all 10 Parishes in our Family is:

<https://stjosephfamilyofparishes.org/>

St. Joseph and Holy Cross websites remain the same, but may now also be accessed thru this new website.

### Prayer to St. Joseph, Explained

For centuries, Christians have relied on the intercessory prayers of Joseph, earthly spouse of the Blessed Virgin and foster father of Christ, who was obedient to the will of God in all things.

One particular novena prayer to St. Joseph is often called "the unfailing prayer to St. Joseph." It is thought to have originated in the first century A.D. and was sent by the pope to Emperor Charles as he went into battle. It is said that those who recite this prayer will not suffer a sudden death and will likewise be protected from drowning, the effects of poison and fire, falling into the hands of the enemy or being overpowered in battle.



### World Day for Consecrated Life

God of all goodness, you have called people to follow you faithfully. Humans have heard that call and many choose to follow your call in varied and faith-filled lives. Some follow your call in private, silent lives as hermits; some choose to follow you with lives lived as virgins and widows; while others choose public lives of vowed men and women as religious brothers and sisters. Abundantly give to these men and women the courage to follow their call as witnesses to your gifts and faith and service to the world. We ask this in faith through the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.



### SPIRITUAL INSIGHT— from Fr. Weeder

Today, we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord. An ancient tradition in the Church is to bless holy candles and hold them in the Church during Mass. They symbolize Christ coming into the Temple. And thus, over time, today's feast became the Mass of Candles, or "Candlemas", reminding us that Christ is the light of the world.

When adults are baptized, they receive a candle which is lit from the Paschal/Easter Candle. After receiving the candle, the celebrant says:

*You have been enlightened by Christ,  
Walk always as a child of the light  
and keep the flame of faith alive in your heart.  
When the Lord comes,  
may you go out to meet Him  
with all the Saints in the heavenly court.*

What profound meaning in this statement. It's not simply an acknowledgement that one has received the light of Christ, but is also a command to live what one has received, faith in Jesus Christ. It is a faith that is not a one-time event, but it is a faith that needs to be fostered through continual reception of the sacraments, prayer, study, and reflection of Scripture. If one stops doing these things it is easy for the light to grow dim. However, it can begin burning brightly by returning to them, especially with the sacrament of reconciliation. I encourage you, to take some time this week and reflect upon how brightly is the light of Christ burning in your life?



### 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

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer  
Weekend of February 9th

**WORD:** Marilyn Ortmeier  
**EMHC:** Dawn Peatrowsky  
**SERVER:** Vanessa & Preston Praest  
**USHER:** Gerald Gentrup


Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner  
Weekend of February 9th

**LEC:** Sally Harms  
**EMHC:** Linda Hansen  
**EMHC 2:** Martha Schweers  
**SERV:** Annamae Bloedorn, James Bloedorn, Aidan McBride  
**OFF:** Richard Schultz  
**USHER:** February Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—January 26th, 2025	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$615.00
Plate:	36.00
Children:	19.00
Tithe.ly Online:	150.00
HELP/Fuel:	100.00
Total:	\$920.00

**MONEY COUNTERS**  
**Sunday, Feb. 2nd—Team #4 A.J. & Lindsey Burki, Chris and Brenda Liermann**  
**Sunday, Feb. 9th—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore**

**MEN'S WORK GROUP—FEBRUARY 2025**  
**Chair:** Eric VonSeggern  
**Co-Chair:** Jeff Phillips  
**Members:** Nathan Janke, Mark Porter, Nate Phillips, Cooper VonSeggern, Zach Goedeker, Chuck Ross, Dayton Gentrup



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

**Birthdays**  
 Conner Robinson February 8

**No Anniversaries**

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—January 26th, 2025	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$700.00
Plate:	148.00
Children:	7.00
Tithe.ly Online:	293.34

**Update on AAA 2024/2025**

Thank you to those who have already made a gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. St. Joseph parish has currently committed **\$3,425.00 towards a goal of \$8,268.17**, and Holy Cross parish has committed **\$4,865.00 towards a goal of \$11,366.77**. Your participation in the AAA is extension of our call to discipleship in our parishes. Every gift matters. Please consider making an offering to the Annual Appeal.

**ITEMS FOR THE TAKING...**

1.) There are several chairs that have accumulated in the basement of church from when we did the bathroom renovation. The 2 black ones will remain at church, but there are 3 others that are free to anyone that would like them. You can find them at the bottom of the steps. They are on a first come basis. Please contact the office at 529-3891, if you're interested.

2.) A parishioner has some extra books and miscellaneous items they would like to have go a good home. They will be on a table in the basement. Stop and have a look, they are also free for the taking.

These items will remain in the basement until February 15th, at which time we will then find them an alternative home.

**UNDERSTANDING YOUR GRIEF:** A grief support group for those who have lost a loved one due to death.

MEETS EACH Monday  
 March 17—May 5, 2025  
 5:30-7:00 PM

Home Health Conference Room  
 Below Franciscan Pharmacy


See flyer in the back of church for more details.

**2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** are completed and available in the back of church. Please pick them up at your earliest convenience.

*Ladies' Guild* **The Ladies Guild** has 6-7 eight-foot banquet tables to sell. They are in need of small repairs. If interested, please contact Martha Schweers (402-380-2114).

**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 & HOLY CROSS – GRADES K-12**

**Grades K-6:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade started the Circle of Grace Lessons. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade continued Mass Server training.

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**Grades 7-9 Confirmation Class:** Finished the Lesson on the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Also discussed suffering in the world and how each of us has suffered in different ways. God has plans for us even though it does not seem what we want at the time.

**Grades 10-12:** Our group started Valentine projects for the Wisner Care Center.

Evening ended with prayer in church by doing decade of the rosary in memory of Rod Fredrickson.

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	03	—	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue	04	8:00 AM	HC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Wed	05	9:30 AM	WCC	+ James Kuchar
Thu	06	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Joseph Svoboda
Fri	07	9:00 AM	CHB	+ Bill & Rachel Paul
Sat	08	—	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
Sun	09	8:30 AM	HC	+ Lars Jackson
Sun	09	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Bill Feller
SJ—St. Joseph's		HC—Holy Cross		
WCC—Wisner Care Center		CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer		

