St. Joseph Church
PO Box 623
1318 Ave G West
Wisner, NE 68791
Parish Office: 529-3891
www.stjosephwisner.org
Reconciliation: Sundays after Mass or by appointment

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 20th, 2025

Pastor: Fr. James Weeder
402-372-2188
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Holy Cross Parish
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Beemer, NE 68716
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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.

Missionary Priest Fr. Polycarp from the Catholic Diocese of Maiduguri in Nigeria, will be here next weekend to talk about their need of support to help rebuild the lives and faith of those families who have been affected by the Boko Haram Crisis and continued persecution. The Church stands as the beacon of hope for our people. That is why the focus of the bishop, priest, and the lay faithful is on rebuilding our facilities in the diocese, such as hospitals/clinics, schools, and good water systems. These will help in alleviating the sufferings of our communities and will be a great source of support to all the people, especially the widows and orphan who have no one to support them. We continue to appreciate your kind gestures as we anticipate your supports to making our diocese rise again.



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-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-West Point		10:00 am
St. John Nep.-Howells		10:30 am

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"…I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God." COLOSSIANS 1:25 We are all called to evangelize – to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel. Our faith is more attractive to others by our actions than by our words alone. We may not be called to evangelize like St. Paul, but we should look for opportunities to share our faith through our actions and words, especially with those closest to us, like our family, friends, and neighbors. Pray for the courage to joyfully express your faith the next time the opportunity arises.

SPIRITUAL INSIGHT— Fr. Michel N'DO

Brothers and Sisters,

There are Sundays when the Scriptures seem to whisper into the corners of our lives—into our busyness, our fatigue, our longing for peace. This Sunday is one of those. In the book of Genesis, Abraham isn't out looking for God. He's just sitting by the entrance of his tent during the heat of the day—maybe resting, maybe thinking. Then suddenly, three visitors appear. He doesn't know who they are, but something stirs in him. He runs to meet them, welcomes them with kindness, offers water, food, and rest. What Abraham doesn't realize at first is that God is visiting him—not in thunder or visions, but through the ordinary gesture of welcoming strangers. And in this simple moment of hospitality, God plants the seed of a miracle: the promise of a child.

Fast forward to Luke's Gospel: another home, another guest. Jesus enters the house of Martha and Mary. Martha is doing what most of us would do—cooking, cleaning, making sure everything is just right. She's trying to honor Jesus with her service. Mary, on the other hand, just sits at His feet, listening. When Martha complains (and honestly, who wouldn't?), Jesus gently replies, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and anxious about many things. Mary has chosen the better part."

Brothers and sisters, it's easy to misunderstand this story. Jesus isn't saying that cooking and serving are bad. He's not asking us to stop working or become passive. What He is inviting us to do is something much harder: to be present. Yes, to be present… not just to Him, but to ourselves. To each other. To the sacredness of the moment, we are in.

So, this week, let's allow the Word of God to draw us into a deeper kind of presence—a presence that listens, welcomes, and makes room for the sacred in the ordinary. Whether we find ourselves sweating like Abraham under the sun or bustling like Martha in the kitchen, the invitation is the same: to pause, to notice, to receive. For it is often in the quiet, unspectacular moments—offering a drink, sitting and listening, simply being present—that God slips in and transforms our lives. May we not miss Him. And may we learn to recognize Him in the visitor, in the stillness—and yes, even in ourselves.

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

WORD: Tom Peatrowsky
EMHC: Dawn Peatrowsky
SERVER: Kim Pena & Stella Guenther
USHER: Scott Ortmeier

Stewardship of God's Gifts Holy Cross—July 13, 2025	
Envelopes:	$590.00
Plate:	67.00
Children:	12.00
Tithe.ly Online:	150.00
Total:	$819.00

JULY MOWING GROUP- Chair: Alan Batenhorst
Co-Chair: Robert Praest; Members: Roy Liermann, Chris Black, Ron Francis, Gary Batenhorst

Celebrations:

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

Birthdays
Jackson Steffensmeier July 23
Ron Francis July 24

Anniversaries
Jeff and Trisha Robertson July 20
Austin and Skyler Peatrowsky July 20
Ron and Doris Guenther July 21

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 stjo68791@gmail.com.
The suggested donation is $10.00 per Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	21	—	—	**NO MASS**
Tue	22	8:00 AM	HC	+ Joyce Schlickbernd
Wed	23	9:30 AM	WCC	+ Ralph & Evelyn Buse Family
Thu	24	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Joe & Tim Svoboda
Fri	25	9:00 AM	CHB	+ Jean Meier
Sat	26	—	—	**NO MASS**
Sun	27	8:30 AM	HC	+ Frank & Mary Wuestewald Family
Sun	27	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Keith Schroeder + Clara Feller
SJ—St. Joseph's WCC—Wisner Care Center			HC—Holy Cross CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer	

GriefShare classes are being held at the **Wisner Community Center** on Thursday evenings.

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.

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of July 27th

LEC: Jeff Phillips
EMHC: Steve Ausdemore
EMHC2: Madonna Servi
SERVER: Joel Good, Claire Flack, Jayce Schuetze
OFF: Chris Liermann
USHER: July Men's Group

MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, July 20th—Team #4 A.J. & Lindsey Burki, Chris & Brenda Liermann
Sunday, July 27th—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore

MEN'S WORK GROUP—JULY 2025
Chair: Randy Jensen
Co-Chair: Dave McGuire
Members: Tom Feller, Jordan Feller, Tim Montgomery, Rick Jacobs, Chet Beckmann

Stewardship of God's Gifts St. Joseph—July 13, 2025	
Sunday Envelopes:	$1,315.00
Plate:	132.00
Children:	35.00
Tithe.ly Online:	380.08
Insurance:	200.00



Rel Ed teachers are needed this fall for the following classes.

Afternoon: 3rd, 4th, 6th
Evening: 7th

Come share your faith with children of our parish.

If interested, please contact:
Capri 402-380-2925 or Missy 402-690-8105



HELP WANTED: St. Joseph Church is looking for someone to clean the church & rectory starting September 1st. This job averages around 25-30 hours per month, with a flexible schedule. For more information or to apply, contact the parish office at 402-529-3891.

This Thursday!!



Not a golfer?... Join in for fellowship
Come at 6:00 for a steak sandwich supper ($20) and peruse a variety of silent auction items!!
RSVP by Tuesday the 22nd,
to Chris Ruskamp 402-372-7831.

The fundraiser will include a silent auction. Please contact Holly Schroeder at 402-750-5814, or Martha Schweers at 402-380-2114 if you would like to donate.