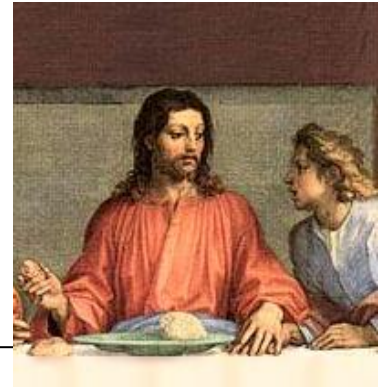


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Sixth Sunday of Easter May 14, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	May 15 th	7:50 am	+ Bernard Tvrdy
Tuesday	May 16 th	7:50 am	Parishioners (Feast of St. John Nepomucene)
Wednesday	May 17 th	7:50 am	+ Roland Pospisil
	Ascension Vigil	6:30 pm Touhy	+ Cheryl Bartek
Thursday	May 18 th	Ascension of the Lord 7:00 am	+ Missa pro Populo
	Ascension of the Lord	6:30 pm	+ Bill Spicka
Friday	May 19 th	7:50 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of Tom & Barb Rezac
Saturday	May 20 th	5:30 pm	Albina Kellner
Sunday	May 21 st	8:00 am Weston	+ Ed Stuchlik, Jr. & Family
		10:00 am Touhy	Missa pro Populo

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Happy Mothers' Day – Nothing can replace a mother. How interesting to ponder how God made mothers as part of His plans to help us mature and learn, and also to show us His love. Here's some quotations, edifying and humorous: (1) Life doesn't come with a manual. It comes with a mother. ~ *Author Unknown* (2) If your kids are giving you a headache, follow the directions on the aspirin bottle, especially the part that says "keep away from children". ~ *Susan Savannah* (3) My mother's menu consisted of two choices: Take it or leave it. ~ *Buddy Hackett* (4) Your arms were always open when I needed a hug. Your heart understood when I needed a friend. Your gentle eyes were stern when I needed a lesson. Your strength and love has guided me and gave me wings to fly. ~ *Sarah Malin* (5) A Mother's heart, a Mother's faith, and a Mother's steadfast love were fashioned by the Angels and sent from God above. ~ *Author Unknown* (6) A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. ~ *John 16:21* (7) Successful mothers are not the ones who have never struggled. They are the ones who never give up, despite their struggles. ~ *Sharon Jaynes* (8) You know you're a mom when you understand why mama bear's porridge was cold. ~ *Author Unknown* (9) *All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother ~ Abraham Lincoln.*

This Sunday we celebrate the 6th Sunday of Easter. Jesus says: "I will not leave you orphans." I love this line. Often, we fail to trust, when life events go awry. Jeff Cavins told this story. It's as if my young daughter were sneaking food into her pockets after dinner before bed to bring it to her room, and when asked about it starts to cry and, in all earnestness, says: "Daddy, I'm afraid there won't be any food here tomorrow!" As her dad, I would feel terrible for her. "Dear daughter, I'm your father, I will make sure there is food. You shouldn't have to worry about food. I will make sure you will have enough. I will take care of you." That's how God wants to be with us. Sometimes we act like orphans thinking that we need to TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING. But, what a relief, WE DO NOT HAVE TO. "I will NOT leave you orphans," Jesus promises. He will take care of us. Like children, it may not be always as we like in the immediate time, but He loves us more than we could ever love ourselves and He plans everything, everything, for our Spiritual good. Most importantly He says: "The Father and I will come to you and we will remain with you." Jesus wants for us in the end the ONLY gift that is the BEST gift for us, the only gift without which we would be unfulfilled and devastated ... The Father and Jesus dwelling in us through the Holy Spirit, and giving us PEACE.

Ascension Thursday into Pentecost – Ascension Thursday, this week, is a Holy Day of obligation. (See the mass schedule for the Wednesday night and Thursday masses). Jesus appeared to his disciples for 40 days after the Resurrection (easy to forget, and worth imagining in prayer, the joy of the appear-ees). On a Thursday, He ascended to heaven in the sight of His apostles. Jesus reigns from there, but is also present in His Church to spread the news of the Kingdom, through His followers. On the 50th day He sent the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Without the Holy Spirit, the Church would not have spread. The Apostles and disciples needed the Holy Spirit to overcome their human fear. So, do we. Your homework mission, if you choose to accept it, is to look up and pray a Novena to the Holy Spirit (for a fuller outpouring on our parishioners). A simple way is to simply pray the "Come Holy Spirit" prayer for 10 days.

