

**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

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD  
May 17th, 2026**

**Pastor: Fr. James Weeder**  
402-372-2188  
Email: jmweeder@archomaha.org

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

**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.

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



**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.

**SPIRITUALITY DAY** - Hosted by OACCW (Omaha Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women)

Where: St. Mary's Parish Center, 2301 W. Madison Ave., Norfolk, NE

When: Tuesday, June 2nd, 2026

- 10:00 a.m. Guest Speaker: Sister Fidelis Marie from Immaculata Monastery & Spirituality Center. Sister's talk will be on the —Holy Familyll.
- 1:00 p.m. —Heavenly Hensll. This group of ladies will entertain us with Christian Hymns and Songs. Come Enjoy a Day of Spirituality and Fun Entertainment!!

\$20 Registration Fee – includes Breakfast, Lunch, Mass, Guest Speaker and Entertainment.

PLEASE RSVP by May 26, 2026 to: OACCW President Leonarda Arens, 402- 253-5120.

Registration Fee of \$20 may be paid on your arrival—June 2, 2026.

**PRAYER FOR RAIN**

O God, in Whom we live and move,  
and have our being,  
grant us rain, in due abundance,  
that, being sufficiently helped  
with temporal gifts,  
we may the more confidently  
seek after eternal gifts.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen

**SPIRITUAL INSIGHT:**

My dear brothers and sisters,

On this seventh Sunday of Easter, nestled between Ascension Day and Pentecost Sunday, we are given the extraordinary gift of overhearing Jesus' High Priestly Prayer. In the most intimate and vulnerable moment of His earthly ministry, Jesus does not pray for success or power. He prays for His disciples. He prays for us— for those the Father has given Him, and that alone is very telling: before we ever lift a finger in service, before we speak a word of witness, before we build or organize or plan, we are first and forever held in the prayer of Christ. This is where our life as believers begins: not with what we do for God, but with what God is already doing for us—holding us, keeping us, sustaining us. And at the heart of Jesus' prayer is this one request: that we may be one. This prayer is unique because of the one who prays it and the pivotal moment at which He prays it. It is the Son of God who is about to offer up His life as a sacrifice for sinners. He prays for unity, and the standard He sets for this unity is nothing less than the very life of the Trinity itself—the perfect, eternal, self-giving love between the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Jesus is asking that our life together would mirror the life of God. But this kind of communion cannot be manufactured or forced; it is received prayerfully, often in seasons of waiting, uncertainty, and surrender. So, this week, do not run from the uncertainty of the "in-between." Instead, consciously imitate the Apostles. Retreat to your own —upper roomll with Mary, the quiet corner of your heart where you meet God, and simply remain there in prayer. Sit with the awkwardness of not knowing, not controlling, not yet seeing the full picture; and there, in the stillness, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you one way, just one way, you can witness to Christ's love in your family, community, and in the world around you. And as you carry this into your week, remember: we are one in Christ, and one in prayer.

I will see you in the Eucharist, Fr. Michel N'DO

**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

**Saint Joseph Parish Council Members 2026-2027**

Chris Liermann—President	Richard Bodwell
Arvid Hass	Todd Schroeder
Kyla Miller—Secretary	Morgan Feller
Jessie Godbersen	Paige Godbersen
For contact information, please see the parish directory	

**Holy Cross Parish Council Members 2025-2026**

Mike Guenther—Pres.	Trisha Robertson—Sec.
Mike Gentrup	Karen Spenner
Robert Praest	Michelle Borgmann
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Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer  
Weekend of May 24th

**WORD:** Marilyn Ortmeier  
**EMHC:** Mary Mostek  
**SERVER:** Elijah Woodbury & Asher Borgmann  
**USHER:** Brad Schulz

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner  
Weekend of May 24th

**LEC:** Gayle Lampman  
**EMHC:** Richard Schultz  
**EMHC 2:** Martha Schweers  
**SERV:** Abraham Millan Jr., Edwin Millan, Kreeley Lueken  
**OFF:** Rick Jacobs  
**USHER:** May Men's Group

**Stewardship of God's Gifts**  
**Holy Cross—May 10th, 2026**

Sunday Envelopes:	\$691.00
Plate:	127.00
Children:	15.50
Tithely Online:	100.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$933.50</b>

**MONEY COUNTERS**

**Sunday, May 17th—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer**  
**Sunday, May 24th—Team #4 AJ & Lindsey Burki, Chris & Brenda Liermann**

**MEN'S WORK GROUP—May 2026**

**Chair:** Mitch Schweers  
**Co-Chair:** Steve McGuire  
**Members:** Jack Godbersen, Alfredo DiCostanzo, Arvid Hass, Matt McGuire, Tim McGuire

**MAY MOWING GROUP-** Chair: Mike Gentrup  
Co-Chair: Ethan Ortmeier; Members: Scott Ortmeier, Tim Oligmueller, Gerald Schlickbernd, Josh Bramble



**Celebrations:**

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

**Birthdays**

- Lavina Mestl May 17
- Dana Steffensmeier May 17
- Marilyn Ortmeier May 18
- Bo Oligmueller May 18
- Henry Robertson May 23

**Anniversaries**

- Gary and Jean Batenhorst May 19
- Tom and Dawn Peatrowsky May 20

**Stewardship of God's Gifts**  
**St. Joseph—May 10th, 2026**

Sunday Envelopes:	\$680.00
Plate:	150.00
Children:	57.00
Tithely Online:	582.70
Cemetery:	300.00

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the newly elected Parish Council members of St. Joseph. Voting took place during Mass on May 3rd and the following won the nominations: Rich Bodwell, Todd Schroeder, Morgan Feller, and Paige Godbersen. Pray for them as they make decisions and work towards goals for the good of our parish.



**CONGRATS AND GOOD LUCK** to all of the area seniors as they graduate this spring. May God guide them in all their future endeavors. Let them have wisdom, strength and courage as they enter this new chapter of life.

**ITEMS IN THE BACK OF CHURCH:** There are still a few boxes of contribution envelopes to be picked up and there are some 2026 calendars still available if anyone needs one. Living Faith booklets and Give us This Day books are also on hand.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon	18	—	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue	19	—	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
Wed	20	9:30 AM	WCC	+ Joseph Svoboda
Thu	21	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Keith Schroeder
Fri	22	9:00 AM	CHB	+ Bud Tyler
Sat	23	—	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
Sun	24	8:30 AM	HC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sun	24	10:00 AM	SJ	+ John Davies

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

**MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES:**  
**St. Joseph and Holy Cross.**

There are envelopes available in the back of church. If you would like to have a Mass said for a loved one, complete the envelope and place in the collection basket or contact Sarah at the parish office 402-529-3891, or email the info to stjo68791@gmail.com. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per Mass.



**HELLO PARISHIONERS...** Have you ever thought about being a volunteer for **lectoring** or **EMHC** (distributing communion)? You are in luck training is done online! Simply contact Sarah at the Parish Office at 402-529-3891 or email at stjo68791@gmail.com to get the link to get started.



**THERE'S STILL REGISTER NOW TIME!**

**ST. JOSEPH PENTECOST PARTY**  
**TREASURE HUNT**

Thursday, May 21st  
7:45 am - 2:00 pm

Mass (8:00 am), Treasure Hunt, fun and activities!!

Lunch included

\*\*Limited to the first 60 participants\*\*  
RSVP to Ruth 402-640-3446



**PRAYER TEAM 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.

