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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 16th, 2025

Pastor: Fr. James Weeder
402-372-2188
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Holy Cross Parish
PO Box 212
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Beemer, NE 68716
Phone: 528-3475
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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

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.

The Archdiocese of Omaha Vocations Office is leading its third-annual, monthlong Rosary Rally in November to help encourage young men and women discerning vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We are seeking to increase our rosaries prayed this year to 50,000! All are invited to join in asking for Our Lady's intercession in support of those discerning and living out their vocation! How the Rosary Rally Works: 1. Pray the Rosary in November for Vocations. 2. Log your rosary on OmahaVocations.org **You can also record it by emailing rosary@archomaha.org or calling 402.513.8569

Catholic 101

Learn more about the Catholic Faith!
Who: Those looking to become catholic or learn more about the faith.
Current and prospective Catholics welcome!
Wednesdays beginning 12/3; 6:30-8pm
St. Joseph's Retirement Library, West Point
Call, text or email Renee Eames to sign-up
raeames@archomaha.org
402-455-2314

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



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"…Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us."
2 THESSALONIANS 3:9

Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don't go around bragging about it. But through their words and actions, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results and others desire this in their own life. Know that the way you live your life may be the only interaction others may have with our Catholic faith.

SPIRITUAL INSIGHT— Fr. Walter

My dear brothers and sisters,

In today's Gospel, Jesus startles his disciples by pointing to the magnificent Temple—the very symbol of all they held solid and secure, the pride of Jerusalem—and declares it will be utterly destroyed. His point is radical: do not anchor your soul to what can be taken away. This naturally leads us to ask: what, then, is the alternative? How do we navigate a world of instability without being ruled by fear? The answer lies not in finding a new, "unshakable" structure, but in embracing a different kind of strength: true faith, which empowers us to stay the course even when the ground beneath us seems to give way. We see this very strength embodied in Paul, who speaks from the same spirit in the second reading. To the Thessalonians, he says, "You must imitate us. We worked night and day so as not to burden any of you." Here, Paul makes perseverance tangible. Just as the Gospel calls us to stand firm, he shows us that perseverance is the choice to serve, to remain faithful, and to fulfill our responsibilities even when it is difficult. And the workshop where we practice this choice is none other than our everyday work, our care for family, and our commitment to community, that is, the very places where our faith is formed, tested, and strengthened. But why does God allow "our temples," the very things we rely on, to be shaken in the first place? The prophet Malachi gives us a glimpse into God's purpose, speaking of a purifying fire and a rising sun—the "sun of justice with healing in its rays." This reveals a dual action of God's grace. The same fire that consumes injustice also refines our own hearts, burning away the pride and self-reliance that keep us from Him. The same light that exposes what is broken also warms and heals what is true and good within us. This is the divine paradox: the God who allows the collapse is not a God of ruin, but the source of all life. He is not in the business of destroying us, but of freeing us from our fragile foundations. So, when "your own temple," the foundation of your life, begins to fall—when a relationship fractures, a dream shatters, or the future feels uncertain—remember this: God is not in the ruins; He is in the rebuilding. He is the quiet strength in your perseverance, the hope in your hardship, and the healing in your pain. Do not look for Him only in the life you had, but in the faithful step you take today. For it is in that step, taken in trust, that you truly secure your life.

Peace, Fr. Michel N'DO

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of November 23rd

WORD: Rita Eichelberger
EMHC: Tom Peatrowsky
SERVER: Noah & Asher Borgmann
USHER: Brad Schulz

Stewardship of God's Gifts Holy Cross—November 9th, 2025	
Envelopes:	$590.00
Plate:	86.00
Children:	22.00
Tithe.ly Online:	150.00
HELP/Fuel:	15.00
Thanksgiving:	25.00
Total:	$888.00

Itty Bitty Advent Retreat

Featuring Father Michel N'Do
Sunday, November 30
Holy Cross, Beemer

4-5 pm Desert Spirituality by Fr. Michel
5-6 pm Exposition and Confession
6-7 pm Supper Provided
Free Event and Child Care Provided



Celebrations:

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

Birthdays
Max Guenther November 16
Roy Liermann November 16
Bill McNamara November 21

No Anniversaries



THANKSGIVING MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Nov. 26th, 7:00 pm
at Holy Cross, Beemer

Thursday, Nov. 27th, 8:00 am
at St. Joseph, Wisner

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	17	—	—	**NO MASS**
Tue	18	8:00 AM	HC	Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of the Henry & Eleanor Spenner Family
Wed	19	9:30 AM	WCC	+ John & Betty Marksmeier
Thu	20	8:00 AM	SJ	Lvng & Dec'd Friends & Family of LaVern & Cleon Houghton
Fri	21	9:00 AM	CHB	+ Ray Steffensmeier
Sat	22	—	—	**NO MASS**
Sun	23	8:30 AM	HC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sun	23	10:00 AM	SJ	+ John Davies + Doug Peterson

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

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of November 23rd

LEC: Steve McGuire
EMHC: Alan Harms
EMHC2: Richard Schultz
SERVER: Aidan McBride, Annamae Bloedorn, Riggs Buhrman
OFF: Chad Ludwig
USHER: November Men's Group

MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, Nov. 16th—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore
Sunday, Nov. 23rd—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder

MEN'S WORK GROUP—NOVEMBER 2025
Chair: Duane Mendlik
Co-Chair: Blaine Johnson
Members: Nick Schultz, Scott Mendlik, Dave Ebel, Dixon Godbersen, Gerald Gentrup, Gary Godbersen, Aiden McBride, Joel Good

Stewardship of God's Gifts St. Joseph—November 9th, 2025	
Sunday Envelopes:	$880.00
Plate:	203.00
Children:	27.00
Tithe.ly Online:	481.39
Heating/AC:	65.00

ST. JOSEPH MEN'S GROUP SCHEDULE: The new schedule for 2026 is available on the table in the back of church. Men of the parish, please stop to pick yours up. To save on postage, we would like to have as many as possible picked up in person. Those still remaining in mid December, will be mailed. Thank you.

CALENDARS for 2026 are available for pick up in the back of church.

THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE has been placed at the front of church by the side altar of the Virgin Mary by the remembrance candles. You may write the names of those that have gone before us to be remembered in prayer throughout the month of November. Mass intention envelopes are there should you desire a Mass to be said in their honor. Suggested Mass intention is $10.00 per Mass and candle lighting is $2.00 per candle.

Religious Education

Grades K-6: Costume fittings were done for Christmas Program. Details for Christmas Program on December 10th were sent home with students. Please note what food item you are to bring.

Grade 7: Discussed the 7 Sacraments, along with Grace, and how Jesus shares his life with us through these.

Grades 8-10: Confirmation Class: Discussed how, when and where we pray. Also shared what we have to be thankful for. Students need their Saint, Sponsor and Community Service Hours turned in by January 7th.

Grades 11-12: No Class due to college visit day.

IMPORTANT DATES
November 26 - no class - Thanksgiving Break
December 10th - Christmas Program at 6:00p.m.
April 22nd - Confirmation at 7:00p.m. in West Point