

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 24, 2025



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	August 25 th	7:50 am	+ Don Palensky
Tuesday	August 26 th	7:50 am	+ Ed & Helen Stuchlik
Wednesday	August 27 th	7:50 am	+ LeRoy Ohnoutka
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Marnie Cihal
Thursday	August 28 th	7:50 am	+ Rich Virgil
Friday	August 29 th	7:50 am	+ Bob Ohnoutka
Saturday	August 30 th	5:30 pm	+ Leonard Chapek
Sunday	August 31 st	8:00 am Touhy	Silver Rose Pro-Life - Knights of Columbus
		10:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Our Annual St. John Nepomucene Fall Bazaar is less than a month away! Details are being finalized and letters will be sent out soon with the list of donations requested of each family. Thank You for your Support of the Bazaar! Charlie: 402-480-0674 or Rita: 402-360-1642 and Chris: 402-443-6871 or Paula: 402-443-8880.

CCD Catholic Education (K-8) / High School – If you would like your children to attend CCD, please contact me or Lyssa Tvrdy 402-277-0275. (1) We do a program called Family Formation. Beginning in September, we meet once a month with parents and students. While the students go with teachers, the parents and I review the lessons that they will teach the students the other three weeks of the month. (2) This is also a Confirmation year for all of our 5th, 6th, and 7th graders. (3) Would someone like to help run a youth group?

Adult Catholic Instruction Classes/OCIA – Interested in joining the Catholic Church or not Catholic but interested in learning to see if you might want to join? If we have a number who are interested, we will start a weekly class. If there is one or two, we can set up smaller meetings by appointment. Please give me a call if you have questions.

School Began! – We had a great start to the school year with lots of smiles and joy evident in students, teachers, and parents! We begin the year on Feast of Pope St. Pius X. His motto was “Restore all things in Christ!” We dedicated our year to the Our Lady at the grotto and pledged allegiance to the flag and then got down to learning and growing in all ways and especially in the love of Christ and others.

Reflections on the Readings – “Strive to enter through the narrow gate.” I recently read about some parishioners petitioning to get their young priest removed because he made them feel uncomfortable by talking about hell as a real possibility and encouraging people to do whatever they can to avoid it, namely obeying God and putting God first. He taught that certain things are mortal sins (according to God’s commandments) that put one in danger of hell. However, even if the priest was unpopular, it was a loving thing for him to do. Jesus himself talked about being lost to heaven and about hell, and therefore he encouraged his listeners to ‘strive to enter through the narrow gate’. The greatest tragedy would be to miss out on attaining the perfect joy and fulfillment that God wants to give us in heaven. God whose nature it is to love, wants only what is best for us and for us to become the best we can be. He gives us commands for our good. He calls us to be saints, which means loving God above all things and our neighbors with the love of God. Each is called by God in a unique and unrepeatable way, but all are called similarly to obey God and to love God and neighbor. Much more than fear of hell, what ought to motivate us is the joy God wants us to have and the amazing things we see are possible in the lives of the saints. If you are reading this, you are certainly inspired by the love of God already. A great way to increase to get more inspiration is to learn about saints, especially those who have much written about them. And of course pray for a greater knowledge of the goodness and love of God.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of August 30-31, 2025

Acolyte:	Sat. 8/30 Paul Virgl	Sun. 8/31 Chris Tvrdy
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 8/30 Ginger Laughridge	Sun. 8/31 Rich Tvrdy
Servers:	Sat. 8/30 Volunteers	Sun. 8/31 Brayden Pleskac/Landon Pleskac
Ushers:	Sat. 8/30 Joe Janecek/Volunteer	Sun. 8/31 Paul Pleskac/Volunteer
Gifts:	Sat. 8/30 Joe Janecek Family	Sun. 8/31 Chad Kreikemeier Family

Stewardship of Treasure: August 17, 2025 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...
Total: \$1,362.00 **PLUS: Candles:** \$23.00 **Missionary Coop:** \$670.00 **Assumption of Mary:** \$190.00
Save your treasures! St. John Garage Sale—August 28-29-30. Donations accepted during school hours beginning Monday, August 18th. For alternate donation drop-offs, please call 402-937-3123. Thank you for your support.
PCCW Ladies—Please plan to bring baking to the St. John Garage Sale. Kolaches and breads are always the favorites but we need any and all baking. Drop off your goodies Wednesday, August 27th or Thursday, August 28th to the school gym. Thank you!

PRAYERS FOR SISTERS VOCATIONS

Please pray for Sr. Rose Josefa of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Novice, of the Sisters of the Carmel of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

OTHER INFORMATION

Please remember in your prayers and, on occasion, call or send a card to our home-bound/assisted care facilities parishioners: South Haven—Lucille Strizek. Please let us know if you would like to be added to this list.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRO-LIFE SILVER ROSE PROGRAM
VISITING ST. VITUS AND ST. JOHN’S NEXT SUNDAY

Join thousands of Catholics across North America in asking for Our Lady of Guadalupe’s intercession through the Silver Rose program. History: In 1960, the Columbian Squires, a youth organization of the Knights of Columbus, came up with the idea of running a rose to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico, to honor Our Lady. Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patroness of the unborn, the Americas, and the Knights of Columbus. The rose was chosen to commemorate Saint Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses. Today, eight roses travel along different North American routes that include Canada, the United States and Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion to pray for respect for life, the spiritual renewal of each nation, and the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Your participation in the Silver Rose program, especially your prayers and pledge for life, are a crucial part of our mission to defend and support life in every stage and condition.

