

**PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS**

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**First Sunday of Advent  
 December 2, 2018**

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday	December 3 <sup>rd</sup>		7:50 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of Marcie Bartek
Tuesday	December 4 <sup>th</sup>		7:50 am	+ All Souls--Novena
Wednesday	December 5 <sup>th</sup>		7:50 am	+ Special Intention
			5:30 pm Touhy	+ Loretta Tejral
Thursday	December 6 <sup>th</sup>		7:50 am	+ Eamonn Daily
Friday	December 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>First Friday</b>	7:50 am	+ In Thanksgiving
		<i>Immaculate Conception</i>	6:00 pm Touhy	+ Frank Kliment
Saturday	December 8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Immaculate Conception</i>	7:50 am Weston	Missa pro Populo
			5:30 pm Weston	+ Frank E. Vasa
Sunday	December 9 <sup>th</sup>		8:00 am Touhy	+ Marvin & Brenda Strizek
			10:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo

**5:00 pm Weston Exposition of Eucharist with Evening Prayer & Benediction**

**NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE**

**Welcome to Advent!** In Advent we speak of the 2 (or 3) comings of Christ. Advent comes from the Latin words “ad” which is the preposition “toward” or “to the” and “veni” which is the verb “come” so indicates “toward the coming.” (O come O come Emanuel in Latin is Veni veni Emmanuel) The first half of Advent focuses us, not on the Christ-child, but on the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time in Glory. It is scary UNLESS we are living the faith, in which case Jesus said “stand up” since your redemption is near at hand. In Advent we are reminded we have a ways to go to get better even if we are doing “pretty” good. Paul exhorted the Thessalonians to “do better.” So we do extra prayer, and yes, PENANCE during Advent to “straighten up and fly right” so we don’t need to fear of the end. The second “coming” of Advent will focus on the First Coming of Christ as a baby to get us ready for the Second Coming. (Is that confusingly-worded enough?). To get ready for both these comings, the KEY is the “third coming” which is Christ into our Hearts.

**Christmas Program** - If the weather is worse than forecasted (1-2” snow), we may need to postpone the St. John’s School Christmas program scheduled for Sunday at 1pm. I’ll be sending an email to our school families by 9am on Sunday IF we need to postpone to Tuesday at 7pm.

**St. John’s School Big Raffle** – is today at the 1pm Christmas Program. Please let me know if you’d like to purchase a \$20 ticket.

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception** - December 8<sup>th</sup>, is a Holy Day of Obligation.

**Word Among Us booklets** – for Advent are still in the back of the churches.

**Christmas Flower Envelopes** - If you would be interested in giving a contribution to the Christmas flowers that will be on display in the churches at Christmas, there is an envelope in your tithing packet for this donation.

**St. John & St. Vitus Churches** will again participate in the statewide **Advent Baby Shower** through December 24<sup>th</sup>. Suggested gift ideas are bottles, receiving blankets, hooded bath towels, crib sheets/heavy blankets, disposable diapers (especially med. & lg.), bibs, rattles/toys, sleepers, socks/booties, snow suits, formula, & undershirts/onesies. **Please bring only new, not used items.** Place them in the container that is in back of each church. Thank you.

**WEEKLY TITHING COLLECTIONS**

	<u>St. John Nepomucene</u>	<u>St. Vitus</u>
Amount Budgeted per Week (\$2,636.54) in November	\$ 10,546.16	
Amount Budgeted per Week (\$1,740.00) in November		\$ 6,960.00
Amount Received in November	\$ 10,382.61	\$ 6,529.85
Net Excess (Deficit) for the month of November	\$ (163.54)	\$ (430.15)

**ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH**

**Liturgical Ministries for Immaculate Conception and the weekend of December 8-9, 2018**

	<u>Immaculate Conception (7:50 am Saturday)</u>	<u>Weekend Masses:</u>	
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Sat. 12/8 Byron Shanahan	Sat. 12/8 Pat Carroll	Sun. 12/9 Chris Tvrdy
<b>Lector/Reader:</b>	Sat. 12/8 Volunteer	Sat. 12/8 Ginger Laughridge	Sun. 12/9 Cork Vasa
<b>Servers:</b>	Sat. 12/8 Volunteers	Sat. 12/8 Volunteers	Sun. 12/9 N Huisman/B Lacey
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sat. 12/8 D Sabatka/S Breunig	Sat. 12/8 P Virgl/R Walla	Sun. 12/9 P Pleskac/J Woita
<b>Gifts:</b>	Sat. 12/8 Matt Rezac Family	Sat. 12/8 R Cherovsky Family	Sun. 12/9 Paul Pleskac Family

