

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 15, 2026



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	March 16 th	NO MASS	
Tuesday	March 17 th	7:50 am	Intentions of Mike Fleming Family
Wednesday	March 18 th	7:50 am	+ Carl & Cecelia Jelinek
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ L/D Relatives of Steve Bartek
Thursday	March 19 th	7:50 am	+ Ed & Helen Stuchlik
Friday	March 20 th	7:50 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of Bev Machacek
Saturday	March 21 st	5:30 pm	+ George Wonka
Sunday	March 22 nd	8:00 am Touhy	+ Cheryl Bartek
		10:00 am Weston	Miss pro Populo

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Stations of the Cross – Fridays after morning mass at St. John's and 5:45pm at St. Vitus.

St. John's Wild Game Feed – Saturday, March 28th. Advanced ticket required. Worker lists (with many of the same or similar assignments) will be distributed this week. If you do not receive one, but have worked in the past, or if you have not worked in the past but would like to work, please contact Devin Zitek at 402-641-9339. Thanks for all your work in the past, especially for all those who have done very, very much, and given many, many hours, efforts, and funds, to make it so successful... you are truly wild at heart! Also, for those who have not worked before, both the night, and the work leading up is a great and fulfilling communal effort of which to be part!

Laetare Sunday - The Fourth Sunday of Lent is Laetare (Latin for "Rejoice") Sunday along with the Rose vestments. Part way through Lent, we take a 'breath' and rejoice. The Entrance Antiphon reads "*Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning...*" (Isaiah 66:10-11).

Let Lent be Lent – Bishop Barron writes: Lent is a privileged time during the liturgical year when we are encouraged to come to grips with our sin, our mortality, our moral frailty, and our need for forgiveness...the proper spiritual dynamic of the season. Not everything has to be chirpy and upbeat So, as we enter into these forty days, I say, "Let Lent be Lent!" (*Let Lent be Lent*, wordonfire.org)

Readings Reflection – A theme this weekend is 'seeing'. God chooses David because God can *see past the appearance into the heart*. In the Gospel, Jesus gives sight to the blind man. This represents spiritual sight. Sin darkens spiritual sight and our ability to see God. But we can be healed if we hand ourselves over to the divine physician who can forgive and heal our soul. ("Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.") Then we can better see God and even see like God, that is, how God sees reality and other people. Mother Teresa, for example, saw Christ in the poor. In a way, we even began to 'look' like Jesus. John the Apostles said: *We are now God's children. It does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.*

The Combined Collection envelope is March 15th. Here is another opportunity for almsgiving during Lent. Charities are listed on the envelope for you to specify if you wish to give to one or more: Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Home Missions Appeal, Black & Indian Collection, Catholic University of America, Catholic Communications Campaign and Retirement Fund for Religious. (Of note: St. Katherine Drexel, an *enormously* rich heiress, gave it all up to serve the needy as a religious sister, including starting Catholic schools for those had no school and who she considered the poorest of the poor at that time... the Native Americans and African Americans. St. Katherine started this collection above. **Magnificat (due April 10th)** – Sign up for this great monthly periodical at the back of church.

Feast of St. Joseph, Spouse of Mary, Thursday, March 19th –

MEMORARE TO ST. JOSEPH – Remember, O Most Chaste Spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, my spiritual father, and beg your protection. O Foster Father of the Redeemer, despise not my petitions, but in your goodness hear and answer. Amen. (Written by a former pastor of Weston and Touhy).

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of March 21-22, 2026

Acolyte:	Sat. 3/21 Pat Carroll	Sun. 3/22 Milton Bouc
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 3/21 Ron Walla	Sun. 3/22 Peg Bouc
Servers:	Sat. 3/21 Volunteers	Sun. 3/22 Rhett Bouc/Hudson Fortik
Ushers:	Sat. 3/21 Paul Virgl/Volunteer	Sun. 3/22 Ron Brazda/Marion Bartek
Gifts:	Sat. 3/21 Teresa Virgil Family	Sun. 3/22 Chuck Lacey Family

Stewardship of Treasure: March 8, 2026 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$3,731.83 **PLUS: Candles:** \$44.00 **Ash Wednesday:** \$125.00 **Combined Collection:** \$100.00
Easter Flowers: \$210.00 **Guardian Angel Fund:** \$100.00 **Disaster Relief for Colombo:** \$200.00

****Wild Game Feed Dumpling Night**—Please join us Sunday, March 22nd at 2:00pm at St. John's School for making dumplings. All are welcome!

SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

Please pray for Joseph Whitney of St. Mary, Nebraska City, who attends St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89;
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH COUNCIL

The St. John Nepomucene Parish Council meets the 2nd Wednesday of even numbered months at 6:30pm at the School. Public comment period is from 6:30pm-6:45pm. Anyone can use that time to make any comments to the council. Immediately after public comment, the meeting will take place. Anyone who is not a member or have an item listed on that meeting's agenda will be asked to leave at that time. To request a specific item be placed on the agenda please email stjohn-weston@cdolinc.net and provide details on your request.

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—Lucille Strizek. Please let us know if you would like to be added to this list.

SPIRITUAL CORNER

"I arise today through God's strength to pilot me: God's eye to look before me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's way to lie before me." ~ St. Patrick

ST. VITUS PARISH

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Acolyte: Sun. 3/22 Drew Niemann
Lector/Reader: Sun. 3/22 Pat Bartek
Servers: Sun. 3/22 Simon Strizek/Caleb Osmera
Ushers: Sun. 3/22 Nick Bartek/Allen Stanek
Gifts: Sun. 3/22 Tom Rezac Family

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Total: \$690.00 **PLUS: Children:** \$.50

SCHOOL NEWS

Spring Break—St. John and Bishop Neumann will resume classes on Tuesday, March 17th.

Support Our School with Scrip Gift Cards—We have scrip cards for sale in the office year round. To purchase immediately:

RaiseRight app Enrollment Code for St. John's- **259F58BL632L1** Every business gives a percentage back to St. John School! Thank you for purchasing! If you have any questions, about Scrip, or want it explained more, just ask!

Please Keep Saving Your Labels/Box Tops—Please continue to scan receipts for Box Tops for Education labels, Our Family UPC's, and Best Choice UPC's. There is a basket in back of church to drop off all your labels.

AREA NEWS

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry—Fridays during Lent, 5:00pm-7:30pm, St. Wenceslaus Church Basement, Wahoo. Dine-In or Take-Out Fish, Shrimp, Baked Tilapia, Mac & Cheese. \$16/plate or All-You-Can-Eat for \$21; Kids 10 & Under: \$7; Pre-School: Free. Pop, beer & wine for sale as well.

Catholic Medical Retreat—March 19th-22nd at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly. Catholic medical professionals are invited to *The Word of the Word: Intimacy with Jesus Through His Gospels*, led by Sr. Mary Diana Dreger, OP. This retreat offers prayer, silence, Mass, Confession and reflection on how faith informs the care of the sick. Learn more or register: goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

Scriptural Parish Retreat with Fr. Gary Coulter, director of Good Counsel Retreat House on Saturday, March 21st, 8:00am-3:00pm, St. Mary, Ashland. A silent day of reflection teaching you to meditate on scripture and encounter God through Ignatian Prayer. \$10 includes lunch. Register at goodcounselretreat.org or contact office@olgcretreat.org or 402-786-2705.

Forget to register for the Magnificat Prayer Meal March 21st with Speaker Rosemary Clements?—There's still time!

Register by Monday, March 16th at <https://www.osvhub.com/magnificatmorningstarchapter/forms/prayermealmarch21>

Please contact Coordinator Rhonda Litt by text at 402.525.6396 for additional information.

Behold the Humility of God—Enter more deeply into Holy Week with *Behold the Humility of God*, a weekend retreat led by Fr. Michael Zimmer. Through Scripture, prayer, and reflection on the Passion of Christ, this retreat explores the theology of suffering united to the Cross and offers a prayerful preparation for Holy Week. The retreat begins Friday evening, March 27th and concludes Sunday, March 29th with Mass and lunch, and includes Mass, Confession, Adoration, Stations of the Cross, and silence. Hosted by Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House near Waverly with both in-person and virtual options available. Learn more or register: goodcounselretreat.org or call (402) 786-2705

Easter Monday Pilgrimage—Join Fr. Coulter on Monday, April 6th to Conception and Clyde, MO. Depart from St. Michael in Lincoln at 7:30am, return by 5:30pm. Cost is \$70, includes charter bus and lunch. Sign up: frcoulter.com/EasterMonday or contact office@olgcretreat.org, 402-786-2705.

Save the Date ~ St. John Nepomucene PCCW Welcome to the Tropics Salad Buffet—St. John Nepomucene School, Weston. Thursday, April 23rd. Doors open at 5:00pm, serving salads from 6:00pm-7:00pm. Tickets \$12 (no advance sales). Come early to enjoy snacks and a complimentary glass of wine!

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

A cheating painting contractor had been skimping by thinning his paint excessively. Nevertheless, he landed a big job painting a church. He was almost done when a major storm blew up. It washed all the paint off. Amid the thunder and lightning, there came a loud voice... "REPAINT," it boomed. "REPAINT, AND THIN NO MORE!"