

Saint Joseph's Church
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Reconciliation: Sundays after Mass
or by appointment

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
March 2nd, 2025

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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.

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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Blessed Art Display

Sunday, March 2nd at [Holy Cross](#) after 8:00 am Mass
Sunday, March 2nd at [St. Joseph](#) at 11:00 am Mass

March 5

Ash Wednesday
Mass Schedule

7:00am	St Mary's - West Point
8:05am	St Mary's-West Point All School
8:15am	Sts. Peter and Paul-Howells
Noon	Holy Cross-Beemer
6:00pm	St. Mary's-West Point
7:00pm	St. Wenceslaus-Dodge
7:00pm	St. Joseph-Wisner

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

SPIRITUAL INSIGHT— from Fr. James Weeder

What Moves Us to Remove Our Beams

Saint Augustine tells us that he found some admirable virtues among pagans (let us think of Socrates), but that never, absolutely never, did he find a pagan who possessed the virtue of humility. The reason is that this virtue is possible only on the supernatural plane; it is therefore not accessible to those whose outlook is limited to natural ethics. The humble person dreads to be called humble, and actually suffers when someone praises him for possessing this elusive virtue. The proud person, on the contrary, loves to hear his "humility" commended and basks in this praise. As long as we compare ourselves to other human creatures—be it for physical, intellectual, or spiritual characteristics—we shall always find someone who is "worse" off than we are....

But humility refrains from making purely human comparisons. This virtue teaches us to place ourselves naked in front of our Creator, the infinitely perfect and Holy One. Such a confrontation must bring us to our knees and force us to acknowledge that we are nothing but dust and ashes, as Abraham said when he begged God to spare Sodom and Gomorrah. It is inconceivable that someone should stand in front of the one true God and persist in the illusion that he is "something." All the gifts we possess come from God; by ourselves we are nothing, and would fall back into nothingness if God's hand did not sustain us in existence through the concursus divinus (divine concurrence).

This confrontation between God and man could be crushing and lead us to metaphysical despair. (Let us recall the cry of Saint Peter, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man", in Luke 5:8.) But the recognition of our nothingness should go hand in hand with an awareness that God, the infinitely good and merciful God, loves his creatures, these poor beggars that he has knighted by making them to his image and likeness. The moment that man perceives both his misery and his greatness, the consciousness that he is loved brings him such overwhelming joy that, appropriately, he prefers to be nothing because the one who loves him and whom he has learned to love is everything.

Alice von Hildebrand



Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of March 9th
WORD: Marilyn Ortmeier
EMHC: Ann Bausch
SERVER: Ben Oligmueller, Stella Guenther
USHER: Gerald Gentrup

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of March 9th
LEC: Chris Ruskamp
EMHC: Tammie Batenhorst
EMHC 2: Sally Harms
SERV: Leighton Porter, Nora Porter, Angel Ramirez-Lugo
OFF: Ron Machacek
USHER: March Men’s Group

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

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

Stewardship of God’s Gifts	
St. Joseph—February 23rd, 2025	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$810.00
Plate:	192.00
Children:	16.00
Insurance:	20.00
Tithe.ly Online:	293.34

MEALS ON WHEELS: Thank you to these parishioners for delivering Meals-on-Wheels this month on behalf of St. Joseph Church: Barb Deitloff, Kari Moeller, Carmen Godbersen, Anne Ausdemore, and Carol Oligmueller
Please consider volunteering to help deliver meals to Wisner's homebound residents. It takes less than 45 minutes, every 6-12 weeks, and we will show you how to do it! Please call Anne at 402-750-9616 to volunteer!!


Men’s Lenten Breakfast
At the United Methodist Church of Christ
Men and boys of all ages are encouraged to attend this event each Thursday during Lent. Breakfast is served at 6:45 a.m. followed by a short message at 7:00. A free-will donation is accepted, and the proceeds go to the Wisner Ministerial Association to help members in our community who are in need. The St. Joseph’s men are scheduled to serve on March 20th.

LENTEN SERVICES

Ash Wednesday, March 5th
12:00 pm at Holy Cross Beemer
7:00 pm at St. Joseph Wisner

At Holy Cross—Beemer
Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
Fridays, Starting March 7th—April 11th

Stewardship of God’s Gifts	
Holy Cross—February 23rd, 2025	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,261.00
Plate:	113.00
Children:	22.00
Tithe.ly Online:	200.00
Total:	\$1,596.00



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

Birthdays
Doug Steffensmeier March 2
Joanna Borgmann March 2
Kevin Lueshen March 4
Leo Schulz March 4

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.



ASH WEDNESDAY
First Day of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	03	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	04	8:00 AM	HC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Wed	05	12:00 PM Noon	HC	Ash Wednesday + Alvin & Betty Havranek
Wed	05	7:00 PM	SJ	Ash Wednesday + Jayda Oligmueller
Thu	06	8:00 AM	SJ	+ James Kuchar
Fri	07	9:00 AM	CHB	+ Norbert Ruskamp
Sat	08	—	—	NO MASS
Sun	09	8:30 AM	HC	+ Mike McTaggart + Ray & Dee Steffensmeier
Sun	09	10:00 AM	SJ	+ John & Betty Marksmeier
SJ—St. Joseph’s HC—Holy Cross WCC—Wisner Care Center CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer				



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: 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.

Religious Education

ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS – GRADES K-12

Grades K-6: Fr. Weeder and Fr. Sule celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Grades 3-6. Students recited prayers to prayer personnel. This week grades 3 & 6 will recite prayers.

Youth Mass: March 23rd at 10:00a.m.

High School: The evening started with all celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr. Weeder and Fr. Sule.

Grades 7-9 Confirmation Class: Discussed the Circle of Grace with emphasis on bullying, how to react on certain scenarios and when to notify their trusted adult.

Grades 10-12: Completed Circle of Grace.