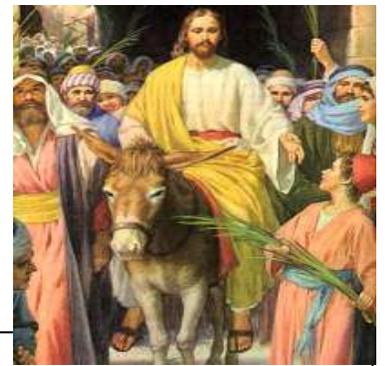


PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 March 29, 2026**



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	March 30 th	7:50 am	+ Tim Vasa
Tuesday	March 31 st	7:50 am	+ Bob Ohnoutka
Wednesday	April 1 st	7:50 am	+ Max Wonka
Holy Thursday	April 2 nd	5:30 pm Touhy	+ Loretta Snitily
Good Friday	April 3 rd	7:00 pm Weston LORD'S SUPPER	+ Bonnie Kadavy
		12:00 Noon Weston STATIONS	
		3:00 pm Touhy LORD'S PASSION	
		7:00 pm Weston LORD'S PASSION	
Holy Saturday	April 4 th	8:00 pm Weston EASTER VIGIL	+ Bob Hedges
Easter Sunday	April 5 th	8:00 am Weston EASTER	Missa pro Populo
		10:00 am Touhy EASTER	+ Larry Masek

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Penance services: Sunday (3/29) 9:45am Mead; 2pm Ashland, Morse Bluff; 4pm Prague, Davey, Colon;
 5pm Weston (WITH EUCHARISTIC ADORATION); 5:30pm Val;
Tuesday (3/31) 7pm Wahoo.

No First Friday/Saturday devotions due to Holy Week.

Holy Thursday Adoration - Sign-up Sheet (8:00 pm to midnight) is in the back of St John's Church. Please sign up for a 30-minute slot(s). Jesus invites us to "Stay and keep watch with me" as we remember His agony in the Garden.

The Divine Mercy Novena begins Good Friday. Jesus gave this Novena to St. Faustina. Red Pamphlets in back of Church.

Stations of the Cross will be held on Good Friday, March 29th, at Noon at St. John's.

Good Friday Holy Land Collection: The Good Friday collection goes to help the Christians who live in the Holy Land, and for the upkeep of Holy Land shrines. During the current conflicts in the Middle East, your donations this year will help immensely (for example, the Holy Sepulcher, the tomb of Jesus, suffered damage after the recent nearby hit of a ballistic missile).

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. Abstinence (no meat except from sea or water) is from age 14 onward and fasting for ages 18 to 59 means a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

The Easter Vigil Mass begins at 8:00 pm. NO 5:30 pm Mass on Holy Saturday;

Holy Week – Today, Palm Sunday, we begin the holiest week of the year. By the cross, Jesus gained and won salvation for us... if we choose. Often the faith is 'caught' less than 'taught'. (I still remember attending the Holy Triduum masses and services with my family as a child. Because Jesus is present and praying in these services of the Church's worship ('Liturgies'), we do more than merely remember; Jesus and the POWER of His saving actions become mysteriously present to us. We likewise want to be present to Jesus. It is easy for these rituals to become 'ritualistic' and our minds may wander. But even this can remind us that these events are to heal our hearts that have wandered through sin. Even more reason that we can be so VERY grateful, for in these events God reminds us that He forgives us all the way and loves us all the way. And though we may not YET return our love to Him all the way, He is patient and with His grace will help us grow, so that one day, we do return his love all the way. (A great way to receive this is to go to confession this Season.)

Please Come to Confirmation – Confirmation for our 5-7th graders is Thursday, April 16th at 7:00 pm. Some years we have had a very sparse attendance. Please attend so we can show Bishop Conley and the Confirmands our support and the devotion of our parishes! I would love it to be like a Husker Volleyball game or Husker Basketball Tournament game. We don't even have to travel to Oklahoma for this one and it is a guaranteed win! Let's pack it to the gills with standing room only! My goal is for the bishop and other priests in attendance to say 'wow'!

The Blame Game – A friend and priest of the diocese, Fr. Tom Bush, always has interesting ways of looking at things. There are copies of his pre-Holy Week meditation at the back of Church.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for Holy Week and Easter Sunday: April 2-5, 2026

	<u>HOLY THURSDAY--7:00 PM</u>	<u>GOOD FRIDAY--7:00 PM</u>
Acolyte:	Thurs. 4/2 Matt Tvrdy/Chris Tvrdy	Fri. 4/3 Jesse Sabatka
Lector/Reader:	Thurs. 4/2 Volunteer	Fri. 4/3 Ginger Laughridge/Jesse Sabatka
Servers:	Thurs. 4/2 Corbyn Zitek/Rhett Bouc	Fri. 4/3 Hudson Fortik/Joseph Vasa/Volunteer
Ushers:	Thurs. 4/2 No Ushers	Fri. 4/3 Don Sabatka/Volunteer
Gifts:	Thurs. 4/2 Paul Virgl Family	Fri. 4/3 No Offertory Bearers
	<u>HOLY SATURDAY--8:00 PM</u>	<u>EASTER SUNDAY--8:00 AM</u>
Acolyte:	Sat. 4/4 Paul Virgl/Pat Carroll	Sun. 4/5 Matt Tvrdy
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 4/4 Ron Walla/Volunteer	Sun. 4/5 Volunteer
Servers:	Sat. 4/4 Easton & Eli Kavan/Brooks Lanik	Sun. 4/5 Joseph Vasa/Hudson Fortik
Ushers:	Sat. 4/4 Joe Janecek/Volunteer	Sun. 4/5 Paul Pleskac/Marion Bartek
Gifts:	Sat. 4/4 Joe Janecek Family	Sun. 4/5 Paul Pleskac Family

