

Saint Wenceslaus Church

501 North Wilson
Wilber, Nebraska

Masses: Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Confessions: call for appointment, or in the confessional 30 minutes prior to Saturday or Sunday Mass

Pastor: Rev. Robert Barnhill Email: office@stwenceslauswilber.org Mailing Address: P.O. Box 706, Wilber, NE 68465

Website: stwenceslauswilber.org 402-821-2689 (with answering machine)

La iglesia Sagrado Corazon en Crete, ofrecen la misa en español los sábados a las 7:00 de la noche, y los domingos a las 11:30 de las mañana.

Catholic Counseling: Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska immaculateheartcounseling.org /402-489-1834
Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska for rent, utilities, and emergency cash assistance help. 402 327-6211

Saint Joseph Church

511 North Elm
Tobias, Nebraska

Mass: Sunday 10:00 a.m.
Confessions: Sunday 9:30-9:55 a.m.

February 26, 2023

Mass Schedule & Intentions:

NO DAILY MASS UNTIL FRIDAY

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Fr Barnhill gone to Salt Lake City

Friday	March 3	8:00am	+William Kottas	Stations of the Cross & Rosary after Mass
Saturday	March 4 (Wilber)	4:00pm	+Glena E Hasenohr	
Sunday	March 5 (Wilber)	8:00am	For the People of the Parishes	
		(Tobias) 10:00am	+Joseph & Eleanor Baxa	

Mass Times change on April 2nd (Palm Sunday)

READER	Ministry Schedule St. Wenceslaus, Wilber	MUSIC
Feb 25 – 26	R Kozeal	B Vales
Mar 4 – 5	A Brozovsky	K Muller
Mar 11 – 12	MJ Keller	E Campbell
Mar 18 – 19	B Vican	L Baumann

	St Wenceslaus	St Joseph
Offering Feb 19th:		
Envelopes:	\$ 810	\$ 310
Loose Plate	\$ 69	
Register Newspaper	\$ 145	

ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION was for support of the Church in Central & Eastern Europe. Thank you for your contributions: St Wenceslaus: \$243 St. Joseph: \$70

Father Barnhill will be away from the Parishes from Monday, February 27 through Thursday, March 2nd. For pastoral care contact Father Lux in Cortland 308-991-4991 (cell).

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT after Sunday Mass during Lent at St. Wenceslaus, Wilber. Exposition Prayers after Mass. Adorers will stay with the Eucharistic Lord from 9 – 11:30am. Benediction Prayers will be led by Father at 11:30.

CCD classes meet at St. Wenceslaus on March 1, 15, 22 & 29. Stations of the Cross with the youth is Wednesday, March 1, at 7:30pm. *First Penance for students is Wednesday, March 8th, during class time.*

ST WENCESLAUS PCCW YEARBOOK is in the back of church for ladies to pick up their copy.

2023 Officers are: President: Lou Hajek / Vice President: Sharon Brozovsky/ Secretary: Judy Vrbka

Treasurer: Brenda Watson [Commission Chairpersons: Sharon Brozovsky, Eileen Campbell, Kathy Bass]

BOOK CLUB AT ST WENCESLAUS; Holy Moments, by Matthew Kelly Book Club begins on Wednesday, March 8, 6:30pm in the church basement. Extra copies of the book is available in the back of church. Read Part One (pp 13-31) and come join in the discussion. There are four parts of the book to discuss.

CHURCH PROJECTS AT ST WENCESLAUS, WILBER: The three-church swinging bell project is complete. The \$24,475 was paid to Verdin Bell Company of Cincinnati. The workers installed new hardware such as the clapper, clapper springs, pin & headpiece. The larger bell was mounted on two new timbers.

The second project is the signed bid proposal from Tom Nickles Painting to paint the St Wenceslaus church interior. This includes sealing wall cracks, painting of walls & ceiling. The stairwells, sacristy, cry room, confessionals are included. The project cost is \$23,700. Kolache Sales income and PCCW will cover this project cost. Painting begins in April. Tom Nickles will work in stages allowing use of the church for worship. A third project is the replacement of the old fluorescent lights & fixtures in the sanctuary of the church over the altar. New LED lights were installed by Chann Hoover. Also, remote switches now control the outdoor lights on the parking lot. The main switches have been (and remain) in the elevator shaft.

Finally, a leak in the church roof must be repaired prior to painting. The bell workmen noticed the rain coming in during their time in the bell tower. The roof leak is in the bell tower above the choir loft door.

The Parish Council also discussed replacing the church carpet. This project will be no earlier than Year 2024.

