

Saint Joseph's Church

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Reconciliation: Sundays after Mass
or by appointment

Third Sunday of Lent March 23rd, 2025

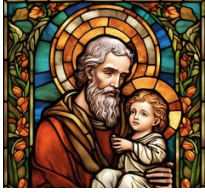
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Holy Cross Parish

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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.

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.

PRO-LIFE SPEAKING EVENT FEATURING

Patricia Sandoval

Thursday, April 3, at 7:00 PM

Guardian Angels Central Catholic Activities Center
417 E Walnut St, West Point, NE 68788

HOSTED BY ST. MARY'S PROLIFE

All are welcome!

Refreshments and coffee following the event.

Patricia Sandoval is an international pro-life and chastity speaker who has traveled around the world since 2007 sharing her story of her three abortions, work behind the hidden doors of Planned Parenthood and followed by nearly three years as a homeless drug addict. Patricia currently hosts a weekly television program, "Pro-Life Report," (Informe Próvida) on EWTN español and is the author of the book "Transfigured," which has been translated in several countries. Patricia most recently can be seen on the documentary "THE MATTER OF LIFE". Diaper and Baby Item Collection: If you would like to bring diapers or other new baby items, we'll be collecting them at the event and taking them to a pregnancy resource center.

3rd Sunday of Lent

"He said to the gardener, „For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.“” - Luke 13:7 We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have, or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all of the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous; we are called to develop and nurture our gifts; and return them with increase. We are called to be generous with all of gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.

SPIRITUAL INSIGHT— from Fr. Matthias Sule

Brothers and Sisters, as it's March 22nd - 23rd, 2025, we are about 3 weeks into our Lenten Journey, how far about the exercise: In the parable of the Fig Tree, the man goes on a search for fruit fullness. God is always looking for fruitfulness in this process of moving us along the journey that brings us in to new life. When we experience new life, that is a good sign that we are moving in the right direction on this journey. In the story, the vinedresser says that perhaps the fig tree needs to be cut down because it is not bearing fruit. God on the other hand is the one who says, "No, let's dig and probe and break things open. Let's put fertilizer around it to bring new life." God constantly offers grace. He constantly offers new life. He offers spiritual food and drink. There are, at least, two meaningful insights about God that come from the gospel of this Sunday: Firstly, our suffering and handicaps are not necessarily as a result of our sins, though suffering could be Pedagogical. That is, it teaches us something about human nature. Secondly, despite our own failures and indifferences, God always offers us a second chance. Our work as Christians is to become vinedressers ready to prune the fig tree in order to produce good fruits. We are called to be living examples to people walking in evil ways and prevailing to them not only by words but also our lifestyles. That they can repent. We cannot claim to be more righteous than other people and tend to judge others for their failings. Lent is a time to reconcile. To return to God. This explains the story of the fig tree being given another opportunity to bear fruit. God keeps giving us same opportunities, we must make use of it, repent and ask for forgiveness during this season of lent. Remember: "The key" to "the keys to the kingdom of Heaven": is the mercy of Jesus.

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

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

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of March 30th

WORD: Doris Guenther
EMHC: Brenda Anderson
SERVER: Vanessa & Preston Praest
USHER: Marv Gentrup

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of March 30th

LEC: Jeff Phillips
EMHC: Madonna Servi
EMHC 2: Shane Batenhorst
SERV: Kinsley Lueken, Charlee Thies, Knoxyn Thies
OFF: Steve Ausdemore
USHER: March Men's Group


Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—March 16th, 2025	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$311.00
Plate:	61.00
Children:	15.00
Tithe.ly Online:	150.00
Total:	\$537.00

MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, Mar. 23rd—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer
Sunday, Mar. 30th—Team #4 AJ & Lindsey Burki, Chris & Brenda Liermann

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

MANY FREE BOOKS and devotionals, for adults and youth, are available for your Lenten prayer times. Please take whatever is helpful to you.

MEN'S WORK GROUP—APRIL 2025
Chair: Trebor Cyboron
Co-Chair: Alan Harms
Members: Chad Dixon, Devon Dixon, Brad Cornell, Sid Kneifl, AJ Burki, Craig Kreikemeier, Keith Schroetlin



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

Birthdays
 Brad Schulz March 23
 Dawn Peatrowsky March 26

No Anniversaries

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—March 16th, 2025	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1180.00
Plate:	90.00
Children:	12.00
Cemetery:	200.00
Tithe.ly Online:	170.81

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

TODAY!!!
Youth & Family Mass

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!!



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.

**COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER
 for AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY**


Sunday, April 6th
 10:30am—2:00pm

Nielsen Community Center in West Point

Featuring:

Breakfast by the Waffleman—Free will donation
 Silent Auction
 Survivor Recognition
 Luminaria Display

For more details contact Donna Greve 402-380-1097



SPRING CLEAN UP DAY RESCHEDULED:
 Due to the weather, the church yard clean up day as been rescheduled for next Saturday, March 29th, at 9:00 AM. See the flyer in the back of church for more details.

SENIORS & SENIOR PARENTS: The Senior Scholarship Applications have been mailed. Any questions, please contact Martha Schweers (402-380-2114).

MINISTRY SCHEDULE: The new ministry schedule has been emailed and there are extra copies in the back of church on the bulletin board. If you did not receive it via email and would like to be added to the list, please contact the parish office. Thank you.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	24	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	25	8:00 AM	HC	+ Joyce Schlickbernd
Wed	26	9:30 AM	WCC	Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of Ron & MaryAnn Wemhoff
Thu	27	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Jayda Oligmueller
Fri	28	9:00 AM	CHB	+ Bud Tyler
Sat	29	—	—	NO MASS
Sun	30	8:30 AM	HC	Lvng & Dec'd Friends & Family Of LaVern & Cleon Houghton
Sun	30	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Francis Oligmueller
SJ—St. Joseph's		HC—Holy Cross		
WCC—Wisner Care Center		CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer		