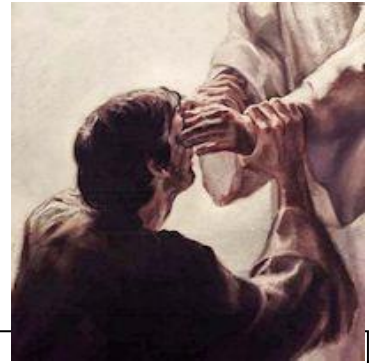


PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment



Fourth Sunday of Lent March 19, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	March 20 th	7:50 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of Steve & Linda Niemann
Tuesday	March 21 st	7:50 am	+ Twila Janecek
Wednesday	March 22 nd	7:50 am	+ Ed Stuchlik, Jr. & Family
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Loretta Tejral
Thursday	March 23 rd	7:50 am	+ Pope (Emeritus) Benedict XVI
Friday	March 24 th	7:50 am	+ Rose Furasek
Saturday	March 25 th	5:30 pm	+ Bob Hedges
Sunday	March 26 th	8:00 am Touhy	+ Joe & Rose Furasek
		10:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Stations of the Cross are Friday mornings after mass at St. John's and 5:45 pm at St. Vitus.

Laetare Sunday - The Fourth Sunday of Lent is called "Rejoice" Sunday (*Laetare*, in Latin). We rejoice (even with optional Rose-colored vestments) since we are part way through Lent toward the saving events of Easter. The Entrance Antiphon reads "*Rejoice, O Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning...*" (Isaiah 66:10-11).

Reflection for Fourth Sunday of Lent – When the blind man was miraculously given sight, forgiven, and told by Jesus that Jesus was Lord, the man worshipped Jesus... *life had become so simple, so very simple. It is never God who makes our lives complicated or morose or unhappy. It is we who do it by not realizing the grace of being forgiven, being freed to confess the truth about ourselves because we have been forgiven. A person who has been forgiven is a happy person, a person who is at ease Spiritually we still grieve for our sins and our faults, but we go forward when we are forgiven ... with new confidence and courage like St. Peter or this man born blind. ... We weep in our hearts, but we do not sit down and weep. We are on the move. It will be wonderful in eternity to know just what this blind man did afterward.* (Mother Mary Francis of our Lady, *Magnificat*, March, p. 298).

Clear Sight in a Blurry World - When life seems confusing, perhaps because of changes to our immediate circumstances, or great confusion in society or world events, two things are available for stability. The second is the family that Jesus founded, His Church. He promised that it would always be present throughout history (Matthew 16). There will always be good, holy, saintly people living the faith. There will always be communities of believers available for us to be a part. The first, of course, is Jesus Himself. He is the firm foundation. Living the spiritual life like Saint Paul makes this foundation ever clearer to our mind and heart. Every day St. Paul lived knowing Jesus was with Him and asking himself the question, how can I live for Jesus.

Feast of St. Joseph, Spouse of Mary, Monday, March 20– 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).

Our condolences and prayers to the family of Mary "Kay" Chelberg, a former parishioner of St. John's.

Catholic Schools Job Openings for 2023-24 – St. John Nepomucene has Part Time job openings for: cook; (the following could be separate or combined); Religion teacher, Resource teacher, Librarian, and After School Club supervisor. Contact School or Fr. Vandewalle. See all SCS job openings on the Bishop Neumann webpage at: <https://saunderscatholic.com/saunders-catholic-schools/careers/>

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of March 25-26, 2023

Acolyte:	Sat. 3/25 Jesse Sabatka	Sun. 3/26 Chris Tvrdy
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 3/25 Bill Laughridge	Sun. 3/26 Barb Opp
Servers:	Sat. 3/25 Volunteers	Sun. 3/26 Brayden Pleskac/Jacob Rezac
Ushers:	Sat. 3/25 Don Sabatka/Volunteer	Sun. 3/26 Paul Pleskac/Marion Bartek
Gifts:	Sat. 3/25 Don Sabatka Family	Sun. 3/26 Bob Masek Family

Stewardship of Treasure: March 12, 2023 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$2,544.75 **PLUS: Candles:** \$20.00 **Southern Nebraska Register:** \$45.00 **Easter Flowers:** \$100.00

Guardian Angel Fund: \$50.00 **Combined Collection:** \$175.00

THANK YOU!! Chad Kreikemeier, Ray Kreikemeier (Chad's Dad), Bill Laughridge, Pat Carroll and Erv Opp for replacing all the lights in the whole church – sanctuary, altar, nave, and choir loft.

SPIRITUAL CORNER

"Lenten practices of giving up pleasures are a good reminder that the purpose of life is not pleasure. The purpose of life is to attain a perfect life, all truth and undying ecstatic love—which is the definition of God. In pursuing that happiness, we find happiness." –Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

This week please pray for Bradley Moss of St. Joseph, Lincoln, who attends St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

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, Albina Kellner; Saunders County Care Center—Marcella Meduna; David's Place—Patsy Sabatka. Please let us know if you would like to be added to this list.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89; Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
Rom 4:13, 6-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16 Saturday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30 Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of March 25-26, 2023

Acolyte: Sun. 3/26 Zach Kastl
Lector/Reader: Sun. 3/26 Pat Bartek
Servers: Sun. 3/26 Simon Strizek/Corbyn Kastl
Ushers: Sun. 3/26 Nick Bartek/Allen Stanek
Gifts: Sun. 3/26 Gerald Osmera Family

Stewardship of Treasure: March 12, 2023 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$1,037.00 **PLUS: Guardian Angel Fund: \$20.00 Easter Flowers: \$5.00 Combined Collection: \$25.00**
Water Lease: \$20.00

St. Vitus' Altar Society Coffee & Rolls—Please join us for coffee/rolls after 8:00am Mass on Sunday, March 26th at the school house.

