

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 14, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	February 15 th	7:50 am	+ Gene Homes
Tuesday	February 16 th	7:50 am	+ Cleve Kidder
Wednesday	February 17 th <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	7:50 am	+ Liv/Dec PCCW Members
		6:30 pm Touhy	+ Marnie Cihal
Thursday	February 18 th	7:50 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of Ron & Bev Machacek
Friday	February 19 th	7:50 am	For Special Intention
Saturday	February 20 th	5:30 pm Weston	+ Philip & Helen Kellner
Sunday	February 21 st	8:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo
		10:00 am Touhy	+ Anne E. Bouc

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Touhy St. Vitus' Drive Through Soup Luncheon – Thanks in advance for the hard work to do the modified Touhy Soup Luncheon this Sunday, February 14th, 11:00am-1:00pm.

World Marriage Day (WMD) honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life

Couples Married 50 or More Years in 2021:

From St. John Nepomucene Parish: Julius & Marcie Meduna 67; LeRoy & Lil Ohnoutka 65; Eugene & Marie Maly 64; Leonard & Rita Chapek 62; Anthony & Mary Ann Osmera 60; Richard & JoAnn Chervovsky 57; Tony & Marge Furasek 56; Ron & Bev Machacek 56; Ron & Gladys Spicka 56; Don & Joyce Palensky 55; Byron & Connie Shanahan 54; Bob & Carolyn Ohnoutka 53; Gordon & Linda Babe 53; Bill & Ginger Laughridge 52.

From St. Vitus' Parish: Anthony & Anna Bouc 59; Don & Louise Ann Maly 57; Larry & Shirley Masek 56; Ernie & Joan Osmera 55; Larry & Judy Ohnoutka 55; Phil & Judy Rezac 53; Marvin & Janice Bohac 50.

World Marriage Day Prayer

Father, as we prepare for WMD, we thank you for your tremendous gift of the Sacrament of Marriage. Help us to witness to its glory by a life of growing intimacy. Teach us the beauty of forgiveness so we may become more and more One in Heart, Mind and Body. Strengthen our dialogue and help us become living signs of your love. Make us grow more in love with the Church so we may renew the Body of Christ. Make us a sign of unity in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Brother. Amen. - Fr. Bill Dilgen, S.M.M.

For Ash Wednesday 7:50am school mass, if we have more households than can distance 6 feet, I will have to ask for masks to be worn so that we do not risk quarantine for school students according to the rules we must follow for schools.

Stations of the Cross will be each **Friday of Lent** after the 7:50 am Mass at St. John's gym and at St. Vitus at 5:30 pm. If we have more households than can distance 6 feet, I will have to ask for masks to be worn so that we do not risk quarantine for school students according to the rules we must follow for schools.

Lenten Regulations: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. **All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.** **Fasting** means only one full meal with two smaller meals, which together do not equal the full meal. No snacks or eating between meals is allowed. Fasting obliges all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. **Abstinence** means eating no meat, and no soup or gravy made from meat. Abstinence obliges all Catholics over the age of 14. Sickness, hard manual labor, pregnancy, etc. automatically excuse a person from these obligations. Nevertheless, it should be pointed out that these are **serious** obligations. In cases of doubt or question, the priest who hears a person's confession should be consulted.

Ideas for Lent: (1) Daily Rosary (2) A weekday Mass (3) Daily devotional or scripture reading (4) Holy Hour (5) Volunteer for needy (6) Visit homebound/asst'd living (7) Invite a friend to fish J (8) 40 days of contacting friends (9) Hang a religious picture/cross (10) Give up a vice (11) More ideas at bustedhalo.com

St. John's PreK/K Roundup is Tuesday, February 23 at 6:30pm at St. John's School.

First Confession – Congratulations to the second graders of our parish who will be making their first confessions this year!

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 Scott Schieuer from St. Joseph, Lincoln.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Stewardship of Treasure: February 7, 2021 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$1,955.00 **PLUS: Candles:** \$83.00 **So. Nebr. Register:** \$140.00 **Retired Priests:** \$95.00 **Guardian Angel:** \$70.00

St. John's PCCW Members—Please pick up your 2021 Yearbooks (they are in alphabetical order) that are in the back of church. Thank you.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13	Friday	Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Tuesday:	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21	Saturday	Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mk 6:1-6, 16-18	Sunday	Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25		

SPIRITUAL CORNER

"Lent is like a long 'retreat' during which we can turn back into ourselves and listen to the voice of God, in order to defeat the temptations of the Evil One. It is a period of spiritual 'combat' which we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith: prayer, listening to the word of God and penance. In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew the promises of our Baptism." --Pope Benedict XVI

ST. VITUS PARISH

Stewardship of Treasure: February 7, 2021 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$1,220.00 **PLUS: Children: \$2.00 Retired Priests: \$25.00 So. Nebr. Register: \$85.00 Guardian Angel: \$300.00**

St. Vitus February Church Cleaning—Chairman: Myra Bartek. Group: Barb Rezac, Mary Bartek and Elizabeth Hanks.

