

## St. Joseph Church

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 Wisner, NE 68791  
 Parish Office: 529-3891  
[www.stjosephwisner.org](http://www.stjosephwisner.org)  
 Reconciliation: Sundays after Mass  
 or by appointment

## Third Sunday of Advent December 14th, 2025

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 Reconciliation: Sundays  
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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.

### 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](mailto:raeames@archomaha.org)

402-455-2314

### 3rd Sunday Advent

.... "You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." JAMES 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

### SPIRITUAL INSIGHT— Fr. Walter

We are celebrating Gaudete Sunday, Rejoice Sunday. This is symbolized by lighting up the third candle, the Candle of Joy or the Shepherd's Candle; the liturgical color is rose. We are reminded of the shepherds who rejoiced at the Good News of the birth of Jesus. This brings great joy to the whole world, the birth of Jesus to set us free from sin and death. Why is joy so important in our lives? Christian joy comes from the Love of God. Have you ever seen couples in love. They have butterflies in their stomach, can't eat or sleep, and think about each other all the time. Life without my beloved is unbearable. We can have a similar relationship with Jesus where we can't but think about Him and love Him and His children. It is called spiritual marriage. Well, Jesus is the Bridegroom and His Bride is the Church. Jesus is sent by His Father to die for our sins to set us free. What drives Jesus is the love for His Father of course, but also His deep love for His Bride, the Church. He loves us deeply made in His image and likeness and the more we become like Him the deeper our joy. All authentic joy comes from God. He is our joy. Saints are so joyful around Jesus to have Him as their prized possession and are madly in love with Him. Our joy grows the more we experience His love in prayer as His beloved children. This Advent season can we spend some time in adoration too and let His rays of radiant, joyous love from His Heart fall upon our hearts to enkindle the fire of joyous love within. Advent is a joyous time when the birthing of Jesus deepens in us when we go to confession, repent, pray, convert, and perform acts of mercy, sacrifices out of love for Him.



## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
4:00 pm St. Boniface Monterey	8:00 am St. Aloysius Aloys
4:00 pm St. Mary's West Point	8:30 am Holy Cross Beemer
4:00 pm St. Wenceslaus Dodge	9:00 am St. Wenceslaus Dodge
6:00 pm St. Anthony's - St. Charles	10:00 am St. Joseph Wisner
6:00 pm St. Joseph Wisner	10:00 am St. Mary's West Point
6:00 pm Sts. Peter and Paul Howells	10:30 am St. John's Howells
Midnight Mass St. Mary's West Point	

### 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 December 21st

**WORD:** Doris Guenther  
**EMHC:** Dennis Mostek  
**SERVER:** Eisley & Elam Woodbury  
**USHER:** Brad Schultz

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**LEC:** Richard Schultz  
**EMHC:** Steve Ausdemore  
**EMHC2:** Martha Schweers  
**SERVER:** Knoxyn Thies, Jerik Lueken, Leighton Porter  
**OFF:** Chris Ruskamp  
**USHER:** December Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—December 7th, 2025	
Envelopes:	\$720.00
Plate:	43.00
Children:	20.00
Tithe.ly Online:	150.00
Thanksgiving:	735.00
Christmas Flowers:	170.00
Immaculate Conception:	142.00
Total:	\$1,980.00

**MONEY COUNTERS**


**Sunday, Dec. 14th—Team #1** Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore  
**Sunday, Dec. 21st—Team #2** Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder

**MEN'S WORK GROUP—DECEMBER 2025**

**Chair:** Dan Kane  
**Co-Chair:** Terry Soden  
**Members:** Ron Machacek, Shawn Davie, Doug Oertwich, Bernie Ruskamp, Adam Brahmer, Tyler McBride, Jeff Recker, Andrew Hansen

**NEWBORN ITEMS** and eyeglasses will be accepted until December 21st. Baskets are in the entrance area. The clothing, blankets, etc. are given to Birthright in Norfolk. The money is given to Emergency Pregnancy Services in Omaha located behind the abortion centers to assist mothers who choose to keep their babies. **ADDITIONALY...**A basket is there for used glasses and cases.

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—December 7th, 2025	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$2,550.00
Plate:	212.00
Children:	54.00
Tithe.ly Online:	172.12
Christmas:	20.00
Immaculate Conception:	20.00



**Celebrations:**

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

**Birthdays**  
 Kailey Pena December 18  
 Dan Spenner December 19  
 Betty Guenther December 20

**No Anniversaries**

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH—POINSETTIAS**


Help us to bring beauty to the church this Christmas season, by purchasing a poinsettia in memory of your loved one (s). There is a sign up sheet and envelope in the back of the church. You may also put an envelope in the collection basket, or mail it to the parish office. Be sure to include the name of your loved one(s) and \$20 for each Poinsettia.





**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

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION:**  
 Thursdays during advent from 6-7 pm.  
 Dec. 18th at St. Joseph-Wisner



**St. Joseph**  
**Religious Education**  
**2025 Christmas Nativity**






MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	15	—	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue	16	8:00 AM	HC	+ Mary Ann Ruskamp
Wed	17	9:30 AM	WCC	+ Joseph Svoboda
Thu	18	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Gary Servi
Fri	19	9:00 AM	CHB	Deceased Members of the Joyce Westerman Family
Sat	20	—	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
Sun	21	8:30 AM	HC	+ Casper Gentrup Jr. + Kenny Hassler
Sun	21	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Herb Albers + Rick J Smeal

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

**Religious Education**

**Grades K-6:** The Christmas Program was held on Wednesday evening and was followed by a soup supper hosted by the Ladies Guild. The students did a fantastic job with their parts and skits. Santa even came for a visit. Thank you to all helped with the program and those that attended.

**Grades 8th - 12th:** No class

Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**January 6<sup>th</sup> - Classes resume for all grades**