

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
 April 6, 2025**



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	April 7 th	7:50 am	+ Ray Grommesh
Tuesday	April 8 th	7:50 am	+ Leo Kloewer
Wednesday	April 9 th	7:50 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of Carolyn Ohnoutka
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Jon Allen
Thursday	April 10 th	7:50 am	+ Don Palensky
Friday	April 11 th	7:50 am	+ Fr. Anthony Stammitti
Saturday	April 12 th	5:30 pm	+ Cheryl Bartek
Sunday	April 13 th <i>Palm Sunday</i>	8:00 am Touhy	Missa pro Populo
		10:00 am Weston	+ Dec. Parents of L & L Ohnoutka

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Voting – We will vote this weekend to fill the final spot on St. John’s Parish Council.
Stations of the Cross – Fridays after morning mass at St. John’s and 5:45pm at St. Vitus.
Lenten Penance Services - Palm Sunday is next weekend. We also have confessions with Deanery penance services that Sunday, April 13th and Tuesday, April 15th (see attached Holy Week schedule).
Please Sign Up for Adoration—The Holy Thursday Adoration Sign-up Sheet is in the back of St John’s Church from 8:00 pm to midnight. It would be great to have 2 or more people sign up for each half-hour slot.
Wild Game Feed – Another amazingly successful Wild Game Feed last Saturday, thanks to lots of work by so many of you. It’s great to see everyone working together on this. Thanks also for the tremendous donations!
Magnificat (due April 7th) – Sign up for this great monthly periodical at the back of church.
St. John’s Bible Study - This week during *A Biblical Walk through the Mass* we covered “The Liturgy of the Word”. All the readings and psalms are written by men with divine intervention and inspiration by God. The first reading normally ties in with the Gospel, connecting the Old Testament with the New. The Psalms are rooted in traditional ways of prayer with an *antiphonal* pattern - where it truly becomes a conversation between the reader and the congregation answering back. This is seen throughout the entirety of the mass, for example when the priest says, “The Lord be with you” and we respond, “And with your spirit”. One of things we focused on was: why do we say The Creed every mass? Some denominations say it once a month or once a year, but we say it every Sunday mass because of its importance. It is a profession of the faith that we have in the Lord, the reason we are here. It’s one thing to believe, but to truly profess it every mass with the conviction in your heart is another. The Creed is a summary of the bible, from creation to *Revelations*; it shows us why we are here and what Jesus did for us so we could have eternal life with Him. We, the faithful, proclaim this and renew it every mass.
Readings Reflection – Imagine yourself in place of the woman caught in adultery. It would have been terrifying ... the shock of being ‘caught’ and then waiting to be stoned, killed horribly. Then, to suddenly be freed, by a man who seems to have power over the others, Who shows me kindness and sets me free. Possibly some reading this may feel similarly trapped. Christ offers hope.... always. His is the rescue mission to save us from ANY situation we are in. Ultimately, because of sin, it is the situation in which we all are, or would be, without God’s grace and Mercy. St. Ignatius invited us to meditate on being lost in hell, to consider that horrible fate from which we can be saved by Christ - from everlasting horror to everlasting Glory! With this in mind, the responsorial psalm proclaims: Lord, you have done GREAT things for us. We ARE filled with Joy! No wonder Paul says: “I consider all else as loss compared to knowing Christ Jesus! ... that conformed to His death I may attain the resurrection from the dead.”

WEEKLY TITHING COLLECTIONS

	<u>St. John Nepomucene</u>	<u>St. Vitus</u>
Amount Budgeted per Week (\$3,054.89) in March	\$15,274.45	
Amount Budgeted per Week (\$2,021.94) in March		\$10,109.70
Amount Received in March	\$13,765.47	\$ 6,105.34
Net Excess (Deficit) for the month March	\$(1,508.98)	\$(4,004.36)
2025 Year-to-Date Total	\$30,553.52	\$22,890.67

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH COUNCIL

There has been a vacated seat on the St. John Nepomucene Parish Council. The Parish Council is holding a Special Election to fill the vacancy. Voting will take place the First Weekend of April. Ballots will be made available at both masses. Please see Father or any current Parish Council member or Trustee for any questions. Current council members include; Kristy Fortik, Charlie Pleskac and Marvin Wiese. Current Trustees include Bill Laughridge and Carol Meduna. Thank you.
 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.

SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

This week please pray for Jonathon Andreason of St. Teresa, Lincoln, who attends St. Gregory the Seminary.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:12-20 Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42 Sunday: Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11;
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59 Lk 22:14—23:56

OTHER INFORMATION

Please remember in your prayers and, on occasion, call or send a card to our home-bound/assisted care facilities parishioners. Please let us know if you would like to be added to this list.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of April 12-13, 2025

Acolyte:	Sat. 4/12 Paul Virgl	Sun. 4/13 Milton Bouc
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 4/12 Ron Walla/Volunteer	Sun. 4/13 Barb Opp/Volunteer
Servers:	Sat. 4/12 Volunteers	Sun. 4/13 Rhett Bouc/Brooks Lanik
Ushers:	Sat. 4/12 Rich Cherovsky/Volunteer	Sun. 4/13 Marion Bartek/Ron Brazda
Gifts:	Sat. 4/12 Teresa Virgil Family	Sun. 4/13 Rich Tvrdy Family

Stewardship of Treasure: March 30, 2025 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$2,106.17 **PLUS: Candles:** \$18.00 **Ash Wednesday:** \$115.00

St. John's PCCW Group will have *Coffee & Rolls* after the 8:00am Mass on Sunday, April 6th.

