

Saint Wenceslaus Catholic Church

501 North Wilson

Wilber, Nebraska

Masses: Saturday 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Confessions: Saturday 5:30-5:45 p.m. Sunday 7:30-7:45 a.m. (Anytime by appointment)

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

511 North Elm

Tobias, Nebraska

Mass: Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Confessions: Sunday 9:30-9:45 a.m.

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Seventh Week of Ordinary Time

February 24, 2019

This week's Mass Schedule & Intentions:

Monday	February	25	7:00 am	+Ann Svoboda
Tuesday	February	26	7:00 am	+Margaret Graff
Wednesday	February	27	7:00 am	Special Intention of Elaine Parde
Thursday	February	28	7:00 am	+Stanley & Evelyn Vales
Friday	March	01	7:00 am	Special Intention of Elaine Parde
Saturday	March	02	6:00 pm	+Partrica M. Cox
Sunday	March	03	8:00 am	+Windi Odvody
			10:00 am (Tobias)	For the Parishioners of St. Joseph & St. Wenceslaus

Liturgical Minister Schedules

ST. WENCESLAUS CHURCH

	Saturday March 2 6:00 p.m.	Sunday March 3 8:00 a.m.	Saturday March 9 6:00 p.m.	Sunday March 10 8:00 a.m.
Acolyte	J. Cox	G. Baumann	G. Chmelir	K. Kiesel
Reader	R. Kozeal	K. Muller	M. Keller	R. Vales
Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Thurifer		T. Morrissey		
Greeters	S & J Thelen	K & B Kreshel	R & P Kozeal	B & J Florian
Organist	J. Vrbka	M. Pryor	M. Pryor	L. Hajek
Cantor	L. Maly	E. Parde		J. Kalkwarf

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

	Sunday February 24 10:00 a.m.	Sunday March 3 10:00 a.m.	Sunday March 10 10:00 a.m.
Reader	G. Baxa	P. Nolte	G. Baxa
Server	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Organist/Cantor	J. Rada	J. Rada	J. Rada
Giftbearers	Volunteers	Volunteers	D. Jess

Offerings for February 17

	St. Wenceslaus	St. Joseph
Adults:	\$1092.00	No Mass
ACH:	\$85.00	
Plate:	\$29.00	
Children:	\$2.47	
TOTALS:	\$1208.47	
SN Register:	\$110.00	

Attached to the bulletin is an envelope (Special Intention) for the collection taken up on Ash Wednesday.

The Pray More Lenten Retreat will be just like an in-person retreat that you can experience at home -- anywhere, anytime. You'll hear from seven speakers, each of them giving a few presentations that will help you be more dedicated to prayer in your everyday life this Lent -- and onward. You'll also receive a transcript of their talks along with reflective study guides for each. You can register for the retreat here: <https://praymoreretreat.org/> All of the materials will be released on Wednesday, March 6th, and we hope they will help you to focus your eyes on the Lord and deepen your prayer life this Lent. For those able a request is made to offer a small donation, but if one is not able they will provide this service FREE. Please consider it as a Lenten means of spiritual growth. Check out the site and registration for yourself!

Thank you to all past and present participants in the Joy of the Gospel Campaign. Your generosity has provided St. Wenceslaus with \$4,262.93 and St. Joseph with \$147.41 for the Rebate Period 16 (Oct – Dec 2018). May God bless you in kind!!!

Mass times for Ash Wednesday March 6: 7:30 AM Tobias and Noon and 7:00 PM Wilber. Area services for Ash Wednesday include 5:30 pm in Milligan, 6:30 am in Fairbury, 5:30 pm in Alexandria and 8:15 am in Crete. Check area bulletins for other times.

Many thanks to all who have helped with snow removal, scooping and cleanup in both parishes from recent storms!!

