

**St. Joseph Church**  
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Wisner, NE 68791  
Parish Office: 529-3891  
[www.stjosephwisner.org](http://www.stjosephwisner.org)  
Reconciliation: Sundays after Mass  
or by appointment

**4th Sunday of Easter  
May 11th, 2025**

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

**St. Joseph and Holy Cross Bulletin and Office Email: [stjo68791@gmail.com](mailto:stjo68791@gmail.com)**



**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.

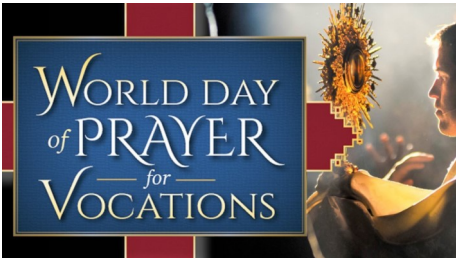
**WEBSITE:** The St. Joseph Family of Parishes' website which includes all 10 Parishes in our Family is:  
<https://stjosephfamilyofparishes.org/>  
St. Joseph and Holy Cross websites remain the same, but may now also be accessed thru this new website.



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



Let us pray... God of the invitation, you knock upon the door of everyone's heart. We seek the courage to open that door, for we know the responsibility of saying yes. We humbly ask you for your wisdom to serve your church with compassion and acceptance. We believe that when we say yes, you will provide the grace for the work ahead. Give grace to those men and women who have dedicated their lives to constant service to your church. Also give grace to those couples and single men and women who work for the church in their secular lives. We ask all this through Christ our Lord and brother, who live and reign with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**May 11, 2025 4th Sunday of Easter**

....““The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.” (ACTS 13:52) The disciples heard Our Lord’s call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!

**SPIRITUAL INSIGHT— Fr. Walter Jong-A-Kiem**

Jesus calls us to listen; the sheep hear the voice of the Good Shepherd and follow Him. They understand that He lays down His life for His sheep. Mary is the model of listening to Jesus her beloved Son. She says behold the handmaid of the Lord; may it be done to me according to Your will. Mary clings to His every word and treasures them like precious jewels. Why? She knows that God speaks His holy words from His Heart, a Heart that is on fire, a Heart that cannot stop loving, a Heart that is so tender. Some people contradicted Paul and Barnabas and expelled them from their territory. They spoke His words that were utterly rejected because these people did not see a God of Love but a God Who is so demanding and hard to please. Why is there so much resistance to the words spoken by God? Words that are full of Truth and set us free, and have power to change us into children of God, another Christ. The Power of the word of God is unleashed only when we love the good Shepherd, when we trust Him and receive His words with a humble loving and trusting heart. There is so much untapped power in the word of God, spoken by Him to us, that His words can set us free from shame, guilt, hatred, lies, deceit, sickness, death. When we believe His words spoken to us, miracles of healing, conversion, and transformation happen that astound many. The enemy instead wants us to believe his lies that we are no good, unwanted, unlovable, a burden, and lost forever. The more I believe a lie, the more it hurts me and the less I believe a lie the less it hurts me. Jesus’ sheep listen to Him and move from believing a lie to the truth more and more so that His words become en-fleshed in them to become Jesus by grace more and more by the power of the Spirit.



Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer  
Weekend of May 18th  
**WORD:** Renae Carlson  
**EMHC:** Brenda Anderson  
**SERVER:** Vanessa & Preston Praest  
**USHER:** Scott Ortmeier

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner  
Weekend of May 18th  
**LEC:** Alan Harms  
**EMHC:** Shane Batenhorst  
**EMHC2:** Richard Schultz  
**SERVER:** Jace Hansen, Kinsley Lueken, Joel Good  
**OFF:** Ron Machacek  
**USHER:** May Men’s Group

Stewardship of God’s Gifts	
Holy Cross—May 4, 2025	
Envelopes:	855.00
Plate:	95.00
Children:	36.25
Tithe.ly Online:	150.00
Total:	\$1,136.25

**MONEY COUNTERS**  
**Sunday, May 11th—Team #2** Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder  
**Sunday, May 18th—Team #3** Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer

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

**THANK YOU FOR EASTER FLOWERS DONATIONS:**  
Bernie Oligmueller in memory of Francis Oligmueller, Jim Sapp, Ben & Elizabeth Wordekemper, William & Johanna Oligmueller; Brad & Anne Schulz in memory of Marilyn Schulz; Ron & Bev Francis in memory of Deceased Family Members; Renae Carlson in memory of Brent Carlson, Robert & Violet Yosten: Marjorie Gentrup in memory of Casper Gentrup, Jr., Adolph & Eunice Behrens, Casper & Margaret Gentrup; and Doug Steffensmeier.

Stewardship of God’s Gifts	
St. Joseph—May 4, 2025	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$980.00
Plate:	71.00
Children:	20.00
Tithe.ly Online:	70.81
Cemetery:	100.00



### Celebrations:

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

**Birthdays**  
Lavina Mestl May 17  
Dana Steffensmeier May 17

**Anniversaries**  
Joe and Robin Hansen May 12

**COUNCIL ELECTIONS**  
**ST. JOSEPH PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION**  
Voting takes place **TODAY**, and the ballots are located in your pews. Adult parish members of St. Joseph’s will vote for two men and two women to replace the four outgoing members. A second collection will be taken after communion to collect the ballots. Thank you for your valued participation.

### Ascension Mass Schedule

Holy Day of Obligation

**Holy Cross**—Thursday, May 29th at 12:00 noon  
**St. Joseph**—Thursday, May 29th 5:30 pm



**2025 Class of**  
CONGRATULATIONS

**CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS!!**  
God’s blessings to you in all that you become!

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	12	—	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue	13	8:00 AM	HC	+ Joyce Schlickbernd
Wed	14	9:30 AM	WCC	+ Ralph & Evelyn Buse Family
Thu	15	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Norbert Oligmueller
Fri	16	9:00 AM	CHB	+ Frank & Ida Wisnieski And Vicki Denker
Sat	17	—	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
Sun	18	8:30 AM	HC	+ Winfred Batenhorst + Jean Meier
Sun	18	10:00 AM	SJ	+ James Kuchar + Dolores Rief
SJ—St. Joseph’s                      HC—Holy Cross WCC—Wisner Care Center    CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer				

### MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES:

**St. Joseph and Holy Cross.**  
There are envelopes available in the back of church. If you would like to have a Mass said for a loved one, complete the envelope and place in the collection basket or contact Sarah at the parish office 402-529-3891, or email the info to stj068791@gmail.com. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per Mass.





## 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.



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