

WELCOMING CHRIST

2019 STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL



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CATHOLIC CHURCH | SEWARD, NEBRASKA



A Stewardship Prayer

*Jesus, teach us to pray. Help us to manage our time
so that we can spend it with You.*

*Holy Spirit, fill us with your gifts.
May we offer ourselves in sacrifice for all in need.*

*Father, give us generous hearts.
Help us to manage our finances and to give You priority.
As your faithful disciples, we ask this for ourselves and people
everywhere, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

HOSPITALITY

Welcoming Christ



Hospitality – being friendly and welcoming—is one of the foremost hallmarks of a stewardship parish. One of the simplest ways that we can show others the love of God is by helping them feel wanted, valuable and welcome. At Saint Vincent de Paul, we want our members to feel like they belong to a friendly community, so that they can become engaged in the life of the Church. In keeping with this goal, our theme for this year’s Stewardship Renewal is “Welcoming Christ.”

As Scripture tells us in the Gospel of Matthew, when we help or serve others who are less fortunate than us, we are loving Christ Himself. When we take an extra moment to smile at someone, or bring them dinner during a rough time, we are telling that person that they are “good,” and that we love and appreciate them as fellow children of God.

This year, during our Stewardship Renewal, take a minute to reexamine yourself. Do you spend time in daily prayer? Can you make a concrete effort to help another person – be it a longtime friend or a new parishioner – feel wanted and appreciated? Will you give of your finances, one of your most valuable commodities, so that God can bless you and others?



STEWARDSHIP OF TIME

Spending Time With God In Prayer



We, as a community of faith, must remember that we cannot give what we do not have. In order for us to welcome others into the life of the Church, we first need to make sure that our spiritual lives are properly in order. To become a more prayerful person, take inventory of how you spend the 168 hours in the week. Are you taking time to talk to God in prayer, to speak with Him as you would a friend? Are you seeking His truth through reading the Scriptures? Will you make Him first on your priority list so that you are able to give to others from the graces He has given you?

COMMUNITY PRAYER

The Mass is the highest prayer of the Church, and should also be the high point of our week. Consider making it your top priority to never miss a Sunday liturgy.

PERSONAL PRAYER

Each person needs to spend time with God one-on-one. A daily heart-to-heart conversation with Christ is the key to personal spiritual growth. Pope Francis encourages Catholics to spend 10 minutes each day in prayerful reflection. In addition, resources for prayer can be found at uscgb.org/bible/readings or on Catholic phone and tablet apps, such as iBreviary, Magnificat or Divine Office.

FAMILY PRAYER

“The family that prays together stays together.” Choose times each day to pray with your spouse and children: bedtime prayers, a Scripture verse at mealtimes, or a decade of the Rosary on the way to school or work.



STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT

Serving In Ministry



Following the example Christ set for us, we strive to offer ourselves in service to others. Every day, we have the choice to serve or to sit back; to get involved or be self-involved. This year, is God calling you to do more for others through service? As the pages of this book attest, there are dozens of opportunities throughout the year to serve others, educate our children, reach out to the needy, and much more. Your participation is welcome. Let's work together to build a welcoming community as we serve God and one another.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our children learn about God and prepare for the sacraments, thanks to the hard work of our Religious Education catechists. Will you use your gifts to help our young people grow in their relationship with Christ?

PARISH LIFE

Our parish has a lot of ministries and means by which you can serve others, from ushering to cooking to community outreach. What means of service inspire you the most? Where is your conscience stirring, inviting you to get involved in our parish ministries to serve God and His people?



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Generous Financial Support



Christian discipleship requires that we put Christ first in every aspect of our lives, including our finances. Are you grateful to God that you are employed? Do you recognize the blessings the Lord has bestowed on you financially? How will you commit to giving back to the Lord a portion of your income? As you discern the amount of your gift, remember that God calls us to give from our “first fruits,” not from our leftovers. Ask for the grace to put God first in your finances.

