

St. Joseph Church
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Reconciliation: Sundays after Mass
or by appointment

**Easter Sunday
April 20th, 2025**

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Announcements for:

**ST. JOSEPH
FAMILY OF PARISHES**

NOW HIRING: Family Evangelization Coordinator
St. Joseph Family of Parishes is seeking a full-time Family Evangelization Coordinator. This position oversees adult evangelization efforts, working with teams of volunteers to implement initiatives that will help adults deepen their encounter with Christ. Responsibilities include building teams that will assist with marriage & baptism preparation and the family's OCIA process. Please visit <https://stjosephfamilyofparishes.org/> to view the job posting and for information on how to apply.

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.

HE IS RISEN!!! HE IS RISEN INDEED!!! I want to wish each of you a jovial Easter filled with the promise and hope of new life! Thank you to everyone who participated in the liturgies of Holy Week. While pondering the mystery of the Resurrection, we may not understand the depth of its grace, but we are called to experience its truth each and every day. Throughout the magnificent fifty days of Easter I pray that you will take time to recollect the truth of the empty tomb and the Risen Lord working in your daily life.

—Fr Weeder

**Welcome to St. Josephs Church
and Holy Cross Parish**

WELCOME TO ALL—We invite each family and/or individual to register with our parishes. Registration enables the parish staff to assist you at the time of baptism, marriage, illness or death. All 18 and over, please register at the parish office by email:
For St. Joseph—stjo68791@gmail.com
For Holy Cross—renaecarlson@hotmail.com
Or contact the parish office at 402-529-3891



April 20, 2025 Easter Sunday

“...He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.” (ACTS 10:38) We can't give what we don't have. Open your heart to receive God's love, mercy and forgiveness. Then, show the same to others. As God's adopted sons and daughters, we are made in His image and likeness. As Pope Benedict XVI says, —we are made for greatness. Let our lives reflect His light to others. Pray to live a grateful and generous life. Strive for greatness! We are made for more! We are made for God!

SPIRITUAL INSIGHT—


In his article entitled, “The Triumph of Goodness,” Father Ron Rolheiser writes: “The stone which rolled away from the tomb of Jesus continues to roll away from every sort of grave. Goodness cannot be held, captured, or put to death. It evades its pursuers, escapes capture, slips away, hides out, even leaves the churches sometimes, but forever rises, again and again, all over the world. Such is the meaning of the resurrection.” Brothers and sisters, the resurrection of Jesus is not only a moment in history—it is a divine pattern woven into the very fabric of our lives. The stone rolls away not just from Jesus' tomb, but from the countless tombs in which we find ourselves: the tombs of exhaustion, depression, shame, illness, betrayal, grief. In each of these, we often feel like life has stopped, like nothing more can happen, like we have reached the end. But Easter says otherwise. Easter says: The end is never the end when God is involved. Brothers and sisters, resurrection is not loud or flashy. It comes quietly, and we do not always recognize it when it arrives. Just like Mary Magdalene mistook the risen Jesus for a gardener, we too can miss Him, because resurrection does not erase the wounds—it transforms them. The Risen One still bears the scars. But now, the scars no longer speak of death. They speak of love endured, of pain redeemed, of life that cannot be overcome. And perhaps this is the most helpful part of the Easter story: not that Jesus rose once long ago, but that He keeps rising. He rises in those who feed the hungry, who forgive enemies, who sit beside the suffering without running away. He rises in every heart that refuses to give in to despair. He rises in our deepest selves whenever we choose to trust again, to believe again, to love again—especially when it cost us. To believe in the resurrection is to believe that goodness is more stubborn than evil, that light is more enduring than darkness, and that no tomb is strong enough to keep God out. So, this Easter, let us not just celebrate the empty tomb. Let us ask ourselves: Where is the stone being rolled away in my life right now? What graves do I need to leave behind? And where might I be called to help roll away the stone for someone else? Wishing you and your loved ones a grace-filled and joyful Easter. May the Risen Christ meet you exactly where you are—and lift you to new life.

