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Reconciliation: Sundays after Mass or by appointment

# *17th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
# *July 27th, 2025*

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**Announcements for:**

**ST. JOSEPH FAMILY OF PARISHES**

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING & CERTIFICATION:

July 30th - 7:00pm GACC High School

Registration is online at www.archomaha.org Click on the tab Safe Environment and scroll down to see the two choices listed. Choose the link that pertains to you and proceed to the cmg site. On the cmg site, you will make an account if you are getting certified for the first time. If you are renewing your certification, you will login to your account. If you have any questions, please contact Tami Bracht at tbracht@gaccbluejays.org or High School Office 402-372-5326

***Missionary Priest Fr. Polycarp*** from the Catholic Diocese of Maiduguri in Nigeria, is here this 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.

There are envelopes in the pews as well as in the back of church that you may place in the second collection which will be taken today after communion. Your generosity and prayers are much appreciated for Fr. Polycarp's mission.



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….“Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” LUKE 11:9

Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often confuses what we really need with what we simply want. The truth is that many of us need very little. However, we usually want so much more! Stewardship is simply being grateful for all that we are and all that we have been given, and generously sharing all of our God-given gifts with others. Gratitude and generosity are gifts that opens doors to new relationships with others and with God.

**SPIRITUAL INSIGHT— Fr. James Weeder**

Jesus wants us to pray with persistence. But why? Unlike the reluctant friend who has settled into bed for the night, God does not sleep. We can never catch him at a bad hour, and we never have to grovel to win his favor. He hears us the first time we ask, and he is already on our side (Ps 56:10). And yet Jesus' instruction is unambiguous: we are to pray with unrelenting doggedness. But why must we ask again and again for what we need? After all, doesn't the Father know what we need even before we ask (cf. Mt 6:8)? Saint Thomas Aquinas clarifies: “We need to pray to God, not in order to make known to him our needs or desires, but that we ourselves may be reminded of the necessity of having recourse to God's help.” Saint Augustine further explains that God “wants us to exercise our desire through our prayers, so that we may be able to receive what he is preparing to give us.” By praying perseveringly, we become more dependent on God, more desirous of his gifts, and better prepared to receive them. Lord Jesus, help us to pray without ceasing, and teach us to desire the gifts that the Father wishes to bestow on us (Magnificat, July 2025).

***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 |

**Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer**
**Weekend of August 3rd**

**WORD:** Marilyn Ortmeier
**EMHC:** Brenda Anderson
**SERVER:** Vanessa & Preston Praest
**USHER:** Mike Gentrup

| Stewardship of God's Gifts<br>Holy Cross—July 20, 2025 | |
|---|---|
| Envelopes: | $580.00 |
| Plate: | 140.00 |
| Children: | 16.00 |
| Tithe.ly Online: | 200.00 |
| Total: | $936.00 |

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

**AUGUST MOWING GROUP-** Chair: Dan Woodbury
Co-Chair: Conner Buss; Members: Mike Guenther, Tom Peatrowsky, Dan Spenner, Jesus Pena

**HOLY CROSS ALTAR SOCIETY** will hold a meeting August 4th, at 5:00 p.m. in the parish rectory.

**HOLY CROSS ALTAR SOCIETY** - Guild sheets are ready for pick up in the back of the church.

## Celebrations:

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

**No Birthdays or Anniversaries**

## 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 | 28 | — | — | **NO MASS** |
| Tue | 29 | 8:00 AM | HC | Lvng & Dec'd Family of Harold & Ruth Benson |
| Wed | 30 | 9:30 AM | WCC | Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish |
| Thu | 31 | 8:00 AM | SJ | + Paul & Angelina Schroeder |
| Fri | 01 | 9:00 AM | CHB | + Winfred & Beata Batenhorst |
| Sat | 02 | — | — | **NO MASS** |
| Sun | 03 | 8:30 AM | HC | Lvng & Dec'd Members of the Leo & Hildegard Hunke Fam. |
| Sun | 03 | 10:00 AM | SJ | + James Kuchar<br>+ Alvin & Mary Jo Barent |
| SJ—St. Joseph's HC—Holy Cross<br>WCC—Wisner Care Center CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer | | | | |




**Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner**
**Weekend of August 3rd**

**LEC:** Tammie Batenhorst
**EMHC:** Kathy Johnson
**EMHC2:** Martha Schweers
**SERVER:** Jaylee Lueken, Kaisley Hunke, Bentley Sateren
**OFF:** Del Styskal
**USHER:** July Men's Group

**MONEY COUNTERS**
**Sunday, July 27th—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore**
**Sunday, Aug. 3rd—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder**

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

**MEN'S WORK GROUP—AUGUST 2025**
**Chair: Jeff Albers**
**Co-Chair: David Dinklage**
**Members: Del Styskal, Steve Gerken, Matthew Alexander, Dave Oligmueller, Dane Miller**

| Stewardship of God's Gifts<br>St. Joseph—July 20, 2025 | |
|---|---|
| Sunday Envelopes: | $495.00 |
| Plate: | 242.00 |
| Children: | 24.00 |
| Tithe.ly Online: | 393.34 |

**HELP WANTED:** St. Joseph Church is in need of 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.




We truly appreciate the stewardship of these ladies who delivered Meals-on-Wheels on behalf of our parish this month: Anne Ausdemore, Helen Feller, Jeanette Marx, and Tammie Batenhorst.




****TEACHERS NEEDED FOR 3RD & 4TH GRADES****

***August 13th:***

Registration 4:00p.m to 7:00pm in church basement
**Open house type of registration
**Parents need to register all K-12 students
**September 10th: Classes start

Letters were mailed this last week with the above information.

Please prayerfully consider teaching or co-teaching! Our students need you!

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




**HELLO PARISHIONERS…** Have you ever thought about being a volunteer for **lectoring or EMHC** (distributing communion)? You are in luck training is done online! All you have to do is contact the Parish Office at 402-529-3891 or email at stjo68791@gmail.com to get the link to get started.