

# PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment

## First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2025



### MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	March 10 <sup>th</sup>	7:50 am	Special Intentions
Tuesday	March 11 <sup>th</sup>	7:50 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of Bill & Ginger Laughridge
Wednesday	March 12 <sup>th</sup>	7:50 am	+ Don Palensky
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Darrell Walla
Thursday	March 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Friday	March 14 <sup>th</sup>	7:50 am	+ Bill Spicka
Saturday	March 15 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 pm	+ Bonnie Kadavy
Sunday	March 16 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo
		10:00 am Touhy	+ Don Maly

### NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

**The Combined Collection envelope in your packet (March 16).** One opportunity for almsgiving during lent, these 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. There will be extra envelopes in the back of church.

**Readings Reflection** – Moses reminded the Israelites that God was “with them in their trouble”. God brought them out of their slavery and oppression in Egypt. God helped them during the 40 years in the desert and then brought them into the Promised Land. The Responsorial Psalm ‘responds’ with the reminder that God does help, so we can cry out: “Be with me Lord, when I am in trouble.” (We can identify, I’m sure!). In the Gospel Jesus ‘re-does’ Israel’s 40-year trial in the desert, by being in the desert 40 days and tempted by the devil. He will not sin like they did, for He is the answer to all people in trouble. Jesus gives new meaning to “Be with me Lord, when I am in trouble,” for He became one of us and went through ‘troubles’ like us, and far more. We can trust Him to be with us and bring us through all our troubles! (P.S. Each of Jesus’ rebuffs of the devil correspond to a place we may find ourselves particularly in need of His help.)

**SEEK Recap - Day 2** (Thank you Adam for sharing your experience with us!) The second day of SEEK began with a very large Mass. There was a huge procession of bishops and priests from around the country! After Mass, I went to the men’s talk by Fr. Dave Pivonka. Father said that following God will cost you everything. He said that the Lord is searching for a man who is searching after His own heart. He also spoke about growing closer to God and seeking intimacy with Him. Next was a really great talk by Carrie Wagner. She said fear and anxiety paralyze us because we were not made to fear. We are called to have faith with [full] understanding. You aren’t bad for having a hard time trusting God, and you aren’t bad for struggling. Also, peace and strength are drawn from Jesus.

**Daily Mass**—Lent might be an opportunity to go to a daily mass or two. Daily mass is unique and doubles down on the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. It is inspiring to see so many attending daily mass at various times of day, both locally and world-wide. I recommend trying to get to at least one daily mass during the Lenten season. It is awesome.

**Confession** – How do you spell relief? “C-O-N-F-E-S-S-I-O-N”. Of the 6 precepts, the Church asks us to go to confession at least once a year, and particularly during the Lent or Easter Season.

**3 Lenten Practices: Prayer** – Spending time with Jesus, to receive from Him, and give Him delight. **Fasting** – Helps make room for God to fill. **Almsgiving** – An act of trust and charity that grows our heart larger, helps others, and merits eternal treasure.

**Don’t forget** our Bible/Book studies at Touhy and Weston on Mondays and Tuesdays (see below).

### 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. Those interested are asked to self-nominate themselves by signing the form in the back of church or emailing the church at [stjohn-weston@cdolinc.net](mailto:stjohn-weston@cdolinc.net). Nominations will be collected through the last weekend of March. Voting on nominations 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](mailto:stjohn-weston@cdolinc.net) and provide details on your request.

### READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46	Friday:	Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15	Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32	Sunday:	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27; Phil 3:17—4:1;
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12		Lk 9:28b-36

### SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

This week please pray for Max Knepper of St. Peter, Bellwood, who attends St. Gregory the Great 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 the weekend of March 15-16, 2025

<b>Acolyte:</b>	Sat. 3/15 Pat Carroll	Sun. 3/16 Jesse Sabatka
<b>Lector/Reader:</b>	Sat. 3/15 Deb Carroll	Sun. 3/16 Marvin Wiese
<b>Servers:</b>	Sat. 3/15 Volunteers	Sun. 3/16 Brayden Pleskac/Landon Pleskac
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sat. 3/15 Ron Brazda/Volunteer	Sun. 3/16 Don Sabatka/Justin Sabatka
<b>Gifts:</b>	Sat. 3/15 Paul Virgl Family	Sun. 3/16 Don Sabatka Family

**Stewardship of Treasure: March 2, 2025** We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

**Total:** \$3,000.00 **PLUS: Ash Wednesday:** \$10.00 **Candles:** \$42.00 **Southern Nebraska Register:** \$52.00  
**Guardian Angel Fund:** \$185.00 **Easter Flowers:** \$100.00

**Lenten Bible Study**—*A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* by Edward Sri. The study will start Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30pm for 5 sessions at St. John's School. Workbooks are \$27 if you wish to purchase them. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the Church so we can get a rough head count. Anyone can attend the bible study even if you do not have a book. If you can't make them all, come whenever you can, the videos are not built upon each other. Contact Donna Janecek at 402-642-5449 or Ginger Laughridge at 402-642-5115 for more information.

