

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord March 28, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE

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| Monday | March 29 th | 7:50 am | + Eugene Kros |
| Tuesday | March 30 th | 7:50 am | + Intentions of B |
| Wednesday | March 31 st | 7:50 am | + Jennifer Kellner |
| | | 5:30 pm Touhy | + Don & Loretta Tejral |
| Holy Thursday | April 1 st | 7:00 pm Weston LORD'S SUPPER | + Chris Andy |
| Good Friday | April 2 nd | 12:00 Noon Weston STATIONS | |
| | | 3:00 pm Touhy LORD'S PASSION | |
| | | 7:00 pm Weston LORD'S PASSION | |
| Holy Saturday | April 3 rd | 8:30 pm Weston EASTER VIGIL | + Larry Zadina |
| Easter Sunday | April 4 th | 8:00 am Weston EASTER | + Don Machacek |
| | | 10:00 am Touhy EASTER | Missa pro Populo |

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Holy Week – Praying that you will all have a fruitful Holy Week. Holy Week is full of mysteries of God's goodness. Holy Thursday, Jesus instituted His gifts of the Eucharist and the Priesthood. Good Friday, He showed the lengths to which He would go out of Love for each one of us. He felt each of our sufferings, so He understands when we bring Him ours. Holy Saturday, Jesus descended to the dead to get the faithful souls who had been in waiting. On Easter, His Resurrection conquered sin and death, winning Heaven's Eternal Joy and Community. This holiest week makes available amazing graces for our life journey to heaven.

I made a mistake in confession times in last weekend's bulletin. Prague will be at 3:30pm, not 2:00pm. So the schedule is as follows: This Sunday 2PM in Morse Bluff, 3:30PM in Prague & Weston, and 5PM in Valparaiso. Tuesday in Wahoo at 7PM. At least two priests will be available at each place.

Stations of the Cross will be held on Good Friday, April 2nd, at Noon at St. John's.

NO 5:30 pm Mass on Holy Saturday; The Easter Vigil begins at 8:30 pm.

Holy Thursday Adoration - Sign-up Sheet is in the back of St John's Church from 8:00pm to midnight. Feel free to sign up for as many 30 minute slots as you want. This is a powerful time of grace during which we remember the Lord with His closest apostles in the garden of Olives preparing for His passion. Jesus invited them and invites us to "Stay and keep watch with me."

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday. Jesus asked St. Faustina and us to pray the Chaplet on nine consecutive days for the special intentions he gave her.

Servers for Holy Week are asked to volunteer. I ask servers to wear masks at the distribution of Holy Communion and if we have less than six feet more than 15 minutes (though we can try to spread out to avoid that).

The Way of the Cross - The Stations composed by Rev. Charles J. Keating are probably my favorite. The eleventh station includes this powerful prayer: "My Lord and Saviour, You have told us that we too must accept crucifixion if we are to accept resurrection with You. Help us to rejoice in the sufferings that come with the fulfillment of our daily duties, seeing in them the royal road of the cross to the resurrection." This reminds us that (1) my sufferings are not without meaning. (2) my sufferings are part of God's plan to get me saved. (3) when I join my sufferings to Christ's sufferings, they are meritorious - they benefit me and others; they are not wasted.

Year of St. Joseph - Go to Joseph with extreme confidence, because I do not remember having asked anything from St. Joseph without having obtained it readily." - St. Pio of Pietrelcina ("Padre Pio") from *Consecration to St. Joseph*

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.

SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

This week please pray for Joseph Allen from St. Mary, Nebraska City.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Stewardship of Treasure: March 21, 2021 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$2,361.25 **PLUS: Guardian Angel: \$100.00 Combined Collection: \$535.00 Easter Flowers: \$60.00**
Candles: \$16.00 Ash Wednesday: \$20.00

SPIRITUAL CORNER

"But **Palm Sunday** tells us that... it is the cross that is the true tree of life. No pain, no **palm**; no thorns, no throne; no gall, no glory; no cross, no crown. And my soul shall be joyful in the Lord: it shall rejoice in his salvation. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

-Pope Benedict XVI

READINGS OF THE WEEK

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| Monday: | Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11 | Saturday | <u>Reading 1:</u> Gn 1:1—2:2; 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; |
| | | Sunday | Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118; Mk 16:1-7 Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9 |

ST. VITUS PARISH

Stewardship of Treasure: March 21, 2021 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...
Total: \$993.79 **PLUS: Children:** \$2.00 **Easter Flowers:** \$30.00 **Combined Collection:** \$50.00

SCHOOL NEWS

No School at St. John's and Bishop Neumann on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Monday.

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

Holy Week Mass and Confession times for the City of Lincoln can be found at: lincolndiocese.org/easterlincoln

Holy Week Mass and Confession times for around the Diocese can be found at: <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/easterrural>

Catholic Daughters will meet at 3:00pm on Monday, March 29th at St. Wenceslaus in Wahoo starting with the recitation of the rosary for our deceased members. Following the rosary we will then have our meeting. In light of the lifting of restrictions by our bishop, we want everyone who attends this meeting to make their own decision as to wearing a mask and social distancing. We welcome anyone interested in CDA 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.

Free Marriage Enrichment Seminar—Great idea for couples during Lent—from your home, at your pace. MarriageinChrist.com is an easy to use online program with video presentations, a downloadable workbook, discussion starters etc. It is simple, practical and fun! Just 5 sessions. Free for couples who register by March 31st (\$40 value). Once registered, access is free through May 31st.

Easter Monday Pilgrimage—Monday, April 5th; visit seven Lincoln churches. Meet at St. Joseph, Lincoln for 8:15am Mass; schedule and driving directions will be provided. \$35 includes catered lunch, snacks and drinks, prayers to St Joseph led by Fr. Coulter, concludes at 4:30pm. Make reservations at: www.frcoulter.com/EasterMonday or contact the Retreat House at goodcounsel@cdolinc.net or 402-786-2705.

The Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies is presenting its spring seminar, "I Believe in the Holy Spirit": *Meeting the Breath of God in Scripture*, from 9:00am-Noon on Saturday, April 10th, at St. Peter Parish in Lincoln. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. Learn more and register at www.emmausinstitute.net

Marriage Encounter Presenting Virtual Weekend—Reaching a 'Oneness of heart' we long to see. April 23rd-25th. Contact Pat & Janelle Benson. Pat 308-940-0670 or Janelle 308-940-1105 or pjbjen@yahoo.com

Gala 2021 – Saturday Night Fever—Save the Date: Sat., April 24th at Starlite Event Center. Please help Saunders Catholic Schools GALA event by donating funds and gifts. Donations can be dropped off at any of our three schools. Questions about sponsorships or would like to contribute to GALA, contact: Rika Ryan at rika-ryan@cdolinc.net or 402-443-4151.

Gala Raffle Tickets Are On Sale! Now is your chance to win \$5,000-\$1,000 while supporting your school. Price: \$100. Only 375 tickets SOLD! To purchase tickets, contact Development Office, any Saunders Catholic School office or sellers.

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.

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

THINGS TO SAY IF CAUGHT SLEEPING AT YOUR DESK:

1. The Blood Bank mentioned this might happen.
2. Someone must have put decaf in the wrong pot.
3. Unbelievable; I thought that cold medicine said DAYTIME!
4. Whew! Guess I left the top off that liquid paper container.
5. "Amen."