Lenten Bible Study—Meets Tuesdays during Lent at 6:30 at St. John's School. Contact Donna Janecek at 402-642-5449.

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of April 12-13, 2025

Acolyte:	Sun. 4/13 Zach Kastl
Lector/Reader:	Sun. 4/13 Pat Bartek/Volunteer
Servers:	Sun. 4/13 Corbyn Kastl/Caleb Kastl
Ushers:	Sun. 4/13 Gerald Osmera/Phil Rezac
Gifts:	Sun. 4/13 Bryan Woita Family

Stewardship of Treasure: March 30, 2025 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$990.92 **PLUS: Combined Collection:** \$20.00 **Guardian Angel Fund:** \$100.00

Lenten Group Study—Mondays during Lent at 6:15pm. Contact Shelly Mayo at 402-784-0548 for more information.

SPIRITUAL CORNER

“Do not have any anxiety about the future. Leave everything in God's hands, for he will take care of you.” ~St. John the Baptist de la Salle (April 7th, Feast Day)

SCHOOL NEWS

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

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly, offers a variety of upcoming retreats to renew your spirit and draw closer to Christ. **April 11th-13th:** Compassion in the Passion with Fr. John Rooney, **April 17th-19th:** Holy Week Retreat for Young Women with the Marion Sisters, **May 9th-10th:** The Power of a Praying Mother with Natalie Giford and Kristin Schiff from Women at the Well Apostolate. Visit goodcounselretreat.org to register.

Father/Son Program—Saturday, April 12th from 10:00am-3:00pm at St. Joseph Parish in Lincoln, 1940 S. 77th Street. Cost is \$40 for two people, \$50 for 3 or more, includes lunch. Register at lincolndiocese.org/fam

**** UPDATE** St. John Nepomucene School PTA Weston is having a pre-order online Plant Sale!** Pre-order online by **April 15th**. Pick up plants on May 3rd and May 4th. Hanging baskets, Planters and Garden Veggies! Scan the QR code on flyer in the back of church or go to [Plant Sale Order Form](#) Plants and Veggies locally sourced by Burr Oak and Great Plains Nursery.

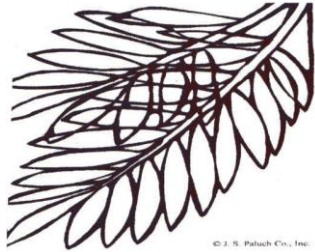
American Red Cross Community Blood Drive—Wednesday, April 16th, Noon-6:00pm and Thursday, April 17th, 7:30am-1:30pm at The Shed, 570 N. Elm Street. Please contact Verna at 402-277-6243 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: WAHOONEB to schedule an appointment. Bring your Donor Card or Photo ID.

Join Fr. Coulter for an Easter Monday Jubilee Pilgrimage to Norfolk and Schuyler with stops in Dwight and Tarnov. Monday, April 21st, 7:00am departure at North American Martyrs, Lincoln (7:30am in Dwight), return by 6:30pm. \$70 includes a charter bus and lunch. RSVP early: frcoulter.com/EasterMonday or contact office@olgcretreat.org, 402-786-2705.

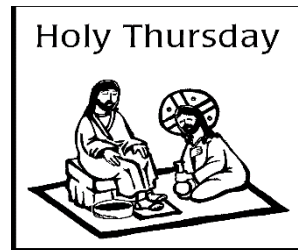
A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

Did you hear about the math teacher that plowed a field? He used a pro-tractor.
How do trains listen? With their engine-ears.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE AT ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE AND ST. VITUS CHURCHES



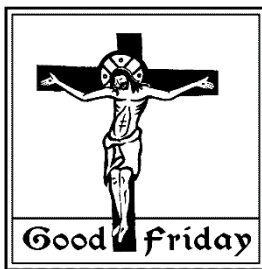
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PALM SUNDAY—APRIL 13TH
SATURDAY EVENING VIGIL: St. John—5:30 pm
SUNDAY: St. Vitus —8:00 am
 St. John—10:00 am

HOLY THURSDAY—APRIL 17TH
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:
 St. John—7:00 pm



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GOOD FRIDAY—APRIL 18TH
STATIONS OF THE CROSS: St. John—12 Noon

THE LORD'S PASSION: St. Vitus—3:00 pm
 St. John—7:00 pm

HOLY SATURDAY—APRIL 19TH
EASTER VIGIL: St. John—8:30 pm

EASTER SUNDAY—APRIL 20TH
EASTER SUNDAY: St. John—8:00 am
 St. Vitus—10:00 am



RECONCILIATION SERVICE

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HOLY WEEK PENANCE SERVICES

SUNDAY, April 13th:

9:45 am	St. James—Mead
2:00 pm	St. Mary—Ashland St. George—Morse Bluff
4:00 pm	St. John the Baptist—Prague St. Mary—Davey St. Joseph—Colon
5:00 pm	St. John—Weston —w/Holy Hour
5:30 pm	Sts. Mary & Joseph—Valparaiso

TUESDAY, April 15th:

7:00 pm	St. Wenceslaus—Wahoo
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LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR THE DIOCESE OF LINCOLN FOR 2024

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days 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.

