

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 19 & 26, 2026



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	July 20 th	7:50 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of Carl Woita
Tuesday	July 21 st	7:50 am	+ LeRoy Ohnoutka
Wednesday	July 22 nd	7:50 am	+ Anthony Stenka
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Anthony Osmera
Thursday	July 23 rd	7:50 am	+ George & LaVerne Wonka
Friday	July 24 th	7:50 am	+ Bob Ohnoutka
Saturday	July 25 th	5:30 pm	+ Elaine Meduna
Sunday	July 26 th	8:00 am Touhy	+ Rose Walla
		10:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo

Monday	July 27 th	7:50 am	+ Don Meduna
Tuesday	July 28 th	7:50 am	+ George Furasek, Jr.
Wednesday	July 29 th	7:50 am	+ Ron Sabatka
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Lewis & Cheryl Kavan
Thursday	July 30 th	7:50 am	+ Terra Orndorff
Friday	July 31 st	7:50 am	+ Don Palensky
Saturday	August 1 st	5:30 pm	+ Leonard Chapek
Sunday	August 2 nd	8:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo
		10:00 am Touhy	+ Larry Masek

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Mission Coop Priest – We look forward to having Fr. Gabriel from the Diocese of Ogoja, Nigeria for the annual Mission Coop Appeal on the weekend of July 25/26th. With over a million Catholics and about 150 priests and 50 sisters in 79 parishes, Ogoja has about 7,000 Catholics per priest. By Comparison Lincoln has about 150 priests for almost 80,000 Catholics (around 530 Catholics per priest). Mission Coop envelopes are in the back of Church.

Vacation – I will be on Vacation from Sunday, July 19 through Tuesday, July 28th. I will be with brother priests at Glacier National Park in Montana, Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming and stops on the way, including the “Mystic Monks Coffee” monastery. Fr. Gabriel will offer masses but has no transportation. If you would like to bring him somewhere he may like that. If you need a priest in an emergency please call Wahoo St. Wenceslaus. 402-443-4235.

Repairing Hail Damaged Roofs - St. John’s school is underway. There is a chance they start the Church on Monday. After Weston, they will start on St. Vitus.

Annual Mission Coop Appeal (1) Each year over 150 missionary dioceses and religious orders request permission to come to our diocese to give an appeal for financial support. This appeal is a major source of funding for these missionaries, and the monies collected in our parish go directly to that missionary diocese or religious for the poor that they serve. These funds are used to feed, house and educate the poor and orphans, provide medical care, build churches, schools, clinics, catechetical training centers, dig wells, etc., and educate candidates for the priesthood and religious life and provide many other necessities. (2) All the missionary priests who speak in our parishes have great needs for which they give the appeal. Some may ask for additional support, such as sponsoring a seminarian or religious for several months, in addition to their appeal at Mass. Our diocesan regulations do not allow this so that people will be able to support the needs of other missionaries who will give appeals in our parish in the future. There are so many needs to be met from so many different dioceses and religious orders, and we must give each different group a fair chance to receive our support each year. Please be generous!

Reflection on the Readings (16th Sun) - Last week we had the first of four parables concerning the growth of the Kingdom, the Sower. This week we have the other three. Wheat and Weeds, Mustard Seed, and Yeast. It is of God’s nature to give growth, goodness, and life. But because of free will, there are ‘weeds,’ that choke the wheat. While we all have external trials, we also have our own internal ‘weeds’. Rather than rip up the faults, the Lord allows them with patience and mercy, so that the ‘Wheat’ may grow in us as well. He invites rather than forces. Though life is tough, Jesus promises He is there to help and to show mercy: (1) “Your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all.” (Wisdom 12). (2) “Lord, you are good and forgiving.” (Ps. 86); (3) *The Spirit comes to the aide of our weakness (Rom 8)*; Jesus told St. Faustina that we can always trust in His mercy if we choose to receive it, but that someone can finally reject it and be lost forever (like the weeds in the fiery furnace). Let us pray that we all receive His Mercy. Though we are careful not to be presumptuous for ourselves, we can always hope and pray that someone received God’s mercy even in the last moment. We want to be with those of whom Jesus says “Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.” **Testimonial** – Fr. B. is a priest who pours himself out for his parishioners and is even willing to be unpopular by warning them about the dangers of hell. He does not see it as ‘fire and brimstone,’ but as an act of love so that they might be saved.

