

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment

**Third Sunday of Lent
 March 8, 2026**



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	March 9 th	7:50 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of Bill & Ginger Laughridge
Tuesday	March 10 th	7:50 am	+ Patsy Sabatka
Wednesday	March 11 th	7:50 am	+ Ed Stuchlik, Jr.
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Larry Woita
Thursday	March 12 th	NO MASS	+
Friday	March 13 th	7:50 am	+ Marcella Meduna
Saturday	March 14 th	5:30 pm	+ Austin Walla
Sunday	March 15 th	8:00 am Weston	+ LeRoy Ohnoutka
		10:00 am Touhy	Miss pro Populo

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Stations of the Cross – Fridays of Lent after daily mass in Weston and at 5:45pm in Touhy.

In this Sunday’s Gospel - Jesus waited at a well. The middle of the day, with the hot sun, was an abnormal time to draw water. A woman came to get water at that time, probably because she wanted to avoid the mean looks or tongues of the other women. It was not an accident that Jesus was there. He was waiting for her. She had been rejected by others, but not by this man. Jesus wanted to heal her heart and give her life-giving water for her soul. One spiritual author said that Jesus waited, not just for the woman “... Jesus waited there ... for me.” Our Lord waits for you and me. He will not reject us as others have. Mother Teresa said, Jesus ‘thirsts’ for you. Our Lord has planned many providential happenings for our good, so that there may be a confluence of our life with His life-giving spiritual water of the Holy Spirit. Blessed Third Sunday of Lent!

2nd Collection Disaster Relief for Colombo – About 3 months ago Sri Lanka was hit by devastating storms and flooding. As the country continues to rebuild, Bishop Conley, given the close connection between our diocese and the Archdiocese of Colombo, asked us to take up a second collection to provide financial assistance to the Archdiocese of Colombo to assist them in making repairs to Church property and to provide material assistance to those who are still struggling to rebuild. Their special connection is that they had at least 2 men attend our seminary, and two priests serve in our diocese and their bishop just committed three more priests to serve for three years in our diocese. **Checks can be made to St. John’s or St. Vitus.** For “**Disaster Relief for Colombo**”. We will send this collection in to the diocese by mid-week.

Deanery Holy Hour for Peace – Pope Leo asked that we pray for peace. Bishop Conley asked each deanery to have a Holy Hour for Peace. Our holy hour is this **Thursday, March 12th, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Wenceslaus.** We will also pray for our service members from the community and local families. We pray especially for Grace, daughter of Tim and Janelle Schulz, from Touhy St. Vitus who was recently deployed. Leading up to this, St. Wenceslaus has a parish mission, to which all are invited, March 9-12th, at 6:30 pm culminating with the Holy Hour for Peace. (see Area News)

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 8th at 2:00am. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour.

Saunders Catholic Schools Open Forum - Tuesday, March 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Bishop Neumann gymnasium.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of March 14-15, 2026

Acolyte:	Sat. 3/14 Paul Virgl	Sun. 3/15 Matt Tvrdy
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 3/14 Ron Walla	Sun. 3/15 Barb Opp
Servers:	Sat. 3/14 Volunteers	Sun. 3/15 Corbyn Zitek/Brooks Lanik
Ushers:	Sat. 3/14 Joe Janecek/Volunteer	Sun. 3/15 Don Sabatka/Justin Sabatka
Gifts:	Sat. 3/14 Joe Janecek Family	Sun. 3/15 Ken Meduna Family

Stewardship of Treasure: March 1, 2026 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$3,205.75 **PLUS: Easter Flowers:** \$170.00 **Guardian Angel Fund:** \$235.00 **Southern Nebraska Register:** \$16.00
Ash Wednesday: \$40.00 **Candles:** \$30.00 **Disaster Relief for Colombo:** \$15.00
Guardian Angel Fund: \$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!

READINGS OF THE WEEK

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

SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

Please pray for Max Summa of St. Vincent de Paul, Seward, 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: South Haven—Lucille Strizek. Please let us know if you would like to be added to this list.

SPIRITUAL CORNER

"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise... He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." ~ 2 Peter 3:9

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of March 14-15, 2026

Acolyte: Sun. 3/15 Zach Kastl
Lector/Reader: Sun. 3/15 Steve Bartek
Servers: Sun. 3/15 Corbyn Kastl/Caleb Kastl
Ushers: Sun. 3/15 Nick Bartek/Allen Stanek
Gifts: Sun. 3/15 Shawn Strizek Family

Stewardship of Treasure: March 1, 2026 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$2,077.00 **PLUS: Children:** \$2.00 **Southern Nebraska Register:** 72.00 **Ash Wednesday:** \$40.00

SCHOOL NEWS

Spring Break—No school at St. John's, March 12th - 16th and Bishop Neumann will have no school, March 13th - 16th.

