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

1st Sunday of Advent
November 29th , 2026

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Holy Cross Parish
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Beemer, NE 68716
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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.

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



Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent

Dear Lord,
In this season of bustle, help us to stay watchful and alert to the spaces and places You are calling us to bring Your love and light.
Amen

Welcome to St. Josephs Church and Holy Cross Parish

WELCOME TO ALL—We invite each family and/or individual to register with our parishes. Registration enables the parish staff to assist you at the time of baptism, marriage, illness or death. All 18 and over, please register at the parish office by email:

For St. Joseph—stjo68791@gmail.com
For Holy Cross—renaecarlson@hotmail.com

Or contact the parish office at 402-529-3891

NOTES FROM FR. WEEDER:

Advent is upon us and rather than slowing down to prepare for Christmas, it seems we get busier planning for parties and family gatherings. Last week in the bulletin was an insert about simple ways to prepare your heart for Christmas. I hope that you will take time and be intentional about making this Advent special. If you missed the flyer, you can find it on our website and copies are available at the entrance of the church.

First Sunday of Advent Mark 13:33-37
A friend once told me, "When I was young, I was so broke, I couldn't even pay attention." It's a clever line. Even when your pockets are empty, you can still be attentive. And yet, we often find creative ways to spend our attention on anything but what matters most. We begin the season of Advent with Jesus' words about how we maintain our attention. He says,

"What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'" (Mark 13:37). He describes servants waiting for their master's return. Their task is simple: stay alert. Be ready to open the door, welcome him, and serve. That is why they're there. Advent reminds us that this is the purpose of our lives, too. God is coming to us. The question is whether we are awake and ready to receive him. How do we train our attention for God? One powerful way is the age-old Christian practice of vigils. Praying in the quiet stillness of night — free from all distraction — focuses the heart and awakens a deeper awareness of God's presence. This Advent, watch for the coming of the Lord by the practice of vigils. Not in theory, but concretely. The Lord is coming. The awake, attentive heart will recognize Him.

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	30	—	—	**NO MASS**
Tue	01	8:00 AM	HC	+ Sr. Clarice Gentrup
Wed	02	9:30 AM	WC C	+ Carol Heller
Thu	03	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Keith Schroeder
Fri	04	9:00 AM	CHB	Residents of Colonial Haven
Sat	05	—	—	**NO MASS**
Sun	06	8:30 AM	HC	+ Jacob Heimann
Sun	06	10:00 AM	SJ	+ Rod Frederickson
Mon	07	—	—	**NO MASS**
Tue	08	12:00 PM Noon	HC	**Immaculate Conception** Eldon & Jean Black
Tue	08	5:30 PM	SJ	**Immaculate Conception** + Adana Wieneke

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

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of December 6th

WORD: Marilyn Ortmeier
EMHC: Brenda Anderson
SERVER: Eisley & Elam Woodbury
USHER: Mike Gentrup

Stewardship of God's Gifts Holy Cross—November 22nd, 2026	
Sunday Envelopes:	$745.00
Plate:	126.00
Children:	37.00
Tithely Online:	150.00
Thanksgiving:	500.00
HELP/Fuel:	110.00
Christmas:	300.00
Christmas Flowers:	80.00
Total:	$2,048.00

TURKEY & HAM donations will be accepted until Dec. 13th. Please put them in the freezer in the basement. Any food items will also be accepted during this period and will be donated to area food banks.

HOLY CROSS ALTAR SOCIETY will hold their meeting December 7th at 5:00 p.m. in the church rectory.



"BREAKFAST WITH SANTA" hosted by the Beemer Community Club will be held Saturday, Dec. 5th, at the Beemer Ballroom from 9-11 am. Free Will Donation.

Celebrations:

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

Birthdays
Jesus Pena November 29
Renae Carlson November 29
Carla Petersen December 2
Skyler Peatrowsky December 4

Anniversaries
Robert and Ashley Praest December 2

PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION:

Holy Cross - Beemer
Sunday, November 29th: 5:00-6:00 pm
During the Itty Bitty Advent Retreat

St. Joseph-Wisner
Sunday, December 6th: 6:00-7:00 pm



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Cross -
Tuesday, December 8th - 12:00 noon

St. Joseph's -
Tuesday, December 8th at 5:30 pm

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of December 6th

LEC: Richard Schultz
EMHC: Sally Harms
EMHC 2: Martha Schweers
SERV: Annamae Bloedorn, Aiden Soto-Good, Treyson Conner
OFF: Jeff Phillips
USHER: Dec. Men's Group

Immaculate Conception - Tuesday, December 8th

LEC: Dave McGuire
EMHC: Capri McGuire
EMHC 2: Anne Ausdemore
SERV: Claire Flack, Riggs Buhrman, Deidrick Bodwell
OFF: Tim Phillips
USHER: Dec. Men's Group

MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, Nov. 29th—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer
Sunday, Dec. 6th—Team #4 A.J. & Lindsey Burki, Chris & Brenda Liermann

MEN'S WORK GROUP—December 2026
Chair: Richard Schultz
Co-Chair: Jim Jensen
Members: William May, Jesse Grenier, Jeremy Rehak, Logan Godbersen, Fred Schultz, Chris Ruskamp

Stewardship of God's Gifts St. Joseph—November 22nd, 2026	
Sunday Envelopes:	$895.00
Plate:	172.00
Children:	38.00
Tithely Online:	293.34

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES for 2027 are ready and available at the back of church for pick up.

MEN'S GROUP SCHEDULE for 2027 is completed. Copies are in individually labeled envelopes on the table in the back of church. Any questions, please contact Richard Schultz or Norm Weber.

DO YOU ENJOY DECORATING, arranging flowers, or simply lending a helping hand? Our Environment Committee is looking for new members to help prepare and beautify our worship space for the upcoming liturgical seasons. No prior experience is needed—just a willingness to help make our church feel warm and welcoming throughout the year. If you would like to join or learn more, please contact Tammie Batenhorst 402-380-0791 or Sarah Jacobs at the parish office 402-529-3891.

WISNER VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE
Soup Fundraiser
Sunday, Dec. 6th - 11:00 am to 1:30 pm
at the Wisner Auditorium.
Flyer with all the details in the back of church



VIRGIN MARY'S BABY SHOWER
During Advent, ***St. Joseph's Family of Parishes*** will collect baby items-diapers (any size), clothing, blankets, formula, etc. The items will be donated to Life Choices, a pregnancy resource center in Fremont. Place your donations in the tote in the back of church. Virgin Mary thanks you for helping her preborn children.

ST. JOSEPH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K-6: Classes resume this week. Notes were sent home with students about Christmas program instructions and food assignments.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM—DEC. 9TH AT 6:00P.M.
FOLLOWED BY SOUP SUPPER

17th & 12th Grades: Classes resume December 2nd, and then a bowling party on December 6th at 1:00 pm.