

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

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**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
 December 30, 2018**

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday	December 31 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Solemnity of Mary</i>	7:50 am	+ Ed Pacula
			5:00 pm Weston	+ Stanley Sabatka
Tuesday	January 1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Solemnity of Mary</i>	8:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo
			6:00 pm Touhy	+ Loretta Snitily
Wednesday	January 2 <sup>nd</sup>		NO MASS	
Thursday	January 3 <sup>rd</sup>		7:50 am	+ Wayne Walla
Friday	January 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>First Friday</b>	7:50 am	+ In Memory of the Families of Jim & Jean Malousek
Saturday	January 5 <sup>th</sup>		<b>7:15-8:15 am Touhy HOLY HOUR</b>	
			5:30 pm Weston	+ Lucille Ptacek
Sunday	January 6 <sup>th</sup>		8:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo
			10:00 am Touhy	+ George Niemann

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

**NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE**

**Happy Feast of the Holy Family and Happy New Year!**

**The Solemnity of Mary, Mary Mother of God** – This is a great Holy Day for us and a great way to begin the New Year, honoring the mother of Jesus and our mother and asking her to guide us and bless our year. While we can make new year’s resolutions, those are best that are done in consultation with the Lord. Done as he wants, when he wants how he wants. Mary, who did this in her life, can help us to do the same.

**No mass** scheduled for Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**From Pope Francis’ Christmas homily** - “At Christmas, we on earth receive Jesus, the bread from heaven,” Pope Francis said. “We discover that the life of God can enter into our hearts and dwell there. If we welcome that gift, history changes, starting with each of us. For once Jesus dwells in our heart, the center of life is no longer my ravenous and selfish ego, but the One who is born and lives for love,” The pope’s homily at the Midnight Mass of Christmas centered on the meaning of Christ’s birthplace, Bethlehem, which translates to “House of Bread” in Aramaic and Hebrew. Francis explained that “God makes himself small so that he can be our food. By feeding on him, the bread of life, we can be reborn in love, and break the spiral of grasping and greed.” “Standing before the manger, we understand that the food of life is not material riches but love, not gluttony but charity, not ostentation but simplicity,” The pope extended a challenge to simplify one’s life and to share with others at Christmastime. “In our day, for many people, life’s meaning is found in possessing, in having an excess of material objects. An insatiable greed marks all human history, even today ... while all too many go without the daily bread needed to survive,” “As we enter the stable, sensing in the tender poverty of the newborn Child a new fragrance of life, the odor of simplicity, let us ask ourselves: Do I really need all these material objects and complicated recipes for living? Can I manage without all these unnecessary extras and live a life of greater simplicity?” He pointed to the simplicity of the shepherds of Bethlehem, who “went with haste” to meet Christ, taking a risk for God. ““Let us go now to Bethlehem.’ With these words, the shepherds set out. We too, Lord, want to go up to Bethlehem. Today too, the road is uphill: the heights of our selfishness need to be surmounted, and we must not lose our footing or slide into worldliness and consumerism.” Francis encouraged everyone to ask themselves, “At Christmas do I break my bread with those who have none?” “I want to come to Bethlehem, Lord, because there you await me. I want to realize that you, lying in a manger, are the bread of my life. I need the tender fragrance of your love so that I, in turn, can be bread broken for the world,” Pope Francis said.

**Thank you for the new nativity scene at St. Vitus.** It was donated by Kathy Kliment and family in memory of Bob Kliment.

**2019 Church Calendars** available in Church.

**The Word Among Us Books** are in the back of church. Please take one.

**SPIRITUAL CORNER**

“When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks, the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among the people, to make music in the heart.” -Howard Thurman

**READINGS OF THE WEEK**

Monday:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18	Friday:	1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
Tuesday:	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21	Saturday:	1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28	Sunday:	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Jn 1:29-34		

**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.

## ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

### Liturgical Ministries for The Solemnity of Mary and the weekend of January 5-6, 2019

	<u>Solemnity of Mary: 5:00 pm Mass</u>	<u>Solemnity of Mary: 8:00 am Mass</u>
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Mon. 12/31 Paul Virgl	Tues. 1/1 Byron Shanahan
<b>Lector/Reader:</b>	Mon. 12/31 Bill Laughridge	Tues. 1/1 Marvin Wiese
<b>Servers:</b>	Mon. 12/31 Volunteers	Tues. 1/1 Mason Wiese/Spencer Wiese
<b>Ushers:</b>	Mon. 12/31 Rich Cherovsky/George Wonka	Tues. 1/1 Charlie Jelinek/Jesse Sabatka
<b>Gifts:</b>	Mon. 12/31 Rich Virgil Family	Tues. 1/1 Chris Bouc Family
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Sat. 1/5 Pat Carroll	Sun. 1/6 Chris Tvrdy
<b>Lector/Reader:</b>	Sat. 1/5 Bill Laughridge	Sun. 1/6 Barb Opp
<b>Servers:</b>	Sat. 1/5 Volunteers	Sun. 1/6 Brendan Pleskac/Hudson Fortik
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sat. 1/5 Joe Janecek/Jeff Maly	Sun. 1/6 LeRoy Ohnoutka/Steve Breunig
<b>Gifts:</b>	Sat. 1/5 Ron Walla Family	Sun. 1/6 Milton Bouc Family

**Stewardship of Treasure: December 23, 2018** We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...  
Total: \$6,810.28 **PLUS: Candles:** \$15.00 **Immaculate Conception:** \$10.00

**Collection Counter** for Sunday, 12/30—Dolores Woita  
Sunday, 1/6—Dotty Virgl

**St. John's PCCW Group** will have *Coffee & Rolls* after the 8:00am Mass on Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Christmas Break**—Classes will resume at both St. John's and Bishop Neumann on Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**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.

## ST. VITUS PARISH

### Liturgical Ministries for The Solemnity of Mary and the weekend of January 5-6, 2019

	<u>Solemnity of Mary--6:00 pm Mass</u>	
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Tues. 1/1 Dan Furasek	Sun. 1/6 Steve Bartek
<b>Lector/Reader:</b>	Tues. 1/1 Pat Bartek	Sun. 1/6 Jeff Walla
<b>Servers:</b>	Tues. 1/1 Josh Schulz/Anthony Strizek	Sun. 1/6 Anthony Strizek/Cade Grant
<b>Ushers:</b>	Tues. 1/1 Brian Byers/Ted Bohac	Sun. 1/6 Brian Byers/Ted Bohac
<b>Gifts:</b>	Tues. 1/1 Joe Kouma Family	Sun. 1/6 Steve Niemann Family

**Stewardship of Treasure: December 23, 2018** We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...  
Total: \$1,283.25

**Collection Counter** for Sunday, 12/30—Jarold Bartek  
Sunday, 1/6—Shawn Strizek

## AREA NEWS

**New Year's Eve Celebration!** St. John School Gym, 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 over 21 to attend. Come have fun!! Call Jen Woita 450-3538 to purchase tickets.

**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 January presentation (January 13<sup>th</sup>) is entitled "The Necessity of Forgiving and How To Do It" by Ian Butler. 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.

**Religious Award Ceremony for Boys & Girls!** Scout, American Heritage Girl, Schoenstatt Youth and 4-H Leaders--obtain your religious award books for **girls** from the Youth Ministry Office and for **boys** from your Local Cornhusker Council office. The Diocesan Mass and Award Ceremony is scheduled for March 24, 2019 at 2:00pm with Bishop Finn presenting. Award applications are due to the Youth Ministry Office **by February 8, 2019**. Visit [www.lincolndiocese.org/scouting](http://www.lincolndiocese.org/scouting) for more information. If you have any questions, please contact Michele at 402-473-0625.

**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: [pjbjben@yahoo.com](mailto:pjbjben@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).

## A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

Since my sixteen-year-old son recently receives a prepaid cellphone as a gift, I've asked him to use it to call home if he's out past his curfew. One Saturday while waiting up for him, I dozed off in front of the TV. Later, I woke to realize that there was no sign of him and no call. Irate, I punched in his number. When he answered I demanded, "Where are you, and why haven't you bothered to phone?" "Dad," he sleepily replied, I'm upstairs in bed. I've been home for an hour.