

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28, 2026



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	June 29 th		7:50 am	+ Ron Sabatka
Tuesday	June 30 th		7:50 am	+ Cheryl Bartek
Wednesday	July 1 st		7:50 am	+ Bill Spicka
			5:30 pm Touhy	+ Darrell Walla
Thursday	July 2 nd		NO MASS	
Friday	July 3 rd	First Friday	7:50 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of Fran Vanek
Saturday	July 4 th		7:30-8:20 am Touhy HOLY HOUR	
			5:30 pm	+ Tim Vasa
Sunday	July 5 th		8:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo
			10:00 am Touhy	+ Larry Masek

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Our love and prayers for the repose of the soul of Herman Kadlec and for the consolation of his family. Herman and his wife, Fern, and family were faithful members of St. John's for many years. Herman was someone who always thankful, both to God and others. He taught his children to make sure to thank those who did something for you. And he was so grateful to God who had preserved him through many mishaps and he felt that "The good Lord's not done with me yet" and "someone higher than me is looking out for me." He also was a great witness to the sacrament of marriage as he cared for his wife in sickness with such great care. (His funeral was Saturday, June 26th)

Peter's Pence Collection - A worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Leo. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Leo and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. This envelope is in the tithing packets and the back of church. Thank you for your generosity. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence

The Father's Day poster collection totals are: Touhy--\$140.00; Weston--\$360.00. A very big thank you to all of those who gave so generously this year! This collection will go to the Saunders County Right-To-Life campaign.

Readings Reflection - Our Blessed Lord says in this Sunday's Gospel that those who take care of a prophet or a little one will receive their reward. We are reminded that to choose God, we have to choose the things that lead to God such as the holy things of God and other people, those most in need. We love the God we do not see when we love our neighbor whom we can see.

Preamble to the Declaration of Independence - *"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."*

As we approach Independence Day, we recall the powerful Preamble of the Declaration of Independence. Since our unalienable Rights are endowed by our Creator, no government or law can take them away; they're already granted. A government's job is to make just laws to support them and its people. For example, among these rights is the right to life. We not only pray for our government, local and national, to make great laws and carry them out fairly, but we do our part as well. "Evil thrives when good men do nothing." For reflection: "What are some of the best things about our country? And who are its greatest heroes?"

The Ideal - To be Christian is to know that there is both an Ideal and ideals and that these are achievable. God is the Ideal and from Him comes all other ideals. God, by His grace and mercy - especially in the Sacraments (such as Confession), makes it possible to pursue His ideals (in good times and in bad), allowing us to get back up again when we fall. The saints are examples, especially Saints Peter and Paul, who's Feast is this Monday.

The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul Monday, June 29th - As we approach Independence Day, we are thankful that we live in a nation with so many blessings, including a great kind of government. By relation, this Solemnity calls to mind that Jesus established a visible church that is both divinely and humanly guided. The Church has three missions: (1) Teach, (2) Govern, (3) Sanctify. (1) The Teaching is guaranteed to pass on without error all those truths God meant us to receive for salvation. The Teaching happens through the three-legged stool of Scripture, Tradition, and the Magisterium. The Magisterium is the teaching authority of the pope and bishops in communion with him who have - guided by the Holy Spirit - the authority to interpret Scripture and Tradition and pass on the teachings without error. This does not mean that every opinion stated by a pope or bishop is without error; but those things - about Faith and Morals - taught infallibly are indeed without error. Jesus said "I will send you the Holy Spirit to guide you in all truth." (2) To govern, Jesus established the hierarchy of the Pope and bishops, starting with Peter and the Apostles. "Feed my Sheep!" Jesus told Peter. We pray that these imperfect men will be holy and open to the Holy Spirit, so they guide the Church well. We pray often for the Pope, now Leo XIV. When a man is elected pope, he is fitted for his papal wardrobe in what is called the Room of Tears or Crying Room, for he must surely feel many emotions, including the weight of his responsibility! (3) The Church Sanctifies - God is Holy and calls us to be Holy. He shares His holiness by giving Grace to our souls. The primary way Grace comes about is through the Seven Sacraments. For Reflection: "What are some of the best things about the Church? How do these compare with some of the best things about our country? Who are some of the Church's greatest heroes?"

