

## 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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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 3 2019

### ***This week's Mass Schedule & Intentions:***

Monday	March 04	7:00 am	+John Prochazka Jr.
Tuesday	March 05	7:00 am	+Earl Slauter
<b>Ash Wed</b>	<b>March 06</b>	<b>7:30 am (Tobias)</b>	+Robert Oliver
		<b>Noon</b>	+Sandra Vales
		<b>7:00 PM</b>	CCD Students and Catechists
Thursday	March 07	7:00 am	Special Intention of Elaine Parde
Friday	March 08	7:00 am	+Yvonne Bass
		5:30 PM (Tobias)	+Kathaleen Staack
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 09</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	+Connie Hoover
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 10</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	+Wilomine Kucera
		<b>10:00 am (Tobias)</b>	For the Parishioners of St. Joseph & St. Wenceslaus

### ***Liturgical Minister Schedules***

#### ***ST. WENCESLAUS CHURCH***

	Saturday March 9 6:00 p.m.	Sunday March 10 8:00 a.m.	Saturday March 16 6:00 p.m.	Sunday March 17 8:00 a.m.
<b>Acolyte</b>	G. Chmelir	K. Kiesel	J. Cox	G. Baumann
<b>Reader</b>	M. Keller	R. Vales	A. Brozovsky	R. Pryor
<b>Servers</b>	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
<b>Thurifer</b>				T. Morrissey
<b>Greeters</b>	R & P Kozeal	B & J Florian	D&C Kalkwarf	T & B Watson
<b>Organist</b>	M. Pryor	L. Hajek	J. Vrbka	M. Pryor
<b>Cantor</b>		J. Kalkwarf	R. Kozeal	E. Parde

#### ***ST. JOSEPH CHURCH***

	Sunday March 3 10:00 a.m.	Sunday March 10 10:00 a.m.	Sunday March 17 10:00 a.m.
<b>Reader</b>	P. Nolte	P. Nolte	G. Baxa
<b>Server</b>	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
<b>Organist/Cantor</b>	J. Rada	J. Rada	J. Rada
<b>Giftbearers</b>	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers

#### ***Offerings for February 24***

	St. Wenceslaus	St. Joseph
Adults:		
ACH:	NO	NO
Plate:	DEPOSIT	MASS
Children:	MADE	
<b>TOTALS:</b>		

**LENT REQUIREMENT REMINDER:** Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence and fasting, and all Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Abstinence means “no meat/meat products,” and fasting means “no eating between meals,” and that the meals you DO eat are comprised of the normal three meals, two of which are small meals that do not equal the size of the third. Those who are between 14 and 59 years old are required to follow the rules of abstinence, while those who are 16-59 years old follow the rules of fasting. Those who are sick, outside of these ages, or are pregnant, are not obligated to fast or abstain, although it is encouraged.

**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. [Please note that the Wilber Ash Wed noon Mass is a Mass with no music, etc. to allow those working to come and still have time for some lunch] There is a collection at all Ash Wednesday Masses. Envelopes were attached to last week’s bulletin or can be picked up in Church. Thanks!

**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 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.

**During Lent Mass** will be held Ad Orientam and Mass parts will include the Latin Chant to help prepare our Confirmation class for Mass with the Bishop in May. During Lent music is limited, the decorum made somber with removal of plants and greenery, 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. It will also mean fasting from the weekly humor & jokes in the bulletin.

**Please come spend an hour with me in prayer and adoration—Jesus.**

**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.**

**Our Lady, Undoer of Knots-- Mary, my spiritual Mother to whom God entrusted the undoing of the knots in the lives of his children, please pray for me that the Holy Spirit may visit me with His grace. You never refuse to come to the aid of those in need. You did so at the Annunciation when the world was in dire need for the Incarnation of the Son of God. You did so for Elizabeth, when you rushed to her side to minister to her in her hour of need. You did so when you intervened on behalf of the bride and groom at the Wedding Feast at Cana. Please extend your merciful hands to me. I entrust to you today this knot [mention your request here]. Please loosen me from the entanglements and snares of evil. Free me so that I may love as Christ loves. Bring me closer to your son, Jesus, the Divine Mercy. Mary, Undoer of Knots, I entrust into your hands the ribbon of my life. By your grace and intercessory power given to you by our Lord, take into your hands today this knot and undo it. You who are such sweet consolation from God, help me to live according to your example. Keep me, guide me and protect me. Mary Undoer of Knots, pray for me. Amen.**

**The Pope reflected on the importance of fasting, prayer and almsgiving, saying: “Lent is a sacramental sign of this conversion. It invites Christians to embody the paschal mystery more deeply and concretely in their personal, family and social lives, above all by fasting, prayer and almsgiving.” “Fasting,” he said, refers to “learning to change our attitude towards others and all of creation, turning away from the temptation to “devour” everything to satisfy our voracity and being ready to suffer for love, which can fill the emptiness of our hearts.” “Prayer,” he added, “teaches us to abandon idolatry and the self-sufficiency of our ego, and to acknowledge our need of the Lord and his mercy.” “Almsgiving,” he continued, refers to when “we escape from the insanity of hoarding everything for ourselves in the illusory belief that we can secure a future that does not belong to us.” In this way, he stressed, we can “rediscover the joy of God’s plan for creation and for each of us, which is to love him, our brothers and sisters, and the entire world, and to find in this love our true happiness.”**

**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 as a Lenten means of spiritual growth. Check out the site and registration for yourself!**

**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.**

**A cowboy appeared before St. Peter at the pearly gates. "Have you ever done anything of particular merit?" St. Peter asked. "Well, I can think of one thing," the cowboy offered. "Once, on a trip to the Black Hills of South Dakota, I came upon a gang of bikers, who were threatening a young woman. I directed them to leave her alone, but they wouldn't listen. So, I approached the largest and most heavily tattooed biker and smacked him in his face, kicked his bike over, ripped out his nose ring, and threw it on the ground. I then yelled, 'Now, back off, or I'll really get mad'" St. Peter was impressed. He leafed through the great book he held. "When did this happen?" "Just a couple minutes ago. . . ." [sorry be informed-- no jokes during Lent]**

**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!!!**

From Father’s desk,

I lose count of how many times I have heard the start of conversations begin with “I want”.... Most times the remainder of the sentence is under the influence of an attitude of what another, the parish, the community or nation owes them. It causes me at times to wonder how far the reach then is for the next sentence to become “so I will take from you” and then fill in the rest with what is wanted. And when that becomes backed with power, threats or intimidation of some form how often do they get what they seek. As one reads Scriptures or studies history it isn’t hard to find examples of just that scenario. Ironically it is those who already have-- that more often fall prey more than those in poverty. What defines “having enough”. The upcoming Lenten season is a strong reminder with fasting, prayer and almsgiving to give attention to giving rather than taking, to looking out for the needs of others even over legitimate needs for self and to take up the challenge and witness of living the gospels. Something to consider....

God’s blessings,

Fr. Rand