

Saint Wenceslaus Church

501 North Wilson

Wilber, Nebraska

Masses: Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Confessions: Saturday 3:30-3:45 p.m. Sunday 9:30-9:45 a.m. (Anytime by appointment)

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Saint Joseph Church

511 North Elm

Tobias, Nebraska

Mass: Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Confessions: Sunday 7:30-7:45 a.m.

Easter Sunday

April 12, 2020

This week's Mass Schedule & Intentions:

Monday	April 13	+ David Safford
Tuesday	April 14	+Ann Svoboda
Wednesday	April 15	+Margaret Graff
Thursday	April 16	+Leonard Zeman
Friday	April 17	+Aunts & Uncles of J & M Safford
Saturday	April 18	+Glena E. Hasenohr
Sunday	April 19	For the Parishioners of St Wenceslaus & St Joseph +John & Beulah Bauman

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(Father Rand will offer the above intentions at his private Masses)

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

Offerings from (no deposit this week)

	St. Wenceslaus	St. Joseph
Adults:	\$	\$
Auto deposit	\$585.00	
Plate:	\$	\$
Children:	\$	\$
TOTAL:	\$585.00	\$

Please keep in mind that our bills have not been suspended due to the virus—please if you are able send in your regular tithes by postal mail or leave it on the lector's stand. Thank you to those who have already done so!

The very first Easter was not in a crowded worship space with singing and praising. On the very first Easter the disciples were locked in their house. It was dangerous for them to come out. They were afraid. They wanted to believe the good news they heard from the women, that Jesus had risen. But it seemed too good to be true. They were living in a time of such despair and such fear. If they left their homes their lives and the lives of their loved ones might be at risk. Could a miracle really have happened? Could life really have won out over death? Could this time of terror and fear really be coming to an end? Alone in their homes they dared to believe that hope was possible, that the long night was over and morning had broken, that God's love was the most powerful of all, even though it didn't seem quite real yet. Eventually, they were able to leave their homes, when the fear and danger had subsided, they went around celebrating and spreading the good news that Jesus was risen and love was the most powerful force on the earth. This year, we might get to experience a taste of what that first Easter was like, still in our homes daring to believe that hope is on the horizon. Then, after a while, when it is safe for all people, when it is the most loving choice, we will come out, gathering together, singing and shouting the good news that God brings life even out of death, that love always has the final say! This year we might get the closest taste we have had yet to what that first Easter was like." (thank you to the parishioner who provided this)

Divine Mercy Afternoon Reflection with Fr. John Rooney and Seminarian Choir Sunday Apr. 17, 1-4pm on *The ABC's of Divine Mercy*. At-home live-stream Reflections at 1 and 2 pm, Holy Hour with the Seminaricians at 3pm. Sponsored by Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House - free-will donation - www.goodcounselretreat.com.

Full-Time Maintenance Manager for the Catholic Center, Waverly. Includes overall maintenance and grounds of the Marian Sisters Motherhouse, Good Counsel Retreat House and Villa Marie School. Competitive pay, health insurance. Prior experience in maintenance, facilities, handiwork preferred. See lincolndiocese.org/employment - inquiries and resumes by May 1: 402-786-2705 or Al-Zach@cdolinc.net.

KVSS 102.7 offers the Rosary on weekdays at 6 AM, 10 AM and 10 PM and on weekends 6:30 AM, 3:10 PM and 10 PM. Masses are offered on weekdays at 10:30 AM and Sundays at 7:00 AM [EWTN] and Noon. Divine mercy Chaplet is offered on weekdays at 2:55 PM and Sundays at 3:00 PM.

Online Grief Groups through Tabitha will host Thursdays starting April 16 10-11:30 AM Loss of a Spouse; starting April 30 Noon-1:30 PM Loss of a Parent and starting May 14 6-7:30 pm all types of Loss. Also starting Thursday April 23 from 2-3 PM is Caregiver support group. Anyone can participate but must register to receive needed information. Call Abby at 402-486-8546 or register at Tabitha.org/Hospice/Bereavement

St. Wenceslaus thanks Randy Pryor and Dean Korte for their time and talents in remulching the front and areas around the church!

