

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment



Fourth Sunday of Easter May 12, 2019

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	May 13 th	7:50 am	+ Ted Uhlik
Tuesday	May 14 th	7:50 am	Intentions of Fr. V
Wednesday	May 15 th	7:50 am	Liv/Dec PCCW Members
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Nancy Karel
Thursday	May 16 th	7:50 am	Charles Vasa
Friday	May 17 th	7:50 am	Special Intentions
Saturday	May 18 th	5:30 pm Weston	+ Adolph & Bea Polacek
Sunday	May 19 th	8:00 am Weston	Miss pro Populo
		10:00 am Touhy	George Niemann

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

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Good Shepherd Sunday: This 4th Sunday of Easter is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. In the Gospel we hear: "My sheep hear my voice ... they follow me." Though there are many "hopes" with a small "h" that seem to indicate they will make us happy, in fact our faithfulness to the voice of the Shepherd is ultimately the thing that will really make us happy. The Good Shepherd proved he wants our good in laying down his life for each of us sheep so we could share in the greatest happiness between He and His Father.

Happy Mother's Day! Some Mothers' Day quotes: "Life doesn't come with a manual, it comes with a Mother. –Unknown; The moment a child is born, the mother is also born. She never existed before. The woman existed, but the mother, never. The mother is something absolutely new. –Rajneesh; Blessed is a mother that would give up part of her soul for her children's happiness. –Shannon L. Alder; The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother. –St. Therese of Lisieux; When your mother asks, "Do you want a piece of advice?" it's a mere formality. It doesn't matter if you answer yes or no. You're going to get it anyway. –Erma Bombeck; If at first you don't succeed, try doing it the way mom told you to in the beginning. –Unknown. I never know what to say when people ask me what my hobbies are. I MEAN, I'M A MOM. I enjoy trips to the bathroom alone and silence. –Anonymous

The Feast of St. John Nepomucene is May 16th. St. John Nepomucene (who is buried in St. Vitus' Cathedral in Prague, Czech Republic) is represented with his finger to his lips because he kept the "seal of confession", refusing to tell the queen's confession to the jealous king and thus was killed! The five stars over our confessional in Weston recall how God put stars so people could find his body after it was thrown into the Vltava River off of the Charles' Bridge.

St. John's Summer Mowing: It's that time of year again! Thanks for all who have mowed in the past and continue to mow. We will be using Express Lawn Care to take care of St. John's Cemetery again. Please see the attached letter.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of May 18-19, 2019

Acolyte:	Sat. 5/18 Paul Virgl	Sun. 5/19 Matt Tvrdy
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 5/18 Bill Laughridge	Sun. 5/19 Barb Opp
Servers:	Sat. 5/18 Volunteers	Sun. 5/19 Brayden Pleskac/Hudson Fortik
Ushers:	Sat. 5/18 Ron Walla/George Wonka	Sun. 5/19 LeRoy Ohnoutka/Paul Pleskac
Gifts:	Sat. 5/18 Ron Walla Family	Sun. 5/19 Chris Bouc Family

Stewardship of Treasure: May 5, 2019 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$1,642.14 **PLUS: Candles:** \$25.00 **Guardian Angel Fund:** \$60.00

Collection Counter for Sunday, 5/12—Lorene Stuchlik

Sunday, 5/19—Charlie Jelinek

St. John's PCCW Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 14th, at 7:00 pm in the school basement.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10	Friday:	Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
Tuesday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17	Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24—13:5a; Jn 12:44-50	Sunday:	Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145; Rev 21:1-5a;
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20		Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

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: South Haven—Charles Kadavy, Rose Walla, Mary Lou Woita, Patsy Sabatka & Rose Furasek; Saunders County Care Center—Julius & Marcella Meduna. Please let us know if you would like to be added to this list.

SPIRITUAL CORNER

We know certainly that our God calls us to a holy life. We know that he gives us every grace, every abundant grace; and though we are so weak of ourselves, this grace is able to carry us through every obstacle and difficulty. –St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Saint Elizabeth, help me to live a holy life. Please intercede on my behalf as I strive to place all of my confidence and trust in the mercy of God. I desire holiness; I yearn to behold our Heavenly Father. Teach me to always turn to Christ, both in joy and difficulty. Please be with me today, and always.

