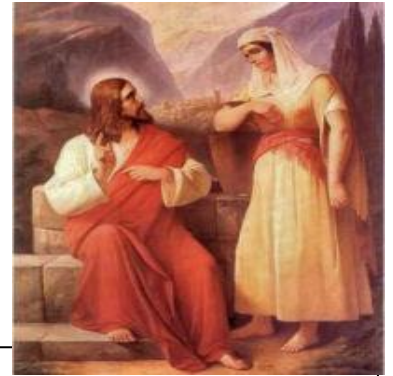


PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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Third Sunday of Lent March 12, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	March 13 th	7:50 am	+ NO MASS
Tuesday	March 14 th	7:50 am	+ Msgr. Ivan Vapp
Wednesday	March 15 th	7:50 am	Liv/Dec PCCW Members
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Lawrence Rezac
Thursday	March 16 th	7:50 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of Eugene & Marie Maly
Friday	March 17 th	7:50 am	+ Terry Jo Maly
Saturday	March 18 th	5:30 pm	+ Bill Spicka
Sunday	March 19 th	8:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo
		10:00 am Touhy	+ Darrell Walla

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

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

Lenten Book Study – Monday's of Lent (except Holy Week) at 6:30pm at St. John's School.

Saunders Catholic Schools Open Forum - Tuesday, March 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Bishop Neumann gymnasium.

St. John's School Job Openings for 2023-24 – Part Time jobs, cook; (the following could be separate or combined); Religion teacher, Resource teacher, Librarian, and After School Club supervisor. Contact School or Fr. Vandewalle.

The Combined Collection envelope is March 19th. An opportunity for almsgiving during Lent. Charities are listed on the envelope for you to specify if and how 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.

St. John's Wild Game Feed – Saturday, March 25. Advanced ticket required. Worker lists (with many of the same or similar assignments) will be distributed in the next week. If you do not receive one, but have worked in the past, or if you have not worked in the past but would like to work, please contact Devin Zitek at 402-641-9339. Thanks for all your work in the past, especially for all those who have done very, very much, and given many, many hours, efforts, and funds, to make it so successful... you are truly wild at heart! Also, for those who have not worked before, both the night, and the work leading up is a great and fulfilling communal effort of which to be part!

Reflection for Third Sunday of Lent – In a visit with one of our local chiropractors and receptionists, the three of us were speaking of a confluence of good spiritual events. The word “confluence” came up because it was just a great word for what we were talking about. I was talking about a number of wonderful spiritual truths I had been taught in the last few years, and how these separate ideas “flowed together”, and then, how a number of the people from whom I'd learned the ideas, were talking about them on a podcast, together! The receptionist spoke with delight of how often she has “confluences,” when she'll be working on some particular spiritual virtue in her life, or matter of faith, and then she sees lots of little signs of the same thing around her, such as an email talking about precisely the same thing! The chiropractor liked this idea also, and knew about the word “confluence” because in his college days he had lived near two rivers that came together in a “confluence,” which is how the word is most literally used, as in, “a flowing together of rivers into one”. In this Sunday's Gospel of Matthew (the primary Gospel during year A), Jesus is waiting at a source of water, a well. It is in the middle of the day, when the sun is hot, when it would be, therefore, an abnormal time to draw water. However, there is a single woman who did come to draw water, likely because she expected no one else to be there, for she was a subject of ridicule in the sight of the other townswomen, because she had had numerous husbands. It makes sense she wanted to avoid this rejection. (Sometimes that may be the case with us as well). However, it was not an accident that Jesus was there. He was waiting for her. This confluence of persons had been planned by God, because He did not want to reject her, but heal her and give her life-giving water for her soul. One spiritual author wrote of Jesus at the well, waiting, not just for the woman, but for us as well: “Jesus, sat at the well, thirsty, and waited for me.” Our Lord waits for you and me. Mother Teresa said, Jesus is “thirsty” for you and me. And, indeed, Jesus has planned many providential happenings, both big and small, for our good, so that there may be a confluence of our life with His life-giving water. Blessed Third Sunday of Lent!

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of March 18-19 2023

Acolyte:	Sat. 3/18 Pat Carroll	Sun. 3/19 Matt Tvrdy
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 3/18 Deb Carroll	Sun. 3/19 Bob Masek
Servers:	Sat. 3/18 Volunteers	Sun. 3/19 Hudson Fortik/Jaden Berggren
Ushers:	Sat. 3/18 Joe Janecek/Rich Cherovsky	Sun. 3/19 Don Sabatka/Jesse Sabatka
Gifts:	Sat. 3/18 Joe Janecek Family	Sun. 3/19 Chuck Lacey Family

Stewardship of Treasure: March 5, 2023 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$2,681.00 **PLUS: Southern Nebraska Register: \$15.00 Combined Collection: \$55.00 Candles: \$33.00**

Guardian Angel Fund: \$265.00 Ash Wednesday: \$35.00 Easter Flowers: \$20.00 Joy of the Gospel: \$89.71

THANK YOU!! Chad Kreikemeier and Erv Opp for replacing all the lights in the Sanctuary and Altar, they are now all LED. Also, thank you to the Men's Club for furnishing all the LED bulbs.