Lenten Regulations for the Diocese of Lincoln for 2023

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence. Fasting means eating only one full meal with two smaller meals, which together do not equal the full meal. No snacking or eating between meals is allowed. Fasting obliges all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. Abstinence means eating no meat, and no soup or gravy made from meat. Abstinence obliges all Catholics over the age of 14. Sickness, hard manual labor, pregnancy, etc. automatically excuse a person from these obligations. Nevertheless, it should be pointed out that these are serious obligations. In cases of doubt or question, the priest who hears a person's confession should be consulted.

TOBIAS PARISH NOTES:

- STATIONS OF THE CROSS at St Joseph on Friday, March 3rd, at 4:00pm
- St. Joseph PCCW is now accepting dues of \$20.00. Payable to St. Joseph PCCW. They can be put in the collection basket or given to Sheila Crays, treasurer
- St Joseph donations to the food pantry will be delivered the first week of March. Thank you for your donations which go to Blue Valley Community Action in Geneva.
- First Penance March 5th / First Communion April 23 for Kinslee Wolfe and Emelia Henk
- New Address of Kathryn Molczyk is The Lexington #116, 5550 Pioneer Blvd, Lincoln 68506

Other Parish & Lincoln Diocese News

WEEKEND RETREAT: Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House: Register at www.goodcounselretreat.org, email office@goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED: <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/moms>

SACRED HEART PARISH, CRETE is hosting the "*Eucharistic Miracles of the World*" exhibit from March 1 to March 7. This exhibit is a traveling display sponsored by *Spirit Catholic Radio*. The brothers from the Knights of the Holy Eucharist will offer a session surrounding the Eucharistic Miracles on Sunday, March 5th at 3:00pm.

LENT HEALING: Life-Giving Wounds, a Catholic apostolate dedicated to the spiritual healing of adult children of divorce or separation, will host a seven-week online support group this Lent. Taking place over seven evenings, from March 2 to April 12, the support group will include presentations and guided small group discussions on topics relevant to adult children of divorce, including setting goals for healing, overcoming shame, dealing with financial anxiety, and more. Cost: \$174 early-bird, \$94 college students/consecrated. (After February 15, \$199 regular, \$119 college students/consecrated.) Scholarships available! More information and registration here: <https://www.lifegivingwounds.org/lentsupportgroup>.

MAGNIFICAT PRAYER MEAL—Saturday March 11, 9:30 a.m. at Hillcrest Country Club, 9401 East O Street, Lincoln, with guest speaker Marian Sister Gabriel Perry. Growing up in Las Vegas, Sister did not believe in God or practice any faith but had a wonderful childhood. Things would soon change when she moved to Lincoln for college at UNL. Come hear this powerful testimony from being Agnostic, called by Christ to join His Church, and then to be His Bride as a Marian Sister. Come Glorify the Lord with us! Register by mailing your \$30 check payable to *Magnificat c/o Tina Colgan*, 521 N 56 ST, Lincoln, NE 68504. (students \$15) Deadline is March 3. For more information text or call Rhonda Litt at 402.525.6396.

FATHER/SON PROGRAM "In His Image" for boys age 10-14 and their fathers will be held Sunday, March 19th, from 1-4 p.m. at John XXIII Diocesan Center and virtually. This program is designed to educate boys on growing up and becoming a man. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$25 per father/son or \$35 per family in person and \$10 virtually. To register, visit <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/fatherson>. Questions, please call the NFP Offices 402-473-0630 or email naturalfamilyplanning@cdolinc.net

MARRIED COUPLES: Marriage Encounter Experience April 21--23 in Lincoln. Call right-away so we may prepare for you. Contact couple is Gary & Brenda Granger at 303--604--6202.

RICE BOWL: Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through CRS Rice Bowl, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all. crs.org/ricebowl

RACHEL'S VINEYARD: The program is an opportunity to examine your abortion experience, identify the ways that the loss has impacted you in the past and present, and helps to acknowledge any unresolved feelings that many individuals struggle with after abortion. Married couples, mothers, fathers, grandparents and siblings of aborted children, as well as persons who have been involved in the abortion industry have come to Rachel's Vineyard in search of peace and inner healing. The weekend is a lot of work but yields a fruitful harvest. The next retreat will be directed by Fr Jonathan Haschke on April 28-30, in Kansas City. For more information, go to www.Rachelsvineyard.org

PRO LIFE: The Heartbeat Act has passed the first major hurdle! On Wednesday, February 22nd, the Health & Human Services Committee voted to advance LB626, the Nebraska Heartbeat Act, to the floor for debate. This legislation would protect preborn life once a heartbeat is present, and would save 2,000 preborn lives each year in Nebraska! Please send a personalized message to the Health & Human Services Committee asking for their support of LB626. Help us drive home the message that the heartbeat is a universal sign of life by sharing your [heartbeat story](#). Do you remember hearing your child's heartbeat at a prenatal checkup, or seeing the heartbeat monitor of a loved one in the hospital? Share your heartbeat story with your State Senator, and show them why this bill is important to you. Tell your Senator to support LB626.