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SATURDAY 5:30 PM | SUNDAY 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

**CONFESSION TIMES:**  
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY WILL BE 20 MINUTES BEFORE 7 AM MASS  
SATURDAY WILL BE FROM 4:30 TO 5:30 P.M.  
SUNDAY WILL BE 30 MINUTES BEFORE EACH MASS

MSGR. ROBERT TUCKER, Pastor  
REV. JAMIE HOTTOVY, Priest in Residence

**MARCH 23, 2025**  
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**MASS INTENTIONS:**

- MONDAY, MARCH 24**  
7:00 AM: † Jim Arneson/ Jim & Ellen Varney  
8:10 AM: † Zach Reiss/ Soucie Family
- TUESDAY, MARCH 25**  
7:00 AM: † Leonard Dvorak/ Gary & Bernie Stava  
8:10 AM: † Mike Trainor/ Randy & Jill Bierbaum
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26**  
7:00 AM: † Vicki Novak/ Ron Sorenson Family  
8:10 AM: † Val Dworak/ Gerald & LeAnn Schaben
- THURSDAY, MARCH 27**  
7:00 AM: † Don Policky/ Jeff & Pam Krenk  
8:10 AM: † George Steffen/ Mitch Marshall Family
- FRIDAY, MARCH 28**  
7:00 AM: † Sean Francis/Terry & Lori Wehrs  
8:10 AM: † Ford Craig/ Ann Marcov
- SATURDAY, MARCH 29**  
8:00 AM: † Dorothy Kobza/ Family  
5:30 PM: † Val Makovicka/ Pat Vavra
- SUNDAY, MARCH 30**  
8:00 AM: For All Parishioners  
10:00 AM: † Adeline Geiss/ Stan & Dee Mitchell

**LAY MINISTERS:**

- Saturday, March 29 | 5:30 pm**  
Acolytes: Dan Frisbie, Volunteer  
Servers: Michael Kolterman, Hunter Hartmann  
Lector: Mark Policky  
Greeters: Bill Morse, Volunteer  
Cantor: Janelle Smith
- Sunday, March 30 | 8:00 am**  
Acolytes: CJ Novak, Jeff Reimers  
Servers: Nicolas Wanetka, Volunteer  
Lector: Chuck Kotera  
Greeters: Dave & Renee Coufal Family  
Cantor: Jenny Policky
- Sunday, March 30 | 10:00 am**  
Acolytes: Keith Wintz, Jeff Krenk  
Servers: Matthew Wintz, Nolan Moore  
Lector: Ellen Jirovsky  
Greeters: Mitch & Dorothy Marshall  
Cantor: Aubrey & Chloe

**DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?**

Fast from grudges and be reconciled,  
Fast from words and be silent, so you can listen.

*Attributed to Pope Francis*



# Third Sunday of Lent, March 23, 2025

## COLLECTIONS

What is God asking of me?

Our response to the Lord last week

Tithing: \$ 6729.00 E-tithing: \$ .00  
Other: \$ 526.00

### DIFFERENT WAYS OF GIVING TO PARISH

- ♦ We have set a basket next to the bulletins this weekend where you can place your envelope,
- ♦ E-tithing—See notice on website for a form with instructions or in back of church in narthex .
- ♦ You can mail your tithing envelopes directly to the church at:  
St. Vincent de Paul Church  
152 Pinewood Ave,  
Seward, NE 68434

Check OUT <http://formed.org>

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### UPCOMING PARISH & SCHOOL ACTIVITIES MARCH

- 23 KC Breakfast
- 23 Baptism
- 23 Lenten Parish Mission
- 24 Lenten Parish Mission
- 25 Lenten Parish Mission
- 28 Stations 3 pm & 7 pm
- 30 Baptism
- 31 RCIA—7 pm

### KC BREAKFAST

Come and join us  
for



K of C  
Pancake  
Breakfast

Sunday, March 23rd

## MESSAGE FROM MSGR TUCKER:

Dear Parishioners,

This week there are at least two funerals that I will attend, and maybe a third. Last weekend I celebrated the funeral of a classmate from High School. Funerals come in waves, and this seems like a big wave. When I was home for my classmate's funeral a friend had an odd comment. He said that it feels like he is "dodging bullets". He also had many people around him that had died, and maybe he was wondering about God's plan, and his own existence.

I think that there is something here for us to ponder. The cross is an invitation that is presented to us daily. Jesus says, that if we desire to be His disciple we must pick up our cross and follow Him. This is a daily effort, and His cross comes in many different forms. We should approach the cross as an invitation to follow Jesus, rather than something to stay clear of. Last weekend St. Paul, in the letter to the Philippians, spoke about enemies of the cross. Whether our cross is the death of a loved one, a disappointment or trial at work or at home, or if it comes in any shape or size, Jesus is inviting us to trust in Him. When we are clearly aware of a cross, we need to ask for Jesus' help to carry it. If the crosses seem to be many, we can ask Jesus why He wants us to carry another cross. St. Mother Teresa would say that crosses are Jesus' love for us. He is inviting us to closer union with Him through the cross, and when we accept it, we will see His love. St. Mother Teresa did get worn down by her crosses and wondered why Jesus was loving her so much. That is an interesting way to look at the cross, but it is really a powerful way to carry the cross. From the book, Song of Songs, it speaks about love as a power that cannot be quenched, or extinguished. The love of Jesus is so powerful, that it will help us carry any cross that has become burdensome to us. So, again the first thing we need to do when we have a cross is to appeal for the love of Jesus to help us.

I hope this help you as you ponder the beautiful crosses that Jesus has asked you to carry. God Bless you.

Msgr. Tucker

## Songs for Shades

A concert at Harvest Hall to raise money to purchase sun shades over the seating at the bandshell.  
Featuring classic rock by the "RAW NERVE"

**TUESDAY, APRIL 1ST 7-9 PM HARVEST HALL**

Minimum donation \$10 per person  
Cash bar, pizza, kettle corn & ice cream



### Baptism

Congratulations to Alexandra Lynn Cowan, daughter of Thomas and Shelby Cowan, who was baptized on Sunday, March 16, 2025. May Alexandra always live as a child of God the Father.



## Stations of the Cross

All Fridays of Lent at 3 & 7 pm

## Confessions

In addition to the normal schedule for Confessions, there will be confessions after each Friday evening 7 pm Stations of the Cross.

Penance Service will be held on April 13th

### Cod Fish Fry, Fri. Mar 28

#### St. Patrick's Social Hall, Utica

Serving from 5 to 8 or until gone. Cod, cheesy potatoes, cole slaw, rye bread, desserts, lemonade, water & coffee. Adults & Children age 7 & over \$15. Children 6 & under Free. Adult beverages and TO GO available. Proceeds will go towards a new defibrillator.



### Calling all Wives

ADD SUNDAY MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup> to the Calendar! Remind your husband of the upcoming opportunity to join the St. Vincent Knights of Columbus Council or if they are already members, consider adding their 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> degree.

### SUNDAY MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup> – St. Gregory's

1:00 pm – Registration for 1st, 2nd & 3rd degree  
2:30 pm – 4<sup>th</sup> Degree (Patriotic)  
Take advantage of this local opportunity to support St. Vincent de Paul Parish by joining the Knights of Columbus. Please contact Jim Wesley with any questions at 402-440-2668

### ALSO

March 30th, fourth degree Knights meeting in York for 8 AM Mass, brunch and meeting will follow brunch and will cost \$12 to the Catholic daughters

**FIRST COMMUNION** is Sunday, April 6 at 1 p.m. Rehearsal will be Wednesday, April 2 at 7 p.m. At least one parent is required to be in attendance.

**CONFIRMATION** is Sunday, April 27 at 4 p.m. Rehearsal will be Wednesday, April 23 at 7 p.m.

## Joy of Lent through Prayer, Almsgiving and Fasting Lenten Mission

March 23, 24, & 25



Sunday, March 23  
Fr. Carson Kain  
Joy of Prayer



Monday, March 24  
Fr. Adam Sughroue  
Joy of Almsgiving



Tuesday, March 25  
Fr. Allan Phan  
Joy of Fasting

5:45pm Free Meal in the Parish Hall  
6:30pm Speaker in the Church  
7:00-8:00pm Adoration and Live Praise Music

Music by Holly Saalfeld  
Confessions and Prayer Teams Available

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Seward

## Encounter Jesus

### Firehawk News Corner

St. Vincent de Paul is Hiring!

We are taking applications for a 1<sup>st</sup> grade teaching position. Applicants must have a valid NE teaching certificate, be willing to live and model the mission of St. Vincent de Paul, and teach children in the Tradition of the Catholic faith. This is a full-time position. Please send a copy of your resume' and any references to Denise Ray @ denise-ray-cdolinc.net.