At Saint Vincent de Paul, we give to God according to the scriptural “tithe”, which literally means 10% of one’s harvest or income. Each family is encouraged to break up the tithe as follows:

5% to God through the parish offertory

1% to the diocese

4% to other charitable causes

If you’re unable to give the full biblical tithe right now, assess what percentage you can give, and then move up by 1% or 2% increments each year until you can reach the full 10%.



CHALLENGE YOURSELF



If you know you should increase your level of giving, but find it difficult to do so, challenge yourself: “How much do I spend every month on entertainment and eating out? Does my spending reflect the priority of God in my life?”

“Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously, according to your means. For he is a God who always repays and will give back to you sevenfold.”

– Sirach 35: 12-13

GIVING A PERCENTAGE

Why should we determine the amount of our gift based on a percentage of income?

We give the tithe (which means 10% of one’s harvest or income) because it is a Scriptural benchmark that has been honored since the early Church (see Malachi 3:10).

RETURNING YOUR COMMITMENT CARD

All members of our parish are asked to complete a stewardship Commitment Card. If you’re already praying, involved in parish ministries and tithing, we still invite you to participate in our Stewardship Renewal through filling out a Commitment Card. Make the choice today to be faithful to your word and to what God is calling you to this year.

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SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH
2019 Commitment Card
My Offering of Time, Talent & Treasure

First & Last Name

Phone

Email

Spouse: *First & Last Name*

Spouse: Phone

Spouse: Email

Address

City State ZIP

Please bring this card to Mass on **October 12 or 13**, mail using the envelope provided or fill it out online at www.stvincentseward.org. Thanks, and God bless you!

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL 2019 MINISTRY CATALOG

ACCOMPANISTS AND MUSICIANS

Accompanists and Musicians accompany vocalists on organ, piano, guitar, or other instruments during Mass or other special liturgies.

Contact: Beth Peery, 402-641-3725,
kp45712@windstream.net

ACOLYTES

The Acolyte Ministry assists the priest by distributing Communion and preparing for all Liturgical celebrations.

Contacts: Gloria Schneider, 402-643-3421,
gloria-schneider@cdolinc.net;
Msgr. Robert Tucker, 402-643-3421,
msgr.robert-tucker@cdolinc.net

ALTAR SERVERS

Altar Servers offers boys 10 and older the chance to get closer to the Lord by assisting the priest at our liturgical celebrations. Boys who have received First Holy Communion can participate in this ministry.

Contacts: Gloria Schneider, 402-643-3421,
gloria-schneider@cdolinc.net;
Paul Hughes, 402-440-6926, pallhues@icloud.com;
Terry Wehrs, 402-641-4657, twehrs1958@hotmail.com

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

To help parents and families of children understand the meaning and impact of baptism in the Christian life by giving parents a greater awareness of their duties as spiritual guardians of their children. For those seeking to have a child baptized, if it is their first child, will need to make an appointment for an instruction class.

Contacts: Msgr. Tucker, 402-643-3421,
msgr.robert-tucker@cdolinc.net;
Fr. Allan Phan, 402-643-3421,
fr.allan-phan@cdolinc.net



BIBLE STUDY

Participants discover the beauty of Scripture and grow into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and others.

Contacts: Fr. Allan Phan, 402-643-3421,
fr.allan-phan@cdolinc.net;
Msgr. Robert Tucker, 402-643-3421,
msgr.robert-tucker@cdolinc.net

CANTORS

Cantors are the leaders of sung prayer for the assembly at worship. Through their leadership, they foster a greater sense of full, conscious and active participation.

Contact: Beth Peery, 402-641-3725,
kp45712@windstream.net

CCD CATECHISTS (GRADES 1-8)

CCD classes are open to all parish students in Grades 1-8. Classes meet each Wednesday evening, during the school year, from 7-8:15 p.m. Students in Grade 2 are instructed to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist. Students in Grade 5 are instructed to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Catechists follow a diocesan approved curriculum in planning and teaching the Catholic Faith.

