

Saint Joseph's Church

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Reconciliation: Sundays after Mass
or by appointment

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 26th, 2025

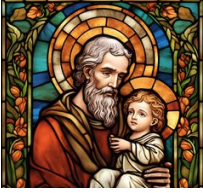
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Holy Cross Parish

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Announcements for:

ST. JOSEPH FAMILY OF PARISHES

PRO-LIFE

Pro-Life Mass Saturday, Feb. 1st, 9am
at St Mary's Catholic Church Down-
town Lincoln. Mass to be celebrated by
Bishop Hanefeldt, followed by: NEBRASKA WALK
FOR LIFE 10am State Capitol (meet on north side)



January 31, Nebraska Right to Life Gala:
5:30pm at the Embassy Suites, La Vista, NE

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 for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for
calling men and women to serve in
your Son's Kingdom as priests, dea-
cons, and consecrated persons. Send
your Holy Spirit to help others to
respond generously and courageous-
ly to your call. May our community
of faith support vocations of sacrifi-
cial love in our youth and young
adults. Through our Lord Jesus
Christ, who lives and reigns with
you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

Amen



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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared...” - NEHEMIAH 8:10 Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here's the hard part – to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

SPIRITUAL INSIGHT— from Fr. Matthias Sule

Reflection of the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time:

What I like about the readings today is that they draw a sharp contrast between the Old and New Testaments. The focus of the Old Testament was very much God revealing the laws to his people. The New Testament is filled with a message that is different from the Law; it is the message of the Spirit. In the Old Testament, God gives us the law. In the New Testament, God gives us the Spirit. It's not a case of the spirit taking away the Law or even ignoring it. The two work together in a very interesting way. We could say that the Old Testament is designed for people in the first half of life; the New Testament, the message of Jesus is designed for those in the second half of life.

In the reading from Nehemiah, we see the people, who bowed down to receive this law, begin to weep gently. In a system where there the Law was the main emphasis, people ended up falling into two categories. These who were disciplined or strong enough to fulfill it and those who couldn't. Those who fulfilled the Law were the insiders. Those who could not fulfill the Law were the outcast.

Imagine the excitement of the people reared in the Old Testament system of outsiders and insiders as they listen to the message of Jesus! In this incredible message, no one is insignificant. Jesus tells the people that he has been touched by the spirit through this Baptism. He's inviting all people to be touched by that same spirit. Jesus says, "I've come to give you a message that will make you feel better". Jesus is going to bring a richness to our poverty, a sense of Freedom to the feeling of being imprisoned in weakness and half-truth. Jesus gives great value and dignity to each individual. This the joy found in Jesus's teaching. Jesus was very much in favor of life.

Life is our most precious gift, and it must be protected. It must be honored and nurtured always. Every time we fall into that terrible illusion and darkness of categorizing people as either valuable or disposable, we have lost the message Jesus came to put us in touch with. As we look at the ministry of Jesus, we find a man filled with spirit - not just the Law. If we believe and embody this spirit, we then become sources of light to all those we come in contact with. (Msgr. Don L Fischer; pastoral reflections Sunday Homilies)

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of February 2nd

WORD: Renae Carlson
EMHC: Dennis Mostek
SERVER: Elijah & Easley Woodbury
USHER: Mike Gentrup

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of February 2nd

LEC: Maci Brahmer
EMHC: Steve Ausdemore
EMHC 2: Capri McGuire
SERV: Aubrianna Good, Edgar Vallejo, Joel Good
OFF: Chris Ruskamp
USHER: February Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—January 19th, 2025	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$2,200.00
Plate:	529.00
Children:	24.00
Tithe.ly Online:	200.00
Total:	\$2,953.00

MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, Jan. 26th—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer
Sunday, Feb. 2nd—Team #4 A.J. & Lindsey Burki, Chris and 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 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

Thank You!



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS were given by: Scott & Ann Ortmeier in memory of Don & Kay Eisenmenger, Doug Steffensmeier, Lavina Mestl in memory of Eugene Mestl, Dave & Sue Steffensmeier, Ron & Bev Francis in memory of Family Members, Brad & Anne Schulz in memory of Marilyn Schulz, Marjorie Gentrup in memory of Casper Gentrup, Jr., Adolph & Eunice Behrens, Casper & Margaret Gentrup, Rita Eichelberger in memory of Vergil & Frances Liermann, Renae Carlson in memory of Brent Carlson, Robert & Violet Yosten, Bernie Oligmueller in memory of Francis Oligmueller, William & Johanna Oligmueller, Ben & Elizabeth Wordekemper, and the Holy Cross Women's Group. Thank you all for adding to the beauty of our church!

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—January 19th, 2025	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$755.00
Plate:	114.00
Children:	20.00
Tithe.ly Online:	274.11
Solemnity of Mary:	70.00

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).

POINSETTIAS: If anyone would like to take a plant home, please do so today after Mass. They will be disposed of Monday or Tuesday of this week.

THANK YOU to these parishioners for delivering Meals-on-Wheels this month on behalf of St. Joseph Church: Barb Deitloff, Helen Feller, Carmen Godbersen, Tammie Batenhorst, and Anne Ausdemore.



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

Birthdays
 Diana Dinslage January 27
 Bernie Oligmueller January 28
 Asher Borgmann January 28

No Anniversaries



MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	27	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	28	8:00 AM	HC	Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of Alois & Anna Ortmeier
Wed	29	9:30 AM	WCC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Thu	30	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Ken Ebel
Fri	31	9:00 AM	CHB	+ Ray & Dee Steffensmeier
Sat	01	—	—	NO MASS
Sun	02	8:30 AM	HC	+ Francis Oligmueller and Jim Sapp
Sun	02	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Norbert Oligmueller

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

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 stjo68791@gmail.com. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per Mass.

Religious Education

ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS – GRADES K-12

Grades K-6: The 2nd grade finished preparing for their First Reconciliation that was this Saturday. The 6th grade did lesson 3 of the Encounter Program which talked about Abraham & Sarah and the descendants down to Joseph.

Grades 7-9 Confirmation Class: The lesson was on "How Does God Help When it Hurts?" We made cards to take to the Wisner Care Center to help brighten their day, and also a card they took home to give to family member or a friend.

Grades 10-12: It was a small group this week. They did a couple projects for the church, and the word for the week was "Worship". They discussed the things we do every day...is this the life God wants us to live? Are we busying ourselves with things to do, or are we letting Him direct us?

Evening ended with closing prayer in church.