SPIRITUAL CORNER

“I do not know what there is left for me to do, all my hopes in this world being now fulfilled. All I wished for was that I might see you a Catholic and a child of Heaven.” ~ St. Monica to her son, St. Augustine (August 27th, Feast Day of St. Monica)

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22	Friday:	1 Thes 4:1-8; Mk 6:17-29
Tuesday:	1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26	Saturday:	1 Thes 4:8-11; Mt 25:14-30
Wednesday:	1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32	Sunday:	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a;
Thursday:	1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51		Lk 14:1, 7-14

SCHOOL NEWS

Substitute cooks at St John’s School in Weston – We are looking for 3 to 5 substitute school cooks when our cook cannot be here. School days 9:30am-2:30pm, serving up 75 students and teachers. Call Carolyn Haberman 402-607-9513 or Fr. Vandewalle 402-853-2846 for hourly pay and other details. It will be much appreciated if we have good number of substitutes on deck as needed. Fr. Vandewalle will offer a rosary for you as well and you will get to see the smiling faces of children!

Support Our School with Scrip Gift Cards—We have scrip cards for sale in the office year round. To purchase immediately: **RaiseRight app** Enrollment Code for St. John's- **259F58BL632L1** Every business gives a percentage back to St. John School! Thank you for purchasing! If you have any questions, about Scrip, or want it explained more, just ask!

Please Keep Saving Your Labels/Box Tops—Please continue to scan receipts for Box Tops for Education labels, Our Family UPC's, and Best Choice UPC's. There is a basket in back of church to drop off all your labels.

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Lector/Reader:	Sun. 8/31 Steve Bartek
Servers:	Sun. 8/31 Griffin Byers/Caleb Osmera
Ushers:	Sun. 8/31 Jeff Walla/Ron Furasek
Gifts:	Sun. 8/31 Pat Bartek Family

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Total: \$1,488.00 **PLUS: Assumption of Mary:** \$1,351.18 **Mission Coop:** \$645.00
Valparaiso Community Center has Senior meals (55+) each Tuesday & Thursday at the at 11:30am. For more info, contact Janet Bartek at 402-429-7518.

AREA NEWS

Eucharistic Adoration ~ St. Joseph’s, Colon—We are seeking additional adorers to help expand our weekly Wednesday Eucharistic Exposition/Adoration at St. Joseph’s in Colon from 1:00pm-7:00pm. Come spend time in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament—whether for an hour or more. Your “yes” will not only honor our Lord, but also strengthen your faith and the faith of our community. To learn more or to sign up, visit: www.stjosephstmary.org/adoration

Confraternity of Christian Mothers—August 23rd-26th, St. Joseph’s Parish, Colon. Open to all Catholic women, 18 & over. Speaker will be Fr. Joseph Tuscan, Director General of the Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers. Free Will Donation. Come as often as you are able. Call Lisa at 402-443-6101 to arrange free babysitting.

18th Annual Guardian Angel Poker Run—Sunday, August 24th, Holy Trinity Parish, Klein Center, Brainard. Registration: 9:30am-Noon; Meals & Awards: 4:00pm. Entry Fee: \$25/Person, \$35/Couple, \$10/additional hand. All vehicles welcome, rain or shine. All proceeds go to the Guardian Angel Fund at Aquinas Catholic Schools. Call Ross Janak for more info: 402-641-5192.

Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church-Plasi, Roast Beef Dinner—Sunday, August 24th, 11:00am-2:00pm, Prague Parish Hall. Enjoy a self-serve buffet roast beef dinner with loads of sides, including kolaches! Bake/gift walk, raffle and live auction! Adults-\$20, Children (5-10 years)-\$10, Preschool-Free. Dining options available: dine-in, take-out or drive-thru. (No added fee for take-outs!)

Catholic Daughters Meeting—Monday, Aug. 25th at 6:30pm Mass at St. Wenceslaus in Wahoo. The meeting will follow.

Save the date! Weston St John Garage Sale—August 28th – 30th. We have lots of tools this year. Come check us out! Thursday-Friday, 8:00am-6:00pm; Saturday, 8:00am-Noon with \$3 bag sale. Hope to see you there!

"In The Upper Room" ~ A Holy Hour to pray for our Priests—Thursday, August 28th, on the Feast of St. Augustine in honor of Our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV - an Augustinian, 7:00pm-8:00pm in the Chapel at John XXIII Diocesan Center sponsored by MAGNIFICAT and Seven Sisters Apostolate. Join us in prayer for our Diocesan Priests before Jesus in His Most Blessed Sacrament in Exposition and Adoration. Fr. Robert Barnhill will preside. The Holy Hour will include: a community rosary led by the mothers of Priests; a meditation; and silent time for personal prayer. Benediction and Music by Simple Faith. Material will be available for purchase to assist you in praying for our Priests, along with free material from Magnificat, Seven Sisters Apostolate, and other sources. "In the Upper Room" refers to Holy Thursday commemorating the institution of both the Eucharist and the Priesthood by Jesus during the Last Supper. Contact Rhonda Litt by text at 402.525.6396 for further information.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

Why does a teacher wear sunglasses? Because her students are so bright.
Why did the kids cross the playground? To get to the other slide.