With Easter joy, Fr Michel N'DO

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of April 27th

WORD: Rita Eichelberger
EMHC: Tom Peatrowsky
SERVER: Elijah & Easley Woodbury
USHER: Brad Schulz

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—April 13, 2025	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$660.00
Plate:	97.00
Children:	68.00
Tithe.ly Online:	150.00
Easter:	1,050.00
Easter Flowers:	100.00
Cemetery:	100.00
Works of Mercy:	200.00
Total:	\$2,425.00



Celebrations:

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

Birthdays
Alan Batenhorst April 21
Austin Peatrowsky April 23



AT ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS, a representative from Holy Family Ranch will be here to speak briefly next Sunday, April 27th. They are dedicated to creating a place where encounters with Jesus are likely! We are purchasing land near Scribner, Nebraska for a Catholic camp that will minister to youth and families. HFR will be the perfect place to grow your personal relationship with Jesus. Please prayerfully consider supporting our mission. Visit us at HolyFamilyRanch.org.



MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	21	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	22	8:00 AM	HC	+ Carlson & Yosten Family Members
Wed	23	9:30 AM	WCC	+ Fred & Leroy Stacy
Thu	24	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Leo, Flavia, & Bill Ausdemore
Fri	25	9:00 AM	CHB	+ Winfred Batenhorst
Sat	26	5:00 PM	SJ	Prom Mass Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sun	27	8:30 AM	HC	Lvng & Dec'd Members of the Leo & Hildegard Hunke Fam. +Francis Oligmueller
Sun	27	10:00 AM	SJ	+ John Davies + Ruth Cech
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 students took year end tests. Grades K-3 enjoyed an Easter egg hunt outside on the church grounds. The afternoon ended with Stations of the Cross.

Grades 7-12 No Class

Remaining Schedule for all grades K-12:
Classes on April 23rd and April 30th.

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of April 26th & 27th

LEC: Sally Harms
EMHC: Tammie Batenhorst
SERVER: Annamae Bloedorn, Deidrick Bodwell, James Bloedorn
OFF: Richard Schultz
USHER: April Men's Group

LEC: Maci Brahmer
EMHC: Steve Ausdemore
EMHC2: Capri McGuire
SERVER: Emma Schroetlin, Hailey Grenier, Chloe Schroetlin
OFF: Chris Ruskamp
USHER: April Men's Group

MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, Apr. 20th—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer
Sunday, Apr. 27th—Team #4 AJ & Lindsey Burki, Chris & Brenda Liermann

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

MEN'S WORK GROUP—MAY 2025
Chair: David Deitloff
Co-Chair: Jermeiy Schultz
Members: Michael Stuhr, Norm Weber, Matt Albers, Alan Feller, Derreck Marx, Bob Feller**

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—April 13, 2025	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,155.00
Plate:	181.00
Children:	17.00
Tithe.ly Online:	380.08
Works of Mercy:	500.00
Heating/AC:	15.00

THANK YOU: Many thanks to these parishioners who delivered Meals-on-Wheels last week: Barb Deitloff, Carmen Godbersen, Kari Moeller, Jeanette Marx, and Anne Ausdemore.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION: The council election will take place the weekend of Sunday, May 11th. Each registered adult member of St. Joseph's Church will vote for 2 men and 2 women from the ballot. Parishioners on this year's ballot will be: Alfredo DeCostanzo, Daneille Schroetlin, Chris Liermann, Jessie Godbersen, Dixon Godbersen, Kyla Miller, Arvid Hass, and Sally Harms.

Seniors & Senior Parents: The Senior Scholarship Application is due April 25, 2025. Please complete and send to Martha Schweers, 1535 2nd Road, Wisner. **Senior Sunday is May 4.** Please RSVP with a number of those family members who are attending the breakfast, to Barb Deitloff (402-380-1008) or Rina McGuire (402-649-7796).

KIDS IN CRISIS PROJECT: Can you help us 4th graders with our "Kids in Crisis" project? We need donations of stuff that kids will need when they have to get out of a place that's dangerous. Mostly we need bathroom things like regular-size shampoo, soap, deodorant, and brushes and maybe socks. We will put the things in bags and deliver them to The Bridge Crisis Center in West Point. There is a box in the back of church if you have donations. Or you can give money and our teachers will buy things. Thank you from the 4th grade religious education class. Please donate by Easter.

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