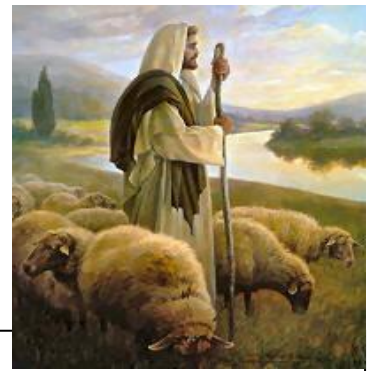


PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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Fourth Sunday of Easter April 25, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	April 26 th	7:50 am	+ Joanie Machacek
Tuesday	April 27 th	7:50 am	+ Eugene Kros
Wednesday	April 28 th	7:50 am	+ Fr. John Copenhaver
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Loretta Tejral
Thursday	April 29 th	7:50 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of Ernie & Joan Osmera
Friday	April 30 th	7:50 am	+ Philip & Helen Kellner
Saturday	May 1 st	5:30 pm	+ Don Ohnoutka
Sunday	May 2 nd	8:00 am Weston	For Health & Safety
		10:00 am Touhy	Missa pro Populo

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Good Shepherd Sunday: This 4th Sunday of Easter is Good Shepherd Sunday. He give us HOPE in all circumstances. Jesus says: "My Sheep hear my voice ... they follow me." Know that the Good Shepherd looks on you with delight and sees you as the *Apple of His Eye*. **Next Sunday** we will celebrate May Crowning.

Teacher position openings - St. John Nepomucene School in Weston is seeking faith-filled Catholic teachers for 2nd grade, combined 5th & 6th grade and part time music or P.E. Please send resume, and references to Fr. Vandewalle at fr.matthew-vandewalle@cdolinc.net P: 402-853-2846

Charity and Stewardship Appeal – CSA will be this weekend and next. This year's theme is *Go to Joseph*. On this 150th anniversary of Pope Blessed Pius IX naming him the Universal Patron of the Catholic Church, Pope Francis has commemorated this great spiritual gift to the Church by naming 2020-2021 the Year of St. Joseph. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity to this collection. Since we support two Catholic schools, after the first 20% of our goal, the rest comes back to our parishes, so it is a great benefit to us. That first 20% is also very important. Those beneficiaries do great work on our behalf for the both the people of God and our neighbors to show them the love of Christ. We'll have materials at church first, but can mail to those who may not yet be back to mass. Our CSA goals are: \$10,700 for St. John's and \$6,600 at St. Vitus'. The average pledge has been around \$200. Whatever you can give is great. We usually have about 70 that pledge at St. John's and 50 that pledge at St. Vitus'. The bulletin attachment shows the beneficiaries and how much goes to each.

St. Joseph the Worker – Next Saturday is the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. This Feast reminds us of the value of work. In 1955 Pope Pius XII established the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1st as a counter-celebration to the communists' May Day. The Soviet Union made May 1st Workers Day, but their emphasis was that workers are "cogs" in the great wheel of work for the State, and it was atheistic, without God. St. Joseph the Worker puts a different emphasis on work. The dignity of each worker comes before the dignity of work. Each person is made in the image of God. St. Joseph placed his work in the context of Loving God above all things and his neighbor as himself. So, indeed, work has a dignity, but humans are more dignified than work. You might pray some prayer to St. Joseph leading up to the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. Here are two examples. **Short Prayer to St. Joseph the Worker:** St. Joseph be with us in our work. Bless the work that God has given each of us to do. May we work for God's glory and the service and neighbor. Amen. **Prayer to St. Joseph:** Hail Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Mother's Day Poster—We will be taking names (\$1.00 per name) in the back of both churches the weekends of April 24th-25th & May 1st-May 2nd or you can contact Donna Janecek (St. John's) at 402-642-5449 or Donna Furasek (St. Vitus) at 402-784-6285 to put in your Mother's name for our annual Mother's Day Masses on May 8th & 9th. The money donated will be given to the Right to Life campaign.

Don Palensky Memorials – To St. John's Church \$1,175. To St. John's School \$1,245. Thank you to all those who donated.

The Word Among Us and the Magnificat and MagnifiKids (for kids!) are in the back of church.

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, Patsy Sabatka and Albina Kellner; Saunders County Care Center—Julius & Marcella Meduna and Marjorie Rezek. Please let us know if you would like to be added to this list.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Stewardship of Treasure: April 18, 2021 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...
Total: \$1,915.00 **PLUS: Candles: \$25.00 Guardian Angel Fund: \$50.00**

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10	Friday	Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30	Saturday	Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24—13:5a; Jn 12:44-50	Sunday	Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20		

SPIRITUAL CORNER

“And He will arise and shepherd His flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord His God. And they will remain, because of that time He will be great to the ends of the earth.” -Micah 5:4

ST. VITUS PARISH

Stewardship of Treasure: April 18, 2021 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$1,599.58 **PLUS: Children:** \$2.00

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

SCHOOL NEWS

St. John's School Spring Concert on the Green—Tuesday, April 27th at 6:30pm. Rain date: Thursday, April 29th.

