

**St. Joseph Church**  
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Parish Office: 529-3891  
[www.stjosephwisner.org](http://www.stjosephwisner.org)  
Reconciliation: Sundays after Mass  
or by appointment

**Devine Mercy Sunday**  
**April 27th, 2025**

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8:00-8:20 am or by appt.

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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.

**GriefShare** classes will be held at the **Wisner Community Center** on Thursday evenings beginning May 1.

Open to the public and focusing on the death of a loved one, the 13-week grief support group program features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories for grieving the recent or not-so-recent death of a spouse, child other family member or friend. Confidentiality is very much a part of this program

These summer sessions will run from 7:00 to 9:00 each Thursday evening from May 1 through July 24, with each session on a different topic.

The Center is handicap accessible and located at 1006 Avenue E in Wisner. For more information, feel free to call (402) 529-6310.



**Special Thanks** to everyone who donated lilies and flowers this Easter season! Gary & Carmen Godbersen in memory of Wayne Godbersen; Del & Bonnie Styskal in memory of Edwin and Edna Knievel; Mike & Kari Moeller in memory of Jack Dixon and Dale and Helen Moeller; Sally & Alan Harms in honor of the Harms and Winter families; Shane & Tammie Batenhorst in memory of Winfred and Beata Batenhorst; Dwight & Kris Brahmer in memory of Darrell Bruning; Dave & Carol Oligmueller in memory of Norbert & Mary Ann Ruskamp, Jayda Oligmueller, and Norbert Oligmueller; Mark & Martha Schweers in honor of Vincent and Catherine Ulrich; Chris & Lori Ruskamp in memory of Norbert and Mary Ann Ruskamp & Alvin and Mary Jo Barent; Steve & Anne Ausdemore in honor of Leo and Flavia Ausdemore, and Joseph Ausdemore; Linda & Larry Hansen in memory of George, Marcella, and Doug Koester, and John and Adela Koester, and Leonard and Ricky Adams; Arvid & Karen Hass in memory of Arvid L & Genevieve Hass, JMO, and Norbert Oligmueller; Rick & Sarah Jacobs in memory of Ralph & Irma Donner and Tom Prussa, and Kathy Albers in memory of Herb Albers.

**Sunday of Divine Mercy**

....“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’” (JOHN 20:21)

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our “enemies.” Think of someone in your life who you need to reconcile with. Call them right now or better yet, go visit them.

**SPIRITUAL INSIGHT— Fr. Matthias Sule**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Today, DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, completes the nine-day prayerful digestion of the crucifixion, commemorated on Good Friday. While hanging on the cross, Jesus prayed to his Father to forgive all those who, because of their sins, he was crucified. On the merit of Jesus Christ who died on the cross, you and I are granted God’s mercy. The experience of Christ’s disciple locked behind the door reminds us of the pandemic lockdown experience, in both cases, all were afraid. We have all sinned and fallen short of God’s glory. As sinners, we deserve condemnation and punishment as guilty. Hence, in justice, we are condemned, but in Mercy, we are saved. As such, Pope Saint John Paul II in the year 2001 designated the second Sunday of Easter to be celebrated as “Divine Mercy Sunday of Easter”. Mercy is an act of kindness and forgiveness shown to someone who should have been punished for his offences. It’s a kindness that one who has seen hurt shows to the one who hurt him. Mercy is the nature of God. God is mercy. The all merciful! And he demonstrates his mercy to the world when he sent his son in to the world, who died to save us from sin and death. The first Reading speaks about the new life of the redeemed, who experience the Love and mercy of God through Jesus Christ. They became a family praying together and sharing in in the Body and Blood of Christ. This new life, Peter said in the second reading is of the God’s mercy in the Gospel Jesus invites all of us to become agents of Divine Mercy by preaching God’s forgiveness and forgiving one another. O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of Mercy for us; save us and the whole world.

**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](mailto:stjo68791@gmail.com)  
For Holy Cross—[renaecarlson@hotmail.com](mailto:renaecarlson@hotmail.com)  
Or contact the parish office at 402-529-3891


Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer  
Weekend of May 4th

WORD: Doris Guenther  
EMHC: Dennis Mosek  
SERVER: Elijah & Eisle Woodbury  
USHER: Mike Gentrup

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—Holy Thursday	
Plate:	\$80.00
Works of Mercy:	2,022.00
Easter:	150.00
Total:	\$2,252.00
Easter Sunday	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$361.00
Easter Plate:	188.00
Easter Children:	61.00
Tithe.ly Online:	200.00
Easter:	4,477.65
Building:	10.00
GA/CC:	1,868.44
Total:	\$7,166.09

**MAY MOWING GROUP-** Chair: Mike Gentrup  
Co-Chair: Ethan Ortmeier; Members: Scott Ortmeier, Tim Oligmueller, Gerald Schlickbernd, Josh Bramble


**NEXT SUNDAY: COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS** to honor our graduates: Caleb Combs & Ben Oligmueller! We will also have our May crowning and celebrate those who have received their First Communion.



### Celebrations:

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

**Birthdays**  
Robin Hansen April 27  
Oliver Peatrowsky April 27  
Farrah Lierman May 2



### AT ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS

Holy Family Ranch is 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](http://HolyFamilyRanch.org).

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	28	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	29	8:00 AM	HC	+ Al Batenhorst
Wed	30	9:30 AM	WCC	+ James Kuchar
Thu	01	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Joe & Tim Svoboda
Fri	02	9:00 AM	CHB	+ Rita McNamara
Sat	03	—	—	NO MASS
Sun	04	8:30 AM	HC	+ Mike McTaggart
Sun	04	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				



Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner  
Weekend of May 4th

LEC: Jeff Phillips  
EMHC: Sally Harms  
EMHC2: Martha Schweers  
SERVER: Erica Good, Lilly Good, Ty Montgomery  
OFF: Del Styskal  
USHER: April Men's Group

**MONEY COUNTERS**  
Sunday, Apr. 27th—Team #4 AJ & Lindsey Burki, Chris & Brenda Liermann  
Sunday, May 4th—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore

**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 Schrotlin

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

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—April 20, 2025	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$775.00
Easter Envelopes:	5,340.00
Easter Plate:	330.00
Easter Children:	140.00
Tithe.ly Online:	393.34
Works of Mercy:	554.00
Rice Bowls:	18.70
Heating/AC:	50.00

*Welcome!* To all of the 2025 Jr. & Sr. Prom students and guests. May you celebrate this night with friends and enjoy lots of smiles and laughter. Lord please protect them from harm and guide them in all their actions this evening.

**Seniors & Senior Parents:** The Senior Scholarship Application is due. Please complete it as soon as possible and send to Martha Schweers at 1535 2<sup>nd</sup> Road, Wisner. Also, please include a senior photo with the application, or bring it to Senior Sunday.  
**Senior Sunday is May 4.** Please RSVP with a number of those attending the breakfast, to Barb Deitloff (402-380-1008) or Rina McGuire (402-649-7796).



## Religious Education

**ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS – GRADES K-12**

**Grades K-6:** The kindergarten class did a scavenger hunt in church to help them find items that they need to be familiar with. All classes finished the end of year testing.

**Grades 7-9: Confirmation Class:** Finished the movie "The Shack" which takes a man on a spiritual journey and is all about faith, forgiveness and love.

**Grades 10-12:** Watched a short video on relationships, and the word for the week was "choose". Have a great day, the choice is yours!!

The evening ended with closing prayer in church discussing the passing of Pope Francis and then praying a decade of the Rosary for his soul.

**APRIL 30TH - FINAL CLASS FOR ALL GRADES**