

## St. Joseph Church

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Reconciliation: Sundays after Mass  
or by appointment

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 15th, 2026

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## Holy Cross Parish

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Announcements for:

ST. JOSEPH  
FAMILY OF PARISHES

### TOTUS TUUS COMING IN JUNE!

Grades 1-6 Mon-Fri June 8-12 9am-2:30pm GACC  
School Campus Grades 7-12 Sun-Thurs June 7-11 6:30-  
8:15pm GACC School Campus This is open to anyone in  
the St Joseph Family of Parishes More information to  
come in February If you have any questions, please give  
Jen Kreikemeier a call 402-380-2010.

**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.

### 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

...“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” MATTHEW 5:20

The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart, for God and others, that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules to the letter and not out of love, does not necessarily put you on the path to heaven. Attending Sunday Mass and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of being a modern-day Pharisee



### **PONDERINGS:**

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This weekend, I write to you from a place of personal challenge, reflecting on the life and work of Madeleine Delbril (1904-1964), a remarkable French mystic and missionary I have been studying for my doctoral work. She lived in the heart of a secular city, yet her words carry the stillness and clarity of the desert. They have been echoing in me, and I want to share their weight and promise with you.

She writes: “Once we have heard God's Word, we no longer have the right not to accept it; once we have accepted it, we no longer have the right not to let it become flesh in us; once it has become flesh in us, we no longer have the right to keep it for ourselves alone. Henceforward, we belong to all those who are waiting for the Word” (Madeleine Delbril, *We, the Ordinary People of the Streets*, p. 62).

This statement is more than a beautiful sequence. It unfolds like a roadmap for Christian living, describing the inevitable descent of grace from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the hands, and from the hands to “the other.”

**First, we hear.** God's Word comes to us in the liturgy, in private prayer, in the needs of our neighbor, and in the silent corners of our conscience. And to truly hear is to let that Words pierce the noise of our world and our own hearts. Once it has struck us, we stand at a threshold. We cannot pretend to be unchanged; we are called to a decisive “yes.”

**Next, we accept.** Acceptance is not passive agreement. It is an active surrender, a conversion of our will to God's. It means allowing the Gospel to weigh on us, rearrange our priorities, reshape our relationships, and command our love.

**Then, we let it become flesh in us.** This is where faith grows hands and feet. Just as the Word became flesh, the Word must become real in our own lives—through our time, our actions, our patience, our smiles, and even our struggles.

**Finally, we give it away.** The Word is not ours to hoard. Once it is alive in us, we belong to everyone who is waiting for a word of hope, a gesture of peace, or simply a sign of God's love. Our very lives become letters of the Gospel, written not in ink, but in deeds, smiles, and presence.

As we prepare to enter the hallowed ground of Lent, let us open ourselves up and ask for the grace to hear the Word of God with renewed attention, to accept it courageously, without reservation, to embody it faithfully in at least one concrete action, and to share it generously in our homes and parish community.

Please keep me in your prayers.

I will see you in the Eucharist.

Fr. Michel

# Pray + Fast + Give



### **ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE ST JOSEPH FAMILY OF PARISHES**

Wednesday, February 18th

7:00 am - St. Mary's - West Point  
8:15 am - Sts. Peter & Paul - Howells  
12:00 noon - Holy Cross - Beemer  
6:00 pm - St. Mary's - West Point  
7:00 pm - St. Joseph - Wisner  
7:00 pm - St. Wenceslaus - Dodge

**Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer**

**Ash Wednesday—February 18th**

**WORD:** Renae Carlson  
**EMHC:** Mary Mostek  
**USHER:** Mike Gentrup

**Weekend of February 22nd**

**WORD:** Marilyn Ortmeier  
**EMHC:** Tom Peatrowsky  
**SERVER:** Elijah Woodbury & Max Guenther  
**USHER:** Scott Ortmeier

**Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner**

**Ash Wednesday—February 18th**

**LEC:** Richard Schultz  
**EMHC:** Tammie Batenhorst  
**SERVER:** Annamae Bloedorn, Brodrick Burki, Deidrick Bodwell  
**OFF:** Austen Godbersen  
**USHER:** February Men's Group

