

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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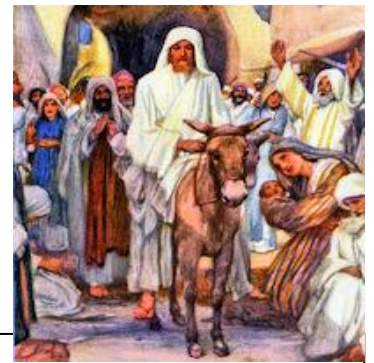
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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 13, 2025



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	April 14 th	7:50 am	+ Henry Hrdlicka
Tuesday	April 15 th	7:50 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of Lil Ohnoutka
Wednesday	April 16 th	7:50 am	+ Souls in Purgatory
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Stella Fiedler
Holy Thursday	April 17 th	7:00 pm Weston LORD'S SUPPER	+ George Furasek, Jr.
Good Friday	April 18 th	12:00 Noon Weston STATIONS	
		3:00 pm Touhy LORD'S PASSION	
		7:00 pm Weston LORD'S PASSION	
Holy Saturday	April 19 th	8:30 pm Weston EASTER VIGIL	+ Bob Ohnoutka
Easter Sunday	April 20 th	8:00 am Weston EASTER	Missa pro Populo
		10:00 am Touhy EASTER	+ Joe & Stacie Bohac

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Parish Council: Congrats to Paula Bouc on being voted as a member of St. John's Parish Council!

Thanks all who worked so hard and with charity to put on the greatly successful PCCW Salad Luncheon!

Penance services: Sunday 9:45am Mead; 2pm Ashland, Morse Bluff; 4pm Prague, Davey, Colon; 5pm Weston; 5:30pm Val; Tuesday 7pm Wahoo.

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

The Good Friday Holy Land Collection - Your support allows the Franciscans (1) to conduct parish ministries for persecuted Christians and help those Christians to remain in the Holy Land and (2) care for the Shrines of the life of Jesus.

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday. Jesus asked St. Faustina and us to pray the Chaplet on nine consecutive days for the special intentions he gave her **NO 5:30 pm Mass on Holy Saturday**; The Easter Vigil Mass begins at 8:30 pm.

Holy Week – Palm Sunday starts the holiest week of the year. By the cross, Jesus gained and offered us salvation, if we want it. Children will remember attending Thursday, Friday and Sunday (or Saturday). If you can, it is worth the effort (unless God has something else He wants you to do). In the Church's liturgy, we not only remember these events of Jesus, but we mysteriously participate in them, even though they happened long ago - we encounter God's love for each person and we are grafted more deeply into them. These rituals are all about Jesus. But in them, Jesus is about us. Remember: (1) Our yearnings can only be satisfied by union with God. (2) Our wounds can only be healed by God. (3) Our frailty and falls cannot defeat God's mercy; therefore, we should not be discouraged no matter what. He came to save SINNERS, so we can always turn back to Him. May we have a blessed Holy Week together with Jesus!

St Vitus Bible study has been discussing Almsgiving this week. Many people think of almsgiving as the act of giving to those in need, often understood as a form of charity and service. We read how being truly present with the ones in front of us can also be a kind of almsgiving. So, we all decided to work on being present this week with everyone we encounter. This next portion of the book is Forgiveness. Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, helps you turn away from what wounds you and toward God who heals you and makes you whole. This program has been very personal and emotional and as a group we have opened up to each other and we have tried to help each other heal the wounds and become the best version of ourselves. Sr. Miriam gave a prayer: Jesus, just give me the willingness to be willing. Our last meeting will take us through Holy week and to Easter Sunday.

St. John's Bible Study – Dr. Sri taught us about the main part of Mass, after which we discussed some of the highlights. A few include: (1) By the Great "AMEN!" we confirm all that has been said in the mass; (2) The mass doesn't just re-enact these past events, BUT makes us somehow present, joining in at the last supper. (3) Saying "We lift up our hearts!" calls us to greater attention at this important time, when the real body and blood of Christ will be made really present! (4) When the priest mixes a small amount of water into the larger amount of wine, it reminds us that Jesus is both human and divine. (5) At the Holy Holy, we join with the angels in a glimpse of heaven and we participate with them as they sing in heaven!

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.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11	Saturday:	<u>Reading 1:</u> Gn 1:1—2:22; 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		<u>Reading 4:</u> Is 54:5-14; Ps 30;
	1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15		<u>Reading 5:</u> Is 55:1-11; Is 12;
Friday:	<u>Lord's Passion:</u> Is 52:13—53:12; Ps 31		<u>Reading 6:</u> Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ps 19;
	Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42		<u>Reading 7:</u> Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42;
		Sunday:	Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118; Lk 24:1-12
			Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

This week please pray for Cody Hein of St. Mary, David City, 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. Please let us know if you would like to be added to this list.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for Holy Week and Easter Sunday: April 17-20, 2025