Reflection on the Readings (17th Sun) – (1) Solomon does well to ask for wisdom instead of riches. (2) It is wise to follow the commandments as they are for our human flourishing (now and forever) and so we say “Lord I love your commands!” (Resp. Psalm 119). (3) We show love for Jesus and others when we try to follow the commandments and as Paul says “All works for the good of those who love God.” (Rom 8). (Gospel) We do not want to be bad fish thrown into the fire of hell, but good fish thrown into heaven. Therefore, we choose the Pearl of Great Price over everything else. This benefits us now - with the peace of Christ and a good conscience - but then will benefit us for eternity. **Testimonial** – Jen Fuwiler grew up an atheist and thought Christians were foolish, but when she had her first baby, she couldn’t help but think that this baby she loved was not random and that life must have meaning. She became a fully devoted and happy Christian and would not trade it for anything.

NFP Awareness Week, July 19-26 – What is Natural Family Planning? In short, it is a moral way for married couples to use God’s given gift of marital intimacy if there is a time that they have a serious reason not to have a child. Couples that practice NFP, attend Sunday worship, support the church and pray daily have a 1% divorce rate, which makes sense, because they are using God’s gifts the way he meant them to be used. The diocese now offers 4 different, great methods of Natural Family Planning. Learn more at [Media Kit | USCCB](#) which also includes personal witnesses about how NFP changed people’s lives for the better.

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 and provide details on your request.

SPIRITUAL CORNER

“Friendship with Christ, which forms the basis of faith, is not just one aid among many others for building the future; it is our guiding star.” ~ Pope Leo, at a vigil for the Jubilee of Youth

READINGS OF THE WEEK

July 20-26

Monday:	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Mt 12:38-42	Friday:	Jer 3:14-17; Mt 13:18-23
Tuesday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Mt 12:46-50	Saturday:	2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28
Wednesday:	Song 3:1-4b; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18	Sunday:	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119; Rom 8:28-30;
Thursday:	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Mt 13:10-17		Mt 13:44-52

July27-August 2

Monday:	Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35	Friday:	Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58
Tuesday:	Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43	Saturday:	Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 15:10, 16-21; Jn 11:19-27	Sunday:	Is 55:1-3; Ps 145; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21
Thursday:	Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53		

PRAYERS FOR SISTERS VOCATIONS

Please pray for Sr. Mary Mikaelis & Sr. Juanita Marie, Professed, Holy Spirit Adoration (Pink) Sisters.

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.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of July 25-26, 2026

Acolyte:	Sat. 7/25 Paul Virgl	Sun. 7/26 Chris Tvrdy
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 7/25 Ron Walla	Sun. 7/26 Rich Tvrdy
Servers:	Sat. 7/25 Volunteers	Sun. 7/26 Easton Kavan/Eli Kavan
Ushers:	Sat. 7/25 Volunteer/Volunteer	Sun. 7/26 Marion Bartek/Paul Pleskac
Gifts:	Sat. 7/25 Pat Carroll Family	Sun. 7/26 Rich Tvrdy Family

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of August 1-2, 2026

Acolyte:	Sat. 8/1 Pat Carroll	Sun. 8/2 Jesse Sabatka
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 8/1 Deb Carroll	Sun. 8/2 Marvin Wiese
Servers:	Sat. 8/1 Volunteers	Sun. 8/2 Joseph Vasa/Corbyn Zitek
Ushers:	Sat. 8/1 Paul Virgl/Ron Walla	Sun. 8/2 Justin Sabatka/Don Sabatka
Gifts:	Sat. 8/1 Paul Virgl Family	Sun. 8/2 Justin Sabatka Family

Stewardship of Treasure: July 12, 2026 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$3,367.42 **PLUS: Candles:** \$129.00 **Peter’s Pence:** \$25.00

St. John’s PCCW Group will have *Coffee & Rolls* after the 8:00am Mass on Sunday, August 2nd.