**Stewardship of Treasure: November 25, 2018** We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...  
 Total: \$1,371.51 **PLUS: Candles:** \$15.00 **Guardian Angel Fund:** \$10.00 **Cloistered Sisters:** \$469.50  
**Joy of the Gospel Rebate Period 15:** \$2,134.65

**Collection Counter** for Sunday, 12/2—Dotty Virgl  
 Sunday, 12/9—Lorene Stuchlik

**St. John’s PCCW Group** will have *Coffee & Rolls* after the 8:00am Mass on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
**PCCW Members**—Please join us for the next PCCW Meeting on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:00pm in the school art room. We will have a potluck meal, short meeting and play bingo. Fried chicken and refreshments will be provided, and ask that each member to bring a potluck dish (salad, vegetable or dessert) and a \$10.00-\$15.00 bingo prize. If you plan to attend, please call Deanne Spicka at 402-642-5569. Looking forward to a fun evening!  
**St. John’s PCCW Members**—Please pick up your 2019 Yearbooks (they are in alphabetical order) that are in the back of church. Those not picked up will be mailed December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you.

## SCHOOL NEWS

**St. John's School Christmas Program**—Today, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 1:00 pm in the school gym. Please come and enjoy the program. **Neumann's Christmas Band Concert** will be held next Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in Bishop Neumann Gym. **Neumann's Christmas Vocal Concert** is being held on Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm in Bishop Neumann Gym. **Please Keep Saving Your Labels/Box Tops**—Please continue to save the Box Tops for Education labels, the Our Family UPC's, the Best Choice UPC's, and store receipts from Sun Mart, Wahoo Super and Corner Market. There is a basket in back of church to drop all your labels and receipts off in.

## OTHER INFORMATION

Please remember in your prayers and, on occasion, pay a visit or send a card to our home-bound/assisted care facilities parishioners: Home—Rose Furasek; South Haven—Charles Kadavy, Rose Walla & Mary Lou Woita; Saunders County Care Center—Julius & Marcella Meduna. Please let us know if you would like to be added to this list.

## READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11	Friday:	Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24	Saturday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37	Sunday:	Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27		

## ST. VITUS PARISH

### Liturgical Ministries for Immaculate Conception and the weekend of December 8-9, 2018

#### Immaculate Conception (6:00 pm Friday)

#### Weekend Mass:

<b>Acolyte:</b>	Fri. 12/7 Joe Kouma	Sun. 12/9 Steve Bartek
<b>Lector/Reader:</b>	Fri. 12/7 Darrell Walla	Sun. 12/9 Ron Furasek
<b>Servers:</b>	Fri. 12/7 Lane Bohac/Chase Bohac	Sun. 12/9 Nolan Thoene/Cade Grant
<b>Ushers:</b>	Fri. 12/7 Pat Bartek/Bryan Woita	Sun. 12/9 Pat Bartek/Bryan Woita
<b>Gifts:</b>	Fri. 12/7 Ted Bohac Family	Sun. 12/9 Brian Byers Family

**Stewardship of Treasure: November 25, 2018** We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$1,410.03

**PLUS: Joy of the Gospel Rebate Period 15:** \$1,667.50

**Cloistered Sisters:** \$80.00

**Collection Counter** for Sunday, 12/2—Bryan Woita

Sunday, 12/9—Tom Rezac

## AREA NEWS

**FCSLA members**—Mark your calendars for the annual Adult Christmas party at the Prague Parish Hall on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30pm sponsored by the officers of District 11. A roast pork dinner will be served at 6:00pm. There will be a short program and meeting. Donations will be accepted in lieu of a gift exchange for Spirit Catholic Radio. Please RSVP by phone or email to Clarice Sabata - 402-784-3154 or [ksabatane2035@gmail.com](mailto:ksabatane2035@gmail.com).

