

St. Joseph Church
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or by appointment

**5th Sunday of Easter
May 18th, 2025**

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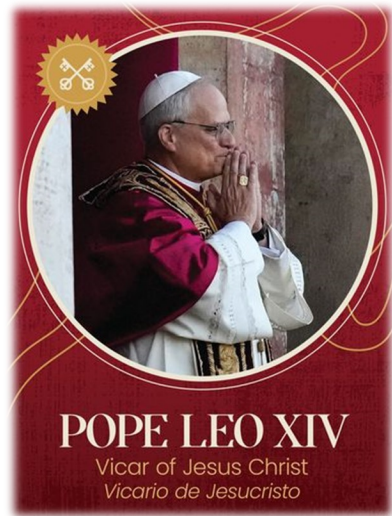


Announcements for:

**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/](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.



**“We must be
a church that
walks together,
that seeks
peace, charity,
and draws near
to those who
suffer.”**

WELCOME to the
Most Revered Michael McGovern
Who was installed as the sixth
Archbishop of Omaha
on May 7, 2025,
at the Cathedral of St. Cecilia,
Omaha, Nebraska



**Ascension Mass Schedule for
St. Joseph Family of Parishes**

Wednesday, May 28th, 5pm - Sacred Heart-Olean
Wednesday, May 28th, 6pm – St. Mary-West Point
Wednesday, May 28th, 7pm –
(if church is done SSPP, but probably at SJ)
Thursday, May 29th, 7am – St. Mary-West Point
Thursday, May 29th, 8:15am – St. Wenceslaus-Dodge
Thursday, May 29th, noon – Holy Cross-Beemer
Thursday, May 29th, 5:30pm – St. John-Howells
Thursday, May 29th, 5:30pm – St. Joseph-Wisner
Thursday, May 29th, 6pm – St. Mary-West Point

May 18, 2025 5th Sunday of Easter

....“I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.” (JOHN 13:34)
“As I have loved you,” this is the hard part – Jesus’s love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes mercy and compassion to love someone when you feel unappreciated, feel used or feel like your opinion doesn’t matter. It takes courage and the grace of God to “love my neighbor” when they may be someone you don’t like, someone you don’t know, or someone that doesn’t look like you.

SPIRITUAL INSIGHT— Fr. Michel N’Do

Brothers and sisters,

The command to love others—especially those who challenge us—is daunting. Jesus doesn’t just tell us to love those who love us; He asks us to love our enemies, to forgive those who hurt us, and to show kindness to those who reject us. And if we’re honest with ourselves, most of us fall short of this ideal. It’s easy to love those who are kind to us, but what about the others—the ones who make our lives difficult or hurt us deeply? Today’s readings shine a light on this very struggle and show us the path forward. In the Gospel, Jesus gives us the new commandment: —Love one another as I have loved youll (John 13:34). But how are we supposed to do this when it feels so much easier to hold on to hurt, resentment, or anger? Brothers and sisters, the command is clear, but the path to fulfilling it can feel nearly impossible at times. Yes, many of us struggle mightily to love those who hurt us, to forgive those who have wronged us, or to be patient with people who drive us crazy. We want to forgive, but sometimes the hurt is so deep that it seems beyond us. We wish we could love our enemies, but the emotions feel too raw, too heavy. We want to show mercy, but the wounds are still too fresh. This is the human reality we live with—the tension between what we are called to and what we can actually do. In today’s readings, we see that this struggle is nothing new. In the Acts of the Apostles, we witness Paul and Barnabas tirelessly proclaiming the message of love and forgiveness, even in the face of rejection and violence. They keep going, not because they have mastered love, but because they understand that this mission—this call to love—is worth the effort. They persevere not because they are perfect, but because they trust that God is working through them, even in their imperfection. We, too, are on a journey—a lifelong journey—toward becoming more like Christ in our love for others, especially those we find hard to love. We might not always get it right. But the important thing is that we keep striving. We might not always be able to forgive, but if we’re honest in our desire to forgive, that’s a step forward. So, this week, let’s not be discouraged by our struggles. Instead, let’s continue to try, to desire, and to take small steps of love. Whether it’s offering a kind word to someone we’ve disagreed with, or choosing forgiveness when it’s hard, these are the moments when God is working to make all things new in us.

With Easter Joy and Blessings,
Fr. Michel N’DO

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of May 25th
WORD: Marilyn Ortmeier
EMHC: Mary Mostek
SERVER: Kim Pena and Noah Borgmann
USHER: Brad Schulz

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of May 25th
LEC: Bonnie Styskal
EMHC: Alan Harms
EMHC2: Sally Harms
SERVER: Giddean Andersen, Claire Flack, Brodrick Burki
OFF: Tim Phillips
USHER: May Men’s Group

MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, May 18th—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer
Sunday, May 25th—Team #4 A.J. & Lindsey Burki, Chris & Brenda Liermann

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**

Stewardship of God’s Gifts	
St. Joseph—May 11, 2025	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$675.00
Plate:	184.00
Children:	31.00
Tithe.ly Online:	70.81
Insurance:	100.00
Cemetery:	520.00

ELECTION RESULTS

PAIRSH COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to the newly elected members for the term of 2025-2027. They are: Arvid Hass, Chris Liermann, Jessie Godbersen, and Kyla Miller. Pray for them as they make decisions and work towards goals for the good of our parish.


Memorial Day

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Monday, May 26th

at St. Joseph Church—8:30 am

Memorial Day



Celebrations:

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

Birthdays
Bo Oligmueller May 18
Marilyn Ortmeier May 18
Henry Robertson May 23

Anniversaries
Gary and Jean Batenhorst May 19
Tom and Dawn Peatrowsky May 20

Ascension Mass Schedule

Holy Day of Obligation

Holy Cross—Thursday, May 29th at 12:00 noon

St. Joseph—Thursday, May 29th 5:30 pm

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	19	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	20	8:00 AM	HC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Wed	21	9:30 AM	WCC	+ Gerald Ruskamp
Thu	22	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Winfred & Beata Batenhorst
Fri	23	9:00 AM	CHB	+ Dee Steffensmeier
Sat	24	—	—	NO MASS
Sun	25	8:30 AM	HC	Lvng & Dec’d Mbrs of the Leo & Hildegard Hunke Fam.
Sun	25	10:00 AM	SJ	+ John Davies
SJ—St. Joseph’s HC—Holy Cross WCC—Wisner Care Center CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer				



Congratulations graduates

CLASS OF 2025

We are celebrating with you, praying for you, and anticipating all God has planned for your life.
Many Blessings!



The 4th grade Religious Ed students delivered the Kids -in-Crisis backpacks to a representative of the Bridge domestic violence shelter. The kids also met with the Franciscan Sisters, and were given a tour of St. Mary's church and the convent. Thanks to everyone who donated supplies for the backpacks.

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.

