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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 3rd, 2025

Pastor: Fr. James Weeder
402-372-2188
Email: jmweeder@archomaha.org

Holy Cross Parish
PO Box 212
517 N Fraisier
Beemer, NE 68716
Phone: 528-3475
www.holycrossbeemer.org
Reconciliation: Sundays 8:00-8:20 am or by appt.

Associate Pastors: Fr. Walter Jong-a-Kiem and Fr. Matthias Sule

St. Joseph and Holy Cross Bulletin and Office Email: stjo68791@gmail.com



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.

WHY REGISTER IN A PARISH?

A Catholic parish is the single most important part of our Catholic Church. This is where we continue the mission of Jesus Christ. This is where we publicly express our faith, joining together with others to give witness of our communion with God and with one another.

There are many reasons to register:

- A sense of belonging and identity in a parish community.
- Provides the parish community with a way to welcome you.
- In times of joy and in times of struggle, it is comforting to have the support of a faith family.
- It is a commitment to practice your faith. Gives a chance for you and your family to be counted and heard in the parish.
- Being included in the demographics of the parish helps in the planning for the needs of the parish. Gives the parish a way to connect with you.
- In order to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, or Holy Matrimony you will need to be a registered member.
- For religious education instruction and Sacramental preparation.

For more information on registering, please call the parish office at 402-529-3891 or you may visit our website at: stjosephwisner.org

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

August 3, 2025 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

…."Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." LUKE 12:1 The Gospel message is contrary to modern culture that continually tries to convince us that our joy comes from the material things we possess. That the more we acquire, the happier we will be. Jesus shows us that our true joy comes from our "invisible" gifts like love, mercy, and forgiveness. True joy comes from "emptying" ourselves, giving of ourselves rather than always taking. We are called not to hoard but to share. True joy comes from living a grateful and generous lifestyle; become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

SPIRITUAL INSIGHT— Fr. James Weeder

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Tell my brother to share the inheritance with me." As a priest, I at times have been asked for advice on how to handle inheritance issues. Usually, a family member is unhappy with their portion, wants more, or thinks what they received was not equal to another. Or they might be the one trying to keep peace in the family and hoping that the other can see the reasons for why the inheritance was divided the way it was. Whatever the case may be, it unfortunately causes division in the family and sometimes to the extreme that leads to family members no longer talking to each other. My thought typically is, "the inheritance received did not belong to the one inheriting it in the first place so why should they expect it at all. They should be grateful for what they did receive whether it was the equal to what another received or not." Thus, the strife inheritance causes is quite upsetting and obviously not what Christ desires. Jesus, warns against this in his response, "Take care to guard against all greed...one's life does not consist of possessions." How easy this can be to forget. One gets caught up in the material things and tries to get more, falsely thinking that they will be happier if they just have this or that. Thus, Jesus continues and warns that those who „store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God" will lose it all. While worldly thing might bring happiness temporarily, it cannot satisfy the true longing of the heart which is union with Christ. Moreover, we must remember that we have all received an inheritance that we do not deserve, namely, eternal life. Hence, life's richness, then, consists in seeking the One who is above. May Jesus words prompt us to do an inventory of our lives and honesty evaluate if we are seeking the riches of this world or the riches of eternal life.



The Transfiguration of the Lord

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of August 10th

WORD: Doris Guenther
EMHC: Mary Mostek
SERVER: Elijah & Eisley Woodbury
USHER: Gerald Gentrup

Stewardship of God's Gifts Holy Cross—July 27, 2025	
Envelopes:	$260.00
Plate:	85.00
Children:	29.00
Tithe.ly Online:	150.00
HELP/Fuel:	15.00
Mission Coop:	1,113.25
Total:	$1,652.25

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:

Birthdays
Josh Bramble August 4
Ghia Bramble August 4
Anne Schulz August 4
Jan Liermann August 7
Dennis Mostek August 8
Kathy Pena August 8

Anniversaries
Roy and Jan Liermann August 7
Brad and Anne Schulz August 8



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass Schedule

St. Joseph—Wisner
Thursday, August 14th 5:30 pm

Holy Cross—Beemer
Friday, August 15th, at 12:00 noon

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	04	—	—	**NO MASS**
Tue	05	8:00 AM	HC	+ Ray Steffensmeier
Wed	06	9:30 AM	WCC	Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of Ron & MaryAnn Wemhoff
Thu	07	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Leo, Flavia, & Bill Ausdemore
Fri	08	9:00 AM	CHB	+ Mary Ann Ruskamp
Sat	09	—	—	**NO MASS**
Sun	10	8:30 AM	HC	+ Mike McTaggart + Ken Guenther
Sun	10	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Elden Cech

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

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of August 10th

LEC: Alan Harms
EMHC: Anne Ausdemore
EMHC2: Capri McGuire
SERVER: Emma Schroetlin, Deidrick Bodwell, Riggs Buhrman
OFF: Chad Ludwig
USHER: August Men's Group

MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, Aug. 3rd—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder
Sunday, Aug. 10th—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer

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 St. Joseph—July 27, 2025	
Sunday Envelopes:	$2,220.00
Plate:	183.00
Children:	11.00
Tithe.ly Online:	70.81
Heating/AC:	500.00
Mission Coop:	667.00



****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

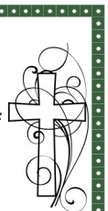


HELLO PARISHIONERS… Have you ever thought about being a volunteer for **lectoring or EMHC** (distributing communion)? You are in luck training is done online! All you have to do is contact the Parish Office at 402-529-3891 or email at stjo68791@gmail.com to get the link to get started.

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.



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.

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