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CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mass Times: Saturday 5:00pm,
 Sunday 10:00am, Weekdays & Holy
 Days as posted in bulletin
 Confession: Saturdays 4:00pm-
 4:35pm, Sundays 9:00am-9:35am
 Offered any time by appointment.
 Half hour before Friday Masses
 for 15 minutes

Baptism
 Contact priest to set up
 appointment.

Matrimony
 Contact priest first before date is
 set and at least 6 months prior.
 Classes and retreat required.
 Anointing of the Sick
 Contact priest or parish office.

Education: CCD, Sundays 11:30am-
 12:30pm. Rite of Christian Initiation
 of Adults (R.C.I.A), contact office
 or pastor for more information.

Office Hours: Mondays-Tuesdays,
 8:30am-1:30pm. Wednesdays
 3:00pm-6:30pm

*All bulletin news due at noon the
 Wednesday before the Sunday it is
 to appear. Email rectory-
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March 19, 2023: 4th Sunday of Lent

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Monday 3/20	8:00 am	+Doug & Mary Spindler
Tuesday 3/21	8:00 am	Jim Safford
Wednesday 3/22	(Stations at 5:30pm) Mass 6:00 pm	+Orlin Neels
Thursday 3/23	8:00 am	+Renate Nordquist
Friday 3/24	8:00 am	Names in book of Blessings/Memories
Saturday 3/25	5:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 3/26	10:00 am	+Maxine Perlinger

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS March 25-26, 2023 (5th Sunday of Lent)

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector	Loren Baxa	Justin Pieper
Acolyte	Ed Rieker	Danny Gifford
Server	William Krondak	Jacob Birulkin
	Nicholas Krondak	Johnathan Birulkin
Music	Volunteer Needed	Greg Vandenberg
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	Steve & Janet Fear	Duane & Heather Johnsen

Stewardship: March 12, 2023: Adult Envelopes- \$2,901

Reflection to prepare for Holy Week---Palm

Sunday: Jesus entered Jerusalem upon a donkey, with the crowds waving palms to honor Him proclaiming: "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" (Matthew 21:9b). This took place, of course, to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Zechariah: "Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass" (Matthew 21:5 quoting Zechariah 9:9). When Jesus drew near and saw the city of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives He wept over it: "Would that even today you knew the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. For the days shall come upon you, when your enemies will cast up a bank about you and surround you, and hem you in on every side, and dash you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave one stone upon another in you; because you did not know the time of your visitation" (Luke 19:42-44). On this day, we receive palms as a symbol of our loyalty to the Lord Jesus and of our willingness to do Him homage. Throughout the day He is given a welcome fit for a king, in just a few short days this golden crown of earthly acclaim will be exchanged for a crown of thorns. Monday of Holy Week: After spending the night in Bethany Jesus sets out for Jerusalem early in the morning. The Gospel tells us He was hungry, and from this we can surmise Jesus was fasting; we all should be fasting during these final days of Lent. On account of His hunger the Lord approaches a fig tree on His way to the city. The tree bears only leaves but no fruit, and Jesus proceeds to curse it. The fig tree represents the spiritual deadness of Israel, who while very religious outwardly with all the sacrifices and ceremonies, was spiritually barren because of sin and the obstinate rejection of the Messiah during the course of His earthly ministry among them. By cursing the fig tree, causing it to wither and die, Jesus was pronouncing His coming judgment. The Old Testament is now passing over to the New Covenant. Tuesday of Holy Week: After spending the night again in Bethany, Jesus and His disciples return to Jerusalem in the morning. On their way, they saw the same fig tree Jesus cursed the day prior, withered from the roots. Jesus enters the Temple courts and teaches. He is questioned by the priests and scribes and debates them openly; they have already rejected Him in their hearts. "Beware of the scribes, who like to go about in long robes, and love salutations in the market places and the best seats in the synagogues and the places of