SPIRITUAL CORNER

"May the strength of God pilot us, may the wisdom of God instruct us, may the hand of God protect us, may the word of God direct us. Be always ours this day and forever more." -St. Patrick

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.

SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

This week please pray for Dominic Jasti of St. Thomas Aquinas, Lincoln, who attends St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of March 18-19, 2023

Acolyte: Sun. 3/19 Joe Kouma
Lector/Reader: Sun. 3/19 Jeff Walla
Servers: Sun. 3/19 Cade Grant/Caleb Osmera
Ushers: Sun. 3/19 Nick Bartek/Allen Stanek
Gifts: Sun. 3/19 Ernie Osmera Family

Stewardship of Treasure: March 5, 2023 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$1,189.00 **PLUS: Southern Nebraska Register: \$15.00 Guardian Angel Fund: \$10.00**

SCHOOL NEWS

Spring Break— St. John and Bishop Neumann will resume classes on Tuesday, March 14th.

SCS Open Forum Meeting—Tuesday, March 14th at 7:00pm at Bishop Neumann High School.

St. John's Parent-Teacher Assn. (P.T.A.) meeting is on Wednesday, March 15th, at 6:30 pm in the school.

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

Sts. Mary & Joseph PCCW, Valparaiso—Annual Soup Luncheon, Sunday, March 12th, 11:00am-1:30pm. Serving "All you can eat" Chili and Chicken Noodle & Vegetable Beef Soup, with relishes, a variety sandwiches, cakes, pies & desserts, and drink. FREE WILL DONATION. Come enjoy a great meal and support this organization that does so much in return for our Parish.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Fundraiser~St. Wenceslaus Church, Wahoo—Thursday, March 16th from 5:00-7:30pm dine-in or carry-out. Serving: Corned Beef or Roast, Potatoes, Carrots, Cabbage. FREE WILL DONATION. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Church Cleaning Job Opening—St. James Church, Mead. We are looking for someone to clean the church weekly. Hours to fit your schedule. Estimated cleaning time is 4-5 hours. Hourly wage is negotiable. Please contact Fr. Gross at 402-624-3555.

Retreat for Moms of Young People—Saturday, March 18th at the Good Counsel Retreat house. Fr. Ryan Kaup will be giving a series of talks for moms of younger children. This is a daylong retreat and babies are welcome. For more info and to sign up: <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/ymretreat>

Wanting to go deeper with God this Lent? Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverley has several retreats for you. Join us March 18th with Fr. Ryan Kaup for the "Holiness for Mom's" Day of Reflection; March 27th-30th or April 3rd-6th (Holy Week) 4-Day Ignatian Directed Retreat with Matt Simmons or Fr. Coulter, and "Following the Lord Little by Little (Poco a Poco)" with Fr. Innocent Montgomery, CFR. Register at www.goodcounselretreat.org, email office@goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

Father/Son Program—"In His Image" for boys age 10-14 and their fathers will be held Sunday, March 19th from 1:00pm-4:00pm at John XXIII Diocesan Center and virtually. This program is designed to educate boys on growing up and becoming a man. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$25 per father/son or \$35 per family in person and \$10 virtually. Register at <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/fatherson>. Questions, call NFP at 402-473-0630 or email naturalfamilyplanning@cdolinc.net

Date Night—The Family Life Office invites you to a date night out on Tuesday, March 21st, 6:00pm-9:00pm at UNL Newman Center Rosary Hall with Fr. Ben Holdren discussing the apostolic exhortation "Familiaris Consortio". \$45 for dinner/drinks/apps for two or come for free to the talk and go out to eat on your own (will also be streamed). More info/registration at <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/datenightmar>. Limited free babysitting available!

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.

Easter Pilgrimage to Boys Town & Omaha—Join an Easter Monday Pilgrimage April 10th with Fr. Coulter to visit Boys Town, Omaha Churches and Cathedral. Departs 8:30am St Mary, Ashland. Mass & Prayers during the day, return 5:00pm. \$60 includes lunch, snacks and charter bus. Reservations: www.frcoulter.com/EasterMonday or contact: frcoulter@gmail.com or 402-786-2705.

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.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat—Still feeling unresolved about a prior abortion? Are you the father or grandmother 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. April 28th-30th; for information email helpingrachel@yahoo.com or call Heather at 402-671-3749.

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. Come and speak up! Learn more and sign up at NECatholic.org

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

We had just finished tucking our five kids into bed when three-year-old Billy began to wail. Turns out, he had accidentally swallowed a penny and was sure he was going to die. Desperate to calm him, my husband palmed a penny that he had in his pocket and pretended to pull it from Billy's ear. Billy was delighted. In a flash, he snatched it from my husband's hand, swallowed it, and demanded, "Do it again!"