Spring Plant Sale—St. John School on Saturday, May 1st from 9:00am-3:00pm and Sunday, May 2nd, 9:00am-2:00pm. Plant sale will be held in the garage north of St. John's School. Annual Flowers, Vegetable Plants, Perennials and Shrubs. *All plant proceeds support St. John's School*

Support Our School with Scrip—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. 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.

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 off all your labels and receipts.

AREA NEWS

Bishop Neumann Catholic School has Agricultural Education position available for 2021-2022 School Year. Extracurricular and coaching opportunities available, including FFA, Speech, and others. It is the intent of Bishop Neumann to employ competent individuals who are dedicated to the highest educational standards of performance, and who passionately support the mission of the school: *To form disciples of Jesus Christ among our students, alumni, families and friends through a Catholic educational environment that helps create a dynamic faith community focused on living lives of love and service to others.*

Cathedral of the Risen Christ will be hosting a 'Come Alive' seminar, led by missionaries from the International Missionary Foundation. IMF will be leading the seven-week spiritual immersion that will allow candidates to experience a fresh start in their faith and a renewed encounter with Christ. The seminar will take place on Mondays, now through May 24th, from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Each night will consist of praise and worship, talks from guest speakers, small group discussions and intercessory prayer. Some of the guest speakers include Fr. Jay Buhman, Father Chris Goodwin, Tony Ojeda and Matt Simmons. Register here: <https://www.cathedraloftherisenchrist.org/news-events/headlines/197-come-alive-seminar>

St. Wenceslaus Parish, Bee—Spring Chicken Dinner and Auction. Sunday, April 25th at the States Ballroom from 10:30am-2:30pm. Serving Pan-Fried Chicken and Grilled Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Bars, Rolls & Kolaches. Mass in Bee at 8:00am. Adults: \$10.00/Carry-out \$10.50; Children: \$5.00/Carry-out \$5.50. See poster in back of church.

Catholic Daughters will meet at 6:30pm on Monday, April 26th at St. Wenceslaus in Wahoo starting with mass. We will have a welcoming ceremony for some new members, then we will have our meeting. We welcome anyone interested in CDA, which is the equivalent to the Knights for the men, to join us. For anyone who has not paid their 2021 dues, you may do so by sending your money to Cathy Cecava, P.O. Box 92, Davey, NE 68336. The dues are \$22 plus optional \$5 for bakeless bake sale. She wishes to thank those that have sent her their money.

Come and join us for Fresh Fire—Thursday, April 29th, from 7:00pm-9:00pm. This evening of adoration, praise and worship, teaching and intercessory prayer will be at John XXIII Chapel, 3700 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln. Come, Holy Spirit, come!

There will be a Day Long Retreat for couples or individual spouses experiencing primary or secondary infertility held on Saturday, May 1st, from 9:00am-4:00pm, led by Fr. Tim Danek with other guest speakers at John XXIII Diocesan Center in Lincoln or virtually. Cost is \$15/35/60 for virtual/individual/couple and in person includes Mass and brunch. Sign up/more information at <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/ifretreat>

The Bishop Neumann Athletic Banquet will take place in the Bishop Neumann Gym on Wednesday, May 5th at 6:30pm. Due to Covid restrictions, there will be no meal this year. Parents and grandparents are welcome to attend. There is no fee to attend the event. Masks and social distancing will be required. Please contact Rick Ahrens if you have any questions.

Nebraska Parents Coalition Information and Movie Night Thursday, May 6th at 7:30pm in the Bishop Neumann High School south parking lot. Attention, families! Do you want more education options for your family? What does educational choice mean, and how can parents get involved? YOU'RE INVITED to learn more at a free outdoor movie and parent information session hosted by the Nebraska Parents Coalition. This event is FREE and open to any families who are interested in learning more about education in Nebraska and how parents can make a difference. To get your spot and let us know about any dietary restrictions or questions in advance, please visit bit.ly/wahoomovienight or email rebekah@nebraskaparents.org The film Miss Virginia is inspired by the story of Virginia Walden Ford, a struggling single mother from a low-income neighborhood in Washington, DC, who fought to create a scholarship program for her at-risk son and children like him – and won. The Nebraska Parents Coalition is a group of parents and guardians who want more educational choice for our families. We work closely with the Nebraska Catholic Conference, Invest in Kids Nebraska, & Institute for Justice.

Camp Kateri: Summer Camp Registration—Registration is now open for SKY Camp (rising grades 5th-9th), Catholic Adventure Camp (rising grades 4th-6th) and the Tekakwitha Games (rising grades 5th-9th). For more information, or to register for camp, go to www.campkateri.org. Flyer in the back of church.

High School Volunteer Counselors Needed For Camp Kateri—Camp Kateri is now accepting applications for volunteer high school counselors for SKY, Catholic Adventure Camp and the Tekakwitha Games. For more information, or to download an application, please go to www.campkateri.org. Flyer in the back of church.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5 and Ryan, 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. “If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, ‘Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait’”. Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, “Ryan, you be Jesus!”

MISSION

*To proclaim the Good News;
to teach and equip succeeding generations
to continue Christ's ministry on earth;
to give witness to God's love
by ministering to the needs of others.*

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." (Heb. 13:16)

- ◆ By "doing good" and "sharing" your resources, you demonstrate the success and power of the sufferings of God's Son.
- ◆ Contributions help our diocese to carry out Christ's mission on earth—to teach, to preach and to serve.
- ◆ Your contribution can enhance the lives of others. A life lived for others is a bright and shining testimony to the truthfulness of God's promises.
- ◆ By contributing you are affirming your faith and trust in God's providing care.

The Diocese is most grateful for the contributions to the annual Bishop's Charity and Stewardship Appeal, which supports the work of apostolates and parishes across the Diocese of Lincoln.

CSA 2020 Review

- ◆ \$2,488,074 pledged
- ◆ 30% of families participated
- ◆ \$299 average pledge
- ◆ \$485,000 supported diocesan in-house offices & programs
- ◆ \$210,000 sent to diocesan entities

Returns to Parishes

Each year, parishes receive income back based on three criteria:

- ⇒ 40% of the parish goal is returned to parishes that support 1 Catholic School
- ⇒ 80% of the parish goal is returned to parishes that support 2 Catholic Schools
- ⇒ **100% of all funds raised above each parish goal are returned to the parish**

For CSA 2019, parishes received over \$1.9 million in rebates or 74% of the campaign proceeds of \$2,650,316 !

PRAYER FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE BISHOP'S CHARITY & STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the Living God,
bless our efforts on behalf
of The Bishop's Charity
& Stewardship Appeal.

Bless each of us with a genuine spirit of charity and stewardship. Help us to work vigorously and enthusiastically for the promotion of Your Kingdom.

Give us the grace to recognize ever more fully that all we do must always be done for Your greater honor and glory.

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.
Mary, Mother of the Church,
pray for us!

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Charity & Stewardship Appeal (DDP) 2021

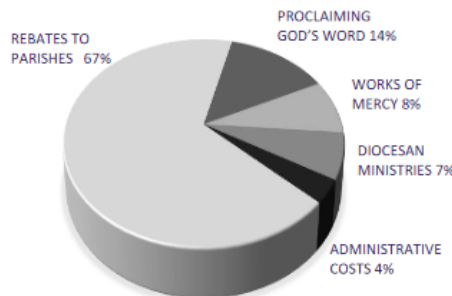


GO TO JOSEPH

Saint Joseph, pray for us.

CHARITY AND STEWARDSHIP 2021

The 2021 diocesan goal of \$2.1 million is divided between five categories:



Beneficiary Goals by Category

- ◆ Rebates to Parishes \$1,450,280 (67%)
- ◆ Proclaiming God's Word \$292,500 (14%)
- ◆ Works of Mercy \$177,500 (8%)
- ◆ Diocesan Ministries \$150,000 (7%)
- ◆ Appeal Administrative Costs \$75,000 (4%)

Charity and Stewardship Appeal

Summary: CSA 2016 - CSA 2019
(four year average proceeds to beneficiaries)

Rebates to Parishes

- ◆ Parishes (\$2,099,191)
- ◆ Four year total = \$8.4 million

Proclaiming God's Word

- ◆ Office of Evangelization (\$5,460)
- ◆ Family Life Office (\$30,619)
- ◆ Youth Ministry (\$51,475)
- ◆ Newman Center (\$60,000)
- ◆ Camp Kateri (\$28,426)
- ◆ Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House (\$22,500)
- ◆ Hispanic Ministry (\$91,531)

Works of Mercy

- ◆ Catholic Social Services (\$27,500)
- ◆ Hospital & Nursing Home Ministry (\$86,139)
- ◆ Prison Ministry (\$60,862)

Diocesan Ministries

- ◆ Archives (\$24,865)
- ◆ Tribunal (\$59,238)
- ◆ Vatican Studies (\$42,154)
- ◆ Religious Sisters Retirement (\$25,000)

Appeal Administrative Costs

(\$75,000)