

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
April 5, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	April 6 th	Private Mass	+ Dec. Parents of L & L Ohnoutka
Tuesday	April 7 th	Private Mass	Cindy McGuigan & Her Intentions
Wednesday	April 8 th	Private Mass	+ Regina Tomsicek
Holy Thursday	April 9 th	Private Mass	+ Joanie Machacek
Good Friday	April 10 th	Private Passion	
Holy Saturday	April 11 th	Private Mass	Priest's Intentions
Easter Sunday	April 12 th	Private Mass	Missa pro Populo

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Dear Parishioners, in this unprecedented time, I am glad there are ways that we can still communicate. One is the bulletin. I've also been grateful that some have joined me for on-line liturgies, some I've seen out walking, etc... but most of all we are always joined together in the Mystical Body of Christ. St. Paul speaks of how Christ made those who were separated one (Ephesians 2:14). I especially remember you during mass when there is that ever-present reality of not being together physically. And while there is the ever-present reality of the pandemic, there is the greater ever-presence of God who sees all and works all for the good of those who love Him (Romans 8:28) and who is strong within us (2 Tim 2:1). We can all get through this time through Christ who strengthens us! (Philippians 4:13). This Holy Week will be one of the most unique we shall experience. As we go through our own challenges at this unique time, we can remember the sufferings of Christ for us during that first Holy Week and thus have an even deeper sense of walking the road to Calvary with Him. May you have a uniquely blessed Holy Week! Please see the unique Holy Week Schedule below. - Fr. Vandewalle

Holy Week Schedule:

All of these events will be livestreamed from Facebook, "St. Vitus (Touhy) & St. John Nepomucene (Weston)"

Holy Thursday – Mass will be livestreamed at 7:00pm. Sign up to pray for 30 minutes to an hour at either parish in front of the Tabernacle from 8-12 by calling the office or Sign-Up Genius at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4DADAF22ABFC1-adorationweston> Please limit the group to no more than 10.

Good Friday – Stations of the Cross will be livestreamed at 11:30am (kids) & 12:00pm (adult). Passion will be livestreamed at 3:00pm.

Easter Vigil - I will be joining St. Wenceslaus at 8:30pm with my brother priests (group of no more than 10). This mass will be livestreamed on St. Wenceslaus' website at: <http://www.stwencwahoo.org/>

Easter Sunday – Mass will be livestreamed at 8:00am. I will be giving out an Easter Blessings after mass in front of St. John's Church until 9:45am, drive thru fashion (in cars). I will be in Touhy in front of St. Vitus Church from 10:15am-11:00am for Easter Blessings, also in drive thru fashion.

Mass Times – "St. Vitus (Touhy) & St. John Nepomucene Church (Weston)" Facebook Masses are 8:00am Sunday and daily (except Saturdays). No 8:00am mass Thursday or Friday this week.

Resources – There are many resources available. Some of these include: Free Magnificat on-line. Word Among us in the back of church. Catholic Spirit Radio, Diocese of Lincoln webpage, Formed.org (parish code to receive it for free is 68NGD2), the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) website and feel free to take a Missalette home.

Parish Giving - Recognizing that some may have new financial realities that need to be considered, the church of course, still has its monthly bills to pay. So I'm thanking you in advance for continuing to keep up your weekly/monthly offering to our church, if you are able. We still have much to be thankful for to the Lord. Here are some giving options: (1) Feel free to mail in your check, (2) Many banks are willing to set up direct deposits weekly or monthly, (3) We are looking into online giving, (4) Contact the parish if you would like to know where drop box will be for both parishes and (5) One way to give online is by going to the Diocesan website's "Donate" page. There you can specify St. John's or St. Vitus Church. However, there will be a 3% administrative fee. If you need any help, you may contact Donor Relations at donor-relations@lincolndiocese.org. And as always, once again, thank you for your generosity to St. John's and St. Vitus'.

Confessions will continue to be Wednesdays 6-6:30pm and Saturdays 4-5pm or by appointments. In inclement weather they will be in the gym. Otherwise please walk up from the East side of the gym and stand outside the open window south of the gym between the School and St. John's Church. There will be a sign that indicates that I am inside of the old convent window. There is a diagram on our parish website.

The Good Friday collection is for the **Holy Land**. Your support allows the Franciscans to conduct parish ministry, provide Catholic education, feed the hungry, build houses for Christians, maintain shrines and operate refugee centers in the Holy Land.