Contact: Carmen Brown, 402-643-3521,
carmenbrowndre@gmail.com

CONFIRMATION RECEPTION

A reception in the social hall will be held for the Bishop, clergy, confirmands and their families following the Confirmation liturgy. The chairwomen will ask the designated circle or circles for a designated amount of money so cookies, cake or cupcakes can be ordered. Four or five ladies will be needed to set up, serve, and clean up.

Contacts: PCCW President, Linda Wentink, 402-641-5997, lindawentink@gmail.com;
Sandy Shaw, 402-643-0681, sandy_shaw66@hotmail.com

CONNECTEDNESS COMMITTEE

The Connectedness Committee will welcome all parishioners so that they will feel like they are part of a family. Also, ensures plans are in place to capitalize on the talents of current and new parishioners and that conversations take place to invite parishioners to appropriate committees and activities.

Contact: Tina Schaben, 402-641-8093, pjschaben@windstream.net

DECORATING COMMITTEE

The decorating committee helps to plan the environment in the church for the major holidays and seasons throughout the year, meeting on an as-needed basis.

Contact: Annette Stevens, 402-588-2233, thestevens@windstream.net

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

Engaged Encounter weekends are available to any engaged couple who would like a weekend of sharing and dialogue with one another to enhance their marriage preparation in the Lord. Couples interested in making a weekend, or those who would like to help with the Engaged Encounter Program, are invited to go to www.lincolndiocese.org/ministries.

Contact: Msgr. Tucker, 402-643-3421, msgr.robert-tucker@cdolinc.net

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE HOMEBOUND AND NURSING HOMES

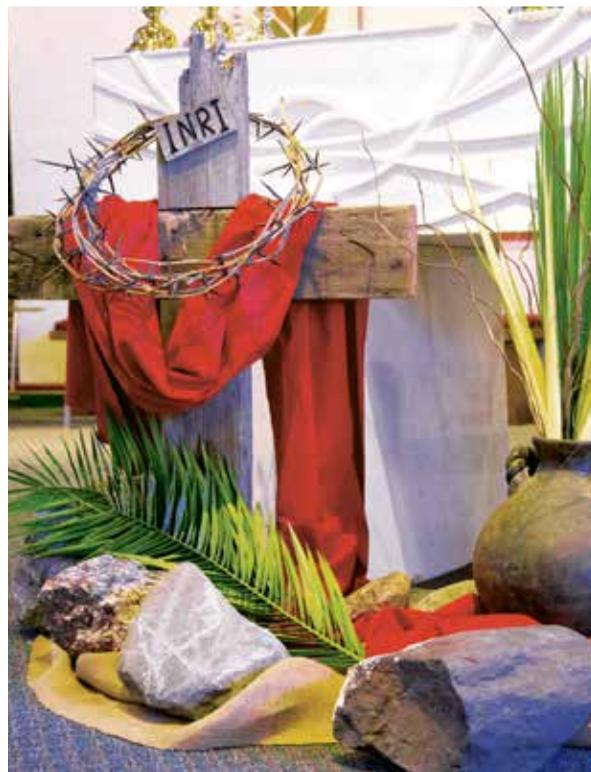
Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound and Nursing Homes serve our parish by bringing communion to those who can no longer attend Mass because of sickness or old age. As members of the early Church carried the Eucharist to each other, these ministers continue the tradition of physically transporting the Body of Christ to members of our faith community.

Contact: Gloria Schneider, 402-643-3421, gloria-schneider@cdolinc.net

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is a form of prayer that brings us into the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Our Lord offers us special graces as we spend quiet time with him.

Contact: Tania Breiner, 402-643-5401, rolfsmeyert@gmail.com



FACILITIES COMMITTEE

This ministry will help with the upkeep of the church building as well as planning for future projects.