Script Gift Cards—We are looking to reduce our on-hand gift card inventory and need your help. These cards are worth their full face value, and each sale earns a percentage back from the retailer for our school. It is a simple way to support us while shopping at retailers you already frequent. To place an order, please contact the office or reach out to Kristy at 402-954-8306. Available retailers include: Lands' End (great for school uniforms), LL Bean, Burger King, Pizza Hut, Lowe's, Menards, The Container Store, Casey's, Ace Hardware, Dick's Sporting Goods, Under Armour, Nike, Red Robin, Panera, Panda Express, Family Fare, Cabela's or Bass Pro Shops, Olive Garden/Cheddar's and Walmart/Sam's Club. Thank you for your support.

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.

Sts. Mary & Joseph Catholic Church PCCW – Valparaiso, Soup Dinner—Sunday, March 8th at the church hall. All you can eat "SOUP". Chicken noodle, Chili and Vegetable Beef, sandwich, dessert and drink. Serving from 11:00am-1:30 pm. Come early! "FREE WILL OFFERING". Raffle tickets - \$2.00 each. Prizes: 1st- \$300.00, 2nd - \$200.00, 3rd - \$100.00, 4th and 5th are \$50.00 local certificates. Silent Auction, Cake Walk and Fish pond for the kids.

Parish Mission ~ St. Wenceslaus Church, Wahoo—March 9th-12th with Fr. Zachery of The Mother of God. No registration necessary. For more information, call St. Wenceslaus at 402-443-4235.

WDCCW Meeting—The next meeting of the Wahoo Deanery Council of Catholic Women (WDCCW) will be March 10th at St. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church in Plasi. The Mass will be at 5:30pm and the meeting will start at 6:00pm. We will have a brief meeting, introduce the new officers and enjoy time with other faithful Catholic women from the Saunders County area. The lunch will be provided by the St. Cyril & Methodius Altar Society. All ladies are invited to a night of information sharing and fellowship with others from the Wahoo Deanery. Please plan to join us on March 10th!

Holy Hour for Peace—With all of the turmoil happening in our country and the world, the Bishops of the United States have asked for Catholics around the country to have a Holy Hour for Peace. Bishop Conley is requesting that each county have a combined holy hour. Saunders County will be having the Holy Hour for Peace at St. Wenceslaus in Wahoo on **Thursday, March 12th at 6:30pm**. There will be Eucharistic Adoration, prayers, and opportunity for confession. Please try to come with your family in order to help pray for peace in our world.

Catholic Medical Retreat—March 19th-22nd at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly. Catholic medical professionals are invited to *The Word of the Word: Intimacy with Jesus Through His Gospels*, led by Sr. Mary Diana Dreger, OP. This retreat offers prayer, silence, Mass, Confession and reflection on how faith informs the care of the sick. Learn more or register: goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

Scriptural Parish Retreat with Fr. Gary Coulter, director of Good Counsel Retreat House on Saturday, March 21st, 8:00am-3:00pm, St. Mary, Ashland. A silent day of reflection teaching you to meditate on scripture and encounter God through Ignatian Prayer. \$10 includes lunch. Register at goodcounselretreat.org or contact office@olgcretreat.org or 402-786-2705.

Magnificat has been a lay Catholic Women's Ministry in our Diocese for 30 years! Celebrate with us at our Spring Prayer Meal—Saturday, March 21st, 9:30am-Noon at the new Sacred Heart Parish Center, 3127 T Street, Lincoln. Adults: \$22 and Youth: \$15. We will listen to Rosemary Clements inspiring testimony, her Magnificat, of how the Holy Spirit has guided and encouraged her through events, friends and family. She will share some humor, heart and holiness. Register by **March 13th** at <https://www.osvhub.com/magnificatmorningstarchapter/forms/prayermealmarch21> Text Coordinator Rhonda Litt at 402.525.6396 with questions.

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.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

Sally was saying her bedtime prayers, "Please God, make Naples the capital of Italy. Make Naples the capital of Italy." "Why do you want God to make Naples the capital of Italy?" Sally's mother asked. Sally replied, "Because that is what I put on my geography exam."