

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

**7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 February 23, 2025**

Pastor: Fr. James Weeder
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Holy Cross Parish

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 Beemer, NE 68716
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 Reconciliation: Sundays
 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**

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.

Gearing up for Lent with a

PRE-LENT FISH FRY



on Friday February 28
 from 5:00 - 7:30pm in GA Cafeteria
 Desserts by the Catholic Daughters

NO Ash Wednesday Fish Fry

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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**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

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

...*“But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back...”*
 - LUKE 6:35

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

SPIRITUAL INSIGHT— from Fr. Matthias Sule

Learn to Forgive:

The first reading describes a conflict between two very powerful leaders. We sense that David has a conflict with Saul, and he is given an opportunity to do something that all of us long to do at times deep within our humanity: We want to nail our enemies. One of David's advisers tells him, "Look, here is Saul. He is vulnerable in his sleep. His sword is right next to him, all we have to do is lift it up and stick it in him and we've got him." David refuses to do this. When he refuses to kill Saul, he is making a statement. David says, "We are not going to do this, if we try to harm God's anointed, we will be punished."

As followers of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are invited to change the way we think and act. May be one of the most difficult lessons to learn in this area is forgiveness of those who have wronged us. As challenging as this may be, the Gospel calls us to even a higher standard - we must be merciful as God is merciful. If such perfection can become a reality in our lives, we will be able to truly forgive.

St. Paul assures us that we can indeed attain such perfection, not by ourselves but through the power of the risen Lord, whose image we bear. The story narrated, in the First reading of today is filled with human intrigues and divine mystery. It contrasts the respect in which David held the anointed of the Lord with the murderous intent of Saul. Although David was the one hunted, Saul was the one caught, helpless. It is clear that God had delivered Saul into the hands of David. Still, David did not raise his hands against the King. Having worldly power or physical strength does not mean that one must strike. Remember, vengeance is the Lord's, learn to forgive.

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

WORD: Renae Carlson
EMHC: Tom Peatrowsky
SERVER: Vanessa & Preston Praest
USHER: Mike Gentrup

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

LEC: Dave McGuire
EMHC: Capri McGuire
EMHC 2: Richard Schultz
SERV: Erica Good, Karla Millan, Ella Jacobs
OFF: Chad Ludwig
USHER: March Men's Group

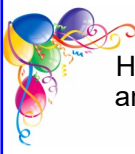
Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—February 9th, 2025	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$701.00
Plate:	25.00
Children:	21.00
Tithe.ly Online:	150.00
Total:	\$897.00

MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, Feb. 23rd—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmaer
Sunday, Mar. 2nd—Team #4 A.J. and Lindsey Burki, Chris and Brenda Liermann

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

"SOUPER" BOWL DONATIONS are still welcome. Put an envelope in the collection marked Souper Bowl. Thank you for your help.

MEN'S WORK GROUP—MARCH 2025
Chair: Perry Albers
Co-Chair: Roger Lampman
Members: Todd Schroeder, Chad Ludwig, Lorin Batenhorst, Ray Johnson, Wade Overturf, Nick Heller, Austen Godbersen, Hayden Schroeder



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

Birthdays
 Gerald Schlickbernd February 26
 Preston Praest February 27
 Vicky Krupka February 29

No Anniversaries

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—February 16th, 2025	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$875.00
Plate:	281.00
Children:	9.00
Tithe.ly Online:	170.81

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Get More Out of Lent!
 Join a small group and "Live Lent Together." Your group will spend an hour each week of Lent reflecting on a Bible reading and making it meaningful in your own life. Even if you haven't participated in a group study before, the format of Live Lent Together allows you to participate as much as you are comfortable.

To get an idea of how the small group meetings work, attend one of these demonstrations, held in the St. Joe church basement: Tuesday, February 25 12-12:55 pm; Saturday, March 1, 8:30 am; Sunday, March 2, 8:30 am; Thursday, March 6, 7:00 pm.

Members of other parishes are warmly invited to join us! To get started or for more information, text or call: Missy Johnson, 402-690-8105 or Ruth Bloedorn, 402-640-3446.

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.

JOIN LIFE RUNNERS for an inspiring evening at the "All In Christ for Pro-Life" Banquet on Friday, March 28th! This is a unique opportunity to hear from Archbishop Broglio, USCCB president, and Military Archdiocese, and to enjoy the engaging presence of Jen Brown, co-host of the KVSS Spirit Mornings show. Details and registration at liferunners.org/banquet.

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	24	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	25	8:00 AM	HC	+ George & Lu Rejda
Wed	26	9:30 AM	WCC	+ Gerald Ruskamp
Thu	27	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Winfred & Beata Batenhorst
Fri	28	9:00 AM	CHB	+ Dee Steffensmeier
Sat	01	—	—	NO MASS
Sun	02	8:30 AM	HC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sun	02	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Rick Smeal + Rod Frederickson

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

Religious Education

ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS – GRADES K-12

Grades K-6: 4th grade finished the Circle of Grace Lessons. 6th grade did not have class due to the fact that we could not find a substitute teacher.

This coming week, grades K-3 will recite prayers so please help your child/children learn their prayers.

Grades 7-9 Confirmation Class: Classes were cancelled due to the cold weather. This week we will continue with discussion of the 7 Sacraments.

Grades 10-12: Class was cancelled due to extreme cold.