	<u>HOLY THURSDAY--7:00 PM</u>	<u>GOOD FRIDAY--7:00 PM</u>
Acolyte:	Thurs. 4/17 Matt Tvrđy/Chris Tvrđy	Fri. 4/18 Jesse Sabatka
Lector/Reader:	Thurs. 4/17 Ginger Laughridge	Fri. 4/18 Ron Walla/Volunteer
Servers:	Thurs. 4/17 Brayden Pleskac/Landon Pleskac	Fri. 4/18 Hudson Fortik/Rhett Bouc/Easton Kavan
Ushers:	Thurs. 4/17 No Ushers	Fri. 4/18 Don Sabatka/Justin Sabatka
Gifts:	Thurs. 4/17 Paul Virgl Family	Fri. 4/18 No Offertory Bearers
	<u>HOLY SATURDAY--8:30 PM</u>	<u>EASTER SUNDAY--8:00 AM</u>
Acolyte:	Sat. 4/19 Paul Virgl/Pat Carroll	Sun. 4/20 Matt Tvrđy
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 4/19 Deb Carroll/Bill Laughridge	Sun. 4/20 Barb Opp
Servers:	Sat. 4/19 Brayden & Landon Pleskac/Brooks Lanik	Sun. 4/20 Rhett Bouc/Hudson Fortik
Ushers:	Sat. 4/19 Ron Walla/Volunteer	Sun. 4/20 Paul Pleskac/Charlie Jelinek
Gifts:	Sat. 4/19 Ron Walla Family	Sun. 4/20 Chris Bouc Family

Stewardship of Treasure: April 6, 2025 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$1,584.00 **PLUS: Candles:** \$26.00 **Guardian Angel Fund:** \$26.00

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for Holy Week and Easter Sunday: April 17-20, 2025

	<u>GOOD FRIDAY--3:00 PM</u>	<u>EASTER SUNDAY—10:00 AM</u>
Acolyte:	Fri. 4/18 Volunteers	Sun. 4/20 Mark Walla
Lector/Reader:	Fri. 4/18 2 Volunteers	Sun. 4/20 Steve Bartek
Servers:	Fri. 4/18 Volunteers	Sun. 4/20 Simon Strizek/Caleb Osmera
Ushers:	Fri. 4/18 Gerald Osmera/Phil Rezac	Sun. 4/20 Gerald Osmera/Phil Rezac
Gifts:	Fri. 4/18 No Offertory Bearers	Sun. 4/20 Nick Bartek Family

Stewardship of Treasure: April 6, 2025 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$1,382.10 **PLUS: Guardian Angel Fund:** \$20.00

St. Vitus Altar Society Meeting—After 8:00am mass on April 27th at the back of church. Please plan to attend!

SPIRITUAL CORNER

“The Passion of Christ is the greatest and most stupendous work of Divine Love. The greatest and most overwhelming work of God’s love.” ~ St. Paul of the Cross

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!

AREA NEWS

Holy Week Retreat with the Marian Sisters—April 17th-19th. Private silent retreat for single women ages 19-32. Enter deeper into the Lord’s passion & death through the Sacraments, Scripture & spiritual direction. Begins Holy Thursday, 6:15pm and ends Holy Saturday, 1:30pm at Our Lady of Good Counsel House. Register at marian-vocations@cdolincoln.net or call 402-786-2750.

Living Way of the Cross—Good Friday, April 18th, 5:00pm-6:00pm. The outdoor Living the Way of the Cross is in its 5th year at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ. It begins on the Southeast corner of the Cathedral at 5:00pm, 5:15, 5:30 and 5:45. What began as an outdoor observance of Good Friday when church liturgies were suspended has become a new tradition in addition to the liturgy. It is a very moving portrayal of the betrayal, condemnation, crucifixion and burial of Jesus. Please join us for a memorable Good Friday tradition! Question, contact Emilyvilla1999@gmail.com

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@olcretreat.org, 402-786-2705.

Magnificat Spring Prayer Meal—Saturday, April 26, 9:30am at Dawson Hall, John XXIII Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd, Lincoln, with guest speaker Anna Sullivan. From a small town in central Nebraska, Anna was Baptized and Confirmed in the Catholic Church, but left when she was 10 years old going with her maternal grandmother to the Presbyterian Church. When she was a freshman at UNL Anna attended a non-denominational church with a popular youth program and committed her life to the Lord. She was baptized in the Holy Spirit, but the Lord had more for her. Come hear Anna’s inspiring testimony of her journey back to Christ’s Holy Catholic Church. Invite other women to join you in Catholic fellowship. Register at the following link: <https://www.osvhub.com/magnificatmorningstarchapter/forms/april-prayer-meal-featuring-anna-sullian> \$22 for adults and students \$15. **Deadline is April 19.** For more information text Rhonda Litt at 402-525-6396 or call and leave a message. (Dawson Hall is handicap accessible. Enter through the east doors of the Chapel)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House—**The Power of a Praying Mother**, May 9th-10th, with Natalie Giford and Kristin Schiff from Women at the Well Apostolate. Offering women a chance to step away and renew their faith. This 24-hour retreat will equip women with spiritual tools to intercede for their families through Marian devotion and the wisdom of saintly mothers. Visit goodcounselretreat.org to register.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

What do you get when you cross a cocker spaniel, a poodle and a rooster? A Cockerpoodledo!