honor at feasts, who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation" (Luke 20:46-47). Jesus leaves the Temple and goes to the Mount of Olives and offers a discourse of teaching to His disciples on the destruction of Jerusalem and His Second Coming. Spy Wednesday: In the morning at Bethany, Jesus is anointed by a woman with pure nard, an expensive perfume. Judas objects to what he deems as wasteful spending of money that would have been better utilized in support of the poor. Judas said this not because he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief and wanted to keep the money for himself. Jesus rebukes him along with the other disciples who object: "The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me" (John 12:8). Spies had already been lurking around the Temple questioning people about Jesus' whereabouts after He finished his preaching each day earlier in the week. So far, they had gained little information for the priests plotting against the Lord. The chief priests meet this day in one of the rooms adjoining the Temple, for the purpose of deliberating on the best means of putting Jesus to death. Just at the close of their deliberations, they are told that one of Jesus' disciples seeks admission. It is Judas, who left the Lord's company back in Bethany. They admit him, and he says to them: "What will you give me if I deliver Him to you?" (Matthew 26:15). They are delighted at this proposition and offer him thirty pieces of silver; the outrageous deal is made. To testify to her detestation at this betrayal and to make atonement to the Son of God for the outrage committed against Him, the Church from the earliest ages has consecrated Wednesday to acts of penance. In our own times, the fast of Lent begins on a Wednesday. The Easter Triduum: The celebration of the Easter Triduum marks the end of Lent. Although the Easter Triduum is three days chronologically, it is a single liturgical day that unfolds the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery. It includes the three most important liturgical celebrations of the year: the Mass of the Lord's Supper on the evening of Holy Thursday, the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday at three o'clock in the afternoon, and finally, the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord beginning at the Easter Vigil after sunset on Holy Saturday. Holy Thursday: On the morning of Holy Thursday (in some dioceses it may be another date set by the Bishop before the Triduum), the bishop and the priests of the diocese gather at the cathedral to celebrate the Chrism Mass. This Mass emphasizes the unity of the priests with their

bishop. At this Mass, the bishop consecrates three oils—the oil of catechumens (oleum catechumenorum or oleum sanctum), the oil of the infirm (oleum infirmorum) and sacred chrism (sacrum chrisma)—which will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the diocese for the year. In *Cena Domini*, “At the Lord’s Supper,” is the name by which this day is known. The title, accordingly, points out the principal event commemorated: the institution of the blessed Eucharist at the Last Supper (Parsch, 318). Immediately after, Jesus consecrates the bread and wine into His body and blood, and He institutes the priesthood by saying: “Do this in remembrance of me” (Luke 22:19b). On this sacred evening only one Mass may be offered in a given church and the Mass stands as a repetition of the Last Supper. It may begin with the reception of the Holy Oils blessed at the Chrism Mass. The celebrant has the option to imitate Christ’s act of divine humility showing how His commandment of love must be fulfilled by serving others in the washing of the feet. After Mass, the blessed Sacrament is processed to the repository for adoration which is symbolic of the Garden of Gethsemane. Just before our Lord’s arrest, can we stay awake and be one hour with Him in prayer unlike His apostles? Good Friday: Christendom’s great day of mourning. Today, the Church’s liturgy speaks loudly the language of sign and symbol. The altar is stripped bare. Priests lie prostrate at the altar steps. The service is not a Mass, but a liturgy commemorating our Lord’s crucifixion and death through readings, solemn prayers for various intentions, the veneration of the Cross, and holy Communion. Today the true paschal Lamb, Jesus the Christ, is slain. It was no accident that Jesus offered Himself in sacrifice at the very time of the Jewish Passover. At twelve noon He is nailed to the Cross and Stations of the Cross are often offered in parishes and at three o’clock, when paschal lambs were being sacrificed in the Temple, He breathed His last, which many parishes celebrate with the Divine Mercy devotion. Holy Saturday: A day as sacred as the day of the Lord’s rest; it has been called the “Second Sabbath” after creation. The day is and should be the most calm and quiet day of the entire Church year. Christ rests in the sleep of death within the sealed tomb. His soul descends into “hell” that is, the “limbo of the just,” where the souls of all the holy men who had died before Him had to wait until the Lord’s victory on the Cross reopened heaven to mankind which had been closed by the sin of Adam. Christ liberates the souls of the just and leads them at last, to eternal

blessedness. In the evening, the “mother of all vigils” takes place as St Augustine called it. The Easter Vigil is the greatest and most noble of all masses. On this holy night, the Church keeps watch, celebrating the resurrection of Christ in the sacraments and awaiting His return in glory. It is the turning point of the Triduum, the Passover of the new covenant, which marks Christ’s passage from death to life. Therefore, the Easter Vigil does not correspond to the usual Saturday evening Mass and its character is unique in the cycle of the liturgical year. Especially unique to this Mass is the service of light and the baptism of the catechumens. Easter Sunday: The Christian heart rejoices in Christ’s resurrection at Sunday Mass. “...he has risen, as he said...” (Matthew 28:6b), alleluia! Today, Easter, the incarnate Son of God has finished His redemptive work. He has conquered sin and its ultimate consequence of death. The sins of the world which put Him on the Cross could not bind Him. He is victorious and the merits of His victory are applied to all His followers which He can now claim as His own. Mankind has been redeemed. --
excerpts and modified from Fr Sean Connelly

The Daughters of Charity April meeting will be on the 16th after Mass in the Parish Hall. There will be no meeting in May. Graduation Mass and the reception will be held on April 30.