**St. Gianna's Art and Gift Gallery**—Looking for interesting Christmas gifts? Come support your local artists and a great cause while you get your Christmas shopping done. Artists will display and sell their unique collection of Christian artwork and gifts on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-9:00pm and Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-6:00pm in the Guadalupe Center by Gianna's Java & Gelato, 2241 O St, Lincoln. 15% of all proceeds will be donated to benefit St. Gianna's Women's Homes in Lincoln.

**2018 Wahoo KC Toy Drive**—Wahoo Knights of Columbus Squires will be holding their annual Toy Drive. New or gently used toys may be donated through Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be a donation box available in the back of the church in Weston.

**The Wahoo Knights of Columbus Squires** youth group newspaper drive will be next Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30-11:30 am. The trailer is along "A" Street, East of the former Titan Implement in Wahoo.

**St. John the Baptist, Prague (Date Change)** - "Sip 'n Shop" Holiday Craft Fair & Wine Tasting: Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at St. John's Parish Hall from 9:00am-3:00pm. The hall will be full with over 40 crafters and vendors! Bottles of wine will also be available for sale – perfect for Christmas gifts and your holiday meals. Lunch will be served throughout the day. Free Admission!

**Memorial Christmas Tree & Dedication Service**—December 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at the St. Francis and Sunrise Cemeteries in Wahoo. During the service, family members and friends can place ornaments on the tree to remember their loved ones. These ornaments and tree will stay up through the Christmas season. If you are unable to make the service, an ornament can be placed on the tree any time after December 8<sup>th</sup>. The tree will stay up until January 13<sup>th</sup>, so please have your ornaments taken down by then. Make sure ornaments are properly secured (i.e. zip ties, wire, etc.) Questions, contact Cori Mooberry at 810-623-1878 or [kirkman513@yahoo.com](mailto:kirkman513@yahoo.com)

**The Catholic Coffee House** is an adult faith formation series held at Gianna Java and Gelato, 2241 O Street, Lincoln, from 7:00-8:30pm. The theme for this year is "Navigating the Church Now." The December presentation (December 16<sup>th</sup>) is entitled "Relationship, Transparency and Obedience" by Fr. Sean Kilcawley. This series is oriented towards being in the church in the current climate of scandal. Each session includes prayer, a presentation, and Q & A. There is no fee or registration. Please call 402-473-0619 for questions.

**The Annual Mass of the Holy Innocents** will be celebrated on Friday, December 28<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to attend this Memorial Mass, especially those families who have suffered the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death or abortion. Reading of names will begin at 6:30pm with Mass at 7:00pm at John XXIII Diocesan Center Chapel, 3700 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. If you would like your child's name to be remembered & placed on the banner for this year, please call the Office of Family Life at 473-0620 before 5:00pm on December 19<sup>th</sup>. *If you placed your child's name previously, it will remain on the list.*

**Marriage Encounter Weekend**—February 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Lied Center in Nebraska City. Contact couple Pat (308-940-0670) & Janelle (308-940-1105) Benson, or email them at: [pjibben@yahoo.com](mailto:pjibben@yahoo.com) \*\*Need to call well in advance for facility reservations.

**Give The Gift of a Retreat**—Immaculee Ilibagiza Retreat: This Christmas season, give yourself or someone you love tickets to a weekend retreat to be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in West Point, March 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. Immaculee Ilibagiza, a survivor of the 1994 Rwandan Genocide and author of the book "Left to Tell", will bring her message of forgiveness, healing, and hope to all who attend. Give the gift of experiencing her powerful journey and remarkable message. Cost is \$57 for one or \$76 for two. For details, tickets, and registration visit [www.immaculee.com](http://www.immaculee.com), or contact RaNae O'Brien at [ranaeobrien1@gmail.com](mailto:ranaeobrien1@gmail.com).

**New Year's Eve Celebration!** St. John School Gym – Weston - Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 6:30pm. Dinner catered by CK Catering; Kenny James Band 8:30pm. \$40 per person. Advanced tickets only! Must be 21 & over to attend. Come join the fun!!! Call Jen Woita 450-3538 to purchase tickets

## SPIRITUAL CORNER

Your light will come, O Jerusalem. The Lord will dawn on you in radiant beauty. We shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God. The sign of the cross shall appear in the Heavens, when our Lord shall come to judge the world.

-A Daily Devotional for Advent

## A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

George Burns once said: "The secret to a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible."