

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 April 21, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	April 22 nd	7:50 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of LuAnn Maly
Tuesday	April 23 rd	7:50 am	+ LaVerne Wonka
Wednesday	April 24 th	7:50 am	+ Patty Cejka
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Rose Bohac
Thursday	April 25 th	7:50 am	+ Robert Machacek
Friday	April 26 th	7:50 am	+ Rich Virgil
Saturday	April 27 th	5:30 pm	+ Cyril & Albina Kellner
Sunday	April 28 th	8:00 am Touhy	+ Sharon Spicka
		10:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday: Jesus said “I am the Good Shepherd, and know mine and mine know me.” - Jn 10
Good Shepherd Sunday Readings Reflections:

1. The Church passes on the Gospel externally through the ages: “Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit said...it was in the name of Jesus Christ ... by which we are to be saved.” (Acts 4:8). Jesus prepared and formed the Apostles to pass on His Good News, and it has been passed down through the centuries. That means that the Apostles, in turn, formed others to pass on the Good News of Jesus. We can even trace where it was spread by the Apostles and many after them. But it wasn't just the message; the messengers had to be a sort of proof of its authenticity. *“The world tends to listen less to words and more to witnesses.” – Benedict XVI.* There have been both very great and very poor shepherds and witnesses.
2. Jesus speaks the message internally. Besides the message passed on through the Church's words and witness, there is that other aspect without which faith doesn't happen ... Jesus' voice. “I know my sheep and they know me... they will hear my voice.” (Jn 10:11ff). If or when you feel you do not know the Shepherd, you can tell Him in prayer, and ask Him for the grace to hear. As Mother Teresa said, “In the silence of the heart God speaks.” Each time the Good News of Jesus is proclaimed the words may strike the ears, but the seed is planted in the heart.
3. It is odd that a Shepherd would lay down his life for the sheep. Normally sheep are for the good of the shepherd. This “reversal” emphasizes how good Jesus really is. “We the sheep consume [in the Eucharist] our Shepherd who became the Lamb for us.” The Shepherd doesn't use us, but loves us.
4. Do you know your value? “The Good Shepherd shows the sheep their worth. This is the one trait that Jesus points out for us to distinguish Him by: He has given His life in the fight for yours.”
5. Promise: *“All too often, when my life seems as if it spins in chaos, I experience panic and doubt. I take my Lord's seeming silence as abandonment.” And yet when I call to Him, He finds me, His one out of ninety-nine. My Shepherd knows my voice and clearly hears my call because He is keeping watch. His love is unchanging, His protection without fault. With each call and each response, He attunes my ear more deeply to His Voice.” - Jennifer Hubbard*

Mother's Day Poster—We will be taking names (\$1.00 per name) in the back of both churches the weekend of April 28th-29th and May 4th-5th or you can contact Donna Janecek (St. John's) at 402-642-5449 or Andrea Furasek (St. Vitus) at 402-540-2653 to put in your Mother's name for our annual Mother's Day Masses on May 11th & 12th. The money donated will be given to the Right to Life campaign.

Charity and Stewardship Appeal (CSA) – This annual collection supports many diocesan-level apostolates. The first 20% of our goal supports those: \$1,820 from Touhy and \$2,080 from Weston. Everything over that comes back to the respective parish, St. Vitus or St. John's! So it is a big fundraiser for us. The Appeal will begin the weekend of April 27-28th and May 4-5th. Last year we pledged \$11,599 at Touhy and \$10,360 at Weston. Let's see if we can up it 5%. *(Here are the main Diocesan level apostolates: (1) Family Life Office; (2) Youth Ministry; (3) UNL Newman Center; (4) Hispanic Ministry; (5) Catholic Social Service; (6-8) Hospital, Prison, Nursing Home Ministries, (9) the Marriage Tribunal.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of April 27-28, 2024

Acolyte:	Sat. 4/27 Paul Virgl	Sun. 4/28 Matt Tvrdy
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 4/27 Barb Opp	Sun. 4/28 Marvin Wiese
Servers:	Sat. 4/27 Volunteers	Sun. 4/28 Mason Wiese/Logan Lacey
Ushers:	Sat. 4/27 Rich Cherovsky/Joe Janecek	Sun. 4/28 Paul Pleskac/Marion Bartek
Gifts:	Sat. 4/27 Bill Laughridge Family	Sun. 4/28 Gene Adams Family

Stewardship of Treasure: April 14, 2024 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...
Total: \$3,060.98 **PLUS: Candles: \$35.00 Holy Land: \$25.00 Guardian Angel Fund: \$5.00**

OTHER INFORMATION

Please remember in your prayers and, on occasion, call or send a card to our home-bound/assisted care facilities parishioners: 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.

PRAYERS FOR SISTERS VOCATIONS

Please pray for Sr. Xuan Sang, Postulant, Sisters of Mary, Queen of Mercy

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10	Friday:	Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30	Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24—13:5a; Jn 12:44-50	Sunday:	Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20		

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of April 27-28, 2024

Acolyte:	Sun. 4/28 Drew Niemann
Lector/Reader:	Sun. 4/28 Pat Bartek
Servers:	Sun. 4/28 Simon Strizek/Caleb Osmera
Ushers:	Sun. 4/28 Gerald Osmera/Phil Rezac
Gifts:	Sun. 4/28 Tom Rezac Family

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Total: \$2,334.21 **PLUS: Easter Flowers: \$50.00**

Knights of Columbus Meeting—Thursday, May 2nd, 7:30pm at Sts. Mary & Joseph Parish Hall, Valparaiso. (Lunch at 7:00pm)

SCHOOL NEWS

St. John's School Vocal Concert—Tuesday, April 23rd at 6:30pm in the school gym.