Contact: Lyle Hamling, 402-450-2378,
hiddenacre@windstream.net

FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Finance and Development Committee meets quarterly to review the financial stability of the parish and assist the pastor in making financial decisions for the future work of the parish.

Contacts: Bruce Faimon, 402-643-6480,
bdfaimon@windstream.net;
Ryne Seaman, 402-643-2121, rseaman@neb.rr.com

FUNERAL DINNER

As a service to the family who is grieving, our parish provides salads, desserts and workers for a luncheon immediately following the funeral service. Often these luncheons can be quite large, so many volunteers are needed to prepare and serve the meal.

Contact: Judy Vandenberg, 402-643-4117,
jvtlims@hotmail.com

GODPARENT PROGRAM (HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED.)

The Godparent Program is the religious education program for teens in Grades 9-12. It emphasizes spiritual growth and the development of a community within the Catholic faith. A diocesan-approved curriculum is used, which includes prayer, scripture and Catholic Doctrine. The format allows for discussion of topics and events pertinent to the lives of teenagers. The weekly sessions are in the Godparent homes on Wednesdays from 7-8:15 p.m. Each Freshman class is split into two to three GP Groups, with each having its own Godparent couple. Teens remain in their assigned "GP Group" for all four years of high school. The "Godparents" are married couples who volunteer and are willing to share their faith, be good witnesses to the Sacrament of Marriage, and open their homes to their GP Group. The GP Groups participate in service projects, fundraisers, special prayer services, and annual weekend retreats.

Contact: Carmen Brown, 402-643-3521,
carmenbrowndre@gmail.com





GREETERS

Greeters assist before, during and after Masses, escorting church members and guests to pews, collecting the offertory and distributing bulletins.

Contact: Gloria Schneider, 402-643-3421,
gloria-schneider@cdolinc.net

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

The Helping Hands ministry was recently formed to serve parishioners who could use our help with transportation and household needs. These services will be provided by fellow volunteer parishioners wanting to serve in the name of Jesus Christ. We hope you will join us-the more volunteers we have the more services we can offer. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer, please contact any of the three ministry members. Your time, talent and selflessness will be truly appreciated.

Contacts: Mary Henley, 402-968-9091,
taylor_maryfran@yahoo.com;
Jerry Owens, 402-314-4039,
jerryowens24@me.com;
Sandy Shaw, 402-643-0681,
sandy_shaw66@hotmail.com

KAPAUN'S MEN

A men's group following the inspirational life of Fr. Emil Kapaun

Contact: Mark Peery, 402-304-6271,
mark-peery@machinerytrader.com

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A Marriage Encounter weekend is available to any couple who would like to enhance their relationship with communication on the positive aspects of their love and understanding of the other's feelings. The weekend is an opportunity for the husband and wife to learn to share their thoughts and to reawaken the beauty of their love of God and their love for each other upon which they built their marriage in the beginning. Presenting couples of the Marriage Encounter team help one to reflect and learn through sharing their own experiences. Couples then communicate with each other in private. Couples interested in making a weekend may contact the Diocesan Family Life Office.

Contacts: Diocesan Family Life Office,
402-488-2040, www.lincoln.diocese.org/ministries;
Rev. Mark S. Pfeiffer, 402-266-5581,
fr.mark-pfeiffer@cdolinc.net

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Marriage Preparation is available for parishioners who wish to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony. A couple should contact the priest six to 12 months prior to a proposed wedding date.

Contacts: Msgr. Tucker, 402-643-3421,
msgr.robert-tucker@cdolinc.net;
Fr. Allan Phan, 402-643-3421,
fr.allan-phan@cdolinc.net

MOM'S GROUP

The Mom's Group is open to moms of any age, regardless of their child's age or grade level. The group meets every Wednesday morning at the Seward Public Library to cover a book or study a series to help moms grow in their faith life. The group gives moms a chance to get together to discuss books in a kid-friendly setting.

