

# PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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## First Sunday of Lent March 10, 2019

### MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	March 11 <sup>th</sup>	7:50 am	+ Ted Uhlik
Tuesday	March 12 <sup>th</sup>	7:50 am	+ Arvella Woita
Wednesday	March 13 <sup>th</sup>	7:50 am	Priests Intentions
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Nancy Karel
Thursday	March 14 <sup>th</sup>	7:50 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of Ron & Bev Machacek
Friday	March 15 <sup>th</sup>	7:50 am	+ Milo & Adeline Vasa
Saturday	March 16 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 pm Weston	Liv/Dec PCCW Members
Sunday	March 17 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am Weston	+ Dec. Parents of L & L Ohnoutka
		10:00 am Touhy	Missa pro Populo

**5:00 pm Weston Exposition of Eucharist with Evening Prayer & Benediction**

### NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

**First Sunday in the wilderness.** In the wilderness Christ experienced the temptation that we experience, that our problems and those of the world can be met by merely material or intellectual or power solutions: "If only people had the knowledge, that problem would go away... If only we had the money, it would solve this or that problem." These can help (and our work for them) ... BUT, not completely solve; It is good to work for "material bread" and be grateful for it, but bad to SATISFIED by it, rather than to hunger for the love that gives life or be content to live without wonder. LOVE is the answer. In Lent we walk with Jesus who, making Himself vulnerable, shows us that the answer is the LOVE that the Father has for each of us. When we receive this in trust, then we can beam it to others to transform the world at its deepest level of need.

**Saunders Catholic Schools** – To assist our awesome, Jesus-centered schools continuing for generations while offering affordable education for all, tuition is increasing while at the same time accompanying scholarships are being offered so that EVERY ONE of our families can afford a Catholic education.

**Scholarship Deadline:** The Lincoln Diocese and Saunders Catholic Schools offer many scholarships for families to enjoy the benefits of Catholic education. Go to <https://online.factsmgmt.com/signin/4HMJ7> to apply for all scholarships in one application. The Scholarship Application deadline is March 31st for the 2019-2020 school year. **Apply today!**

**Good Friday** is a day of fast and abstinence.

**All Fridays of Lent** are days of abstinence.

**Fasting** means eating only one full meal with two smaller meals, which together do not equal the full meal. No snacking 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.

**Stations of the Cross** will be each **Friday of Lent** after the 7:50 am Mass at St. John's and at St. Vitus at 5:30 pm.

**The Combined Collection envelope is March 17<sup>th</sup>.** Worthy charities are listed for you to specify. This matches with Jesus' Lenten invitation to give alms to those in need.

**Retired Priests Fund**— St. John's and St. Vitus together gave to the Retired Priests Fund a total of \$1,185.00 above last year's gift of \$1,015.00.

**Saturday Weston Brunch**—I highly recommend any ladies to attend this Catholic Daughters brunch since Mother Ann Marie Zierke is great to listen to.

### ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

#### Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of March 16-17, 2019

<b>Acolyte:</b>	Sat. 3/16 Byron Shanahan	Sun. 3/17 Matt Tvrdy
<b>Lector/Reader:</b>	Sat. 3/16 Ginger Laughridge	Sun. 3/17 Marvin Wiese
<b>Servers:</b>	Sat. 3/16 Volunteers	Sun. 3/17 Mason Wiese/Spencer Wiese
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sat. 3/16 Don Sabatka/Jesse Sabatka	Sun. 3/17 Charlie Jelinek/Jim Woita
<b>Gifts:</b>	Sat. 3/16 Jeff Maly Family	Sun. 3/17 LeRoy Ohnoutka Family

**Stewardship of Treasure: March 3, 2019** We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$3,058.52 **PLUS: Candles:** \$23.00 **Combined Collection:** \$10.00 **Southern Nebraska Register:** \$15.00  
**Guardian Angel Fund:** \$85.00 **Easter Flowers:** \$96.00