Those who habitually give will find a way to keep on giving; those who habitually fail to give will keep finding excuses. –from Lessons of Life

Guest speaker and noted Catholic author Dr. Scott Hahn will join the teaching staff of the Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies for a free, two-hour, collaborative webinar on Saturday, April 18, 9:00-11:00 a.m. CST. In a live, conversational format they will engage the topic of how to live by faith in a time of fear, under the webinar title: “Fear not, for I am with you’: God’s Presence in Times of Crisis.” To access the webinar link, please go to the Emmaus website at www.emmausinstitute.net, or simply visit the Emmaus Institute account on Facebook or Youtube at the time of the event.

An old dollar bill and an even older \$20 arrive at a Federal Reserve Bank to be retired. "I've had a pretty good life," the \$20 says. "I've been to Vegas, the finest restaurants in New York, and even on a Caribbean cruise." "You did have an exciting life!" the dollar says. "Where have you been?" the \$20 asks. "Oh, I've been to St Patrick's church, St. Michael's church, and even spent some time with the local church ..." "Wait," the \$20 interrupts. "What's a church?"

Thank you to those who have sent in their pledge to the Charity and Stewardship Appeal and are helping each parish achieve its goal. All past the goal is returned in rebates to the parish.

Please continue to check on your neighbors, fellow parishioners and family and friends of senior years or with impaired health conditions. Offer your time and talents if needed, but be a living connection for them in moments when isolation, loneliness, sadness or depression can invade their lives.

St. Wenceslaus church is available for prayer or Adoration for up to 10 people at a time even though all scheduled Masses are cancelled until further notice, the doors are usually un-locked between 7 AM-6 PM or use the combo lock during the evening or at night. Needless to say if you are sick, or suspect you might be, please stay home. The church is wiped down once a week.

Fr. Rand is available by appointment for confessions, anointing of the sick or counseling, etc... , in either of our churches. (Priests however are not allowed to go to private homes or elsewhere unless there is danger of death and must keep the 6 feet social distance). Contact the rectory at office@stwenceslauswilber.org or by texting/calling his cell phone.

All meetings held at St. Wenceslaus or St. Joseph are canceled through May 15. It appears that public Masses will be suspended through the same period— when we learn of any change we will let you know.

A new and deadly flu strain hit the US early in 1918 and greatly intensified by September. It was part of a global pandemic. How did Nebraskans respond? People called it the Spanish Flu because of its supposed place of origin. Symptoms included high fever, cough, dizziness, and heavy perspiration. Frequently bronchial pneumonia developed, with death following in a high percentage of such cases. This strain of flu was unusual in that it was deadliest to healthy young adults. The virus had been spreading for months, but the growing number of cases was underreported due to wartime censorship. During World War I the United States and many other countries censored bad news so as not to encourage their enemies. Later it was found that the so-called Spanish Flu didn't originate in Spain. It's just that Spain was neutral in the war and didn't censor press reports of the illness. The flu reached Nebraska by October. Red Cloud reported two flu deaths on October 2. Omaha reported its first case the next day. Scottsbluff reported its first cases on the 15th. On October 7 the state ordered the closing of all “schools, churches, places of entertainment or public congregation, pool halls and other places of amusement.” Mail carriers continued on their rounds, but wore white face masks for protection. Quarantine rules were issued for affected homes. All residents of a house who had been in contact with a diseased person had to remain in the house until the quarantine was lifted. Only a doctor or nurse was permitted to enter or leave the house while the quarantine was in effect, though medical professionals were in short supply. Necessary supplies could be brought to the house and left outside the door. Soiled clothes could be sent to the laundry if placed in a package covered with paper. ... In 1918 many Nebraska communities were still relatively new. In some, a lack of “basic services like supportive health care may have led to more deaths in counties lacking infrastructure such as hospitals, as was the case in both Cherry and Scottsbluff counties.” In Lincoln and Omaha, “crowding and travel, as well as non-compliance with the ban on public gatherings, allowed the disease to reach out-of-control proportions. In rural areas, the motivators of community action were different, and non-compliance usually entailed local politicians trying to break quarantine to pursue their campaigns, with residents protesting and sticking to the quarantine.” To the extent that communities used them, measures such as “social distancing” and quarantines seemed to reduce the spread of the virus. ... The statewide ban on public gatherings was lifted on November 1, but the flu continued. An armistice ended World War I on November 11, but victory celebrations were limited in many towns. Valentine, for example, didn't lift its local ban on public gatherings until November 29, and the University of Nebraska did not resume classes until after Thanksgiving. There was almost nothing of a holiday season that year. No Christmas events or entertainments were held, and Nebraska merchants sustained severe losses from the slump in trade during the last six weeks of the year. (taken from History of Nebraska blog)