

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 Baptism of the Lord
January 12th, 2025**

Pastor: Fr. James Weeder
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Holy Cross Parish

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

Associate Pastors: Fr. Walter Jong-a-Kiem and Fr. Matthias Sule

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Announcements for:

**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.

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



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The Baptism of the Lord

...*“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...’ ” - Luke 3:16* The Catholic Catechism states that *“Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.”* In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.



SPIRITUAL INSIGHT— by Fr. Walter

St. Basil the Great states: “Baptism is ransom, forgiveness of debts, death of sin, regeneration of the soul, a resplendent garment, an unbreakable seal, a chariot to heaven, a royal protector, a gift of adoption.” We end the Christmas season with the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus sanctifies the baptismal waters, the heavens are opened, the Holy Spirit descends upon Him and the Father says: “You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased.” This is quite an amazing gift that the Father gives to all of us to become His adopted children, another Christ with such dignity to become one with Him and to participate in His divine life for ever and ever if we live a life of holiness according to His will. The Heavenly Father offers this to us but are we willing to accept it? It comes at a price; Jesus promises eternal life, life with the Most Holy Trinity to be one with Him if we are willing to live out our baptismal call. That means am I willing to imitate Jesus and plunge into the baptismal waters not just once but whenever He calls me to die to my selfish ways to accept His most holy will of sainthood? Am I willing to let go off my ambitions, pride, sinful ways, to be purified by the crosses of life to be shaped into Jesus more and more? Baptism is a dynamic call to conversion to die to self, to be raised new life in Christ to discover the beauty of our vocation: we discover the gift of becoming Jesus more and more by the power of the Holy Spirit. Can we accept this gift from the Father and let Him purify us to become a saint? It is such a joy to hear the Father say to us that we are His beloved son and that He is pleased in us each time we say Yes to His will.



**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



Saint Joseph Parish Council Members 2024-2025

Chris Ruskamp—Pres.	Chad Ludwig
Arvid Hass	Todd Schroeder
Brenda Liermann	Amanda Albers
Kyla Miller	Lynndsy Beckmann
For contact information, please see the parish directory	

Holy Cross Parish Council Members 2024-2025

Mike Guenther—Pres.	Trisha Robertson—Sec.
Mike Gentrup	Karen Spenner
Robert Praest	Michelle Borgmann
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Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of January 19th

WORD: Doris Guenther
EMHC: Ann Bausch
SERVER: Ben Oligmueller, Noah Borgmann
USHER: Brad Schulz

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of January 19th

LEC: Holly Schroeder
EMHC: Madonna Servi
EMHC 2: Tammie Batenhorst
SERV: Ghia Bramble, Abraham Millan Jr.,
 Edwin Millan
OFF: Jeff Phillips
USHER: January Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—January 1st, 2025	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$20.00
Sol. Of Mary Plate:	34.00
Sol. Of Mary:	200.00
Corp. Donation:	5,000.00
Total:	\$5,254.00
January 5th, 2025	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,106.00
Plate:	36.00
Children:	23.00
Tithely:	150.00
Sol. Of Mary:	55.00
Christmas:	100.00
Total:	\$1,470.00

MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, Jan. 12th—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore
Sunday, Jan. 19th—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder

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

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—January 5th, 2025	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$870.00
Plate:	91.00
Children:	8.00
Tithe.ly Online:	70.81
Sol. Of Mary:	84.00



COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS... after Mass next Sunday, January 19th. Mark your calendar!

PARISH COUNCIL & FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING: St. Joseph will have a combined council meeting this Thursday, January 16th, at 5:30 pm in the church basement.

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

Birthdays
 Susan Steffensmeier January 14
 Shane Combs January 15
 Jean Batenhorst January 16
 Chris Black January 18

Anniversaries
 Ron and Bev Francis January 14

Religious Education

ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS – GRADES K-12

Grades K-6: The 5th & 6th grade did Mass server training. The 2nd grade is preparing for First Reconciliation.
Reminder: First Reconciliation for 2nd grade is Saturday, January 25, 2025 at 9:00a.m.

Grades 7-9 Confirmation Class: Started on lesson 10, which discusses the Sacrament of Reconciliation along with mortal and venial sins. The evening ended with a short review of changes for Mass servers.

Grades 10-12: Our word for the week was intentionality. We discussed resolutions and "ins & outs" and how the students can make intentional choices about their faith.

Online Giving with Tithe.ly
 Both St. Joseph and Holy Cross parishes have an online giving option. For additional ways to contribute, QR codes have been made for both parishes, or you may still sign up under the parish websites. If you have any questions, call the parish office at 402-529-3891.

Holy Cross
Beemer

St. Joseph
Wisner

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	13	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	14	8:00 AM	HC	+ Winfred Batenhorst
Wed	15	9:30 AM	WCC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Thu	16	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Joe & Tim Svoboda
Fri	17	9:00 AM	CHB	+ Elaine Throener
Sat	18	—	—	NO MASS
Sun	19	8:30 AM	HC	+ Joyce Schlickbernd
Sun	19	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Mya Bazata
SJ—St. Joseph's		HC—Holy Cross		
WCC—Wisner Care Center		CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer		

Prayer Chain info..... St. Joseph prayer group is open to all men and women of the parish. The prayer request notifications come to you via text or phone call, and you are not asked to pass on the requests (like past prayer chains have required). You simply include the request in your regular prayers and there is no meeting involved.

If you or a loved one need extra prayers, please let us know. The information you give can be as general or specific as you'd like. All members of the prayer group are asked to keep the intentions confidential. To be added to the prayer group or to ask for special prayer requests, please notify or text Anne Ausdemore at 402-750-9616.