

St. Joseph Church

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 1318 Ave G West
 Wisner, NE 68791
 Parish Office: 529-3891
 www.stjosephwisner.org
 Reconciliation: Sundays after Mass
 or by appointment

**The Baptism of the Lord
 January 11th, 2026**

Pastor: Fr. James Weeder
 402-372-2188
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Holy Cross Parish

PO Box 212
 517 N Fraiser
 Beemer, NE 68716
 Phone: 528-3475
 www.holycrossbeemer.org
 Reconciliation: Sundays
 8:00-8:20 am or by appt.

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

St. Joseph and Holy Cross Bulletin and Office Email: stj68791@gmail.com



Announcements for:

**ST. JOSEPH
 FAMILY OF PARISHES**

**THE CHURCH OF THE
 TWELVE APOSTLES**

The apostles spread the Kingdom of Heaven to all people, but their mission was not without conflict and challenges. Explore how the early Church lived through difficulties both within and outside the community, and how it applies to us today.

Sunday, Jan. 25, 2026
 6-7 p.m.
 Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

GACC Activity Center
 417 E Walnut St.
 West Point, NE 68788

SPEAKER

MICHAEL "GOMER" GORMLEY

Michael has been leading evangelization and ministry efforts for the past 17 years. He has his Undergraduate Degrees in both Philosophy and Theology and a Masters in Theology and Christian Ministry, from the Franciscan University of Steubenville. He currently serves as the Mission Evangelist for *Paradisus Dei* and the co-host to two successful Catholic podcasts: *Catching Foxes* and *Every Knee Shall Bow*.

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SPIRITUAL INSIGHT— Fr. Walter

St. Basil the Great says: "Baptism is a ransom, forgiveness of debts, death of sin, regeneration of the soul, a resplendent garment, an unbreakable seal, a chariot to heaven, a royal protector, a gift of adoption." The Church sees baptism as the ordinary ways for salvation. Jesus was baptized and the Spirit descended upon Him like a Dove, and the Father spoke: "This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased." What a gift we receive from a broken nature with original sin, we receive a new nature as adopted children of God and are called to live with the Most Holy Trinity forever. It is hard to understand this amazing gift that God gives us. We are called to live a life with the most Holy Trinity and the angels and saints right now this very moment after baptism. You are not just some nobody, no you are a very important person, a child of God, adopted by the sacrifice of His Beloved Son. We are to celebrate our baptismal day every year even more than our birthday because when we were baptized we received the inheritance of eternal life which we reject when we commit serious sin. That is why it is very important to go to confession when we commit a serious sin to regain the gift of eternal life. Many people do not realize this and live a life with serious sin without the gift of heaven. Baptism is not a one shot deal. No. It is a dynamic process where we are to daily plunge the living waters of Jesus to dies to our self -will, to be raised to new life in Christ and experience the Love of the Father in a deeper way: He tells us "You are My beloved child." Each time I choose to do His will by praying, by loving my neighbor, by forgiving someone, by acts of charity, I die in humility and He raises up those who humble themselves who grow in their beloved identity as children of God. We grow this way in intimacy with God.

The Upper Room

**GROWING YOUR FAITH
 COMMUNITY WITH A
 SMALL GROUP**



A time for prayer, renewal and practical steps to carry it forward to enrich your life and those of others.

MON, JAN 19
 OR
TUES, JAN 27
6:30-8:30pm

same topic, 2 nights to choose from
ALOY'S RECTORY

RSVP: Renee Eames
 402.455.2314
 raeames@archomaha.org



**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 January 18th

WORD: Renae Carlson
EMHC: Tom Peatrowsky
SERVER: Noah & Asher Borgmann
USHER: Brad Schulz

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner

Weekend of January 18th

LEC: Bonnie Styskal
EMHC: Alan Harms
EMHC2: Tammie Batenhorst
SERVER: Leighton Porter, Cooper Schultz, Nora Porter
OFF: Ruth Bloedorn
USHER: January Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—January 1st, 2026	
Plate:	\$110.00
Solemnity of Mary:	50.00
Christmas:	1000.00
Holy Cross—January 4th, 2026	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$286.00
Plate:	44.00
Children:	35.00
Tithely:	100.00
Christmas:	550.00
Insurance:	20.00
Total:	\$1,035.00

MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, Jan. 11th—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore
Sunday, Jan. 18th—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder

MEN'S WORK GROUP—January 2026
Chair: Jeff Phillips
Co-Chair: Nathan Janke
Members: Mark Porter, Nate Phillips, Cooper VonSeggern, Zach Goedeker, Eric VonSeggern, Michael Schutte

2026 DONATION ENVELOPES & calendars are on the table in entrance. Please pick them up soon.

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—January 4th, 2026	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,160.00
Plate:	162.00
Children:	10.00
Tithe.ly Online:	70.81
Christmas:	200.00
Heating/AC:	380.00
Solemnity of Mary:	116.00

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


Birthdays
 Susan Steffensmeier January 14
 Shane Combs January 15
 Jean Batenhorst January 16

Anniversaries
 Ron and Bev Francis January 14

Religious Education


Grades K-6: Classes started for the New Year and was good to see everyone. Started with snack and opening prayer.
 The 6th grade continued learning about the history of the church with the parting of the Red Sea, Moses receiving the 10 Commandments, the Ark of the Covenant and the Golden Calf.

Grades 8th - 10th: Confirmation Class: Did the lesson on Mary, mother of Jesus and discussed the feast days of Mary. Reminder that those who did not turn in Sponsor forms and Service hours, need to do so this week.

 **FLOCKNOTE:** **St. Joseph and Holy Cross** parishes. Don't miss out on important announcements and information from your parish as well as those from our St. Joseph Family of Parishes. Flyers with instructions are in the back of church. Sign up today. Contact Sarah at the parish office if you need help or have questions. 402-529-3891.

Blessing for Baptismal Graces

Dear God,
 Through Baptism, You called and claimed us as Your own, chosen and loved. Pour Your blessing upon us as we remember our Baptism. Plant Your identity in our hearts. Help us to live as Your beloved.
 Amen.



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

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	12	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	13	8:00 AM	HC	+ Fred Gentrup
Wed	14	9:30 AM	WCC	Lvng & Dec'd Members of the Norbert & MaryAnn Ruskamp Family
Thu	15	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Tom Boyle
Fri	16	9:00 AM	CHB	+ Dee Steffensmeier
Sat	17	—	—	NO MASS
Sun	18	8:30 AM	HC	+ Jayda Oligmueller + Brent Carlson
Sun	18	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Elden & Ruth Cech + Edwin & Edna Knievel

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

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 through May; 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