SCHOOL NEWS

NO SCHOOL at Neumann and St. John's on Monday, February 15th.

PreK & Kindergarten Roundup—Tuesday, Feb. 23rd at 6:30pm at St. John School in Weston. Bring your future student and join us for an informational meeting! To register, please call St. John School 642-5234 or email barb-rezac@cdolinc.net.

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

St. Wenceslaus Catholic Parish and School in Wahoo has an immediate opening for an energetic person. Must have strong knowledge of accounting to include: QuickBooks, payroll and financial reports. Work 25-30 hours/week. Hourly rate based on experience. Qualified candidates may request a more detailed job description of duties and responsibilities and/or send resume to: stwencoffice@wahoocatholic.org

Touhy St. Vitus' Drive Thru Soup Luncheon – Sunday, February 14th at the St. John's Nepomucene Gym. Serving 11:00am-1:00pm while supplies last. Chili, Chicken Noodle, Ham & Bean Soups, Sandwiches, Desserts. Free Will Donation. (St. Vitus Parishioners would like to thank you for your generosity in the past and look forward to next year getting back to normal.)

Part-Time Paid Position! Secretary/admin assistant for St Mary Ashland and St Joseph Greenwood parishes. Work at St Mary Rectory in Ashland approximately 10-15 hours per week. Could turn into more. Computer, communication and organizational skills a must. General secretarial/admin duties including weekly bulletin. Please leave a message if interested at 402-469-2893 or 402-944-3554 or email frbhol@gmail.com

2021 Lenten Series: An Introduction to Spiritual Life—Matt Simmons, diocesan director of the Office of Evangelization and Spiritual Formation, will lead the series. The series will be in-person at the Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly or at-home, live stream and on demand recordings. It will be held on Tuesdays starting on Feb. 16th – Mar. 30th from 7:00-9:00pm. This series is free and registration is requested at <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/lent2021>. Any questions call 402-473-0615 or email Annette-Wemhoff@cdolinc.net. Participants are welcome to attend even if they cannot come to each event. Everyone is warmly invited to attend!

Healing Hearts Support Sessions—For those who have suffered the loss of a loved one are being offered to assist Catholics in the grief process. The sessions will be held on six weekly Tuesday evenings beginning February 16th, 7:00-9:00 p.m., at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 37th & Sheridan Blvd. Suggested Donation: \$25 (for materials) To register, please call 402-473-0620.

The American Red Cross Community Blood Drive—Wednesday, Feb. 17th, Noon-6pm and Thursday, Feb. 18th, 7am-1pm at Wahoo State Building (The Shed) 570 N. Elm. Please contact Verna at 402-277-6243 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: WAHOONEB to schedule an appointment (no walk-ins accepted). Bring your Donor Card or Photo ID.

Catholic Daughters will meet at 6:30pm on Monday, Feb. 22nd at St. Wenceslaus in Wahoo starting with mass. Following mass, we will recognize our Education Contest winners since we were unable in January, followed by 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. Dues are \$22 plus optional \$5 for bakeless bake sale.

Saunders Catholic Schools will be hosting two Scholarship Night Meetings to review tuition and scholarships for the 2021-2022 school year. The first one will be at Bishop Neumann High School, Febr.24th at 7:30pm in the cafeteria. The second will be held in Weston at St. John's School in the gymnasium on March 4th at 7:00pm. Please plan to attend one of these meetings either in person or remotely. There are many opportunities for scholarships for Saunders Catholic School families, including scholarships from the Diocese of Lincoln, Bishop Neumann, St. Wenceslaus and St. John's. All safety precautions will be followed. To attend remotely, join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/99242703758?pwd=LzB0cFFZK2dIVmNWU3dySWdhNE4rUT09> Passcode: 673567

Sts Mary & Joseph, Valparaiso—PCCW Breakfast Sunday, Febr. 28th. Drive-thru 8:30-11:00am. Biscuits 'n gravy, scrambled eggs and ham. FREE WILL DONATION. Sts Mary & Joseph parking lot—South Parish Hall Doors in put in your order.

Emmaus Institute—Looking for a way to boost your spiritual life during Lent and Easter? The Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies is accepting registrations for its 10-week Online & In-Person Courses starting March 8th. Learn more at: emmausinstitute.net

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 31 (\$40 value). Once registered, access is free through May 31.

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

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

An exercise for people who are out of shape: Begin with a five-pound potato bag in each hand. Extend your arms straight out from your sides, hold them there for a full minute, and then relax. After a few weeks, move up to ten-pound potato bags. Then try 50-pound potato bags, and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-pound potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. Once you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag.