

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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Second Sunday of Lent March 17, 2019

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	March 18 th	7:50 am	+ James Cooney
Tuesday	March 19 th	7:50 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of Dolores Maly
Wednesday	March 20 th	7:50 am	Priests Intentions
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Blayne Rezac
Thursday	March 21 st	7:50 am	+ Donna Furasek & Her Intentions
Friday	March 22 nd	7:50 am	+ Ed Stuchlik, Jr.
Saturday	March 23 rd	5:30 pm Weston	+ Don & Carol Woita
Sunday	March 24 th	8:00 am Touhy	+ Marnie Cihal
		10:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo

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

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Sunday's readings, the Transfiguration: In the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain, Moses and Elijah appear and speak to Jesus about his "exodus" or departure. We recall the Israelite's exodus flight from Egyptian slavery as a precursor to Jesus liberating all mankind from the greater slavery of sin, but also leading to the heavenly commonwealth St. Paul speaks of in the Epistle. Moses and Elijah were the OT figures who (with 3 companions) heard God atop a mountain, in their own day, now encounter Jesus, with his three companions Peter, James, and John. Jesus is revealed with the Trinity, and Jesus is revealed as the promised "Chosen One" predicted long ago by Moses and Isaiah. The Father's voice says "Listen to Him." We do. If, like Abraham, we put our faith in his words, we will be freed from our many slaveries, especially sin, and delivered to "the land of the living" spoken of in today's responsorial psalm, along with God's wonderful promises, including the glorified body (ah, no more aches and pains!) foreshown by Jesus at the Transfiguration.

Saunders Catholic Schools Scholarships – We want everyone to be able to afford a Catholic education. The deadline for 2019-20 scholarships application is March 31st. It takes a while to fill out so please apply ASAP. To apply for all scholarships in one application go to <https://online.factsmtg.com/signin/4HMJ7>

St. John Men's Club Wild Game Feed – Saturday, March 30th. Advanced ticket required. If you have worked in the past, could you please plan on doing the same job as before (unless you have been contacted otherwise). It is MUCH appreciated. Otherwise, please contact Steve Breunig at 402-480-1313, so he knows how to fill the jobs. If there is someone new that would like to help with the game feed, please call as well. Thanks for all your work in the past. It is a great time!

Unplanned - Watch the premiere of the movie 'Unplanned' at Lincoln Grand Theater in downtown Lincoln hosted by Lincoln Pius X Foundation & High School. The movie is based on a true story about a woman who used to work for Planned Parenthood, but when she witnessed a horrifying event in her own clinic, she became a leading advocate for Pro Life. Show times are 4:45pm and 7:30pm on March 28th, and tickets can only be purchased at <http://piusx.net/unplannedmovie>. Tickets cost \$6, and Pius X will donate \$3 of every ticket purchased to a local Pro-Life organization.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of March 23-24, 2019

Acolyte:	Sat. 3/23 Paul Virgil	Sun. 3/24 Milton Bouc
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 3/23 Ron Walla	Sun. 3/24 Peg Bouc
Servers:	Sat. 3/23 Volunteers	Sun. 3/24 John Adams/Jaden Berggren
Ushers:	Sat. 3/23 Rich Cherovsky/Rich Virgil	Sun. 3/24 Marion Bartek/Paul Pleskac
Gifts:	Sat. 3/23 Rich Virgil Family	Sun. 3/24 Charlie Pleskac Family

Stewardship of Treasure: March 10, 2019 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$1,722.50 **PLUS: Candles:** \$38.00 **Combined Collection:** \$50.00 **Southern Nebraska Register:** \$15.00
Guardian Angel Fund: \$25.00 **Easter Flowers:** \$75.00 **Ash Wednesday:** \$178.00

Collection Counter for Sunday, 3/17—Charlie Jelinek
 Sunday, 3/24—Leonard Chapek

PCCW Members—Our Salad Buffet will be on **Thursday, April 4th**, with the theme "**Around the World**". We are asking for volunteers to decorate the tables. If you are interested please contact Shelly Pleskac at 402-480-3056, Rita Pleskac at 402-480-0674, Keryl Meduna at 402-480-4615 or any committee member with your theme and how many tables you would like to decorate.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38	Friday	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Tuesday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a	Saturday	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28	Sunday	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12;
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31		Lk 13:1-9

SPIRITUAL CORNER

"God's face is the face of a merciful father who is always patient. Have you thought about God's patience, the patience he has with each one of us? That is his mercy. He always has patience, patience with us; he understands us, he waits for us, he does not tire of forgiving us if we are able to return to him with a contrite heart. –Pope Francis (Angelus Address, March 17, 2013)

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of March 23-24, 2019

Acolyte:	Wed. 3/24 Tom Rezac
Lector/Reader:	Wed. 3/24 Steve Bartek
Servers:	Wed. 3/24 Nolan Thoene/Anthony Strizek
Ushers:	Wed. 3/24 Nick Bartek/Allen Stanek
Gifts:	Wed. 3/24 Ted Bohac Family

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Total: \$513.00 **PLUS: Children:** \$1.00 **Ash Wednesday:** \$294.00 **Southern Nebraska Register:** \$15.00
Guardian Angel Fund: \$20.00 **Water Lease:** \$20.00

Collection Counter for Sunday, 3/17—Marvin Bohac
Sunday, 3/24—Jarold Bartek

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 20th at 7:00pm.

Catholic Education Scholarships—With the recent announcement of The Good Shepherd Scholarship program for Catholic education, families can apply for scholarships through one application for all Catholic schools in the Lincoln Diocese. The Good Shepherd Scholarship, the Family Cap Scholarship and local school scholarships help to keep Catholic education affordable for any family. The Good Shepherd Scholarship is available to any student, regardless of religious affiliation. The application deadline is March 31st; go to www.goodshepherdscholarship.com or your local school website to apply.

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

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

The Annual Red Mass with Bishop Conley to pray for all in the legal profession is Monday, March 18th, 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 19th from 6:00pm-8:30pm. Music by Nikolas Barger and Karla Fitz at 6:00pm. Mass starting at 6:30pm.

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 For details, tickets, and registration, visit www.immaculee.com and click on "next retreat", or contact RaNae O'Brien at ranaeobrien1@gmail.com

FCSLA W187 will have a fun B I N G O Nite March 23rd—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 24th, at the Parish Hall from 10:30am-1:30pm. Serving Chili & Chicken Noodle Soup, Sandwiches, etc. For more info, poster in back of church.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 25th at 2:00pm, starting with either mass or rosary and meeting to follow. This is our afternoon meeting.

Catholics at the Capitol—Men and Women in Nebraska, please plan to attend the Catholics at the Capitol in Lincoln as arranged by the Nebraska Catholic Conference on Wednesday, March 27th. Registration begins at 8:45am at St. Mary's Church, 1420 K Street, Lincoln. Please contact the Nebraska Catholic Conference with any questions! Call us at 402.477.7517 or email lgarcia@necatholic.org. Reservations for lunch required by March 20, 2019.

St. John's PCCW Salad Buffet "Around the World" will take place on Thursday, April 4th, at St. John's School gym. They will be serving salads from 5:30-6:30pm. There will be a Silent Auction, surprise raffle, cork pull, plants and a Live Auction which will begin at 6:45pm. Tickets are \$9.00 and may be purchased in advance (call the school at 402-642-5234) or at the door. We will reserve tables of 8 if tickets are purchased by Monday, April 1st. See poster in back of church.

A Single Ladies Introductory Session—April 4th, 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 5th- 6:00pm-9:00pm & Saturday, April 6th- 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 website or on Amazon. The event is free but registration is required. Please register by going to: lincolndiocese.org/unbound

Wahoo Deanery Council of Catholic Women Lent Project—Please save gently used purses and new personal care items to stock them for women at St. Gianna's Women's Home/CSS. We will collect these items at the Spring Deanery meeting on April 30th. A list of items will be sent to your PCCW President.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

A little girl climbed up onto her grandfather's lap and asked, "Did God make me?" "Yes," the grandpa replied. "Did he make you, too?" "Yes," she replied. "Well," the girl said, looking at his wrinkles and thinning hair, "he sure is doing a better job nowadays!"