St. Vitus Parish is looking for a church cleaner—Paid position that would be required to clean the church weekly when it works for you! Please contact Janet Bartek (402-429-7518) if you would like to fill this position or have questions! Thank you!

SCHOOL NEWS

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 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

Wahoo area Lenten Fish Fry sponsored and run by the Knights of Columbus Council 1833—St. Wenceslaus Church basement, Wahoo, every Friday in Lent (except for Good Friday), serving from 5:00pm-7:30pm. All-you-can-eat, Adults \$18; Kids \$7. Fried Fish and Shrimp, Baked Tilapia, Mac-n-Cheese, Coleslaw, Waffle Fries, Baked Potato. Domestic Beer \$2; Soda \$1. Dine-In or Carry-Out. Participate in Stations of the Cross, 6:00pm-6:30pm upstairs.

Church Cleaning Job Opening—St. James Church, Mead. We are looking for someone to clean the church weekly. Hours to fit your schedule. Estimated cleaning time is 4-5 hours. Hourly wage is negotiable. Please contact Fr. Gross at 402-624-3555.

Come and join us for Fresh Fire—Thursday, March 23rd from 7:00pm-9:00pm. This evening of adoration, praise and worship, teaching, confession and intercessory prayer will be at John XXIII, 3700 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE. Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Catholic Daughters Meeting—Monday, Mar. 27th at 2:00pm at St. Wenceslaus in Wahoo starting with a rosary for deceased relatives of our Catholic Daughter members. Meeting will follow. We welcome anyone interested in joining Catholic Daughters to attend as a guest.

Wanting to go deeper with God this Lent? Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverley has several retreats for you. Join us March 27th-30th or April 3rd-6th (Holy Week) 4-Day Ignatian Directed Retreat with Matt Simmons or Fr. Coulter, and "Following the Lord Little by Little (Poco a Poco)" with Fr. Innocent Montgomery, CFR. Register at www.goodcounselretreat.org, email office@goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

Date Night—The Family Life Office invites you to a date night out on Tuesday, March 21st, 6:00pm-9:00pm at UNL Newman Center Rosary Hall with Fr. Ben Holdren discussing the apostolic exhortation "Familiaris Consortio". \$45 for dinner/drinks/apps for two or come for free to the talk and go out to eat on your own (will also be streamed). More info/registration at <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/datenightmar>. Limited free babysitting available!

Assumption Parish, Dwight ~ The Waffleman and Accordion Jamboree—Sunday, March 26th serving 9:00am-Noon. Scrambled eggs, sausage, and all-you-can-eat waffles with fresh whipped cream, butter and six syrup choices, and beverages. Accordion Jamboree-Bake Sale-Raffle. FREE WILL OFFER. Mass is celebrated at 10:00am.

Easter Pilgrimage to Boys Town & Omaha—Join an Easter Monday Pilgrimage April 10th with Fr. Coulter to visit Boys Town, Omaha Churches and Cathedral. Departs 8:30am St Mary, Ashland. Mass & Prayers during the day, return 5:00pm. \$60 includes lunch, snacks and charter bus. Reservations: www.frcoulter.com/EasterMonday or contact: frcoulter@gmail.com or 402-786-2705.

Catholics at the Capitol—Our elected officials need to hear our voices! A day of advocacy at the Capitol on Wednesday, April 12th. Learn from Gov. Pillen, Nebraska Catholic Conference staff and State Senators about advancing the cause for life, family, religious liberty and more. Tickets are \$15 each, covering the cost of refreshments and lunch. Sign up at NECatholic.org

Marriage Encounter Experience—Experience communication from the heart inside our couple-communication. April 21st-23rd in Lincoln. Call right-away so we may make preparations for you. Contact couple Gary & Brenda Granger at 303-604-6202.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat—Still feeling unresolved about a prior abortion? Are you the father or grandmother of a child lost to abortion? Come to a confidential caring retreat for healing, forgiveness and re-connection to God, community and your child. Scholarships available. April 28th-30th; for information email helpingrachel@yahoo.com or call Heather at 402-671-3749.

A Walk with Juan Diego ~ St. Joseph Church, Colon—April 28th-29th, 7:00pm-8:30pm. A two-part retreat on Our Lady of Guadalupe from the written accounts of St. Juan Diego. Join Scott Watts, a missionary with Hope of the Poor and expert on Our Lady of Guadalupe, as he brings relics, artifact, stories, science, history, music and the miracle of Our Lady to this unique event.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

Concerned that he might have put on a few pounds, my husband exited the bathroom and asked, "Do you think my chin is getting fat?" I smiled lovingly and replied, "Which one?"