We need volunteers to help with the monthly community senior luncheon on February 28 (being hosted by St Wenceslaus) at the Wilber Care Center beginning at noon. If you are able and willing please contact Bonnie Kreshel. The meal provided by the Care Center will be Ham Loaf, Sweet Potatoes, Corn, Pineapple rings and a Cookie. The Program will be given by the Saline County Law Enforcement Center on "Today's Scams". All dinners are open to all senior citizens who want to get together for a meal and enjoy some company of friends along with a social program. Meals are \$5.00 and payable on the date. Reservations must be made for each meal by calling Carol Fictum at 402-821-2014 or Karlene Schwisow at 402-821-2271. Reservations are needed 5 days before the monthly luncheon.

Lent will soon be upon us with Ash Wednesday on March 6 to begin our time of spiritual renewal with sights set on Easter. While each person will address their Lenten experience in varying manners, communally as a parish we mark the days in various ways. Music is limited, the decorum made somber with removal of plants and greenery, the Stations of the Cross are offered, the color purple and various reminders of the Passion week appear, statues become covered in the final stages and other actions taken to diminish distractions and help us place our focus on the cross of Jesus, sacrifice and preparation. The

celebration in our parishes during Lent will be Ad Orientam. Please don't wait until Ash Wednesday to begin thinking of ways you or your families can enter the season of Lent to renew the promises of your baptism.

Reporting Child Abuse or Neglect--Nebraska law requires all suspicions of child abuse or neglect to be reported to law enforcement or DHHS (Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-652-1999). **Reporting Misconduct--**Notify the Diocese of Lincoln of any misconduct involving diocesan personnel by calling the misconduct hotline: 1-844-527-0596 (English and Spanish). If any person has any questions, information, or allegations regarding boundary violations or abuse committed by any Diocesan personnel, you may also contact our Victim's assistant Coordinator at 402-613-2488.

Thank you to all who remembered me in prayers, cards, well wishes and the "Daily Mass Choir" on my recent birthday. One year older and better for having new faces among the memories made.—Fr. Rand

A guy spots a sign outside a house that reads "Talking Dog for Sale." Intrigued, he walks in. "So what have you done with your life?" he asks the dog. "I've led a very full life," says the dog. "I lived in the Alps rescuing avalanche victims. Then I served my country in Iraq. And now I spend my days reading to the residents of a retirement home." The guy is flabbergasted. He asks the dog's owner, "Why on Earth would you want to get rid of an incredible dog like that?" The owner says, "Because he's a liar! He never did any of that!"

For those concerned with alcoholism—Are you in a 12-Step Recovery Program and want to relate your recovery to our Catholic Faith? You are invited to join The Calix Society of Lincoln on Saturday, February 24th at Madonna, 5401 South St., in Ryan Memorial Chapel. Mass is at 5:15 pm, followed by refreshments and discussion. Call Larry at 402-419-9058 if you have questions.

St. Gregory the Great Seminary Benefit SAVE THE DATE: On Sunday, April 7, St. Gregory the Great Seminary will hold its first Benefit Banquet to support the seminarians and various projects at the Seminary. The "Table of St. Gregory" is at 5pm with sung Vespers (evening prayer) presided by Bishop Conley, followed by cocktails and Open House, and concluding with a plated dinner at 6:30pm served by the seminarians. For details and reservations, contact 402-643-4052 or events@sggs.edu.

Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament in a chapel or church is not a mere refuge for the devout. Such times of intimacy provide the radiant pulsating centers of an intense divine activity that goes beyond the walls of the place of adoration to penetrate homes, schools and hospitals; to reach even those dark and cold places wherein souls are enslaved to Satan; to penetrate hearts, heal the infirm, and call home those who have wandered far from the Lord. Christ beckons all to be in His Eucharistic Presence and be loved by Him and to offer your love to Him.

During the Lenten season in order to help our Confirmation students prepare for their Confirmation and the Mass with the Bishop which follows on the heels of Easter we will be using at times some of the Latin Mass parts. (Cards are in the pews).

