**St. Joseph Church**
**PO Box 623**
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**Wisner, NE 68791**
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**Reconciliation: Sundays after Mass or by appointment**

# *26th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
# *September 27th, 2026*

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**Announcements for:**

**ST. JOSEPH FAMILY OF PARISHES**




**On October 4th,** we commemorate the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis. We will be celebrating this event, "St. Francis' entrance into heaven", on Monday, October 12th. Archbishop Michael McGovern is able to be here to celebrate with us that day. The day will begin with a 10:30am Mass in St. Mary's Church. **All are invited to join us for this Mass of celebration and to greet the Archbishop.** About noon, the Archbishop will go to the hospital for lunch and then will have a tour of Franciscan Healthcare, St. Joseph Retirement Community, and St. Joseph Hillside Villa.

***LIFE CHAIN — October 4, 2026*** Please join us for the annual Life Chain on Sunday, October 4, 2026, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the intersection of Hwy 275 and Hwy 32 in West Point. Life Chain is a peaceful, prayerful public witness standing in honor of over 63 million lives lost to abortion, praying for our nation and an end to abortion. Signs will be provided in the CharterWest Motor Bank parking lot. All are welcome to stand in visual solidarity and support the sanctity of human life!




| ***ST. JOSEPH FAMILY OF PARISHES Weekend Mass Schedule:*** | | |
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| **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 |

***Ponderings: Fr. Joseph Broudou***

**Confession: Coming Home to the Father:**
The Sacrament of Reconciliation—also called Confession or Penance—is a beautiful gift Jesus has given to His Church. It is more than simply telling our sins to a priest. It is an encounter with the merciful Christ, who calls us home.

Sin Wounds Our Relationships:
Sin disrupts relationships. It separates us from God, wounds others, and harms our own dignity and peace. In Confession, Christ heals these wounds and restores us to right relationship.

Confession: Ongoing Conversion:
Confession is not only for emergencies. Regular Confession is a powerful means of ongoing conversion that helps us recognize patterns of sin, strengthen our resolve, form our consciences, grow in humility, and experience God's mercy more deeply. Penance is not a punishment or a price we pay for forgiveness. It is spiritual medicine from Christ, the Divine Physician, helping to heal the wounds caused by sin and assisting us in making reparation.

CPR for the Soul:
We know CPR as an emergency technique. Reconciliation is CPR for the soul:
C — Confession: We honestly acknowledge our sins and express true sorrow.
P — Penance: We accept our penance as spiritual medicine from Jesus, the Divine Healer as a means of healing and reparation. It may include prayer, charity, restitution, or an apology.
R — Reconciliation: Through absolution, we receive God's forgiveness and are restored to friendship with God, with others, and with ourselves.
Through this sacrament Christ meets us in our sins and sorrow, forgives us, heals us, and welcomes us home.

Mercy, Not Condemnation:
The Church strongly encourages the regular celebration of Confession, including the confession of venial sins. Monthly Confession is a helpful practice; at a minimum, the faithful should receive the sacrament at least once a year and whenever they are conscious of having committed a mortal sin.

The confessional is not a courtroom; it is the office of the Divine Physician. It is a place of mercy, healing, and peace.
Come Home. If it has been a long time since your last Confession, do not be afraid. God the Father, Christ the Healer and the Holy Spirit are waiting with mercy and love for you to come home. The confessional schedules can be found at the front top side of the bulletin.



**Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer**
**Weekend of October 4th**

**WORD:** Marilyn Ortmeier
**EMHC:** Mary Mostek
**SERVER:** Eisley & Elam Woodbury
**USHER:** Mike Gentrup

| Stewardship of God's Gifts | |
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| **Holy Cross—September 20th, 2026** | |
| Sunday Envelopes: | $350.00 |
| Plate: | 133.00 |
| Children: | 25.00 |
| Tithely Online: | 150.00 |
| Building Fund: | 10.00 |
| Insurance: | 20.00 |
| Total: | $688.00 |

**OCTOBER MOWING GROUP-** Chair: Sam Steffensmeier Co-Chair: Doug Steffensmeier; Brian Oligmueller, Ron Stieren, Shane Coombs, Paul Schlickbernd

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## Celebrations:

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

**Birthdays**
Mason Praest September 29
Doris Guenther October 1
Frannie Guenther October 2

**No Anniversaries**

## MEMBERS OF ST. JOSEPH FAMILY OF PARISHES

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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**!

| MASS INTENTIONS | | | | |
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| Mon | 28 | — | — | **NO MASS** |
| Tue | 29 | 8:00 AM | HC | + Sr. Clarice Gentrup |
| Wed | 30 | 9:30 AM | WCC | Care Center Residents |
| Thu | 01 | 8:00 AM | SJ | + Paul & Angeline Schroeder |
| Fri | 02 | 9:00 AM | CHB | + Fred Gentrup |
| Sat | 03 | — | — | **NO MASS** |
| Sun | 04 | 8:30 AM | HC | + Fred & Rita McNamara |
| Sun | 04 | 10:00 AM | SJ | Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of Ron & MaryAnn Wemhoff Fam. |

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

**Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner**
**Weekend of October 4th**

**LEC:** Sally Harms
**EMHC:** Kathy Johnson
**EMHC 2:** Tammie Batenhorst
**SERV:** Annamae Bloedorn, Karla Millan, Brodrick Burki
**OFF:** Rick Jacobs
**USHER:** Oct. Men's Group

**MONEY COUNTERS**
**Sunday, Sep. 27th—Team #2 Norm Weber, Shane Batenhorst, Todd Schroeder**
**Sunday, Oct. 4th—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer**

**MEN'S WORK GROUP—October 2026**
**Chair: AJ Kluthe**
**Co-Chair: Rich Bodwell**
**Members: Russ Loberg, Chris Liermann, Marvin Seier, Greg Schlautman, Tony Lampman**

| Stewardship of God's Gifts | |
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| **St. Joseph—September 20th, 2026** | |
| Sunday Envelopes: | $865.00 |
| Plate: | 97.00 |
| Children: | 19.00 |
| Tithely Online: | 293.34 |
| Rel Ed: | 100.00 |

## ST. JOSEPH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



**Grades K-6:** All classes are in full swing. 4th graders enjoyed some outdoor time with a fun activity learning about God's goodness. We also had a great visit from Father Joseph.

**Grades 7-12:** Fr. Joseph joined us for opening prayer and then visited each of the classes.
7th: - Started Confirmation Preparation and were given Community Service Hours information
8th - Continuing Confirmation Preparation and information packets will be mailed home this week.
9th & 10th: Started the Alpha Youth Series

**ALL GRADES K-12:** If you have not turned in the $25 registration fee per child, along with any last-minute registration forms, please get those in ASAP. Looking forward to a great year!

## PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY:

Priesthood Sunday is today! Whenever we interact with our priests, do we see them as human and frail like the rest of humanity? Or on the other hand, do we see them as supermen, able to withstand all the stresses and strains of being human? I hope you see your priest as very human. Quite possibly, even more human than most of us. Why? Because they not only have their own struggles being human, but they accompany us in our humanness too. Therefore, this Priesthood Sunday, turn the tables. Attempt to be the listener to the human side of your priest. Do not automatically tell him your troubles; begin by asking him what is going on in his life. Thank him warmly for giving up so much to spend his life in service to others. Try it. You might be surprised to find out your priest is just like you!

