

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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 CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment



**Third Sunday of Lent
 March 7, 2021**

MASS SCHEDULE			
Monday	March 8 th	7:50 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of Eugene & Marie Maly
Tuesday	March 9 th	7:50 am	Dan Vasa
Wednesday	March 10 th	7:50 am	Tamra Vasa
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Donald Soukup
Thursday	March 11 th	NO MASS	
Friday	March 12 th	7:50 am	+ Liv/Dec PCCW Members
Saturday	March 13 th	5:30 pm Weston	+ Keith Pokorny
Sunday	March 14 th	8:00 am Touhy	Missa pro Populo
		10:00 am Weston	+ Larry Zadina

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

No morning mass on Thursday, March 11th (unless announced otherwise)

Third Sunday of Lent – In the first reading, we hear the Ten Commandments, guidelines for the Israelites and us to respect God and neighbor; in other words, how to live in relationship with others. In the Gospel Jesus has zeal for God and people’s relationship with God. He erupts with zealous action, chasing out the money-changers. The selling of animals in the Temple not only disrespected God’s holy place, but also interrupting peoples’ worship of – and therefore relationship with - God. Another reason for this reading during Lent is that was on the way to and points to Calvary. When Jesus said “Destroy this Temple and I will raise it in three days”, He was referring to the Temple of His Body which would die on Calvary. For each of us, Jesus made himself vulnerable by taking on a body. For you and me, He allowed Himself to be violated in His passion and death. (He continues to allow Himself to be vulnerable in the Eucharist). On the cross, Jesus felt the violation of anyone who has ever been violated, so that we could all relate to Him in our suffering. In His love, rather than losing any one of us, Jesus would rather allow Himself to be violated to save us, to show us how much he loves each and how willing He is to forgive each of us.

The Commandments and Freedom – This Sunday’s First Reading refers to the Ten Commandments. Some might feel that the commandments stifle freedom. The opposite is true. The Commandments allow freedom. Sin lessons freedom. Addiction illustrates this. An addiction makes one a slave to the addiction, weakening the ability to choose good. Addictions can lead to relation-wounding actions (or non-actions). There is joy in breaking free of an addiction. The commandments aide our relationship with others. (The first three refer to God, the last seven, to our neighbor). The commandments seem to cover just about every area of relationship. Of its four sections, the third section of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), is about our living virtuously in Christ and the Freedom and Joy that brings. It dives into Ten Commandments in great detail. For Lent you might check out this third section of the CCC paragraphs 471-672 and discover the Joy of a moral life in Christ.

Non-singing Mass Saturday Evening – As not all feel comfortable enough to come to masses with congregational singing, I will make that option available for the time being by asking that the Saturday evening mass be singing by the choir only.

Visits – It is so nice to see people stop into Church to visit. I know of a number of people who stop into Church daily to make a “visit” to Jesus. How wonderful if someday there are so many visits that it is non-stop and overlapping!

Pray for Life – Let us offer a prayer that the abortion funding in the COVID-19 Relief Bill will be excluded. ETWN’s *The World Over* (March 4) said it would include the largest amount of money ever provided by the government for abortion. Let us also offer a prayer to ask Mary to touch the hearts of our government leaders and administration who are Pro-abortion or who falsely think that Pro-choice is not Pro-abortion. May they have hearts that change to support Life.

New Vaccine Question - If you have questions regarding the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, the diocese has posted a statement about this on the diocesan website at this link: <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/bishops/bishop-james-conley/statements/14934-diocesan-statement-03-03-21-on-johnson-johnson-vaccine>

WEEKLY TITHING COLLECTIONS

	<u>St. John Nepomucene</u>	<u>St. Vitus</u>
Amount Budgeted per Week (\$2,636.54) in February	\$10,546.16	
Amount Budgeted per Week (\$1,740.00) in February		\$ 6,960.00
Amount Received in February	\$10,850.10	\$ 6,253.00
Net Excess (Deficit) for the month of February	\$ 303.94	\$ (707.00)