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of May 18-19, 2019

Acolyte:	Sun. 5/19 Dan Furasek
Lector/Reader:	Sun. 5/19 Darrell Walla
Servers:	Sun. 5/19 Nolan Thoene/Adam Furasek
Ushers:	Sun. 5/19 Ernie Osmera/Mike Bouc
Gifts:	Sun. 5/19 Steve Niemann Family

Stewardship of Treasure: May 5, 2019 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$1,359.27 **PLUS: Children: \$2.00**

Collection Counter for Sunday, 5/12—Shawn Strizek
Sunday, 5/19—Bryan Woita

St. Vitus May Church Cleaning—Chairman: Pat Dvorak. Group: Skye Rezac, Heather Byers and Sheila Stanek.

SCHOOL NEWS

Bishop Neumann Youth Boys' Basketball Camp: Boys who were in grades 3rd, 4th, or 5th this past 2018-19 school year will have their camp—Mon, May 20th and Tues, May 21st. Boys who were in grades 6th, 7th, or 8th this past 2018-19 school year will have their camp—Wed, May 22nd and Thurs, May 23rd. Contact Mike Weiss @ 277-0495 or by email at mike-weiss@cdolinc.net for more information.

Bishop Neumann Elementary Football Camp: Boys who will be in grades 4th, 5th, & 6th grade next school year (2019-2020). Camp will be held at the Neumann practice fields on Monday, June 3rd, Tuesday, June 4th, & Wednesday June 5th from 9:15am–11:45am. For more information, contact Doug Lanik @ 402-875-0823 or by email at Doug-Lanik@cdolinc.net

Cor Jesu Rex with the School Sisters of Christ the King, June 10th-14th at Sts. Mary & Joseph in Valparaiso from 9:00am-2:00pm. This program is open to children who have finished grades 1st-8th. Cost is \$15 per student/ \$40 per family. Please bring 2 dozen snacks to share for the week. Sack lunches each day with a pizza party on Friday. There are registration forms in the back of church.

Totus Tuus will be held at St. Wenceslaus in Wahoo June 16th-21st. There are registration forms in the back of church.

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.

AREA NEWS

Come and Experience Catechesis of the Good Shepherd—Sunday, May 19th from 2:00pm-3:00pm at Blessed Sacrament School, 1725 Lake Street, Lincoln. Adults are invited to encounter the special place (called the atrium) prepared for children, and learn more about this amazing catechism program for children ages 3 - 6. Contact Janet Harrison at 402-781-2633 with questions.

Catholic Daughter's Meeting—Monday, May 20th starting with mass at 6:30pm and the meeting to follow. Please note this meeting is a week early due to Memorial Day the following Monday. Always looking for new members!

Sts. Mary & Joseph Valparaiso Salad Supper—Monday, June 3rd ~ Are you ready to laugh again? Comedian Stephanie Hiller will be joining us this year and she's ready to entertain you with her rapid fire quick wit. Entertainment and Salad Buffet for only \$8.00. Dinner will start at 6:30pm. For tickets call: 402-783-2046. Limited seating, so call NOW or take your chances at the door.

Are you seeking healing and hope from experiencing a Divorce? Come find comfort, counsel, hope and healing consistent with Catholic Church teachings. The Surviving Divorce program is a 12 week video series & facilitator led program. It begins on Monday, June 3rd, 7:00pm-9:00pm, at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd. A suggested donation of \$50 covers the cost of the program and includes the Surviving Divorce personal guide and all materials. Classes are kept small and may be registered for by contacting the Family Life Office at 402-473-0620 or catholicflo@cdolinc.net

Sts. Peter & Paul Altar Society Rummage Sale and Bake Sale in Abie will be held on Friday, June 7th, 8:00am-5:00pm and Saturday, June 8th, 8:00am-1:00pm in the St. Peter & Paul Church basement. (\$5.00 sacks on Saturday). Poster in back of church.

Healing Hearts—A grief ministry providing support for those who have lost a loved one, is offering a summer program on 3 Wednesdays, June 12th, 19th and 26th- 6:30pm-8:30pm at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 37th & Sheridan Blvd. Issues discussed will be the fundamentals of grief, how it effects our relationships & skills necessary to manage grief. Cost is \$15. To register, please call 402-473-0620.

Lord Teach Me To Pray. Deepen Your Prayer Life; Help Others Do The Same! Are you a woman or man of prayer? Are you comfortable working with small groups? On Saturday, June 15th, at John XXIII Diocesan Center, Lincoln there will be a Facilitator Training-Retreat for the "Lord Teach Me To Pray" (LTMTTP) Ignatian prayer series. There is no charge for the retreat or materials. Come & discern if God is calling you to become a facilitator! Or, if you are simply interested in finding out more about Ignatian Prayer and the "Lord, Teach Me To Pray" prayer series, you are also invited! For info and registration please go to: lordteachmetoprayer.com click on Training-Retreats, scroll down to Lincoln for registration form or call 504-439-5933

Healing the Whole Person presented by the John Paul II Healing Center Team on July 11th-13th. This seminar provides the opportunity to learn about and experience the healing power of God in the wholeness of body, soul and spirit. St. Peter's Church, 4500 Duxhall Drive, Lincoln. Register at: www.JPIIHealingCenter.org. For scholarships and missionary discounts, email: LincolnHealandEquip@gmail.com

Day of Equipping presented by Bart Schuchts, John Paul II Healing Center, on July 12th. This training is designed to equip and prepare you to live more fully into the mission of Christ. During this training you will encounter the Father's love and be inspired to live more fully in God's purpose for your life. St. Peter Church, 4500 Duxhall Drive, Lincoln, NE. Register at: www.JPIIHealingCenter.org. For scholarships, student and missionary discounts email LincolnHealandEquip@gmail.com.

The Steubenville Mid-America Youth Conference will be July 12th-14th. For more information or to register go to lincolndiocese.org/pilgrimages/steubenville-youth-conference

The Diocesan Canoe Trips are coming up! This three-day outdoor adventure includes daily Mass, confessions, talks, private reflection time, and other opportunities for youth to grow in their relationship with Christ. A Campfire and rosary fill the evening hours. Dates are July 14th-16th and July 16th-18th, cost is \$100. To register, go to lincolndiocese.org/camps/diocesan-canoe-trip

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

Little Danny forgot his lines in a Sunday school play. Luckily his mother was in the front row, especially to prompt him. She gestured and formed the words silently with her lips, but it did not help. Danny's memory was completely blank. Finally, she leaned forward and whispered the cue, 'I am the light of the world.' Danny beamed and with great feeling and a loud clear voice announced, 'My mother is the light of the world.'

Members of the Parish:

Summer is coming, or on some days feels like it is already here! With the turn of the season comes many familiar things we notice; Farmers out in the fields, daylight past 8pm, and of course routinely that smell of fresh cut grass!!

As many remember or can recall it was just a couple years ago the Parish Council with input from many of you, made the decision to hire out the mowing and upkeep of our cemetery lawn. For many years this task was tackled by the volunteer efforts of the men within our parish. Many donated significant time and resources to make sure our grounds were kept neat.

As I wrote in the first letter two years ago regarding the decision to hire out the mowing. We thanked everyone for their efforts over the years to keep the cemetery grounds neat. We also acknowledged that the demand needed for volunteers was ever-increasing with no signs of change.

Our goal for the first year was to raise at least 50% of the actual cost of the mowing contract for the season. We asked those that gave greatly of their time, talent and treasure by means of personal equipment use and fuel consider just giving a donation of their treasure and keep their time that was spent mowing in previous years to themselves and their family. We asked those that weren't able to give of their time and talent in previous years, to give a monetary donation to help offset the cost of the contract and in doing so, could help provide for the continued upkeep of our cemetery grounds.

Due to the generosity of all those who gave in previous years, for the past two seasons we have received enough donations to almost completely cover 100% of the mowing costs of the past two years. This is wonderful!

So it's our task to all of you again to consider your monetary donation to help offset the costs for this year on our cemetery grounds.

We are asking for your help in the amount of \$100 for the entire year of cemetery upkeep. Of course, if you cannot help in the full amount, help at the level you can. We are grateful for all the help provided. Thank You!

Envelopes will be in the back of church for your donation. They can be dropped in the collection basket or you can simply mail your gift in.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to myself or Father. Thank You Again.

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