10th Annual Spring Plant Sale ~ St. John School—Saturday, May 4th from 8:30am-2:00pm and Sunday, May 5th from 9:00am-Noon. (Combo sale Sunday only). Plant sale will be held in the garage north of St. John's School. Annual Flowers, Vegetable Plants and Perennials. *All plant proceeds support St. John's School*

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.

SPIRITUAL CORNER

"Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses." ~ St. Mark, Evangelist (April 25, Feast Day)

AREA NEWS

Valparaiso Legion Breakfast—Sunday, April 21st from 8:00am-Noon at the Valparaiso Legion. Serving eggs, sausage, pancakes & biscuits and gravy.

Spirit Catholic Radio brings you *The Great Adventure – Your Journey Through the Bible*—In cooperation with Jeff Cavins and Ascension Press, learn how the people, places and events of the Bible all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith. Tune in on your own, with a spouse, or if possible, gather your bible study group during these times. **Upcoming schedule:** **The Bible Timeline** airs Tuesdays at 11:00am and replays at 8:00pm. **Matthew** begins April 25th, airing Thursdays at 11:00am and replays at 8:00pm. **Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life** begins May 11th, airing Saturday at 7:00am and replays Sunday at 8:00pm. Discount on materials also available! More details at spiritcatholicradio.com/adventure

Jen Fulwiler-Maternal Instinct—St. Joseph School Family Assoc. Presentation at the Rococo Theater Friday, April 26th at 8:00pm. Bishop Conley highly recommends this renowned Catholic comedian, praising her quick wit and relatable anecdotes that connect with National audiences. Opening for the show is Fr. Jake Martin, a Catholic priest and stand-up comedian who blends humor and spirituality to offer a unique take on faith and life. Tickets: www.rococotheatre.com

Lincoln Diocesan Council Catholic Women (LDDCW) 64th Biennial Convention—April 26th & 27th at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. Friday, April 26th – 5:30pm-6:30pm Eucharistic Adoration by Donna Cori, with Hors d'oeuvres and drink following, \$25. Saturday, April 26th – Keynote Speaker, Donna Cori, includes coffee & rolls, lunch, mass with Bishop Conley, silent auction, raffle and LDCCW business meeting, \$30. Register at: <https://form.jotform.com/200576709676163>

THE EUCHARIST: The Source and Summit of our Faith—April 26th/27th at St. Robert Bellarmine, Omaha. Hear from EWTN and Catholic Answers speak on the Eucharist. This 2-day symposium features: Fr. Wade Menezes, Tim Staples, Coleen Kelly Mast, Joe Heschmeyer, and Stacy Trasancos. Jack Williams, GM of EWTN Radio, will serve as emcee. A bookstore will be open before, during, and after the symposium with a Saturday box lunch available for pre-purchase. Times: 7:00pm-9:30pm Friday, April 26th, and 9:00am-4:30pm Saturday, April 27th. Tickets are \$25 each. To purchase tickets, go to spiritcatholicradio.com/april

Catholic Daughters Meeting—Mon., Apr. 29th at 6:30pm at St. Wenceslaus in Wahoo starting with Mass. Meeting follows. We welcome anyone interested in joining Catholic Daughters to attend as a guest. Please note that we are meeting at 6:30pm.

Are you yearning for a time of rest with the Lord? Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly invites you into a time of peace and solitude with God on retreat. See our upcoming retreats: 4-Day, 5-Day or 8-Day Ignatian Directed Retreat with Fr. Coulter, Matt Simmons or Sarina Stokes May 4-8, May 3-8, or May 3-10, "Let's Talk Roses" Retreat for Women with Janette Howe on May 10-11, and Women's Spiritual Exercises with Traditional Latin Mass (June 7-9) and Men's (June 14-16). Read more and register at www.goodcounselretreat.org, email office@olgcretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

Camp Kateri—Camp Kateri, the Catholic camp site near York, is offering many different 3rd-12th grade camp experiences this summer. New this year is a family camp with limited space. Visit <https://campkateri.org/> for a listing of some of the camps.

Scholarships are available through benefactors of St. John's School. Please let us know if you would like to join in receiving a scholarship! Call the school office at 402-642-5234. If interested, please take a flyer in the back of church.

Cor Jesu Rex ~ Students Save the Date—Sts. Mary & Joseph Church, Valparaiso starting Monday, June 28th. Come grow in your Faith with the wonderful School Sisters of Christ the King as your children or grandchildren's instructors. All children 1st-8th will participate in learning and experiencing the time getting to know the Sisters and learn more about their religious life, and our Catholic Faith. To register, call Billie at 402-310-5967. There are sign-up sheets in the back of church.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

What's the difference between Bird Flu and Swine Flu? One requires tweetment and the other requires oinkment.