Contact: Tania Breiner, 402-643-5401, rolfsmeyert@gmail.com

MOWERS

We have a huge lawn here at Saint Vincent de Paul. We need volunteers to help mow the lawn and keep it looking nice.

Contacts: Gloria Schneider, 402-643-5545, gloria-schneider@cdolinc.net;
Ken Meyer, 402-643-2844, kmeyer1@neb.rr.com;
Ted Payne, 402-643-4987, pat_payne@hotmail.com

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

The Diocesan Natural Family Planning Centers offer instruction in the (Creighton Model) ovulation method of Natural Family Planning, which is the mucus method, not the rhythm method, so cycles need not be regular to use to achieve or avoid a pregnancy. Assistance is also offered to Sympto-Thermal users of natural family planning. Contact the Lincoln NFP

Education Center, located at 3325 Sheridan Blvd. in Lincoln to register for instruction.

Contact: Lincoln NFP Education Center, 402-488-2040

PARISH CHURCH LIBRARY

The Parish Library is located in Room #34 just past the Office of Religious Ed (CCD). Books, DVDs, videos and audio tapes are available to all parishioners for reference and home reading, at pre-school through adult level. The library space is shared with the school library.

Contacts: Fran Gill, 402-643-2765;
Julie Benes, 402-641-6560, juliebenes5@gmail.com

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council serves as an advisory body to the Pastor. This council meets five times each year unless otherwise noted.

Contacts: Msgr. Tucker, 402-643-3421, msgr.robert-tucker@cdolinc.net;
Fr. Allan Phan, 402-643-3421, fr.allan-phan@cdolinc.net

PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (PCCW)/ALTAR SOCIETY

The Parish Council of Catholic Women, under the direction of our priest, performs the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy in the service of God and His Church. The members are committed to the care and



beautification of the sanctuary and the church. The ministry also bake and sell pies at the Seward County Fair each year and the proceeds are given for altar needs. The PCCW ladies of the parish also serve for various receptions held at the church.

Contacts: Sandy Shaw, 402-643-0681,
sandy_shaw66@hotmail.com;

Linda Wentink, 402-641-5997,
lindawentink@gmail.com

PRO-LIFE

Yearly events that we participate in nationally include “The Sanctity of Human Life Sunday” in January and “The Life Chain” in October. Activities on the local agenda include; Birthright, a baby articles collection and a Mother’s Day advertisement in the local newspaper in May.

Contacts: Erica Ostgren, 308-530-8893,
e.ostgren@gmail.com;

Nicki Wintz, 402-659-3528, nickiwintz@yahoo.com

PTO OFFICERS

The PTO Officers provide our school children and teachers with special activities throughout the school year.

Contact: Kathy Summa, 402-588-2327,
kagmo@wildblue.net

RCIA

The RCIA is the official process of the whole Catholic Church for welcoming new members and for offering information about the Catholic Church to inquirers. It aims at helping people grow in knowledge, faith and prayer so that they can make a mature and free response to God’s call. This nine-month process of instruction and information about the Catholic Church is intended for those who have never been baptized, baptized in another faith or for those who wish to return to the practice of the faith.

Contacts: Msgr. Tucker, 402-643-3421,
msgrtucker@gmail.com;

Fr. Allan Phan, 402-643-3421,
fr.allan-phan@cdolinc.net

READERS AND LECTORS

Readers and Lectors proclaim the Word of God at our Masses and special occasion liturgical celebrations.

Contacts: Gloria Schneider, 402-643-3421,
gloria-schneider@cdolinc.net;

Msgr. Tucker, 402-643-3421, msgrtucker@gmail.com

ROSARY LEADERS

The Rosary is prayed publicly before each of the Sunday Masses. Leaders are scheduled on an as-needed basis.

