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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 24th, 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

OCIA - formally known as RCIA

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Catholic faith, please call the parish office 402-372-2188 or email at wpstmary@yahoo.com to sign up for classes. Join us for an informational meeting Wednesday, September 3, 6:30-730pm at St. Aloysius Rectory 700 Highway 32.



ALPHA—In a world of isolation, anonymity, and busyness, Alpha helps create a space that brings people together while providing the chance to encounter Jesus. The series consists of a meal together, video, conversation, and retreat. St Joseph Family of Parishes will be hosting Alpha beginning Tuesday, September 9th, from 6:00-8:00pm. at the Native 32 Winery.

Please mark your calendars for Alpha, a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. A meal and childcare are provided. To sign-up, visit www.eventbrite.com search: Alpha, West Point OR - Contact Renee Eames raeames@archomaha.org or 402-455-2314.

TMIY
THAT MAN IS YOU!
BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

ATTENTION MEN OF ST JOSEPH FAMILY

STARTING SEPT 10th (Wed)… Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God? Be a better husband? Become a more loving father? Build friendships with other likeminded men? And seek to be the best man you can be?

Then Come Join us… ***That Man is You***!
Wednesday Mornings
Starting on September 10th.
Doors Open 5:30 am finished 7 am
Lower Level St. Joes—Enter thru West Door
Contact Chris Peatrowsky 402-380-6051
Tyler Toline, Francis Meiergerd

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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

….."For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last." LUKE 13:30

Our cultural standards are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, "What have you done with the gifts I have given you?" How will you respond?

SPIRITUAL INSIGHT— Fr. Michel N'DO

Brothers and sisters,
Life is like a journey with many doors along the way: the door of work, the door of family, the door of opportunity, the door of challenge. Some doors seem wide and easy to pass through, while others are narrow, demanding effort and trust. This Sunday's readings remind us that the most important door—the one leading into God's Kingdom— may not be the widest, but it is always open to those who walk with faith and perseverance. In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah (66:18-21) gives us a beautiful vision of God's plan: people from every nation are invited to gather in Jerusalem to worship the Lord. God's love is never limited to one group—it is universal. The Psalm echoes this with its simple yet powerful refrain: "Go out to all the world and tell the Good News" (Ps 117). The door of God's Kingdom is open wide to all nations. But then comes a challenge: the letter to the Hebrews (12:5-7, 11-13) reminds us that the journey of discipleship is not without discipline. Like a loving parent, God shapes us, corrects us, and strengthens us through trials so that we may grow in holiness. Discipline may not feel pleasant at the time, but it yields the "peaceful fruit of righteousness." Finally, Jesus in the Gospel (Luke 13:22-30) speaks of the "narrow gate." He warns us not to assume that merely knowing Him by name or belonging to the right group is enough. What matters is living the Gospel—loving God and neighbor in concrete ways, allowing our lives to be shaped by the demands of the Kingdom. The door is open, but it requires us to bend low in humility and pass through with sincerity of heart. When we put these readings together, we see one great thread: God's love is for all people, but entering into that love demands a real response from us. So, as you begin this week, ask yourself: What "narrow gate" is the Lord inviting me to enter right now? Perhaps it is forgiving someone, persevering in prayer, or serving in quiet love. Whatever it may be, remember that the narrow way is the path that leads to life. Blessings in Christ, Fr. Michel N'DO



Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of August 31st

WORD: Marilyn Ortmeier
EMHC: Brenda Anderson
SERVER: Marv Gentrup
USHER: Brenda Anderson

Stewardship of God's Gifts Holy Cross—August 17th, 2025	
Envelopes:	$291.00
Plate:	104.00
Children:	12.00
Tithe.ly Online:	200.00
Assumption:	123.00
Total:	$730.00

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

SEPTEMBER MOWING GROUP- Chair: Brad Schulz Co-Chair: Ben Borgmann; Members: Melvin Niewohner, Joe Hansen, Alex Schulz, Brian Gentrup

Celebrations:

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

Birthdays
Linda Robinson August 26

Anniversaries
Shane and Brooke Combs August 26
Gerald and Shelley Wellman August 29

Join Us for the HOLY FAMILY RANCH

Fall Festival

Saturday,
September 13th, 2025

Please RSVP by August 31st At: holyfamilyranch.org
We have a limited capacity of 500. RSVP early!
Holy Family Ranch is located across the road
Join Us for the HOLY FAMILY RANCH
from 1466 County Rd B Scribner, NE 68057

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	25	—	—	**NO MASS**
Tue	26	8:00 AM	HC	+ Winfred & Beata Batenhorst
Wed	27	9:30 AM	WCC	Lvng & Dec'd Members of the Norbert & MaryAnn Ruskamp Family
Thu	28	8:00 AM	SJ	+ James Kuchar
Fri	29	9:00 AM	CHB	+ Dee Steffensmeier
Sat	30	—	—	**NO MASS**
Sun	31	8:30 AM	HC	+ Joyce Schlickbernd + Jayda Oligmueller
Sun	31	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Lori Hollman Ruskamp + Rick J. Smeal

SJ—St. Joseph's HC—Holy Cross
WCC—Wisner Care Center CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of August 31st

LEC: Steve McGuire
EMHC: Martha Schweers
EMHC2: Anne Ausdemore
SERVER: Ghia Bramble, Myles Lampman, Chloe Schroetlin
OFF: Keith Schroetlin
USHER: August Men's Group

MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, Aug. 24th—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore
Sunday, Aug. 31st—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder

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

MEN'S WORK GROUP—SEPTEMBER 2025
Chair: Shane Batenhorst
Co-Chair: Tim Phillips
Members: Galen Minds, Jeremy Ritter, Chris Borgelt, Kelly Lueken, Tyler Oligmueller, Steve Ausdemore

Stewardship of God's Gifts St. Joseph—August 17th, 2025	
Sunday Envelopes:	$435.00
Plate:	112.00
Children:	25.00
Tithe.ly Online:	170.81
Heating/AC:	20.00
Assumption:	65.00

Religious Education

REGISTRATION IS NOW

For those that did not attend registration, forms are in the church basement for you to complete.

TEACHERS MEETING - SEPTEMBER 3RD AT 5:00p.m.

CLASSES START - SEPTEMBER 10TH
FOR ALL GRADES

If interested in helping or have any questions, please contact
Capri 402-380-2925 or Missy 402-690-8105.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN
Question: According to the Gospel stories, who was the first person to encounter the risen Jesus?

MEMBERS OF ST. JOSEPH FAMILY OF PARISHES

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Answer: Mary Magdalene