

**Saint Joseph’s Church**  
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Wisner, NE 68791  
Parish Office: 529-3891  
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Reconciliation: Sundays after Mass  
or by appointment

**First Sunday of Lent  
March 9th, 2025**

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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.

**FUN FEST—HOWELLS COMMUNITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL** annual Fun Fest will be held Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**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.



**TITHE.LY**

**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

**SPIRITUAL INSIGHT—** from Fr. Walter

It is Lent again. Time to celebrate. It is a new spring time for our hearts to be renewed and cleansed by the Precious Blood of Jesus. It is not so much a time to lose many pounds but instead to lose the weight of our sins. How about that? We are called to pray more, to do penance, and to give alms. When we look at it from the wrong perspective: we can see Lent as a time of doom and gloom. But instead, it is a time to fast from sin and to feast on Jesus’ love. Lent is a time to move from our lesser passing treasures to the eternal treasures and to take possession of the Eternal Gift God Himself. It is a time to foster our relationship with Jesus that leads to more penance and almsgiving. And how can we move from a gloomy perspective of Lent to a joyful one? We see it in the Gospel of the rich young man, Mark 10:17-27, who encountered Jesus’ love. This is the most important statement of that Gospel: “Jesus looking at him, loved him.” Then Jesus asked him to leave all behind to follow Him. Jesus wanted the young man to humbly open his heart and mind to His most amazing out of this world, heavenly love. If the young man had opened his mind and heart to the love of Jesus, he would have discovered a love much deeper, higher, wider, broader love than his love for his many riches. He would have imitated Mary, Peter, James, John, St Katherine, St. Wenceslaus, and left all to follow Jesus instead of leaving away sad. This Lent Jesus is challenging us to dedicate time each day to encounter His love by gazing at His look of love. St. Ignatius recommends that we use our imagination. We can invite the Holy Spirit to put the image of a loving Jesus gazing at us in our imagination, to allow Him to put His feelings in our hearts, and put His desires to be loved in our will and to listen to Him. Out of loving feelings flow loving thoughts; when He consoles us, He usually puts His thoughts in our mind that we are His beloved children by simply receiving all with the posture of a child. When we experience this greater love, we can let go of earthly treasures, that are worth nothing compared with Him, and we are inspired to make sacrifices to pray, do penance, and give alms. This fills us with so much joy. Happy Lent.

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 16th  
**WORD:** Rita Eichelberger  
**EMHC:** Dennis Mostek  
**SERVER:** Elijah & Easley Woodbury  
**USHER:** Brad Schulz

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner  
Weekend of March 16th  
**LEC:** Richard Schultz  
**EMHC:** Anne Ausdemore  
**EMHC 2:** Steve Ausdemore  
**SERV:** Paislie Burki, Aiden Soto-Good, Jace Hansen  
**OFF:** Tim Phillips  
**USHER:** March Men’s Group

**MONEY COUNTERS**  
**Sunday, Mar. 9th—Team #1** Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore  
**Sunday, Mar. 16th—Team #2** Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder


**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—March 2nd, 2025	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,010.00
Plate:	205.05
Children:	19.00
Insurance:	100.00
Tithe.ly Online:	70.81

**RICE BOWLS...as we pray:**

Jesus, Bread of Life,  
As we encounter you in the Eucharist this Lent,  
nourish us with your love,  
unite us in communion with our sisters and brothers,  
showing us how we are connected.  
Transform our hearts, that we may be moved to  
Share bread for life with our global family  
And work for a world where all can thrive.

Take time this lent to fast from spending wastefully to help those less fortunate. Collect the monies you would have spent on extras and put them in the Rice Bowl. Bowls will be collected during Holy Week along with Works of Mercy Envelopes to benefit 9 organizations as shown on the envelopes. Rice Bowls are located in the pews as well as in the back of church. Your generosity will help many in need.




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

**Birthdays**  
Tom Conrad March 9  
Kimberly Pena March 9  
Ashley Praest March 13

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

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	10	—	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue	11	8:00 AM	HC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Wed	12	9:30 AM	WCC	+ Paul Kass
Thu	13	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Frank Ebel
Fri	14	9:00 AM	CHB	+ Bud Tyler
Sat	15	—	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
Sun	16	8:30 AM	HC	+ Al Batenhorst
Sun	16	10:00 AM	SJ	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
SJ—St. Joseph’s                      HC—Holy Cross WCC—Wisner Care Center    CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer				



**LIVE  
Lent  
TOGETHER**

**What if Lent was more than fish on Fridays and giving stuff up?**  
By joining a “Live Lent Together” small group meeting, you’ll reflect upon Bible passages and see how to make Lent a more spiritual experience. Even if you’ve never spent time in Bible study, you will enjoy this simple way to make Lent more meaningful. We’ll help you find a group that meets at a convenient time.

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.

**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.

**Religious Education**

*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!!



