

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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First Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2019

This week's Mass Schedule & Intentions:

Monday	March 11	6:45 am	Siblings of Marty Safford
Tuesday	March 12	7:00 am	+Fr. Brad Zitek
Wednesday	March 13	7:00 am	+Don Barnes
Thursday	March 14	7:00 am	+Kevin Gill
Friday	March 15	7:00 am	Special Intention of Elaine Parde
		5:30 pm (Tobias)	+Kathaleen Staack
Saturday	March 16	6:00 pm	+Mary Lou Vican
Sunday	March 17	8:00 am	+Jerome Florian
		10:00 am (Tobias)	For the Parishioners of St. Joseph & St. Wenceslaus

Liturgical Minister Schedules

ST. WENCESLAUS CHURCH

	Saturday March 16 6:00 p.m.	Sunday March 17 8:00 a.m.	Saturday March 23 6:00 p.m.	Sunday March 24 8:00 a.m.
Acolyte	J. Cox	G. Baumann	G. Chmelir	K. Kiesel
Reader	A. Brozovsky	R. Pryor	R. Vican	L. Baumann
Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Thurifer		T. Morrissey		T. Morrissey
Greeters	D&C Kalkwarf	T & B Watson	K & L Muller	K & B Kreshel
Organist	J. Vrbka	M. Pryor	M. Pryor	L. Hajek
Cantor	R. Kozeal	E. Parde	S. Thelen	L. Maly

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

	Sunday March 10 10:00 a.m.	Sunday March 17 10:00 a.m.	Sunday March 24 10:00 a.m.
Reader	P. Nolte	G. Baxa	P. Nolte
Server	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Organist/Cantor	J. Rada	J. Rada	J. Rada
Giftbearers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers

Offerings from February 24 & March 3

	St. Wenceslaus	St. Joseph
Adults:	\$1762.00	\$1020.00
ACH:	\$535.00	
Plate:	\$34.00	
TOTALS:	\$2331.00	\$1020.00

Thank you to the family and friends of Blanch Wood who donated \$250 in memorial money to the Wilber PCCW and \$265 to St. Wenceslaus Parish. Please keep the repose of the soul of Blanche in your prayers.

Tobias St. Joseph Feast Day Mass (5:00 pm) and Potluck at the Tobias Firehall (6:00 pm) on Tuesday March 19! Please make plans to come and enjoy the fellowship of our parish community. Snow and Ice are not allowed!!!

Wenceslaus PCCW Meeting will be on Tuesday March 12 at 7 PM in the church basement.

Knights of Columbus Meeting will be on Tuesday March 19 at 7 PM in the church basement.

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.

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.

During Lent the Stations of the Cross for St. Wenceslaus Parish will be held on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm starting March 13 and lasting through April 17. (Stations oriented toward young children or older youth will be on March 13, March 27 and April 10 with the remainder geared more for adults). Stations of the Cross for St. Joseph parish will follow immediately after the 5:30 pm Mass on Fridays of Lent.

Megan Vales Benefit Soup Supper Bar at the Wilber legion park Building on Sunday March 24 from 4-6 pm. Free Will Offering. Music by Czechland Trio. Silent Auction ends at 6:30 pm. Donations can be sent to Tri-County Bank PO Box 87 Swanton, NE 68445.

Catholics at the Capitol in Lincoln—Wednesday, March 27--Join fellow Nebraska Catholics for a special advocacy day hosted by the Nebraska Catholic Conference. Learn about the important issues facing the Nebraska Legislature, get trained on talking to your senator, and make your voice heard. Questions? Call 402-477-7517 or email lgarcia@necatholic.org

Lincoln John XXIII Center will host on March 24, 2019, MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING, 37th & Sheridan Blvd. Please join together to pray for healing for yourself, your family, friends, for our Church and our Nation. Sacrament of Confession, beginning 1:15 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 1:30 p.m. Praise and Worship 1:40 p.m. Blessing of salt/water/religious articles immediately before Mass begins at 2:00 p.m. Anointing of the Sick after the homily. Eucharistic Exposition & Healing Prayer after the Mass.

All ladies are invited to mark down on their calendars the Crete Deanery Spring Open to be held at St. Wenceslaus Church in Milligan on Saturday, May 4 with Mass at 9:00 am Meeting and brunch at 9:45 am and speaker on Hope Crisis Center at 10:30 am

Area Women's Ecumenical Breakfast will be April 17, 2019 at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall at 8th and Hawthorne in Crete. Breakfast will begin promptly at 6:30 am and conclude at 7:30 am. To order tickets contact the Bethlehem Church office at 402-826-4359. Tickets \$8.00 Tickets will not be available at the door and serve also as nametags.