"The holy souls are eager for the prayers of the faithful, which can gain indulgences for them. Their intercession is powerful. Pray unceasingly. We must empty purgatory!" St. Pio of Pietrelcina

"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back." (LUKE 6:35) Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Mercy and compassion will put us on the path to holiness.

From Father's desk

"What else should you do, besides having a lot of faith, if you want to attend Holy Mass well? You should identify yourself with Christ. You should remember the Scriptures and have "the same mind" "that he had on the cross (cf. Phil 2:5). The same mind which means the same purposes. What purposes did Jesus have on the cross? What was he concerned about? We can sum up his ends or purposes as four: to give glory to God the Father; to thank him; to make up for the sins of men; and to ask him for graces for us. If each time you go to Mass, you try to live at least one of these four purposes, you will attend Holy Mass well. The first purpose: adoration--God is our Creator. He is the Lord of the whole world. We depend on him for everything. He is infinite, eternal, all-powerful. His infinite greatness and goodness ought to fill us with amazement and enthusiasm. When people get enthused about God, they want to praise him, they want to adore him. Jesus Christ, with his humanity, gave perfect glory to God the Father from the cross, and he continues to do so from the altar. If you unite yourself to him, you will be offering a perfect sacrifice of adoration and praise. Pay special attention to the Gloria and the Sanctus. The second purpose: to give thanks--God is infinitely good. And all the good things we have, have come from him: life, family, sanctifying grace, faith, the sacraments, the gift of his Mother... And so many other natural and supernatural gifts. It is good to give thanks. The person who is too proud to say "Thank You" is not only ungrateful but is bound to end up being unhappy. Unite yourself to our Lord in the Mass, giving thanks, and you will see how you also become more optimistic as a result, because you will become more and more convinced of the goodness of God. The third purpose: to make up for our sins--Jesus is perfect God and perfect Man. He is all-holy. Therefore he has not and could not have been guilty of any sin. But, as the Holy Scriptures says, he took our sins on himself and made up for them. He did penance for us by dying on the cross. If we want to take part properly in the Holy Mass, we must be sorry for our sins. The person who is not sorry for his sins will never understand or love the Mass, nor will he ever really take part in it. But the person who comes to Mass with real sorrow for his sins, will draw from it great strength to fight against temptations and to realize that, despite his weaknesses, God loves him very much. The penitential act the "I confess" that we all say together at the start of the Mass does not pardon mortal sins. Forgiveness of mortal sins has to be obtained in the sacrament of penance. It is also important to remember that a person who has committed a mortal sin cannot go to communion unless he goes to confession beforehand. But the penitential act, if it is said well, certainly helps to obtain pardon for present venial sins as well as to stir up new sorrow for past sins that have already been forgiven. In this way it helps us to purify ourselves and so to take better part in the Holy Mass. The fourth purpose: petition--Our God is a merciful and a very generous God. He longs to give. He wants to give us what is absolutely the best, what is the greatest gift imaginable: eternal life and all the help we need to make it ours. God wants to give. But he also wants to be asked: "Ask and you shall receive." That is why we ask with a prayer for petition. However, it is wise, when asking, to be able to back up our petition with some proof of special merit on our part. This is where we seem to run into a big difficulty. For when we look at ourselves, we see ourselves so full of defects and so lacking in merits that there seems to be no reason why God should ever heed our petitions. That is why we look to the merits of Christ, and to those of our Lady and the saints. That is why, if we are sensible, we unite our prayer to the prayer of Christ. Christ's prayer is always effective because it is simply impossible that God the Father should not listen to the prayer of his beloved Son. Jesus prayed for us on the cross. He continues praying for us on the altar. When we pray in the Holy Mass, therefore, and unite our prayers to that of Jesus, we can be sure that our requests will be heard by God the Father."---excerpts about the Mass

God bless