**Collection Counter** for Sunday, 3/10—Lorene Stuchlik  
 Sunday, 3/17—Charlie Jelinek

### READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46	Friday	Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15	Saturday	Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32	Sunday	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27; Phil 3:8-17—4:1;
Thursday:	Est C:12,14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12		Lk 9:28b-36

### SPIRITUAL CORNER

Fasting cleanses the soul, raises the mind, subjects one's flesh to the spirit, renders the heart contrite and humble, scatters the clouds of concupiscence, quenches the fire of lust, kindles the true light of chastity." -St. Thomas Aquinas

## ST. VITUS PARISH

### Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of March 16-17, 2019

<b>Acolyte:</b>	Wed. 3/17 Joe Kouma
<b>Lector/Reader:</b>	Wed. 3/17 Pat Bartek
<b>Servers:</b>	Wed. 3/17 Chase Bohac/Lane Bohac
<b>Ushers:</b>	Wed. 3/17 Nick Bartek/Allen Stanek
<b>Gifts:</b>	Wed. 3/17 Nick Bartek Family

**Stewardship of Treasure: March 3, 2019** We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$2,276.35

**PLUS: Joy of the Gospel Rebate Period 16:** \$9,437.03

**Collection Counter** for Sunday, 3/10—Keith Strizek

Sunday, 3/17—Marvin Bohac

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

### OTHER INFORMATION

Please remember in your prayers and, on occasion, pay a visit or send a card to our home-bound/assisted care facilities parishioners: Home—Rose Furasek; South Haven—Charles Kadavy, Rose Walla & Mary Lou Woita; Saunders County Care Center—Julius & Marcella Meduna. Please let us know if you would like to be added to this list.

### SCHOOL NEWS

**St. John's Parent-Teacher Assoc (P.T.A.)** The next PTA meeting, and the final one of this school year, will be on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

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

### AREA NEWS

**The Wahoo Knights of Columbus Squires** youth group newspaper drive is today Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30-11:30 am. The trailer is along "A" Street, East of the former Titan Implement in Wahoo.

**Sts. Mary & Joseph Church Soup Luncheon** in Valparaiso, today March 10<sup>th</sup>, serving from 10:45am-1:30pm. All you can eat Soup-Homemade Chicken Noodle, Chili & Vegetable Beef soups, Sandwich, pie/dessert & drink. FREE-WILL OFFERING. Raffle (1st prize - 65" Smart TV), Silent Auction, Cake Walk & Grab Bag.

**Neumann Speech Team's Annual Ice Cream Social**—Today March 10<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00pm-5:30pm. The Neumann Speech Team will be hosting their annual Ice Cream Social in the Neumann cafeteria where the students will be performing their speeches.

**Lenten Series**—The theme for the 2019 Lenten Series is *Spiritual Disciplines* and will be held at the St. Teresa Church, 36<sup>th</sup> & Randolph St. in Lincoln from 7:30pm- 8:30pm on the Mondays of Lent through April 8<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is warmly invited to attend!

**Anyone wanting to know more about our Blessed Mother?** The Catholic Daughters of America are hosting a brunch with a presentation about our Blessed Mother on Sat., Mar. 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am at St. John's School gym in Weston. Guest speaker will be Mother Superior Ann Marie Zierke of the Marian Sisters. There will be limited seating so plan now to join us for a great brunch, fellowship and presentation about our Blessed Mother. This is open to the public; you do not need to be a Catholic Daughter to attend. Tickets are \$6.00 in advance. Please contact Mary Ann Osmera (402) 443-9074, Teresa Virgil (402) 480-5590, or Shirley Masek (402) 443-2193 for tickets or questions.

**The Annual Red Mass with Bishop Conley** to pray for all in the legal profession is Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00am at the Newman Center, Lincoln. A breakfast will follow Mass, with a talk given by Mike Scaperlanda on "Lessons from the Life of American Martyr Bl. Stanley Rother". All are invited to this free event sponsored by the Catholic Lawyers Guild.

