

Saint Joseph's Church

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Reconciliation: Sundays after Mass
or by appointment

Epiphany of the Lord January 5th, 2025

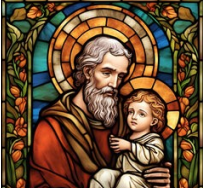
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Holy Cross Parish

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Announcements for:

**ST. JOSEPH
FAMILY OF PARISHES**

THANK YOU to all who helped decorate our churches, contributed to poinsettia memorials, those who arranged the poinsettias, and played a role as a—musician, lector, EMHC, usher, or server—during the Christmas liturgies. Your participation helped to make Christmas such a beautiful and uplifting liturgy.

THANK YOU ALSO FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS KINDNESS - Fr. Matthias, Michel, and I want to offer our thanks for your loving support throughout the year, but especially during this Christmas season. Your kindness, generosity, and prayers are greatly appreciated.

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.

The Epiphany of the Lord "...

They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

- MATTHEW 2:11

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.



SPIRITUAL INSIGHT— From Fr. Weeder

In today's liturgy, the Three Magi come from afar bearing gifts because they see the signs in the stars that a great king has just been born, great enough to warrant leaving their countries behind to see him and pay him homage. The Magi represent all the peoples of the earth seeing that light in the distance—the distance of their situation, of their cultural differences—and move toward it. The Father had put a spotlight on his newborn Son, and the Magi had to come out of the darkness to find it. They saw by the light of a star a point of brightness in an otherwise dark world, and drew closer. The Magi only knew that they were going in search for a king, but when they arrived, they found the Messiah. They saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. The Magi left what they were familiar with in search for a king but found something greater. Like the Magi, we too must at times leave the familiar so we can find something greater, namely, the Messiah.

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



Epiphany Blessing, Explained

The Epiphany household blessing is a centuries-old tradition that invokes God's blessing on all who enter one's home. All you need for an Epiphany blessing is chalk, which is usually made available by parishes either on the feast of the Epiphany or in the weeks leading up to it. There are a few different formulas for blessings out there, but the essence of the ritual is always the same: a priest or the head of the household calls down God's blessing on the house and everyone who comes into it, and an inscription is made above the door in chalk. The inscription reads: the first two digits of the year + C + M + B + the last two digits of the year. The initials C, M and B represent the names of the magi — Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar — and also signify the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house."



Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of January 12th

WORD: Tom Peatrowsky
EMHC: Mary Mostek
SERVER: Vanessa & Preston Praest
USHER: Gerald Gentrup

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of January 12th

LEC: Gayle Lampman
EMHC: Sally Harms
EMHC 2: Alan Harms
SERV: Emma Schroetlin, Chloe Schroetlin,
 Deidrick Bodwell
OFF: Dave Oligmueller
USHER: January Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—December 25th, 2024	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$250.00
Plate:	9.00
Children:	5.00
Christmas:	4,691.00
Christmas Flowers:	220.00
Immaculate Conception:	50.00
Total:	\$5,225.00
Holy Cross—December 29th, 2024	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,081.00
Plate:	65.00
Children:	27.00
Tithe.ly Online:	150.00
Christmas:	950.00
Christmas Flowers:	20.00
Total:	\$2,293.00

MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, Jan. 5th—Team #4 AJ & Lindsey Burki, Chris & Brenda Liermann
Sunday, Jan. 12th—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore

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—December 22nd, 2024	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,985.00
Plate:	76.00
Children:	10.00
Tithe.ly Online:	293.34
Christmas:	320.00
St. Joseph—December 25th, 2024	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$280.00
Christmas Envelopes:	7,640.00
Christmas Plate:	525.00
Christmas Children:	70.00
St. Joseph—December 29th, 2024	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$425.00
Plate:	173.00
Children:	10.00
Tithe.ly Online:	174.11
Christmas:	600.00
Heating/AC:	100.00

Celebrations:
 Holy Cross Parish wishes happiness and God's blessings to the following:
Birthdays
 Rita Heiser January 5
No Anniversaries

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 \$3,200.00 towards a goal of \$8,268.17, and Holy Cross parish has committed \$2,545.00 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.

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 15th.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	06	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	07	8:00 AM	HC	For the health oh David Mestl
Wed	08	9:30 AM	WCC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Thu	09	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Joe Marksmeier
Fri	10	9:00 AM	CHB	+ Peter & Elizabeth Peitzmeier
Sat	11	—	—	NO MASS
Sun	12	8:30 AM	HC	+ Ray & Odelia Steffensmeier
Sun	12	10:00 AM	SJ	+ James Kuchar
SJ—St. Joseph's		HC—Holy Cross		
WCC—Wisner Care Center		CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer		

Religious Education

ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS – GRADES K-12

Classes Resume January 8, 2025 for all grades.

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

-Choose to get updates from groups you're interested in
 -Unsubscribe anytime, no spam we promise

If you LINKED a family member it doesn't mean they are signed up to receive text or emails. They need to sign up separately to receive text or emails.

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