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

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 14th, 2025

Pastor: Fr. James Weeder
402-372-2188
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Holy Cross Parish
PO Box 212
517 N Fraisier
Beemer, NE 68716
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Reconciliation: Sundays 8:00-8:20 am or by appt.

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

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Announcements for:

ST. JOSEPH FAMILY OF PARISHES

Notes from Fr. James Weeder

Fr Matthias celebrates his 25th Anniversary of Priesthood on September 16. He will be celebrating this Jubilee in a special way **at the 10:00am Mass at St Mary's on September 21.** A reception will follow at the GACC Cafeteria. Please congratulate Fr Matthias and continue to offer prayers for a fruitful priesthood.

Triumph of the Heart: The Passion of St. Maximilian Kolbe movie. Showing at the West Point Community Theatre Wednesday September 17, 7:00pm. The movie refers to the final, heroic act of sacrifice by the Polish Franciscan priest, St. Maximilian Kolbe, who offered his life for a stranger in the Auschwitz concentration camp in 1941. His death was an act of "heroic love" in the face of extreme evil, demonstrating his deep faith, devotion to Mary, and commitment to sacrificing for others. He is venerated as a martyr and saint for this ultimate demonstration of love and self-sacrifice.

Saint Joseph Parish Council Members 2025-2026	
Chad Ludwig—Pres.	Arvid Hass
Todd Schroeder	Chris Liermann—VP
Amanda Albers	Kyla Miller—Secretary
Lynndsy Beckmann	Jessie Godbersen
For contact information, please see the parish directory	

Holy Cross Parish Council Members 2024-2025	
Mike Guenther—Pres.	Trisha Robertson—Sec.
Mike Gentrup	Karen Spenner
Robert Praest	Michelle Borgmann
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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

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

…."For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son."
JOHN 3:16

God created us to be in relationship with Him. Sin broke that relationship. Jesus came to earth so that we may reconcile our relationship with God. Following Jesus' example, we can be blessed with a joy-filled life on earth and eternal life in Heaven. These four points are known as the "kerygma" – the first proclamation of the Gospel. This core message is the basis of our Catholic faith. How do you live this out in your daily life?

SPIRITUAL INSIGHT— Fr. Walter

Padre Pio says: "Many suffer, but few know how to suffer well. Suffering is a gift from God; blessed is he who knows how to profit by it." Does he know what he is talking about, he who bore the wounds of Christ in his stigmata? He did and courageously imitated Jesus on the cross. On the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, we celebrate Jesus" triumph over sin and death through His sufferings on the cross He conquered sin. He made sufferings redemptive, that through our sufferings united with Jesus the graces of the cross flow upon the Church. The Israelites grumbled in the desert. They were tired of that wretched food. It is the same food day in and day out. But what was the point in the desert? It was not about the food; it was about developing, growing in their relationship with God Who was to be the Food of their souls and satisfies all our longings, all our desires. But the Israelites did not see it that way. Neither do we when we complain about the food we are to eat, the weather when it is too hot or too cold, the golden age of getting older with new knees and hips. Doesn't Jesus show us that He loves us a lot when we suffer a lot. And why? A Father who loves His child disciplines His child. He calls us to offer up our sufferings united with His Son and with Mary for souls. Our sufferings have tremendous value and our rejections, tiredness, pain, cold, sickness, loneliness, yes joy, can be offered up to Jesus for those in need of prayer, those who need hope, those in need of conversions, repentance, forgiveness. Then we too are changed to be more like Jesus and fed with the Food of Love, God Himself, and find heaven on earth.



Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of September 21st

WORD: Tom Peatrowsky
EMHC: Dennis Mostek
SERVER: Elijah Woodbury & Noah Borgmann
USHER: Scott Ortmeier

Stewardship of God's Gifts Holy Cross—August 31st, 2025	
Envelopes:	$351.00
Plate:	186.00
Children:	32.00
Tithe.ly Online:	150.00
Help/Fuel:	10.00
GA/CC:	20.00
Insurance:	20.00
Building:	10.00
Total:	$779.00

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

TRIUMPH OF THE HOLY CROSS FEAST DAY! Please join us for coffee & rolls in the church hall after Mass. All are welcome!

Celebrations:

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

Birthdays
Brian Oligmueller September 17

THE LYONS ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
FALL SALAD LUCHEON
Friday, Sep. 19th from 11:00 am—1:00 pm
Walk-ins welcome & Carry-outs available
430 Lincoln St. - Lyons, NE

UNDERSTANDING YOUR GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Starting October 6th thru November 24th
Mondays: 6:00 pm—7:00 pm
St. Joseph Retirement Community - The Steven Room
Registration is required as space is limited as well as for material purposes.
Call Tom Manhart at 402-372-6708 or email tmanhart@franhealth.org
Flyer in the back of church with full details.

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	15	—	—	**NO MASS**
Tue	16	8:00 AM	HC	+ Peter & Elizabeth Peitzmeier
Wed	17	9:30 AM	WCC	+ James Kuchar
Thu	18	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Jack Stacy
Fri	19	9:00 AM	CHB	+ Ray Steffensmeier
Sat	20	—	—	**NO MASS**
Sun	21	8:30 AM	HC	+ Mike McTaggart + Betty Pruess
Sun	21	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Doug Peterson + Mary Ann Ruskamp

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

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of September 21st

LEC: Steve McGuire
EMHC: Capri McGuire
EMHC2: Kathy Johnson
SERVER: Annamae Bloedorn, Aiden Soto-Good, Edgar Vallejo
OFF: Dave Oligmueller
USHER: September Men's Group

MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, Sep. 14th—Team #4 A.J. & Lindsey Burki, Chris & Brenda Liermann
Sunday, Sep. 21st—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore

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—September 7, 2025	
Sunday Envelopes:	$1,170.00
Plate:	148.00
Children:	23.00
Tithe.ly Online:	172.12
Heating/AC:	200.00
Rel Ed:	375.00

THE WOMEN OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH invite the women of St. Joseph and Holy Cross parishes to attend their "Guest Night" on Monday, September 15th at 6:00pm. Guest speaker for the evening will be Karen Drevo of Norfolk, a Humanities Nebraska presenter. RSVP by September 8th to LaRayne Topp at 402-529-6310 or at topplarayne@gmail.com. Flyer with complete details is in the back of church.

Religious Education

Registrations: For those of you that have not completed registration paperwork, please do so now.

K-6: Classes started this past week and it was fun to see all the students. Teachers did some ice breaker games and explained curriculum. The 6th grade took the beginning of year tests.

7th-12th - Met together to discuss Confirmation Service Hours and requirements.

Evening ended with closing prayer in church

fall cleanup day

Sat., Sep. 27th at 9:00 am @ St. Josephs
Bring you pickups, trimmers, and equipment.
Flyer in the back of church with details
Contact Chad Ludwig 402-841-8750 or Chris Liermann 402-380-2605