Mission Trip - The week of May 21st-May 26th I'll be with the Bishop Neumann High School Mission trip to Gallup, New Mexico where we will be working with those in need along with Missionaries of Charity.

The Charity and Stewardship Appeal is going great. Thanks for your generosity!

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for Ascension (Holy Day of Obligation) May 18th and the weekend of May 20-21, 2023

	<u>Ascension 7:00 am</u>	<u>Ascension 6:30 pm</u>
Acolyte:	Thur. 5/18 Volunteer	Thur. 5/18 Matt Tvrdy
Lector/Reader:	Thur. 5/18 Volunteer	Thur. 5/18 Bob Masek
Servers:	Thur. 5/18 Volunteers	Thur. 5/18 Volunteers
Ushers:	Thur. 5/18 Volunteers	Thur. 5/18 Don Sabatka/Jesse Sabatka
Gifts:	Thur. 5/18 Volunteers	Thur. 5/18 Chris Bouc Family
Acolyte:	Sat. 5/20 Paul Virgl	Sun. 5/21 Jesse Sabatka
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 5/20 Ron Walla	Sun. 5/21 Barb Opp
Servers:	Sat. 5/20 Volunteers	Sun. 5/21 Hudson Fortik/Jaden Berggren
Ushers:	Sat. 5/20 Joe Janecek/Rich Cherovsky	Sun. 5/21 Marion Bartek/Don Sabatka
Gifts:	Sat. 5/20 Pat Carroll Family	Sun. 5/21 Milton Bouc Family

Stewardship of Treasure: May 7, 2023 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$12,265.00 **PLUS: Candles:** \$47.75 **Ascension:** \$50.00 **Guardian Angel Fund:** \$250.00

SPIRITUAL CORNER

“Just as he came down from heaven for us, and for us suffered and died on the cross, so for us he rose again and ascended to God, who therefore is no longer distant, but ‘Our God,’ ‘Our Father.’” –Pope Benedict XVI

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—Charles Kadavy, Rose Walla, Mary Lou Woita, Albina Kellner; Saunders County Care Center—Marcella Meduna; David’s Place—Patsy Sabatka. Please let us know if you would like to be added to this list.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a	Friday	Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11	Saturday	Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Jn 16:12-15	Sunday	Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a
Thursday:	Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20		

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for Ascension Vigil (Holy Day of Obligation) May 18th the weekend of May 20-21, 2023

Ascension Vigil 6:30 pm

Acolyte:	Wed. 5/17 Zach Kastl	Sun. 5/21 Dan Furasek
Lector/Reader:	Wed. 5/17 Pat Bartek	Sun. 5/21 Jeff Walla
Servers:	Wed. 5/17 Volunteers	Sun. 5/21 Cody Furasek/Adam Furasek
Ushers:	Wed. 5/17 Volunteers	Sun. 5/21 Ernie Osmera/Mike Bouc
Gifts:	Wed. 5/17 Volunteers	Sun. 5/21 Pat Bartek Family

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St. Vitus now has a prayer chain. If anyone has prayer requests or special intentions that they need to be prayed for, please let us know. There will be 15 ladies praying for this intention. It can be anonymous or requested by name. We will respect your privacy. Please call Donna Furasek who is the leader of the prayer chain at 402-784-6285. She will let the other prayer warriors know.

SCHOOL NEWS

Local Kids’ Summer Catholic Camps—Since our parishes do not have Catholic camps this summer, I encourage our kids to attend one locally in Val or Wahoo (June 19-23) or Diocesan Camp Kateri at www.campkateri.org (many dates).

