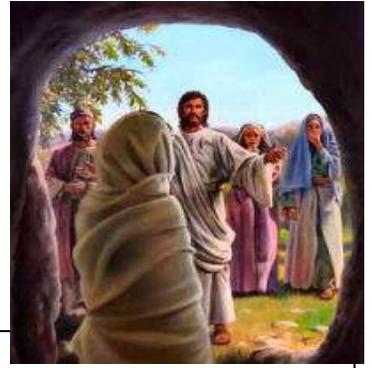


PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
 March 22, 2026**



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	March 23 rd	7:50 am	+ Don Palensky
Tuesday	March 24 th	7:50 am	+ Bill Spicka
Wednesday	March 25 th	7:50 am	+ Alice Virgl
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Joe Kouma
Thursday	March 26 th	7:50 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of Lillian Ohnoutka
Friday	March 27 th	7:50 am	+ Anthony Osmera
Saturday	March 28 th	5:30 pm	+ Linda Maly
Sunday	March 29 th <i>Palm Sunday</i>	8:00 am Touhy	+ Joe & Rose Furasek
		10:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Our love and prayers for the repose of the soul of Anthony Osmera and for the consolation of his family. Anthony was a faithful servant of the Lord. Not only was he faithful in the practice of his faith, but he did so much for his parish in generous service. He was also a ‘go getter’. Among other things, I remember him purchasing and putting salt down on our parish campus on icy days. I met him at the farmer’s market years ago and Anthony and Mary Ann gave me produce. Thank you, Anthony, for much.

Stations of the Cross – Fridays after morning mass at St. John’s and 5:45pm at St. Vitus.

Reflections on the Readings – [Reflection 1] I love the perspective of the picture at the top of the bulletin. It has us look out at Jesus from inside the tomb past the risen, but wrapped Lazarus. These last three Sundays we have looked at Jesus - along with three recipients of his goodness, the woman at the well, the man born blind, and Lazarus, raised from the dead – at progressively greater miracles that show Jesus’ goodness. [Reflection 2] Our three readings this weekend affirm that God will raise us from the dead if we remain in Him. If God can do that, He can also conquer all evils and sufferings: physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual - and He promises He will.

(Reading 1) Thus says the Lord God: O my people, I will open your graves and have your rise from them.

(Reading 2) If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.

(Gospel) “Jesus told her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?’ She said to him, ‘Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.’”

[Reflection 3] It is a great mystery that in this life suffering and happiness somehow go together. Jesus is with us in our suffering and can bring good out it. Fr. John of the Heart of Jesus wrote “Remember that Jesus is filled with compassion for those who suffer. He has borne all our sufferings. He has endured them himself on Calvary, but he knows that they are necessary to us, so ‘he sends them to us as if with an averted gaze,’ says St. Therese, ‘as if he did not have the courage to watch us suffer. But he sees at the same time the happiness it will merit for us, the glory it acquires for his Father, for him, for us, and the graces it merits for souls; so in love, in mercy, in tenderness, he hesitates no longer to lay it upon our poor shoulders, while continuing to sustain it himself, making himself our Simon of Cyrene. - March’s Magnificat

Feast of the Annunciation – This week on March 25th (9 months from Christmas), almost hidden in Lent, is the Feast of the Incarnation, when Mary said ‘Yes’ and conceived Jesus in her womb by the power of the Holy Spirit! “And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us! – John 1:14. (not a holy day of obligation)

Lenten Penance Services - Palm Sunday is next weekend. We also have confessions with Deanery penance services that Sunday, March 29th and Tuesday, March 31st (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.

Magnificat (due April 10th) – Sign up for this great monthly periodical at the back of church.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of March 28-29, 2026

Acolyte:	Sat. 3/28 Jesse Sabatka	Sun. 3/29 Chris Tvrdy
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 3/28 Bill Laughridge/Jesse Sabatka	Sun. 3/29 Marvin Wiese/Chris Tvrdy
Servers:	Sat. 3/28 Volunteers	Sun. 3/29 Brayden Pleskac/Landon Pleskac
Ushers:	Sat. 3/28 Don Sabatka/Justin Sabatka	Sun. 3/29 Paul Pleskac/Marion Bartek
Gifts:	Sat. 3/28 Justin Sabatka Family	Sun. 3/29 Charlie Pleskac Family

Stewardship of Treasure: March 15, 2026 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$2,292.50 **PLUS: Southern Nebraska Register:** \$16.00 **Guardian Angel Fund:** \$20.00 **Candles:** \$32.00

Combined Collection: \$590.00 **Easter Flowers:** \$20.00 **Disaster Relief for Colombo:** \$50.00

****Wild Game Feed Dumpling Night**—Please join us Sunday, March 22nd at 2:00pm at St. John’s School for making dumplings. All are welcome!

SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

Please pray for Bradley Moss of St. Joseph, Lincoln, who attends St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

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: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38 Sunday: Procession: Mt 21:1-11
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59 Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14—27:66

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

"Sometimes at the very bottom of paintings of the angel telling Mary that she is to be the Mother of the Savior, the artist paints a small picture of Christ lying in the tomb. This shows us the destiny of the child who begins to lie in Mary's womb at the annunciation. Such paintings remind us that life is a gift which has its own cost. We accept it to share it, and in sharing it generously we discover life's meaning, although not without cost. God becomes man so that each of us can be reborn from God."

~ Francis Cardinal George

ST. VITUS PARISH

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Lector/Reader: Sun. 3/29 Volunteer
Servers: Sun. 3/29 Caleb Osmera/Justin Furasek
Ushers: Sun. 3/29 Nick Bartek/Allen Stanek
Gifts: Sun. 3/29 Bryan Woita Family

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Total: \$1,321.00 **PLUS: Water Lease:** \$20.00

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

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry—Fridays during Lent, 5:00pm-7:30pm, St. Wenceslaus Church Basement, Wahoo. Dine-In or Take-Out Fish, Shrimp, Baked Tilapia, Mac & Cheese. \$16/plate or All-You-Can-Eat for \$21; Kids 10 & Under: \$7; Pre-School: Free. Pop, beer & wine for sale as well.

Behold the Humility of God—Enter more deeply into Holy Week with *Behold the Humility of God*, a weekend retreat led by Fr. Michael Zimmer. Through Scripture, prayer, and reflection on the Passion of Christ, this retreat explores the theology of suffering united to the Cross and offers a prayerful preparation for Holy Week. The retreat begins Friday evening, March 27th and concludes Sunday, March 29th with Mass and lunch, and includes Mass, Confession, Adoration, Stations of the Cross, and silence. Hosted by Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House near Waverly with both in-person and virtual options available. Learn more or register: goodcounselretreat.org or call (402) 786-2705

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.

Easter Monday Pilgrimage—Join Fr. Coulter on Monday, April 6th to Conception and Clyde, MO. Depart from St. Michael in Lincoln at 7:30am, return by 5:30pm. Cost is \$70, includes charter bus and lunch. Sign up: frcoulter.com/EasterMonday or contact office@olgcretreat.org, 402-786-2705.

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.

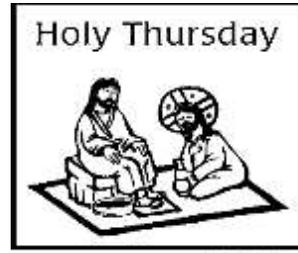
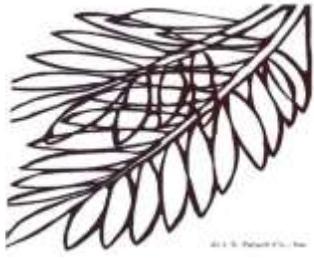
Save the Date ~ St. John Nepomucene PCCW Welcome to the Tropics Salad Buffet—St. John Nepomucene School, Weston. Thursday, April 23rd. Doors open at 5:00pm, serving salads from 6:00pm-7:00pm. Tickets \$12 (no advance sales). Come early to enjoy snacks and a complimentary glass of wine!

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.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

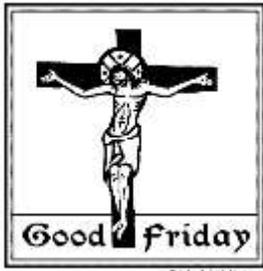
A guy sees an advertisement for a "Talking Centipede" in a pet shop window for \$100. He buys it, takes it home, opens the box, and asks the centipede if he wants to go to a movie. The centipede doesn't answer. Thirty minutes later, he tries again, shouting, "Do you want to go to a movie?" The centipede pokes his head out of the box and says, "Pipe down! I heard you the first time. I'm putting on my shoes!"

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



PALM SUNDAY—March 29TH
SATURDAY EVENING VIGIL: St. John—5:30 pm
SUNDAY: St. Vitus —8:00 am
 St. John—10:00 am

HOLY THURSDAY—APRIL 2ND
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:
 St. John—7:00 pm



GOOD FRIDAY—APRIL 3RD
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 4TH
EASTER VIGIL: St. John—8:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY—APRIL 5TH
EASTER SUNDAY: St. John—8:00 am
 St. Vitus—10:00 am



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HOLY WEEK PENANCE SERVICES

SUNDAY, March 29th:

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, March 31st:

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.