**Out of the Darkness is Born the Light**—This Lent you're invited to an evening of prayer and reflection with a backdrop of the arts taking place in the natural beauty of Holy Family Shrine, 23132 Pflug Road, Gretna, on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-8:30pm. Music by Nikolas Barger and Karla Fitz at 6:00pm. Mass starting at 6:30pm. An art exhibit will follow in the atrium, a brief presentation and book signing by artist and author of *Light Collection*, Diane Reiber. Please bring cash or check if purchasing *Light Collection*.

**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 March 19, 7:00pm-9:00pm, at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 37th & Sheridan Blvd. Suggested Donation: \$25 (for materials) To register, please call 402-473-0620.

**Immaculee Ilibagiza Retreat:** Immaculee Ilibagiza, a survivor of the 1994 Rwandan Genocide and author of the book "Left to Tell", will bring her message of forgiveness, healing, and hope to all who attend her retreat at St. Mary's Catholic Church 343 N Monitor St. West Point, NE, March 22-23. Doors open at 4pm on Friday, with retreat beginning at 5pm and ending at 9pm, continuing again at 9am on Saturday and concluding at 12:30pm. Immaculee will be giving four separate talks throughout the two-day period. Cost is \$57 for one person or \$76 for two people. For details, tickets, and registration, visit [www.immaculee.com](http://www.immaculee.com) and click on "next retreat", or contact RaNae O'Brien at [ranaebrien1@gmail.com](mailto:ranaebrien1@gmail.com)

**FCSLA W187 will have a fun B I N G O Nite March 23<sup>rd</sup>**—CASH PRIZES beginning at 5:30pm in the Sts. Mary & Joseph Church Hall, Valparaiso. Bingo will be preceded by a Sloppy Jo or Pulled Pork Meal, Drinks and Desserts beginning at 4:45pm. Come for Mass at 4:00pm. Proceeds matched by National FCSLA Branch up to \$600 will go towards an altar at the Agnew Cemetery.

**Dwight Assumption Parish** will be holding their Spring Soup Dinner & Accordion Jamboree on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, at the Parish Hall from 10:30am-1:30pm. Serving Chili & Chicken Noodle Soup, Sandwiches, etc. For more info, poster in back of church.

**A Single Ladies Introductory Session**—April 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm at John XXIII Diocesan Center. Learn how to chart with Creighton Model; includes a particular emphasis on reproductive and gynecological health. Must preregister at <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/single-ladies>

**2-Day UNBOUND Conference**—Participants will learn about Unbound through live presentations & videos and how it teaches 5 simple "keys" to break the chains of emotional, spiritual and mental bondage and unlock the doors to freedom. Join us at St. Patrick's Elementary School-McCook, Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>- 6:00pm-9:00pm & Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>- 8:00pm-5:00pm. All registrants are highly encouraged to read the first nine (9) chapters of the book *Unbound*, by Neal Lozano which is available at [heartofthefather.com](http://heartofthefather.com) website or on Amazon. The event is free but registration is required. Please register by going to: [lincolndiocese.org/unbound](http://lincolndiocese.org/unbound)

**Join Fr. Gary Coulter for an Easter Monday Pilgrimage**— Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, departing 7:00am from St. Patrick's in Lincoln. The charter bus will stop at St. Peter in Omaha on the way to Trinity Heights in Sioux City; on our return pray the magnificent Stations of the Cross at Cloisters on the Platte. Mass and prayers throughout the day, return by 6:15pm. \$50 includes snacks and lunch. Make your reservations early: [frcoulter.com/EasterMonday](http://frcoulter.com/EasterMonday). Please register online, or else email [goodcounsel@cdolinc.net](mailto:goodcounsel@cdolinc.net) or call Good Counsel Retreat House at 402-786-2705.

### A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

As a dentist, I recently tried out a new chocolate-flavored pumice paste on my patients. No one liked it except for a six-year-old boy. While I polished his teeth, he continued to smile and lick his lips. "You must really like this new flavor," I said. "Yep," he replied, nodding with satisfaction. "It tastes just like the time I dropped my candy bar in the sandbox."