COR JESU REX (Heart of Jesus) ~ Join the School Sisters of Christ the King June 19th-23rd at Sts Mary & Joseph Church in Valparaiso for our Parish Summer School, includes incoming 1st grade-present 8th grade. Classes 9:00am-2:00pm. Mass daily, also time for Adoration, skits, recess & lunch. Each student is to bring a sack lunch Monday-Thursday. (Drink provided) A PIZZA PICNIC will be held on Friday. **We are looking into getting T-shirts, available for purchase to those attending.*

Totus Tuus Save the Dates—Families, St. Wenceslaus will once again be hosting Totus Tuus, the diocesan summer catechetical program for all students entering 1st grade through newly graduated students. Totus Tuus will be June 18th-23rd. The 1st-8th grade will be June 19th-23rd from 9:00am-3:00pm and High School will be June 18th-22nd from 8:00pm-10:00pm. Please mark your calendars and watch for registration and more information. We will be having two teams, so the registration limit will be 180 students. If you have any questions, please contact our parish Totus Tuus Coordinator, Amy Reisen at amy-reisen@cdolinc.net.

Support Our School with Scrip—SCRIP gift cards are a great way to make sure you get your Mom, graduates, new Mothers, newlyweds, etc. just the perfect gift. Stop by St. John School in Weston or call 402-642-5234 to purchase. Thank you! Order forms are in the back of church and can be mailed or turned in to Barb at St. John’s School or emailed to stjohnscrip19@gmail.com. Clearly mark on the envelope St. John’s SCRIP. Envelope should include your order form complete with address, phone number and payment. Please email stjohnscrip19@gmail.com if you have any questions.

AREA NEWS

Catholic Daughters will meet on Monday, May 22nd at 6:30pm at St. Wenceslaus in Wahoo, starting with mass. The meeting will follow. We welcome anyone interested in joining Catholic Daughters to attend as a guest.

Eucharistic Revival Adoration—Marycrest Motherhouse, 6765 N. 112th St., Waverly, NE. Three consecutive Holy Hours for the Laity on June 11th from 2:00pm-5:00pm. Come adore for as long as you would like! The sisters will be in adoration and observing silence. “Come to Me and I will give you rest.”

The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Clyde, Missouri—In-person Monastic Experience June 23rd-29th. “It’s a chance to experience the daily rhythm of our life where you can join us in singing the divine office, attend daily Mass, spend time in personal prayer and open your heart to God’s call by learning about discernment and prayer,” Vocation Director Sister Maria Victoria Cutaia, OSB said. “It’s always a joy and an honor for me to journey with women who are discerning their path in life.” This opportunity is for single women, age 18-40, who are considering religious life. There is no cost to attend. For more information or to learn about upcoming Monastic Experiences, including virtual opportunities, please contact Sister Maria Victoria at vocation@benedictinesisters.org, call (660) 944-2221 ext. 127, or visit www.BenedictineSisters.org and click on Vocations/Walk With Us.

Sts. Mary & Joseph (Valparaiso) PCCW Annual Salad Supper—Tuesday, July 11th at 6:30 pm. Entertainment from the Seward County Ukuladies. Bucket raffle, wine table prizes and fun! Tickets: \$12.00.

Silent Women’s Ignatian Retreat by Sharon Doran: Women of Hope who Find God in All Things—Get away from the hectic pace of life and take time to deepen your relationship with God by engaging your heart, mind, body and eternal soul. Hear God speak to your heart in the community of silence. There will be 11 preached conferences by Sharon Doran who combines her love of Sacred Scripture with the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. August 24th-27th at Creighton University Retreat Center in Griswold, IA, 1 hour east of Omaha and 1.5 hours west of Des Moines. Cost for lodging, meals and retreat: \$425. Check-in between 4:30-5:30pm on Thursday & concludes Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Register at creighton.edu/curc or by using the QR code on the flyer in the back of church.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

While I was dining out with my children, a man came over to our table and we started talking. He asked where my kids go to school. I told him we home-school them. With a raised eyebrow he asked if my husband is the sole breadwinner for our family. I said no, I also work—out of our home. Then, noticing our two-month-old son, he mentioned that his daughter had just had a baby, and he wondered what hospital our son was born in. “He was born at home,” I answered. The man looked at me, then said, “Wow, you don’t get out much, do you?”