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Stewardship of Treasure: March 29, 2020 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...
Total: \$1,524.68 **PLUS: Candles:** \$28.00 **Easter Flowers:** \$25.00

SPIRITUAL CORNER

"O souls! Seek a refuge, like pure doves, in the shadow of the crucifix. There, mourn the Passion of your divine Spouse, and drawing from your hearts flames of love and rivers of tears, make of them a precious balm with which to anoint the wounds of your Saviour."
-St. Paul of the Cross

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11	Saturday	<u>Reading 1:</u> Gn 1:1—2:22; Ps 104;
Tuesday:	Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38		<u>Reading 2:</u> Gn 22:1-18; Ps 16;
Wednesday:	Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25		<u>Reading 3:</u> Ex 14:15—15:1; Ex 15
Thursday:	<u>Lord’s Supper:</u> Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15		<u>Reading 4:</u> Is 54:5-14; Ps 30;
Friday	<u>Lord’s Passion:</u> Is 52:13—53:12; Ps 31 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42		<u>Reading 5:</u> Is 55:1-11; Is 12;
			<u>Reading 6:</u> Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ps 19;
			<u>Reading 7:</u> Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42;
			Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118; Mt 28:1-10
		Sunday	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

This week please pray for Louden Redinger from Sacred Heart, Shelton/Kenesaw.

OTHER INFORMATION

Please remember in your prayers and, on occasion, call or send a card to our home-bound/assisted care facilities parishioners: South Haven—Charles Kadavy, Rose Walla, Mary Lou Woita and Patsy Sabatka; Saunders County Care Center—Julius & Marcella Meduna and Marjorie Rezek; Oxbow Living Center, Ashland—Bob Machacek. Please let us know if you would like to be added to this list.

ST. VITUS PARISH

Stewardship of Treasure: *March 22, 2020* We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$100.00 ***PLUS:***

St. Vitus April Church Cleaning—Chairman: Sharlet Pekarek. Group: Lori Woita, Kim Turnwall & Janet Bartek.

SCHOOL NEWS

Global Outreach is a Catholic exchange program matching excellent students from Eastern Europe with Catholic American families. These students spend one academic year in an Omaha archdiocesan or Lincoln diocesan high school, living with a Catholic family, learning to be servant leaders for their communities in former Communist countries. One host family is still needed at Bishop Neumann for the 2020-2021 academic year. If interested, please contact Monsignor James Gilg at 402-618-0607, or Craig Boro at 402-556-1554. Thank you!

Please Keep Saving Your Labels/Box Tops—Please continue to save Box Tops for Education labels, Our Family UPC's, Best Choice UPC's, and store receipts from Sun Mart and Corner Market. There is a basket in back of church to drop all your labels and receipts off in.

AREA NEWS

All events are subject to change or postponement, please call before attending

Support Our School with Scrip—How It Works: You purchase a gift card from a local or national vendor for the full amount and the vendor donates anywhere from 1-30% back to our school. You get the full value of the card! Local Vendors include Bomgaars 10%, Our Corner Cottage 15%, Simons Home Store 15%, Valentino’s 10%, Super Saver 3%, Hy-Vee 3%, Toast 5%, Runza 10%, Amigos 10%, Raising Canes 30% and U-Stop 5%. There are also hundreds of National Vendors including Amazon, Best Buy, Olive Garden, Texas Roadhouse, Pizza Hut, Subway, Dairy Queen, Chipotle, Walmart, Target, Sam's Club, Bass Pro, Scheels, Menards, Under Armour and many more! Order forms are in the back of church and can be mailed or turned in to Barb at St. John's School or emailed to stjohnscrip19@gmail.com. Please clearly mark on the envelope St. John's SCRIP. Envelope should include your order form complete with address, phone number and payment. Cards are ordered on the 15th of each month. You will get your cards approx. 2 weeks after order is placed. Please email stjohnscrip19@gmail.com if you have any questions.

GALA 2020 Nifty Fifty is STILL ON!!! It will just be a little different this year. It will now be a Cyber GALA. As of now, we are encouraging GALA participants to still gather together on April 25th at your table leader’s home, with your table of “10” to celebrate and support Saunders Catholic Schools. More information will follow.

Step by Step Al-Anon Family Group meets every Wednesday night, 7-8pm, at the Wahoo Public Library at 637 N. Maple St, Wahoo. Handicap accessible. Al-Anon Family Groups are for a place for friends and families of alcoholics to find help and hope. Come join us!

Upcoming Online Events:

Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFRs)—Live-streaming adoration, music, preaching, and prayer on Facebook every night from 6:30pm–7:30pm.

Our Sunday Visitor will offer Night Prayer and a short daily reflection every evening at 8:30pm on their Simply Catholic Facebook page.

All of this information, plus more, can be found on www.lincolndiocese.org

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

Mrs. Baker wanted to go ice fishing. She had read several books on the subject, and finally, after getting all the necessary equipment together, she made her way out onto the ice. After positioning her comfy stool, she started to make a circular cut in the ice. Frighteningly, from up above, a voice boomed, 'There are no fish under the ice.' Startled, Mrs. Baker moved farther down the ice, poured herself a large coffee, and began to cut yet another hole. Again, from the heavens, the voice bellowed, 'There are no fish under the ice.' Mrs. Baker, now became very concerned so she moved way down to the opposite end of the ice, set up her stool, and began again to cut her ice-hole. The voice rang out once more, 'There are no fish under the ice.' Mrs. Baker, stopped, looked upwards and said, 'Is that you, Lord?' The voice replied, 'No, this is the Ice-Rink Manager.'