

St. Joseph Church
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 Wisner, NE 68791
 Parish Office: 529-3891
 www.stjosephwisner.org
 Reconciliation: Sundays after Mass
 or by appointment

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 4th, 2026

Pastor: Fr. James Weeder
 402-372-2188
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Holy Cross Parish
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 Beemer, NE 68716
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Associate Pastors: Fr. Walter Jong-a-Kiem and Fr. Matthias Sule

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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 - 7pm Doors open 5:30pm

GACC Activity Center

417 E Walnut St. West Point, NE

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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NOTES FROM FR. WEEDER:

THANK YOU to all who helped decorate our churches, contributed to poinsettia memorials, those who arranged the poinsettias, and played a role as a—musician, lector, EMHC, usher, or server—during the Christmas liturgies. Your participation helped to make Christmas such a beautiful and uplifting liturgy.

THANK YOU ALSO FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS KINDNESS - Fr. Michel, Fr. Matthias, and I want to offer our thanks to all of you for your kindness and generosity during this Christmas season.

A PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY from the Fifth World Meeting of Families.

O God, who in the Holy Family left us a perfect model of family life lived in faith and obedience to your will. Help us to be examples of faith and love for your commandments. Help us in our mission of transmitting the faith that we received from our parents. Open the hearts of our children so that the seed of faith, which they received in Baptism, will grow in them. Strengthen the faith of our young people, that they may grow in knowledge of Jesus. Increase love and faithfulness in all marriages, especially those going through times of suffering or difficulty. United to Joseph and Mary, we ask this through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen.

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.

SPIRITUAL INSIGHT—

Step Into the Light—The Epiphany of Jesus

How strange it is to think that if not for Herod’s directions, the magi would not have known where to find Jesus. They were not Jews, they knew nothing of the old prophecies. It was Herod who convened the scholars. It was Herod who pointed the way — for ulterior motives, certainly, but nonetheless, this is the part he played. It was Herod who made the Epiphany possible.

“Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance,” writes the prophet (Isaiah 60:3). A king may keep to the shadows, suspicious of the light — he may foolishly imagine he can snatch it from the sky to keep as his own possession, and, upon finding the light cannot be governed, grow to loathe it, and even seek to extinguish it once and for all.

But all his grand designs will come to nothing because there is no king so powerful that he can see in the dark. And even a man like Herod — a man so jealous that he sought to kill God — cannot prevent the breaking of day.

The Epiphany marks the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. It is a celebration of truth reaching places it was not expected to reach, of brightness illuminating corners of the world long ago consigned to shadow. It is a reminder that the battle has already been won, the night is over. All that remains is for us to decide: will we step into the light?



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 11th


WORD: Rita Eichelberger
EMHC: Brenda Anderson
SERVER: Vanessa and Preston Praest
USHER: Scott Ortmeier

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner

Weekend of January 11th

LEC: Steve McGuire
EMHC: Kathy Johnson
EMHC2: Linda Hansen
SERVER: Myles Lampman, Ty Montgomery, Edwin Millan
OFF: Del Styskal
USHER: January Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—December 28th, 2025	
Total:	\$798.01
Tithe.ly Online:	150.00
Christmas	
Total:	\$7,878.00



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

Birthdays
 Rita Heiser January 5

No Anniversaries

MEMBERS OF ST. JOSEPH FAMILY OF PARISHES

Formed is an online resource for anyone wanting to learn more about the beauty of our faith. You'll discover thousands of books, audio talks, family-friendly movies, documentaries, inspiring children's shows, small group Bible studies, and more! **Formed** has something for every member of the family to help them grow closer to Christ and His Church. The content is available on any internet-connected device, and you can go straight to the website, or download the Formed app by searching "Formed Catholic" in the App Store.

Signing up for **Formed** is quick and easy:

1. Go to formed.org/signup
2. Search for "St Mary West Point" (spelled that way) or enter 68788
3. Register with your own name and email address
4. Check your email account for a link to begin using **Formed**!

MONEY COUNTERS

Sunday, Jan. 4th—Team #4 A.J. & Lindsey Burki, Chris & Brenda Liermann

Sunday, Jan. 11th—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore

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

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—December 28th, 2025	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$410.00
Plate:	57.00
Children:	13.00
Tithe.ly Online:	70.81
Christmas:	9,068.00
Heating:	300.00

ST. JOSEPH MINISTRY SCHEDULE for the first quarter of 2026 is completed and available for pick up in the back of church. Thanks to all that generously give of their time to help serve the church. The weekly commitment of your time is truly appreciated!!

LIVE STREAMING of Mass should be back up and running. You should find it on the Facebook page titled [saintjosephcatholicchurch-Wisner](https://www.facebook.com/saintjosephcatholicchurch-Wisner). We needed to upgrade the laptop to allow for the equipment to communicate properly.

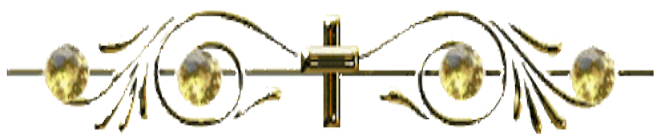
Religious Education

January 7th - Classes resume for all grades

"See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory." — Isaiah 60:2

Prayer Chain info.....St. Joseph prayer group is open to all men and women of the parish. The prayer request notifications come to you via text or phone call, and you are not asked to pass on the requests (like past prayer chains have required). You simply include the request in your regular prayers and there is no meeting involved.

If you or a loved one need extra prayers, please let us know. The information you give can be as general or specific as you'd like. All members of the prayer group are asked to keep the intentions confidential. To be added to the prayer group or to ask for special prayer requests, please notify or text Anne Ausdemore at 402-750-9616.



MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	05	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	06	8:00 AM	HC	Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of the Frank & Mary Wuestewald Fam.
Wed	07	9:30 AM	WCC	+ Joseph & Tim Svoboda
Thu	08	8:00 AM	SJ	Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of the Ron & Mary Ann Wemhoff Fam.
Fri	09	9:00 AM	CHB	+ Jean Meier
Sat	10	—	—	NO MASS
Sun	11	8:30 AM	HC	+ Virgil Liermann + Don Ammon
Sun	11	10:00 AM	SJ	+ James Kuchar + Norbert Oligmueller

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



Hello January

