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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 7th, 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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Announcements for:

ST. JOSEPH FAMILY OF PARISHES

Notes from Fr. James Weeder

Vocations Mass: I was recently asked, "Why do we have a Vocations Mass at the Park?" The Vocations Mass precedes my time here so I did some calling to find out the history. Originally; it was simply a Mass in the Park to gather parishioners for fellowship and a picnic outside of the church. Later when the funds raised from the meal were used to support seminarians discerning the priesthood it became known as the "Seminarian Mass." Now the funds raised are used to support seminarians and women discerning a religious vocation so it is referred to as "The Vocations Mass". This year the Knights of Columbus are supporting three men who are discerning the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Omaha. While the park isn't the traditional place to have Mass, the park is a place where families gather and recognizing that all vocations begin in the family, we continue to gather there for a special Mass to highlight all vocations.

In light of vocations, 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.

Alpha begins this Tuesday, September 9 at 6pm at the Native32 Winery. Please join us for a meal and a conversation about faith. See page 5 for more details. Are you interested in the Catholic Faith? The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is the process where one learns about the Catholic faith and discerns becoming Catholic. This year participants will begin by going thru Alpha beginning September 9. Following Alpha they will continue the process with Symbolon which teaches about the beliefs and teachings of the Catholic faith. While OCIA is geared toward those becoming Catholic, many Catholics find it beneficial for growing in their knowledge of the Catholic faith. If you are interested in learning more call the parish office at 402-372-2188 or go to Alpha and let one of the hosts know that you are interested.

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

…."Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." LUKE 14:33

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

SPIRITUAL INSIGHT— Fr. James Weeder

What a contradiction? Previously I mentioned that vocations start in the family, but then we read the Gospel and Jesus says, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters...he cannot be my disciple." Seriously...so much for proposing that vocations start in the family. Jesus, can sure seem confusing and contradictory at times, but is He? Ultimately, Jesus is saying that we must love Him above all things even our family. Moreover, we are to 'hate' anything that gets in the way of our relationship with Him. We are not too literally hate another person by acting unkind toward them. On the contrary we are to love our neighbor, act with charity toward family, strangers, and even enemies, but without separating ourselves from the love of God. This sounds like a monumental task, but it is by loving God above all things that we are able to love even our enemies. And in particular, when parents prioritize their relationship with God and witness that to each other and their children, vocations flourish whether it be to marriage, priesthood, religious life, or single life. Heavenly Father, may I be open to your grace to prioritize you over all things and let go of the things that get in the way. Amen.

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 September 14th

WORD: Doris Guenther
EMHC: Tom Peatrowsky
SERVER: Vanessa & Preston Praest
USHER: Gerald Gentrup

Stewardship of God's Gifts Holy Cross—August 31st, 2025	
Envelopes:	$265.00
Plate:	92.00
Children:	12.00
Tithe.ly Online:	150.00
Total:	$519.00

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

TRIUMPH OF THE HOLY CROSS next Sunday, (our Feast Day!) Please help us celebrate with coffee and goodies after Mass next Sunday!

Celebrations:

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

Birthdays
Bea Seeman September 10

Anniversaries
Ben and Michelle Borgmann September 10

TITHE.LY

Online Giving with Tithe.ly
Both St. Joseph and Holy Cross parishes have an online giving option. For additional ways to contribute, QR codes have been made for both parishes, or you may still sign up under the parish websites. If you have any questions, call the parish office at 402-529-3891.

Holy Cross Beemer

St. Joseph Wisner

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

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	08	—	—	**NO MASS**
Tue	09	8:00 AM	HC	+ Lorenz & Elizabeth Ruskamp
Wed	10	9:30 AM	WCC	+Tim Svoboda
Thu	11	8:00 AM	SJ	+Keith Schroeder
Fri	12	9:00 AM	CHB	+ Winfred & Beata Batenhorst
Sat	13	—	—	**NO MASS**
Sun	14	8:30 AM	HC	+ Ann Bausch + Conrad Wordekemper
Sun	14	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 September 14th

LEC: Diane Davies
EMHC: Shane Batenhorst
EMHC2: Alan Harms
SERVER: Abraham Millan Jr., Edwin Millan, Nora Porter
OFF: Jeff Phillips
USHER: September Men's Group

MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, Sep. 7th—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer
Sunday, Sep. 14th—Team #4 A.J. & Lindsey Burki, Chris & Brenda Liermann

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 31st, 2025	
Sunday Envelopes:	$995.00
Plate:	233.00
Children:	15.00
Tithe.ly Online:	70.81

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

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.

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

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.

