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Reconciliation: Sundays after Mass or by appointment

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 21st, 2025

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Announcements for:

ST. JOSEPH FAMILY OF PARISHES

Notes from Fr. James Weeder

Fr. Matthias celebrating his 25th Anniversary of Priesthood at the 10:00am Mass on September 21 with a reception to follow at the GA Cafeteria. Pulled pork sandwich, salad and dessert (no charge). Please congratulate Fr Matthias and continue to offer prayers for a fruitful priesthood.

Alpha: Even though Alpha has been going for a couple of weeks you are still invited to come out to Native 32 Winery on Tuesdays from 6-8pm.

Annual Appeal: You will be receiving a letter from the Archbishop with details about the Annual Appeal along with a guide for stewardship. Please pray about how God is asking you to respond.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

….."No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)." LUKE 16:13

Jesus knows that for many of us, God and money run "neck and neck" as top priority. Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from becoming a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.



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

SPIRITUAL INSIGHT—

Brothers and sisters,

The spiritual journey laid before us this Sunday is not a series of disconnected lessons, but a single, profound path of conversion, leading us from the blindness of self-interest into the freedom of God's kingdom. It begins by holding a mirror to our souls, asking the most fundamental question of all: where is our treasure, and therefore, where is our heart? The prophet Amos is that mirror. He reflects back to us the idolatry of a heart that has bowed down before profit and power. He shows us merchants who observe the external forms of religion, yet chafe at the holy days because they interrupt commerce. Their true devotion is revealed in their actions: they are eager to get back to exploiting the vulnerable, "buying the lowly for silver and the poor for a pair of sandals." This is the foundational sin: a heart so shrunk by self-interest that it becomes blind to the image of God in the person it tramples. And it is precisely into this world of forgotten people that the Psalm speaks its breathtaking truth. It reveals the perfection of God's gaze. Our God is not distant, for He is the one who stoops down. His fundamental action is not acquisition, but rescue. "He raises up the poor from the dust," and in this divine motion, we discover our true calling: to first be lifted up by this merciful God so that we, in turn, can lift up others. But how does this transformation happen? How does a heart, trained by the world to be narrow, learn the expansive love of God? St. Paul provides the essential training ground: prayer. He urges us to pray "for everyone—for kings and all in authority." This is not a political suggestion but a spiritual discipline. Praying for those we disagree with, or even those who wield power unjustly, is a radical act of love. It actively stretches the walls of our heart, breaking us out of the prison of "us vs. them." It is the practical bridge between the just anger we feel at the world's wrongs and the divine compassion that seeks to save everyone involved. This prayer aligns our will with God's deepest desire, making us not just critics of the world but channels of His peace for the world. And this brings us to the moment of decision, where Jesus demands that these transformed hearts now direct our hands. In the Gospel, He tells the puzzling parable of the dishonest steward, who is praised not for his corruption, but for his frantic, shrewd action in a moment of crisis. The man's back is against the wall, and he uses every resource he has to secure his future. Jesus' challenge is piercing: Why are those focused on temporary wealth so much more creative, urgent, and decisive in their pursuits than we are in our pursuit of eternal life? If we have truly been lifted up by God and had our hearts expanded in prayer, then we must now use our resources—our time, talent, and treasure—with that same level of focus and ingenuity, but for a holy purpose. This is the challenge Jesus leaves us with: to live alertly, generously, and creatively in love. May this week find us alert to God's call, generous in heart, and inventive in love, so that in all we do, others may catch a glimpse of the God who stoops down to raise the poor from the dust.

Peace and Blessings,
Fr. Michel N'DO

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of September 28th

WORD: Rita Eichelberger
EMHC: Dawn Peatrowsky
SERVER: Kim Pena & Stella Guenther
USHER: Brad Schulz

Stewardship of God's Gifts Holy Cross—September 14, 2025	
Envelopes:	$631.00
Plate:	119.00
Children:	27.00
Tithe.ly Online:	150.00
Easter Flowers:	150.00
Insurance:	100.00
Building:	10.00
Total:	$1,187.00

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
Edward Pena September 21
Noah Borgmann September 23
Sadie Schulz September 24
Larry Bausch September 25

No Anniversaries

BRUNCH & BREWS: Fundraiser for the Beemer Fire Auxiliary. Sunday, Sep. 28th, from 10:00 am-1:00 pm at the Beemer Ballroom. Serving French toast, eggs, and sausage. Free will donation for food. Cash bar by the fire department for Bloody Marys & Mimosas.

COLLECTION FOR GAZA: Pope Leo has asked for a special collection for the people in Gaza. Families there are enduring catastrophic conditions as hostilities escalate and basic necessities for survival vanish. There will be a second collection on Oct. 4 & 5, at both St. Joseph and Holy Cross Parishes. Thank you.

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	22	—	—	**NO MASS**
Tue	23	8:00 AM	HC	+ Norbert Ruskamp
Wed	24	9:30 AM	WCC	+ Keith Schroeder
Thu	25	8:00 AM	SJ	Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of Ron & MaryAnn Wemhoff
Fri	26	9:00 AM	CHB	+ Bernie Drueke
Sat	27	—	—	**NO MASS**
Sun	28	8:30 AM	HC	+ Ray & Odelia Steffensmeier + Winfred & Beata Batenhorst
Sun	28	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Elden Cech + Herb Albers

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

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of September 28th

LEC: Chris Ruskamp
EMHC: Madonna Servi
EMHC2: Anne Ausdemore
SERVER: Knoxyn Thies, Edwin Millan, Karla Millan
OFF: AJ Burki
USHER: September Men's Group

MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, Sep. 21st—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore
Sunday, Sep. 28th—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder

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 14, 2025	
Sunday Envelopes:	$1,035.00
Plate:	60.00
Children:	26.00
Tithe.ly Online:	380.08
Rel. Ed.:	20.00
Heating/AC:	15.00
Rel Ed:	20.00

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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

WISNER VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE OPEN HOUSE
TODAY!!! Sep. 21st 11:00 am– 3:00 pm
at the Wisner Fire Hall
Burgers, hot dogs, sides and desserts.
Free will donation.

Religious Education

Grades K-6: The 6th grade had Mass server training and reviewed the tests they took last week. First grade will have a God's Nature Walk and Scavenger Hunt this coming week.

Grade 7: Started Confirmation Lesson 1.

Grades 8-10: Started Lesson 14 about Why I am Chosen. They also reviewed Mass serving.

Closing prayer was in church and was on "The 7 Sorrows of Mary".



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

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP? Recognizing that everything we have and are is gift from God. Being grateful and generous with our gifts. Understanding that we are not owners of anything, but steward of God's gifts.

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Stewardship
A WAY OF LIVING