The Good Friday Collection serves as a means to support our Christian family in the Holy Land who are under persecution. They now form less than 2 percent of the population and our efforts help them preserve the sacred shrines of our faith, as well as help them in their vulnerability and desperate needs. Let us be in solidarity with the faithful of the land that Jesus walked.

Burritos are available from our Knights of Columbus at \$15 for half dozen, \$30 for a dozen and \$2 dozen at \$50. Please contact a Knight or the office to arrange your purchase. All funds raised support the works of the Knights.

Broken blessed objects of any nature (rosaries, statues, books, crucifixes, etc.) and old palms can be brought up to Palm Sunday and placed by the office door for proper disposal. Blessed objects are never to be thrown away in a mundane fashion but are to be burned or buried.

Marriage Encounter: The next Marriage Encounter is April 21-23 in Lincoln. For more info or to register, visit our website at: www.wvme.org, or contact Gary & Brenda Granger, 303-604-6202.

The Fatima seer St. Jacinta spoke this challenging truth: “If men only knew what eternity is, how they would make all possible efforts to amend their lives.” With this in mind, let us explore the special grace God gives us in the sacrament of Confession to help us on that journey of sanctification.

Life is Hard. Help is just a phone call away. Need to talk to someone that you can trust? Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska’s Immaculate Heart of Mary Counseling Center, 402-489-1834

Creighton Model FertilityCare System Creighton Model is a women's health science that allows users to learn more about their fertility and in conjunction with NaProTECHNOLOGY treat any underlying reproductive conditions. Introductory sessions are available in person or online. Private instruction is encouraged for all interested in learning more. For more information, visit LincolnDiocese.org/NFP/Fertility-Care-Center or call 402-473-0630 or contact Kealey-butler@cdolinc.net

When considering/requesting another priest to be the main celebrant of any baptism, marriage, funeral, sacrament, or devotion in a parish in the diocese of Lincoln, approval must be given prior to the event by the Pastor. The said priest (and deacon) must present a letter of good standing (if not active in our Diocese) from his respective bishop to our Bishop/Chancery and the pastor. When possible, arrangements should be made far enough in advance to thwart any complications.

Rachel's Vineyard, Healing After Abortion. 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 it 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 (of our Diocese) April 28-30 in Kansas City. For more info, visit: www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Camp Kateri: Summer Camp Registration is now open for SKY Camp (current grades 4th-8th), Catholic Adventure Camp (grades 3rd-5th) and the Tekakwitha Games (grades 4th-8th). For more

information or to register for camp, go to www.campkateri.org.

Camp Kateri Volunteers: Camp Kateri is now accepting applications for volunteer high school counselors (grades 9th-12th) for SKY, Catholic Adventure Camp and the Tekakwitha Games. For more information, or to download an application, please go to www.campkateri.org.

Meal Train: Justin & Hanna Pieper welcomed a sweet baby girl into their family! Please sign up to help with meals using this link or call Ashley at 402-202-9214. <https://mealtrain.com/v55dd6>

St. Pat's School News: Student of the Month: Sutton Tickle has been selected as the “Student of the Month” for March. The student is selected by teachers and Student Council members at St. Pat's School. Sutton, a freshman, is the son of Karen Tickle and the late Troy Tickle of North Platte. His school activities include football, basketball, track, A Honor Roll, Circle of Friends, S.A.I.N.T.S., Melodium, StuCo, and SkillsUSA. Sutton and Karen are members of St. Pat's Catholic Church in North Platte, where he volunteers for church events.

Upcoming Events: Mar. 21 SPVA Music JV Track @ Lexington Friday, Mar. 24 Golf @ NPHS Saturday, Mar. 25 Track @ Hershey, Enrollment is OPEN for all grade levels! Take the time to see what we have to offer. Tours can be given throughout the year. Contact Gwen Covey—308-532-1874. **For the 2nd year in a row**, we brought home a trophy from the boys’ state basketball tournament that holds a lot of pride. North Platte Catholic Schools won the Class D1-2023 State Boys Basketball Tournament Sportsmanship Award! We are so proud of our team, coaches, students and all of our Irish fans for representing our school with dignity and kindness!

Eucharistic Revival Night, led by the Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln, will be Monday, March 27 from 6:00pm-8:00pm in our parish. There will be Adoration, opportunities for Confessions, Reflections from the Sisters, and Prayer Teams to pray over individuals presenting themselves. This is an opportunity to deepen your love for our Eucharistic Lord with the Marian Sisters. A potluck meal will precede the Revival, beginning at 5:00pm. All attending are asked to bring a main dish and a side dish or a dessert.

Prayer Intentions: Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for three weeks. ☩= repose of soul.
☩Mary Ann Zach ☩Mary Agnes Patterson