

Saint Joseph's Church

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Reconciliation: Sundays after Mass
or by appointment

Second Sunday of Lent March 16th, 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.

FUN FEST—HOWELLS COMMUNITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL annual Fun Fest will be held **TODAY**, Sunday, March 16th, at the Howells Ballroom. A Pork Loin meal will be served from 10:30am to 1:00pm, along with children's games, bake sale, raffles and the auction at 1:00pm.

PRO-LIFE SPEAKING EVENT FEATURING:

Patricia Sandoval, Thursday, April 3rd, at the Guardian Angels Central Catholic Activities Center in West Point. Refreshments and coffee following. All are welcome. For more details see the flyer posted in the back of church.

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.



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—

Brothers and sisters,

Lent is a journey. And like any journey, it has its difficult moments—those stretches of road where we wonder if we're really getting anywhere. Sometimes, prayer feels dry. Sometimes, fasting feels empty. Sometimes, almsgiving feels unnoticed. Maybe some of us started Lent strong but are already struggling to keep up. If that's you, take heart. Today's Gospel gives us the encouragement we need. Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up the mountain to pray. This is no small detail. The mountain is a place of encounter and if we desire to see God more clearly, we must be willing to climb. Prayer, sacrifice, and love are not always easy; they are uphill paths that demand effort and perseverance. Yet, on that mountain, something incredible happens—Jesus is transfigured. His face shines like the sun, and his clothes become dazzling white. It is a moment of breathtaking beauty, a glimpse of divine glory. But just as quickly as it comes, it fades. The disciples cannot remain on the mountain. They must walk back down—back into real life, back into the struggles and uncertainties of life.

Isn't that our experience too? There are moments when God feels near, when his presence is almost tangible—in prayer, in worship, in the beauty of creation, in the love of others. But we cannot linger on the mountaintop. Like Jesus and the disciples, we have to descend, to return to the daily grind, back to the things that weigh on us, the crosses we are called to carry.

But here's what I want you to hold onto: the glory Peter, James, and John witnessed on the mountain was real. It did not vanish simply because they could no longer see it. And neither does God's work in our lives. Even when we cannot feel it, even when the road seems endless, even when the climb feels too steep—He is still with us. His light still shines, his grace still moves, and his love still transforms.

So maybe this week, we don't need to do more. Maybe we just need to trust more. Keep walking, even when the road feels unclear. Keep listening, even when God seems quiet. Keep showing up, even when you don't feel like it. Because the light of Christ is still shining—sometimes in the big, dazzling moments, but more often in the quiet, ordinary places of our lives. May the grace of this Lenten season sustain you, and may the light of Christ illuminate your path.

Blessings to you all,
Father Michel N'DO



Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of March 23rd

WORD: Tom Peatrowsky
EMHC: Dawn Peatrowsky
SERVER: Kim Pena & Noah Borgmann
USHER: Scott Ortmeier

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of March 23rd

LEC: Youth
EMHC: Alan Harms
EMHC 2: Linda Hansen
SERV: Youth
OFF: Youth
USHER: Youth

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—March 9th, 2025	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$335.00
Plate:	95.00
Children:	9.00
Tithe.ly Online:	150.00
Total:	\$589.00


MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, Mar. 16th—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder
Sunday, Mar. 23rd—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer

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

COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS... after Mass **TODAY!** Please join us!

MINISTRY HELP is needed. Anyone wishing to become an EMHC, Lector, Sacristan, or Choir Member please let Renae know and we will direct you to the right person to get you started on training.

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—March 9th, 2025	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,860.00
Plate:	140.00
Children:	23.00
Tithe.ly Online:	481.39



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

Birthdays
 Sarah Lierman March 16
 Ben Oligmueller March 17
 Gerald Wellman March 21

Youth & Family Mass
Sunday, March 23rd
10:00 am

Following Mass there will be a short gathering in the church basement with donuts and cookies to reinforce to the students that church is a community.



All are welcome!!


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

LENTEN MISSION with Fr. Michel N'Do
 The Agony of Love: How Christ's Passion Transforms Our Suffering into Hope
 7:00 - 8:00pm
 March 23 & 24 at St Aloysius
 March 25 at St Mary with Reconciliation

This Lent, step into the mystery of Christ's Passion and discover how His suffering-born out of love-transforms our pain into hope. Through prayer, reflection, and practical insights, Fr. Michel will guide us in exploring how Jesus walks with us in our struggles and leads us toward healing and renewal.

Join us for three evenings of grace, as we journey with Christ from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Cross, finding strength, mercy and the promise of resurrection along the way. Come as you are. Leave renewed in faith and hope!

Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters



EASTER LILY DONATIONS: There is a sign up sheet in the back of church for Easter lilies and flowers in the remembrance of your loved ones. Suggested donation for lilies is \$20 each. Please complete the form as you would like to have the names listed. Thank you.

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.



MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	10	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	11	8:00 AM	HC	+ Lorenz & Elizabeth Ruskamp
Wed	12	9:30 AM	WCC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Thu	13	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Frank Ebel
Fri	14	9:00 AM	CHB	+ Fred McNamara
Sat	15	—	—	NO MASS
Sun	16	8:30 AM	HC	Lvng & Dec'd Members of the Henry & Eleanor Spenner Fam.
Sun	16	10:00 AM	SJ	+ John Davies + John Woerdemann
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: The 3rd grade discussed Lent, reviewed the Sacrament of Reconciliation and learned about the Sacrament of the Anointing of the sick.

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

Grades 7-9 Confirmation Class: Discussed the 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Grades 10-12: The students did a scavenger hunt in the community and the word for the week was "Seek".

Evening ended with closing prayer in church