SAVE THE DATE! The annual St. John Garage Sale is scheduled for August 27, 28 & 29. Be sure to save your gently used items for this event which benefits the school. We will begin accepting items in the gym the week beginning August 17th. If you need to move them before that time, please contact Barbara Opp at 402-642-5342. We can always use help organizing for this event. If you'd like to volunteer, please let a committee member know - Deanne Spicka, Donna Janecek, Mary Ann Tvrdy, Barbara Opp.

SCHOOL NEWS

First Day of School for the 2026-2027 School Year—Thursday, August 20th, 2026. 7:40am start time for grades PreK3 and K-6th! Mass is at 8am!

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.

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of July 25-26, 2026

- Acolyte: Sun. 7/26 Drew Niemann
- Lector/Reader: Sun. 7/26 Pat Bartek
- Servers: Sun. 7/26 Simon Strizek/Caleb Osmera
- Ushers: Sun. 7/26 Dan Cihal/Marvin Bohac
- Gifts: Sun. 7/26 Tom Rezac Family

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of August 1-2, 2026

- Acolyte: Sun. 8/2 Zach Kastl
- Lector/Reader: Sun. 8/2 Jeff Walla
- Servers: Sun. 8/2 Corbyn Kastl/Cooper Kastl
- Ushers: Sun. 8/2 Jeff Walla/Ron Furasek
- Gifts: Sun. 8/2 Bryan Woita Family

Stewardship of Treasure: July 12, 2026 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$1,750.00 PLUS: Peter’s Pence: \$100.00

AREA NEWS

Wild at Heart Men’s Retreat—Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, July 24th-26th. Men are invited to *Wild at Heart* with Deacon Matthew Hecker, PhD—a powerful weekend exploring the depth of a man’s soul and God’s call to authentic masculinity. Through Scripture, the saints and the Church’s wisdom, this retreat helps men rediscover purpose, courage and identity in Christ. The retreat begins Friday at 7:00pm with Mass and concludes Sunday with Mass and noon lunch. For more information or to register, visit goodcounselretreat.org

Bruno Cornhole Tournament—Saturday, August 1st, 3:00pm, at St. Anthony’s Parish Hall, Bruno. Sign-ups from 2:00pm-2:45pm. \$40 per team, 6+ games guaranteed, cash prizes. Serving Beer & Burgers on donation. There will also be a PCCW Bake Sale. For more information, contact Brian Snitily at bsnitily@gmail.com or facebook.com/bohunkbaggers

Come to Nazareth—Sunday, August 2nd ~ A retreat for the whole family hosted by Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House with prayer, talks, Adoration, games, and more. Conclude with a gathering around the campfire (guitars welcome!) Breakout sessions with Therese Fuller: Strength in the Family (recommended for older kids and parents) and Josh Burks: Mary (recommended for grade school age children). The retreat starts at 2:00pm. For more details, visit: goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly.

Saunders County Catholic Schools Back to School POOL PARTY—Please join us Friday, August 7th from 6:00pm-8:00pm at the Wahoo Aquatic Center.

Marriage Encounter Experience—September 18th-20th in Grand Island. Open to all couples across Nebraska. "Enlightening our couple-love". Call/text Gary & Brenda at 402-370-5839. Register right-away so we may place for you.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

Three men are in the middle of a desert when their car breaks down. For their hike to town, they each decide to take one thing with them. One man takes a jug of water. The second man takes a sandwich. The last man takes one of the car doors. The first man says to the last man: "I'm bringing the water because if I get thirsty, I can take a drink. And it makes sense to bring a sandwich in case we get hungry, but why bring a car door?" The last man replies, “If I get hot, I can just roll down the window."

AUGUST CALENDAR ON THE BACK SIDE