

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

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**May 4, 2025**



**MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday	May 5 <sup>th</sup>	7:50 am	+ Michael Royse
Tuesday	May 6 <sup>th</sup>	7:50 am	+ Ed & Helen Stuchlik
Wednesday	May 7 <sup>th</sup>	7:50 am	+ Betty Turner
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Cyril Kellner
Thursday	May 8 <sup>th</sup>	7:50 am	+ Rose Furasek
Friday	May 9 <sup>th</sup>	7:50 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of Ernie & Joan Osmera
Saturday	May 10 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 pm	Missa pro Populo
Sunday	May 11 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am Touhy	Mother's Day Intentions
		10:00 am Weston	Mother's Day Intentions

**NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE**

Let us continue to pray during the 'interregnum' for the next Pope Holy Spirit, through the intercession of Mary and all the saints and angels, we beg of you a Pope with the mind and heart of Jesus! Amen.

**Charity & Stewardship Appeal (DDP) will begin this weekend** – This annual collection supports many diocesan-level apostolates. The first 20% of our goal supports those: \$1,190 from Touhy and \$1,970 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 May 3-4<sup>th</sup> and May 10-11<sup>th</sup>. Last year we pledged \$10,435 at Touhy and \$11,450 at Weston. Can we go up 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.

**Mother's Day Poster**—We will be taking names (\$1.00 per name) in the back of both churches this weekend, May 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> 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, living or deceased, for our annual Mother's Day Masses on May 11<sup>th</sup>. The money donated will be given to the Right to Life campaign.

**St. Joseph the Worker** – May 1<sup>st</sup> was the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. St. Joseph reminds us dignity of work, especially our daily duties! At creation, God worked, and we are in His image! Then God 'rested' on the Sabbath, indicating that we should give Him a day of rest and worship. **Prayer:** Hail Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted His only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage and defend us from every evil. Amen.

**Feast of the Dedication of the Cornerstone of St. Vitus Church (5/6/1903)** is Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Last Day of School is this week** – Thanks everybody for a GREAT year!

**Pope Francis emphasized Mercy** ... Mercy in action by caring for the poor. And Mercy also for poor sinners. One thing he did was designate 1,100 priests as Missionaries of Mercy. They were to promote Mercy through confession, lots of confessions, and were given the power to absolve certain sins that normally have to be given permission from Rome. One such Missionary of Mercy, Msgr. Roger Landry, spoke of Confessions he heard while flying. He said that 8 times he has sat near the window in an airplane and given the Sacrament of Confession to someone. Each time the conversation has gone something like this: "I like this Pope Francis and the way he is... How do you mean? ... Well, the way he welcomes everyone... His mercy? ... Yes! ... Well, he wants everyone to have that, and you know the best way? ... No, how? ... Confession... Oh, I have not been to confession a long time, I couldn't, and you can't do Confession on a plane, can you? ... Oh yes, in fact I carry with me an examination of conscience booklet with how to go to Confession!" ..... then 10 minutes later, Msgr. Landry would be putting on his stole, and having a whispered confession on the airplane!

**Easter Musings** – For 40 days after the Resurrection Jesus appeared to people on the earth; (a) Jesus appeared to Apostles and multiple disciples; (b) He taught them again about the Kingdom; (c) He prepared them for their mission to spread the Good News once He would Ascend.

**WEEKLY TITHING COLLECTIONS**

St. John Nepomucene

St. Vitus

Amount Budgeted per Week (\$3,054.89) in April	\$12,219.56	
Amount Budgeted per Week (\$2,021.94) in April		\$ 8,087.76
Amount Received in April	\$ 7,975.00	\$ 5,873.10
Net Excess (Deficit) for the month April	\$(4,244.56)	\$(2,214.66)
<b>2025 Year-to-Date Total</b>	<b>\$38,528.52</b>	<b>\$28,763.77</b>

**ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH COUNCIL**

The St. John Nepomucene Parish Council meets the 2nd Wednesday of even numbered months at 6:30pm at the School. Public comment period is from 6:30pm-6:45pm. Anyone can use that time to make any comments to the council. Immediately after public comment, the meeting will take place. Anyone who is not a member or have an item listed on that meeting's agenda will be asked to leave at that time. To request a specific item be placed on the agenda please email [stjohn-weston@cdolinc.net](mailto:stjohn-weston@cdolinc.net) and provide details on your request.