## ST. VITUS PARISH

### Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of March 15-16, 2025

<b>Acolyte:</b>	Sun. 3/16 Drew Niemann
<b>Lector/Reader:</b>	Sun. 3/16 Jeff Walla
<b>Servers:</b>	Sun. 3/16 Simon Strizek/Caleb Osmera
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sun. 3/16 Nick Bartek/Allen Stanek
<b>Gifts:</b>	Sun. 3/16 Tim Schulz Family

**Stewardship of Treasure: March 2, 2025** We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

**Total:** \$1,019.00 **PLUS: Guardian Angel Fund:** \$20.00 **Southern Nebraska Register:** \$48.00

**Lenten Group Study**—Study Group will be held Mondays during Lent, starting Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm. Sign-up sheet available at the back of church. Contact Shelly Mayo at 402-784-0548 for more information.

## SPIRITUAL CORNER

"Fasting cleanses the soul, raises the mind, subjects one's flesh to the spirit, renders the heart contrite and humble, scatters the clouds of concupiscence, quenches the fire of lust, kindles the true light of chastity." ~St. Augustine

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Bishop Neumann High Band Pops Concert**—Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at BNHS.

**Spring Break**—No school at St. John's, March 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> and Bishop Neumann will have no school, March 14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>.

**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

**Sts. Mary & Joseph PCCW Soup Dinner -Valparaiso**—Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, FREE WILL OFFERING. Parish Hall: Serving 10:30am-1:30pm (best to come early!) All you can eat Soups: Homemade soups: Chili, Chicken Noodle and Veg. Beef, Assorted Sandwiches & desserts with beverage. Raffle, Silent Auction, Fishpond and Cake Walk. Raffle tickets \$2.00 each---1st Prize - Hutchison Fireplace Stand, 2nd Prize - \$200, 3rd Prize -\$100, 4th & 5th Prize -\$50 each - Jones Bank -Local Business Certificate.

**3 Day Silent Ignatian Retreat**—Come away to the quiet and be present to what God wants to offer you. Creighton University Retreat Center, located one hour east of Omaha in Griswold, IA is offering 3 Day Silent Ignatian Retreat March 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> with Fr. Larry Gillick, S.J. Retreat check-in between 3:00pm-5:00pm on Thursday and concludes on Sunday at 2:30pm. The cost is \$425 for room and all meals. Register at <https://www.creighton.edu/retreatcenter/scheduleofretreats/3-day-silent-ignatian-retreat>

**Maturing in Prayer Retreat**—March 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> with Fr. Kubat at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly. Retreat begins Friday at 8:00pm with Rosary and Mass and ends Sunday with Noon lunch. Led by **Father Kubat**, it will explore silent prayer as a way to encounter Jesus' love through the Holy Spirit. Father Kubat, a priest for 25 years, serves as pastor at St. Andrew in Tecumseh and St. Mary in St. Mary and previously directed Catholic Social Services in Lincoln. A strong advocate for retreats, he believes they ignite a love that inspires others to attend. Register at [goodcounselretreat.org](http://goodcounselretreat.org) or call 402-786-2705.

**Come & See Retreat**—Hosted by St. Gregory the Great Seminary, March 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. It is open to high school juniors, seniors, and college students. A great opportunity to meet other Catholic young men who want to grow in their faith and explore a call to the priesthood. Meet priests and seminarians, ask questions, check out the seminary, great food and fun. \$10/person. Join us, even if you are not able to stay the whole weekend! Questions? Call us or e-mail: 402-643-4052 or [sggs@sggs.edu](mailto:sggs@sggs.edu)

**St. Mary's in Cedar Bluffs ~ Pancake Breakfast**—Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am-12:30pm at the Cedar Bluffs City Auditorium. All you can eat pancakes. Includes: sausage, biscuits and gravy, coffee, juice or milk. Adults: \$10 and Children 4-10: \$5. Bake sale, raffle and silent auction. Proceeds will help with repair of church stained glass windows.

**St. John Nepomucene School PTA Weston is having a pre-order online Plant Sale!** Pre-order online by **March 31<sup>st</sup>**. Pick up plants on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup>. Hanging baskets, Planters and Garden Veggies available! 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.

**St. John Nepomucene PCCW Annual Salad Supper**—Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is "God Bless America". Doors open at 5:00pm, serving salads from 6:00pm-7:00pm. Come early and enjoy a complimentary glass of wine and check out our coffee can raffle items. Featuring several "Mystery Raffles", a wine cork pull, split-the-pot and have plenty of door prizes! Tickets are \$12 each at the door only. We thank the First Catholic Slavic Ladies Association-Life for being a sponsor of our event.

## A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

What did the big furry hat say to the warm woolly scarf? You hang around while I go on ahead."