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 Tony Schukei from St. Teresa, Lincoln.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Stewardship of Treasure: February 28, 2021 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...
 Total: \$1,472.85 **PLUS: Candles: \$17.00 Guardian Angel: \$80.00 So. Neb. Register: \$30.00 Holy Land: \$5.00**
Ash Wednesday: \$50.00 Easter Flowers: \$55.00 Easter Offering: \$10.00 Combined Collection: \$60.00

SPIRITUAL CORNER

"Fasting makes sense if it really chips away at our security and, as a consequence, benefits someone else, if it helps us cultivate the style of the good Samaritan, who bent down to his brother in need and took care of him." --Pope Francis

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30	Friday	Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35	Saturday	Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19	Sunday	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137; Eph 2:4-10;
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23		Jn 3:14-21

ST. VITUS PARISH

Stewardship of Treasure: February 28, 2021 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$1,822.00 **PLUS: Children: \$2.00 Ash Wednesday: \$20.00 So. Nebr. Register: \$15.00**

St. Vitus March Church Cleaning—Chairman: Jackie Maly. Group: Mary Kavan, Andrea Furasek and Jami Thoene.

Altar Society Members—We are in need of officers: President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer. For more information, call Kathy at 402-450-5512.

SCHOOL NEWS

Neumann's Music Boosters Club Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 10th, at 7:00 pm

No School—Spring Break at St. John's Thursday, March 11th and Friday, March 12th and Bishop Neumann, Friday, March 12th.

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

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 Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly or at-home, live stream and on demand recordings. It will be held on Tuesdays through Mar. 30th from 7:00pm-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 invited to attend!

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

Support for Divorced Catholics—Divorced? Come find comfort, counsel, hope and healing consistent with Catholic Church teachings. The 12-week series & facilitator led Surviving Divorce program begins on March 9th, 6:30pm-8:00pm, at St. Mary's Rectory in David City. A suggested donation of \$50 covers the cost of the program and includes the Surviving Divorce personal guide and all materials. Register by contacting the Family Life Office at 402-473-0620 or catholicflo@cdolinc.net

Sts Mary & Joseph PCCW Valparaiso Soup Luncheon Drive-thru—Saturday, March 13th from 4:45pm-5:30pm and Sunday, March 14th 8:45am-11:00am. Soup choices: Chili and Chicken Noodle. Sandwich choices: Chicken salad & Ham salad, Desserts will be 2 wrapped cookies. This is a FREE WILL donation. Come enjoy a great meal and support this great organization! Hall South Door service—FREE WILL OFFERING!

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House near Waverly offers weekend retreats both in-person and online, see the schedule of retreats at www.goodcounselretreat.com or call 402-786-2705. Upcoming Lent Retreats include nationally known retreat masters: Bishop Robert Finn March 19th-21st and Fr. John Anthony Boughton of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal March 26th-28th.

Father/Son Program—"In His Image" for boys age 10-14 and their fathers will be held Sunday, March 21st from 1:30pm-4:30pm at John XXIII Diocesan Center **and virtually**. This program is designed to educate boys on growing up and becoming a man. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$25 per father/son or \$35 per family in person and \$10 virtually. To register, visit <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/fatherson> Questions, please call the NFP Offices 402-473-0630 or email naturalfamilyplanning@cdolinc.net

Mother/Daughter Program—"Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" for girls age 9-13 and their mothers will be held Sunday, March 28th from 1:30pm-4:30pm at John XXIII Diocesan Center **and virtually**. This program is designed to educate girls on growing up and becoming a woman. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$25 per mother/daughter or \$35 per family in person and \$10 virtually. To register, visit <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/motherdaughter> Questions, please call Jen Davis at 402-261-6375 or email jmdavis17@gmail.com

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.

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.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

In the days of the Berlin Wall, there was a little old man who crossed the checkpoint every week, pushing his bicycle and carrying a heavy sack. The border guard, suspecting him of smuggling, always searched the sack thoroughly but never found anything worthwhile. One day, after the wall came down, the guard ran into the little old man. "Look, I just know you were smuggling something all those years, but I could never prove it," the guard said. "Tell me what it was." The little old man chuckled. "Bicycles."