**Weekend of February 22nd**

**LEC:** Tammie Batenhorst  
**EMHC:** Anne Ausdemore  
**EMHC 2:** Richard Schultz  
**SERV:** Jentrye Frederickson, Kaizley Hunke, Jerik Lueken  
**OFF:** AJ Burki  
**USHER:** April Men's Group

**Stewardship of God's Gifts**

**Holy Cross—February 8th, 2026**

Sunday Envelopes:	\$622.00
Plate:	250.00
Children:	18.00
Tithely Online:	100.00
HELP/Fuel:	15.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,005.00</b>

**ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION** for Holy Cross will be at noon Mass. Use the envelope in your donation statement. There will be more envelopes available at the entrance of church that day.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be at 7:00 P.M. at Holy Cross on Friday, February 20th.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** are available to anyone who wishes them as we need to have them out before Ash Wednesday.

**MONEY COUNTERS**

**Sunday, Feb. 15th—Team #2** Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder  
**Sunday, Feb. 22nd—Team #3** Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmaer


**MEN'S WORK GROUP—February 2026**

**Chair:** Roger Lampman  
**Co-Chair:** Todd Schroeder  
**Members:** Chad Ludwig, Lorin Batenhorst, Ray Johnson, Wade Overturf, Nick Heller, Austen Godbersen, Perry Albers, Hayden Schroeder

**Stewardship of God's Gifts**

**St. Joseph—February 8th, 2026**

Sunday Envelopes:	\$895.00
Plate:	114.00
Children:	7.00
Tithely Online:	481.39
Insurance:	200.00



**Celebrations:**

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

**Birthdays**

Tim Oligmueller February 16  
 Joseph Borgmann February 17  
 Sam Steffensmeier February 18

**No Anniversaries**



**WISNER LIONS CLUB PANCAKE FEED** will be Sunday, Feb. 15th, from 11:00 am-1:00 pm at the City Auditorium. A flyer is posted in the back of church with the details. A portion of proceeds donated to Dinklage Park renovations in memory of Cole Uhing.

**WORKS OF MERCY ENVELOPES or CARITAS ENVELOPES**

In previous years, these envelopes were known as Works of Mercy Envelopes and were collected during Holy Week. Starting this year, we will be taking up this collection on Ash Wednesday. Please find the Works of Mercy in your box of envelopes, and use it on Ash Wednesday. If you can't make it to Mass that day, you may mail the envelope or drop it in one of the Sunday collections. Since this unique collection puts nine collections into one, we encourage your special generosity. This collection enables us to avoid the distraction of many special collections throughout the year and enables us to be more conscious and deliberate about what we do for the Poor. We are aware during lent of Jesus' words "As long as you did it for one of the least of my brethren, you did it for me."

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon	16	—	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue	17	8:00 AM	HC	+ Kenneth Hassler
Wed	18	Noon	HC	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> + Jerry Peatrowsky
Wed	18	7:00 PM	SJ	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> + Joseph & Tim Svoboda
Thu	19	8:00 AM	SJ	Lvng & Dec'd Members of the Ron & MaryAnn Wemhoff Fam.
Fri	20	9:00 AM	CHB	+ George & Lu Rejda
Sat	21	—	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
Sun	22	8:30 AM	HC	Lvng & Dec'd Family of Harold & Ruth Benson
Sun	22	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Sevyn Bellar White

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

**Men's Lenten Breakfast**

**At the United Methodist Church of Christ**

Men and boys of all ages are encouraged to attend this event each Thursday during Lent. Breakfast is served at 6:45 a.m. followed by a short message at 7:00. A free-will donation is accepted, and the proceeds go to the Wisner Ministerial Association to help members in our community who are in need. The men of St. Joseph's are scheduled to serve on Feb. 26th and March 19th.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Grades K-6:** Students recited prayers for prayer personnel and did a great job.

**Grades 8th-10th:** They did their Confirmation Interviews and a big thanks to Karen Haas, Carol Oligmueller and Madonna Servi for interviewing.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

First Communion - April 12<sup>th</sup> - 10:00a.m.  
 Confirmation - April 22nd at 4:00p.m.

**No Class for all grades - April 22nd due to Confirmation**