Stewardship of Treasure: March 22, 2026 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$1,203.77 **PLUS: Combined Collection:** \$180.00 **Easter Flowers:** 120.00 **Candles:** \$26.37
Disaster Relief for Colombo: \$80.00

SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

Please pray for Joseph Heimbrecht of St. John, Lincoln, who attends St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11	Saturday:	<u>Reading 1:</u> Gn 1:1—2:2; Ps 104;
Tuesday:	Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38		<u>Reading 2:</u> Gn 22:1-18; Ps 16;
Wednesday:	Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25		<u>Reading 3:</u> Ex 14:15—15:1; Ex 15
Thursday:	<u>Lord's Supper:</u> Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15		<u>Reading 4:</u> Is 54:5-14; Ps 30;
Friday:	<u>Lord's Passion:</u> Is 52:13—53:12; Ps 31 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42		<u>Reading 5:</u> Is 55:1-11; Is 12;
			<u>Reading 6:</u> Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ps 19;
			<u>Reading 7:</u> Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42;
		Sunday:	Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118; Mt 28:1-10 Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

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

“The Lord instructs two of his disciples to go into the village and untether a donkey. If there is any protest, they are to say, ‘The Master has need of it.’ This is true of every baptized person: the Master has need of your gifts, of you, of the whole of your life.”

~ Bishop Robert Barron

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for Holy Week and Easter Sunday: April 2-5, 2026

GOOD FRIDAY--3:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY—10:00 AM

Acolyte: Fri. 4/3 Tom Rezac
Lector/Reader: Fri. 4/3 Steve Bartek/Volunteer
Servers: Fri. 4/3 Simon Strizek/Caleb Osmera
Ushers: Fri. 4/3 Volunteers
Gifts: Fri. 4/3 No Offertory Bearers

Sun. 4/5 Mark Walla
Sun. 4/5 Jeff Wall
Sun. 4/5 Caleb Kastl/Cooper Kastl
Sun. 4/5 Gerald Osmera/Phil Rezac
Sun. 4/5 Nick Bartek Family

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Total: \$1,139.00 **PLUS: Children** \$.50 **Southern Nebraska Register:** \$32.00

SCHOOL NEWS

No School at St. John's and Bishop Neumann (4/2-3 & 4/6) Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Monday.

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

Catholic Daughters Meeting—Monday, March 30th at 2:00pm at St. Wenceslaus in Wahoo. We will start by saying the rosary for all deceased family members, and then we'll have the meeting. We'd love to have some guests join us, we really would like to increase our membership. Dues (\$22 plus \$5) for 2026 **need to be paid by June**. Please send to Alice Pecka (20303 NW 56th St, Raymond, 68428). Anyone not sure whether they have paid dues can call or text Alice at 402-450-7590.

Holy Week Retreat for Young Women—Retreat at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House begins Holy Thursday at 6:15pm and ends Holy Saturday at 1:30 pm. The cost to attend is \$30 per student or \$40 per adult. For more information see mariansisters.org or contact Sr. Amy Marie, M.S. at marian-vocations@cdolinc.net, or 402-786-2750.

Weston Auxiliary #308 Easter Egg Hunt—Saturday, April 4th at 1:00pm, at Weston Park.

New on the Spirit Catholic Radio Network – iDeall Relationships—iDeall Relationships, hosted by Deacon Tom Deall and Jeb Eischeid, explores dating, marriage, and all kinds of relationships from a faithful Catholic perspective. Tune in for practical advice, real-life stories, and guidance for building Christ-centered relationships. The first episode airs **Monday, April 6th**, at 8:00pm on 102.7 FM and will be available as a podcast afterward. Learn more at spiritcatholicradio.com/relationships.

LDCCW 65th Biennial Convention—The convention will be held April 17th-18th in Hastings. The Convention raffle had 5 items donated, the proceeds will go to support Camp Kateri, “You need not be present to win”. The tickets and a poster of the items - Garden Statue, Olive Wood Cross, Crocheted Bed Throw, Lap Quilt and Robe with Study Guide, are available in the back of church.

St. John the Baptist in Prague is having a Spring Polka Party (FREE admission)—Sunday, April 19th! Delicious pork sandwiches, dumplings, kraut, and more serving from 11:00am-6:00pm at the Parish Hall in Prague. Take out is available! The day's schedule includes: 11:30pm-1:30pm – Bingo (All ages welcome & only .25 per card to play!); 1:30pm-2:30pm – Bishop Neumann "Na Zdrovie" polka band; 3:00pm-6:00pm – Leo Lonnie Trio. This is sure to be a fun-filled day! Come join in the fun!

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!

Bishop Neumann Job Openings—Assistant Business Manager and Maintenance & Custodial Manager. Both are full time jobs with benefits. We are looking for people who would enjoy being part of the Bishop Neumann family and helping with our mission of educating and forming the faithful of tomorrow. Please reach out to Fr. Steve Mills if interested, fr.steve-mills@cdolinc.net or 402-443-4151. Or check our Bishop Neumann website and click Employment at the bottom.

Sky Camp—Diocesan Summer Camp at Camp Kateri is for grades 3-12. Some are full, others are filling. To register go to: [REGISTER](#)

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

"I was making soup last night and the recipe called for '5 potatoes cubed'. 125 potatoes seems a bit excessive, doesn't it?"