**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.

## READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29	Friday	Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51—8:1a; Jn 6:30-35	Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40	Sunday:	Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100; Rev 7:9, 14b-17;
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51		Jn 10:27-30

## ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

### Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of: May 10-11, 2025

<b>Acolyte:</b>	Sat. 5/10 Pat Carroll	Sun. 5/11 Chris Tvrdy
<b>Lector/Reader:</b>	Sat. 5/10 Deb Carroll	Sun. 5/11 Rich Tvrdy
<b>Servers:</b>	Sat. 5/10 Volunteers	Sun. 5/11 Brayden Pleskac/Landon Pleskac
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sat. 5/10 Paul Virgl/Ron Walla	Sun. 5/11 Paul Pleskac/Marion Bartek
<b>Gifts:</b>	Sat. 5/10 Paul Virgl Family	Sun. 5/11 Gene Adams Family

**Stewardship of Treasure: April 27, 2025** We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

**Total:** \$1,507.00 **PLUS: Holy Land:** \$40.00 **Candles:** \$39.00

**St. John's PCCW Group** will have *Coffee & Rolls* after the 8:00am Mass on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

## ST. VITUS PARISH

### Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of: May 10-11, 2025

<b>Acolyte:</b>	Sun. 5/11 Zach Kastl
<b>Lector/Reader:</b>	Sun. 5/11 Steve Bartek
<b>Servers:</b>	Sun. 5/11 Corbyn Kastl/Caleb Kastl
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sun. 5/11 Tom Osmera/Mike Bouc
<b>Gifts:</b>	Sun. 5/11 Ted Bohac Family

**Stewardship of Treasure: April 20, 2025** We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

**Total:** \$996.00 **PLUS: Easter:** \$30.00 **Holy Land:** \$100.00

**\*Date Change ~ Knights of Columbus Meeting**—Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm at Sts. Mary & Joseph Parish Hall, Valparaiso.

## SPIRITUAL CORNER

“...Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the most tender of friends with souls who seek to please Him. His goodness knows how to proportion itself to the smallest of His creatures as to the greatest of them. Be not afraid then in your solitary conversations, to tell Him of your miseries, your fears, your worries, of those who are dear to you, of your projects, and of your hopes. Do so with confidence and with an open heart.” ~ St. Damien de Veuster

## SCHOOL NEWS

**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.

## AREA NEWS

**St. John Nepomucene – Part Time or Full Time - Preschool Aide and Religion Teacher**—St. John Nepomucene Catholic School in Weston is seeking a faith-filled, responsible adult to assist in Preschool as a teacher's aide and to teach two to three religion classes (3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade) Monday through Friday during regular school hours. Please contact Fr. Vandewalle at 402-853-2846 for [fr.matthew-vandewalle@cdolinc.net](mailto:fr.matthew-vandewalle@cdolinc.net)

**Drive-Up Burger Knight**—Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am-1:30pm on the south side of Bishop Neumann. Sponsored the Knights of Columbus #1833. Free Will Donation.

**Women at the Well ~ The Power of a Praying Mother, May 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>**—Motherhood is both beautiful and challenging, sustained by the power of prayer. This retreat, led by Natalie Gifford and Kristin Schiff, offers women a chance to step away and renew their faith. This 24-hour retreat will equip women with spiritual tools to intercede for their families through Marion devotion and the wisdom of saintly mothers. To register, go to [goodcounselretreat.org](http://goodcounselretreat.org)

**Desert Day ~ Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly**—Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Not everyone has the same 9-to-5 schedule, so we invite you to consider taking a Desert Day even if it's shorter or longer, earlier or later. Simply arrive by 9:00am and depart at your convenience in the afternoon. A suggested donation of \$20 includes the day and lunch (or \$10 and bring your own food); \$50 if you would like a private room for the day (advance registration required). The basic schedule is 7-9am check-in and coffee, 10am Confessions, 11:15am Mass, Noon lunch, 1-4pm Adoration with conference, departure anytime. For more information go to [goodcounselretreat.org](http://goodcounselretreat.org) or contact the retreat office at [office@olgcretreat.org](mailto:office@olgcretreat.org) or call 402-786-2705.

**\*\*Save the Date ~ Fr. Vandewalle's 25<sup>th</sup> Jubilee**—Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Join us in celebrating Fr. Vandewalle's 25th anniversary of his ordination. Mass will be held at noon at St. John Nepomucene Church in Weston, followed by a catered luncheon from 1:00pm-4:00pm.

**Don't Miss Dr. Ray Guarendi as he tours Nebraska**—A familiar name to Spirit Catholic Radio listeners is coming to Lincoln this June 5<sup>th</sup>. Catholic speaker, host of “*The Dr. Is In*” radio show, author, and family therapist, **Dr. Ray Guarendi**, will tour the state of Nebraska giving different talks at four stops **June 2-5**. You can hear “*The Dr. Is In*” weekdays from Noon-1:00pm on Spirit 102.7 FM. Dr. Ray will speak on: “*Standing Strong as a Parent and Grandparent*”. His talk will begin at **7:00pm on Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**, at the Pius X Catholic School gym. Books will be for sale before, during, and after his talk. **Tickets are only \$5 or 5 for \$20** and available at [spiritcatholicradio.com/drray](http://spiritcatholicradio.com/drray).

## A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

A man was stranded on an island for 5 years was finally rescued one day. The man rescuing him noticed he had built 3 huts. He asked him what they were for. The man said, “One was my house, and one was my church.” The rescuer said “Okay, that makes sense, but what about the 3<sup>rd</sup> hut?” The man replied, “That was the church I used to go to before I changed denominations.”