Upcoming reminders to mark on your calendars: Mass times will alternate from the beginning of April to the beginning of November. Holy Week line up includes the 5:00 pm Chrism Mass in Lincoln; Holy Thursday Mass at 6:30 pm followed by adoration in Wilber; Good Friday services include Noon Stations, 3 PM Divine Mercy and 6:30 PM Liturgy- all in Wilber; 8:30 PM Saturday Easter Vigil in Wilber and Sunday Easter Masses 8:00 AM in Tobias and 10:00 AM in Wilber. Divine Mercy Holy Hour will be held Sunday April 28 from 2:30-3:30 PM in Wilber.

From Father's desk,

Let us explore more of our the Mass. In the presentation of the gifts, we offer to God bread and wine which represent us. In themselves they are things of little value, but our affection accompanies them. Now think of what is going to happen to these gifts of ours. At the moment of the consecration, God is going to change them into something divine: into himself. From bread and wine they become the body and blood of Jesus Christ, true God and true Man! Up to the moment of the consecration our offering to God has practically no value. From the moment on, it has infinite value! Doesn't this help you see the importance of offering yourself with the bread and the wine so that they represent your day, your life? If you do this you are participating in the Mass, and God will gradually do with your life what he does with the bread and wine. He will gradually turn your ordinary everyday life into something with divine value in his eyes. You have probably noticed how the priest, before he offers the chalice, adds a few drops of water to the wine, the wine that will soon be turned into the blood of our Lord. These drops of water which are dissolved in the wine and therefore also turn into the Blood of Christ represent us and all that we offer to God with Christ. After offering the bread and wine, the priest turns to the people and invites them to pray "so that our sacrifice,"-- he says my sacrifice and yours "may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty," Don't pass over this too lightly: the sacrifice of the Mass is Christ's action, Christ's sacrifice. But it is also the sacrifice of the priest and of the people. It is your sacrifice if you have made it yours, if you have really put some part of yourself into this sacrifice. The Preface introduces the Canon which is the central and most solemn part of the Holy Mass. At the end of the Preface we say the Sanctus: "Holy, holy, holy Lord God..." It is like a song or a shout of enthusiasm. Let us think for a moment what our God is like. He is all powerful (he can do anything). He is infinite Love (he loves us as no one else could ever love us). He is all goodness and truth and greatness (he became Man out of love for us; he died on the cross to redeem us; and then he overcame death by rising again). All of this should fill us with gratitude and joy. And then, like the saints and the angels in heaven, we will grow really enthusiastic about our God, we will want to praise him, and we will repeat the "Holy, holy, holy" with faith and fervor. The most solemn moment of the Holy Mass is the consecration. Up to that moment what is on the altar is bread and wine. From the moment when the priest pronounces the words of the consecration what is on the altar is the body and blood of Jesus Christ. Of the bread and wine nothing remains except the appearances. But, under those appearances, God is really present. All of this is done by the power of God. Jesus Christ is God become Man and he can do anything. He can even change bread and wine into his own body and blood so that it can be our offering and sacrifice: and also, if we are fit to receive him, so that it can be our food. The priest raises the host and the chalice. And we adore. Appearances will not deceive us if we have faith. With the eyes of our body we only see bread. Remembering those words of Saint Thomas, "My Lord and my God", Many people repeat them quietly to themselves at the moment of the elevation. This is the moment of the Mass when we have to be most awake. Our Lord is really present with his humanity and his divinity, offering himself for us on the altar just as he offered himself for us on the cross. We are on Calvary. Christ is offering himself for us. We too should want to be beside him, like our Lady and Saint John who were beside him and kept him company on Calvary. Let us ask them to help us not to get distracted, to be present with faith, to realize what Jesus is doing as he offers himself on the altar for the whole humanity to adore him, to thank him. The Mass is never a private action. Even if very few people or only a single person accompanies the priest, the whole Church is present. "Priests fulfill their chief duty in the mystery of the Eucharistic sacrifice. In it the work of our redemption continues to be carried out. For this reason, priests are strongly urged to celebrate Mass every day, for even if the faithful are unable to be present, it is an act of Christ and the Church." Let us be conscious of this presence of the whole Church which, of course, also includes the angels and the saints. They are present and adoring from the moment of the consecration. If we ask them, they will help us too, to be present in a spirit of reverence and adoration. —excerpts taken from an unknown writer

God Bless

Fr. Rand