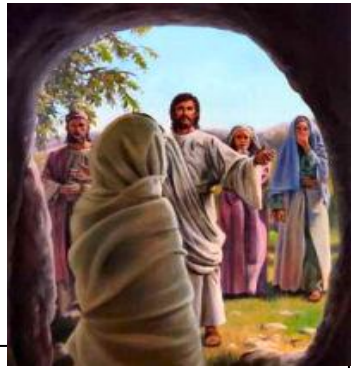


PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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Fifth Sunday of Lent March 26, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	March 27 th	7:50 am	+ Jim Svoboda
Tuesday	March 28 th	7:50 am	+ Kenneth Grell
Wednesday	March 29 th	7:50 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of LeRoy & Lil Ohnoutka
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Rose Bouc
Thursday	March 30 th	7:50 am	+ Ed Pacula
Friday	March 31 st	7:50 am	+ Don Palensky
Saturday	April 1 st	5:30 pm	+ Fred & Mary Lou Maly
Sunday	April 2 nd Palm Sunday	8:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo
		10:00 am Touhy	+ Loretta Walla

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Congrats to Allissa Turnwall (Touhy) and Logan Kreikemeier being united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony this weekend!
Our prayers and condolences to the family of Leonard Polacek (formerly from Weston).

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

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/>

THANKS to the women and men who planned, prepped (much prepping through the year) and served for the Wild Game Feed!

God's Word FREE Virtual Conference – Join some of the nation's most dynamic Scripture scholars on March 27th for a one-day virtual event that will be streamed via Zoom! <https://bibleconference.augustineinstitute.org/> to register

Palm Sunday is next weekend. We also have confessions with Deanery penance services that Sunday and Tuesday (see attached 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 3 or more people sign up for each half-hour slot.

Gospel Reflections: Some things to reflect on from Jesus raising Lazarus from the Dead: (1) Jesus not only loves as God, he also loves as man. He was close friends with Lazarus, Mary, and Martha; reflect on: our need for friendships; Jesus wants a close friendship with you. (2) Jesus speaks of Lazarus "asleep." Though God allowed death as a consequence of sin, He can raise us as easily as one who is asleep. (3) Jesus wept at the death of Lazarus even though he knew that he would raise Lazarus (twice). Separation from death is to be sad about even when we have Faith in the resurrection. (4) Jesus, being perfect man, and innocent, felt feelings all the more deeply, no less. He understands our feelings. (5) Martha said: "Yes, Lord I believe...." She believed even in sadness. Even if we have feelings of doubt and darkness, we can believe in the happy outcome God promises. We can also ask the help of saints who encountered death with faith, such as Mary, the Mother of God, and Martha. (6) The corporal work of mercy associated with the Gospel is "Bury the Dead". It is good to attend funerals and pray.

Feast of the Annunciation, March 25th – Mary's "Yes" to Gabriel at the Annunciation was complete enough to include her willingness to accompany and offer Jesus at Calvary. The Annunciation was the moment of the Incarnation. The Incarnation means "became flesh". It was the exact moment that Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and the Son of God became a man within the womb of Mary. It is worth meditating on that moment and saying Thank You to God. Here is a traditional prayer, The Angelus, often prayed at 6am, noon, 6pm or before meals, on your own or with a leader (L) and responder (R)

Angelus - L: The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary. **R:** And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. **All:** Hail Mary ...
L: Behold the handmaid of the Lord. **R:** Be it done unto me according to Thy word. **All:** Hail Mary... (*then all Bow or Genuflect, as the following is said...*) **L:** And the Word was made Flesh. **R:** And dwelt among us. (...all rise.) **All:** Hail Mary... **L:** Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God. **R:** that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. **L:** Let us pray.
All: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of April 1-2, 2023

Acolyte:	Sat. 4/1 Jesse Sabatka	Sun. 4/2 Milton Bouc
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 4/1 Ron Walla/Barb Opp	Sun. 4/2 Peg Bouc/Bob Masek
Servers:	Sat. 4/1 Volunteers	Sun. 4/2 Noah Huisman/Hudson Fortik
Ushers:	Sat. 4/1 Rich Cherovsky/Don Sabatka	Sun. 4/2 Charlie Jelinek/Marion Bartek
Gifts:	Sat. 4/1 Rich Virgil Family	Sun. 4/2 Ken Meduna Family

Stewardship of Treasure: March 19, 2023 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$1,142.30 **PLUS: Candles:** \$33.00 **Ash Wednesday:** \$45.00 **Combined Collection:** \$475.00

St. John's PCCW Group will have **Breakfast Brunch** after the 8:00am Mass on Sunday, April 2nd. Everyone is welcome!!!

PCCW Members—Please remember to pay your yearly dues of \$15. You may put them in the collection basket. Thank you!

SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

This week please pray for William Barger of St. John, Lincoln, who attends St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

SPIRITUAL CORNER

"Our sacrifices in this season are so minuscule as to be laughable, except that our Father seems only too willing to use our tiny offerings as portals for his grace. Every hunger pang or caffeine craving becomes a holy prompt—*pray, trust, surrender*. The whole season becomes a bit delicious with anticipation: *Easter is coming!*" -Carolyn Arends, Christian musician and speaker

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:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11	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:	Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11;
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59		Mt 26:14—27:66

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of April 1-2, 2023

Acolyte: Sun. 4/2 Tom Rezac
Lector/Reader: Sun. 4/2 Jeff Walla/Steve Bartek
Servers: Sun. 4/2 Cade Grant/Caleb Osmera
Ushers: Sun. 4/2 Gerald Osmera/Phil Rezac
Gifts: Sun. 4/2 Tim Schulz Family

Stewardship of Treasure: March 19, 2023 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$965.00 **PLUS:**

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

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

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.

Lenten Mission with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal—March 26th-29th at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ. Adoration, confessions and preaching will start at 7:30pm each night. See flyer in the back of church.

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.

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.

Have you been looking for a retreat to reboot your spiritual life? Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverley has several retreats for you. Our upcoming retreats are March 27th-30th or April 3rd-6th (Holy Week) 4-Day Ignatian Directed Retreat with Matt Simmons or Fr. Coulter, March 31st-April 2nd "Following the Lord Little by Little (Poco a Poco)" with Fr. Innocent Montgomery, CFR and April 6th-8th "Holy Week for Young Women" with the Marian Sisters. Read more and register at www.goodcounselretreat.org, email office@goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

Healing Hearts Grief Support Sessions—For those who have suffered the loss of a loved one are being offered to assist Catholics in the grief process. The sessions will be held on six weekly Tuesday evenings beginning April 11th, 7:00pm-9:00pm, at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 37th & Sheridan Blvd. Suggested Donation: \$25 (for materials) To register, please call 402-473-0620.

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

The Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies is hosting a seminar titled *Benedict XVI: The Debt We Owe as Church and Academy*, featuring Dr. Christopher Blum, Provost of the Augustine Institute in Denver. The seminar will be held at the UNL Newman Center on April 15, at 9:00am, with Mass preceding at 8:00am. For more information and to register, visit www.emmausinstitute.net.

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.

Cavalry Softball is hosting their annual Burger Bash fundraiser on Saturday, April 22nd at the Starlite Ballroom from 5:00pm-8:00pm! Tickets available at the door or from any softball player.

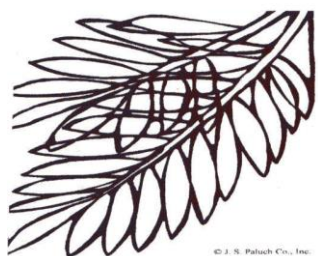
Rachel's Vineyard Retreat—Still feeling unresolved about a prior abortion? Are you the father or grandparent of a child lost to abortion? Come to a confidential caring retreat for healing, forgiveness and re-connection to God, community and your child. Scholarships available. Apr. 28-30 near Omaha. For 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.

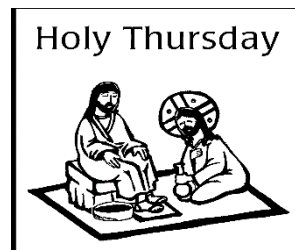
A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

I was catching up with my mom on the phone the other day, and I told her I'd lost a lot of weight. I don't think she was paying very much attention to our conversation because she asked me, "Have you tried retracing your steps yet?"

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



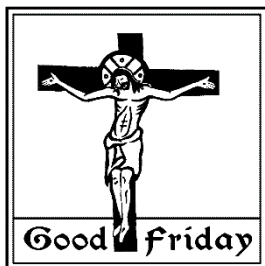
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PALM SUNDAY—April 2ND
SATURDAY EVENING VIGIL: St. John—5:30 pm
SUNDAY: St. John—8:00 am
 St. Vitus—10:00 am

HOLY THURSDAY—APRIL 6TH
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: St. John—7:00 pm



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GOOD FRIDAY—APRIL 7TH
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 8TH
EASTER VIGIL: St. John—8:30 pm

EASTER SUNDAY—APRIL 9TH
EASTER SUNDAY: St. Vitus—8:00 am
 St. John—10:00 am



RECONCILIATION SERVICE

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HOLY WEEK PENANCE SERVICES

SUNDAY, April 2ND:	9:45 am	St. James—Mead
	2:00 pm	St. Mary—Ashland St. George—Morse Bluff
	4:00 pm	St. Joseph—Colon St. John the Baptist—Prague St. Mary—Davey
	5:00 pm	St. John—Weston —w/Holy Hour
	5:30 pm	Sts. Mary & Joseph—Valparaiso
TUESDAY, April 4TH:	7:00 pm	St. Wenceslaus—Wahoo

LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR THE DIOCESE OF LINCOLN FOR 2022

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.

APRIL CALENDAR ON BACK