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18;	Thursday:	Am 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8
	Mt 16:13-19	Friday:	Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29
Tuesday:	Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Mt 8:23-27	Saturday:	Am 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17
Wednesday:	Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Mt 8:28-34	Sunday:	Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:26-30

SPIRITUAL CORNER

“Peter, once a simple fisherman, became the rock upon which Christ built His Church. Though he stumbled, he always got back up — boldly confessing, “You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God,” and ultimately laying down his life for the One he followed. Paul, once a fierce persecutor, had a life-changing encounter with Jesus that turned him into a fearless apostle. From that moment on, he declared, “It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.” His passion for the Gospel was so real, he urged us to “Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.” Peter and Paul didn’t just preach Christ — they lived Him, loved Him, and died for Him. They surrendered personal ambition, embraced radical transformation, and carried the mission of Jesus with courage and conviction.” ~ Lori Giovanni, The Happy Catholic Woman

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 4-5, 2026

Acolyte:	Sat. 7/4 Paul Virgl	Sun. 7/5 Matthew Tvrdy
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 7/4 Bill Laughridge	Sun. 7/5 Barb Opp
Servers:	Sat. 7/4 Volunteers	Sun. 7/5 Joe Vasa/Lance Pleskac
Ushers:	Sat. 7/4 Joe Janecek/Ron Walla	Sun. 7/5 Paul Pleskac/Charlie
Gifts:	Sat. 7/4 Joe Janecek Family	Sun. 7/5 Paul Pleskac Family

Stewardship of Treasure: June 21, 2026 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$1,125.81 **PLUS: Peter’s Pence:** \$20.00 **Candles:** \$18.00

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of July 4-5, 2026

Acolyte:	Sun. 7/5 Dan Furasek
Lector/Reader:	Sun. 7/5 Adam Furasek
Servers:	Sun. 7/5 Cody Furasek/Justin Furasek
Ushers:	Sun. 7/5 Dan Cihal/Marvin Bohac
Gifts:	Sun. 7/5 Tim Schulz Family

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Total: \$831.00 **PLUS: Children:** \$.25

St. Vitus Altar Society Meeting—Sunday, June 28th after the 8:00am mass in the church. Please attend if you can.

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

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

Catholic Daughters Meeting—Monday, June 29th at 6:30pm at St. Wenceslaus in Wahoo. We will have mass at 6:30pm followed with the reinstalling of current officers who graciously agreed to do the job again. After that we will enjoy our salad supper. Come prepared to join in the fun of SPLIT THE POT activity. There will be a brief meeting following supper. We'd love to have some guests join us this evening and find out more about Catholic Daughters. Thanks to everyone who has sent in their dues (\$22 plus \$5) for 2026 to Alice Pecka (20303 NW 56th St, Raymond, 68428)

Used School Uniform Sale—For St. Wenceslaus, Bishop Neumann and St. John Nepomucene at the St. Wenceslaus School cafeteria on **Wednesday, July 1st from 3:00pm-7:00pm** (No early sales). Please bring small bills for purchasing items as there will be limited change. Beginning at 1:00pm that day you may drop off items you would like to sell. Each item should have an envelope attached with the seller's name and the sale price clearly marked. All items brought in must be according to the current school dress codes. The sale will last until 7:00pm or until all clothing is sold, whichever comes first. Unpurchased clothing as well as your proceeds should be picked up at 7:00pm. Volunteer help is needed and Service Hours can be obtained. You may call or text Jessica Pearson at (402) 277-6590 or email her at jessicacarolpearson@yahoo.com if you need to drop off your clothing items early.

Carmel of Jesus, Mary and Joseph—Our Blessed Mother and the Carmelite Sisters invite you to an evening pilgrimage to their Chapel at 9300 West Agnew Road in Valparaiso, and to participate in their annual Solemn Preached Novena, this year conducted by Rev. Father Joseph Mary Brown, C.S.J., from July 8th-15th. Holy Sacrifice of the Mass each evening is at 7:00pm, except Sunday, at 9:30am. On July 16th, feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Solemn Pontifical Mass at 5:30pm offered by His Excellency Bishop Robert Finn.

The Way ~ A Healing Retreat for Women—Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat Center, July 17th-19th. Healing heart, mind, body and soul. A healing retreat for female survivors of abuse, developed and led by Sue Stubbs, Victim Assistance Coordinator, Archdiocese of Atlanta. To request a registration packet please contact Jeff Hohlen, Diocese of Lincoln at 402-318-7473 or email at jeff-hohlen@lincolndiocese.org

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

"Dad, what kind of mouse can walk on 2 legs?" "Hmm, I don't know," I replied. "Mickey Mouse!" he replied, laughing. "Dad, what kind of duck can walk on 2 legs?" he asked. "Donald Duck," I replied. "No, all ducks walk on 2 legs!" he giggled.