Contact: Tania Breiner, 402-643-5401,
rolfsmeyert@gmail.com

SACRISTANS

This ministry is open to adult confirmed Catholics. The sacristan prepares the physical objects needed for the celebration of Mass. This detailed ministry is necessary for the smooth flow of the liturgical celebration.

Contacts: Barbara Lund, 402-643-2102,
barblund@windstream.net;

Tausha Dybdal, 402-450-4989,
tausha-dybdal@cdolinc.net



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL

Our parish preschool offers sessions for children ages 3-4 (Tuesday/Thursday) and 4-5 (Monday/Wednesday/Friday). Preschool activities integrate our faith along with learning preschool skills. Registration begins in the spring. For more information call the school office.

Contact: School Office, 402-643-9525

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic School began in the fall of 2001. The school now provides education for children in kindergarten through fourth grade. The staff is dedicated to providing spiritual growth and academic excellence to their students. For more information call the school office.

Contact: School Office, 402-643-9525



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL PRAYER CIRCLE

The Saint Vincent de Paul Prayer Circle is a volunteer group which ministers to our parish and parishioners by praying for personal prayer requests as well as the needs of our church and community. If you wish to be a part of the prayer circle or if you have a prayer request and would like the circles to pray, please contact one of the following circles leaders.

Contacts: Frances Gill, 402-643-2765;

Gloria Schneider, 402-761-2816,

gloria-schneider@cdolinc.net;

Betty Smith, 402-643-3242

SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A group of parents and parishioners who recognize the importance of Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic School (K-4) as a Catholic educational ministry for our youth, and advise the pastor and the principal on how to sustain and advance this ministry to meet the needs of our community.

Contact: Andrea Baack, 402-643-9531,

baack2@hotmail.com

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a worldwide Catholic lay organization. The mission of the Society is to join together in a bond of friendship, and to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering.

Please leave a message on our helpline (402-646-2299) if you would like to join or receive more information.

SPIRIT COMMITTEE

Once a year, the parish gathers together for a major fundraiser, Spirit Dinner and Auction. The proceeds raised are for the everyday operating expenses that the church incurs throughout the year.

*Contacts: Keith & Nicki Wintz, 402-659-3528, nickiwintz@yahoo.com;
Nicole Wegman, 402-440-4196, klmnwegman@gmail.com*

SPIRITUAL COMMITTEE

The Spiritual Committee helps the staff to develop, plan and implement various programs, workshops and days of reflection to enhance growth and development in adult spirituality.

Contact: Camille Wanetka, 402-540-3756, scbjnw@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The primary responsibility of the stewardship committee is to foster and sustain the stewardship lifestyle among parishioners. The committee will work to ensure stewardship is not just a one-time activity, but continues as an ongoing part of parish life. They will strive to keep the stewardship message alive in the parish throughout the year.

Contact: Ben Santo, 402-883-7464, bsantofamily@gmail.com

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

In 1983, the Knights of Columbus Council No. 8469 was organized at Saint Vincent de Paul Parish. Currently, there are approximately 217 members. The Knights of Columbus is composed of Catholic men 18 years of age and over who have fulfilled their first of four degree requirements. The Knights stand for Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Contact: Grand Knight Brandon Lindau, 402-499-8103, Brandon.lindau@gmail.com

WAKE-ROSARY HOSPITALITY

Families wishing refreshments served following a wake – a Rosary service held at the church the evening before a funeral, may contact the chairwoman of this committee. Coffee will be provided by the PCCW. All food and other refreshments will either be provided or paid for by the family. The Wake-Rosary Hospitality Committee will be in charge of serving, setting up and cleaning up. The family would need to check availability of the social hall from the parish office.

Contact: Judy Vandenberg, 402-643-4117, jvtlims@hotmail.com

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Committee members visit new parishioners and welcome them to our parish community.

Contact: Sharon Jelinek, 402-643-4325, gsjelinek1943@gmail.com



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