

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 8, 2026



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	February 9 th	7:50 am	+ Ron Machacek
Tuesday	February 10 th	7:50 am	+ Wilfred Janecek
Wednesday	February 11 th	7:50 am	+ Don Palensky
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Neil Bell
Thursday	February 12 th	7:50 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of Dale & Pat Dvorak
Friday	February 13 th	7:50 am	+ Roland Pospisil
Saturday	February 14 th	5:30 pm	+ Rose Furasek
Sunday	February 15 th	8:00 am Weston	+ Ed & Helen Stuchlik
		10:00 am Touhy	Missa pro Populo

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

St. Vitus’ Soup Dinner is this Sunday, Feb. 8th! Welcome guests! This is a great community day with delicious soup and food, a great auction, and a day we join together. THANKS SO MUCH in advance for all the hard work, generosity and working together as a parish family!

World Marriage Day! The observance of World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 8) is an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family, the bedrock of society. This year's theme is **"Man and Woman He Created Them: Together with Purpose."** There is a profound complementarity of the two joined into one. Marriage is a challenge and a mystery with unique God-given goals. We ask God’s grace on the marriages of our parish and community. We pray for married couples, engaged couples, and for those who would like to get married. God guides each to eternal goodness. (Check out Ray Guarendi’s *Simple Steps to a Stronger Marriage* or Stephen Wood’s *The ABC’s of Finding a Good Wife or Husband*).

Perhaps not all realize that Catholics must be married according to Church form to have a Sacramental marriage. It is good for the young, seeking a spouse, to realize this as well. If a couple was married not according to church form, it may be worth asking a priest if they might be able to get their marriage sacramentalized.

***Prayer for Married Couples** - *Almighty and eternal God, You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Here are our Couples Married 40 or More Years in 2026:

St. John Nepomucene Parish: Eugene & Marie Maly 69; Anthony & Mary Ann Osmera 65; Richard & JoAnn Cherovsky 62; Ron & Gladys Spicka 61; Byron & Connie Shanahan 59; Bill & Ginger Laughridge 57; John & Darlene Spicka 54; Ron & Ilene Walla 54; Ron & Denise Malousek 53; Ray & Jan Malousek 53; Ken & Carol Meduna 53; Jim & Deanne Spicka 53; Ervin & Barb Opp 52; Dan & Judy Hraban 52; Bill & Diane Rezac 51; Joe & Donna Janecek 51; Charlie & Kathy Jelinek 51; Pat & Deb Carroll 50; Bob & Susan Masek 45; Gregg & Lori Reeves 45; Al & Keryl Meduna 43; Milton & Peg Bouc 42; Paul & Shelly Pleskac 42; Don & Nanette Sabatka 41; Ron & Delaine Brazda 40.

St. Vitus’ Parish: Anthony & Anna Bouc 64; Ernie & Joan Osmera 60; Larry & Judy Ohnoutka 60; Phil & Judy Rezac 58; Marvin & Janice Bohac 55; Dale & Pat Dvorak 54; Ron & Donna Furasek 50; Steve & Janet Bartek 48; Dave & Jackie Hladik 44; Pat & Loraine Bartek 43; Dennis & Geradette Bohac 43; Bryan & Lori Woita 41; Mark & Pam Strizek 41

Reflection on the Readings – **“The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright.” (Resp. Psalm).** How great to be a just man or a just woman! When people want to be upright but are surrounded by compromised principals and evil, it can be discouraging. BUT if they see the witness of just men and just women, they are encouraged and, realizing they are not alone, strive again to be upright. The more the merrier! Surrounding ourselves with good people, all boats rise. In the 2nd reading, Paul speaks of being authentic and honest. Even without fancy words, God’s power will work through him. In the Gospel Jesus says His followers are to be ‘Salt’ and ‘Light’ to the world. In other words, with Jesus we get to bring flavor and encouraging goodness beyond what is expected. May you have grace this week to bring wherever you go flavor, encouraging goodness, and the Lord’s power, “immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine!” (Eph. 3:20).

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of February 14-15, 2026

Acolyte:	Sat. 2/14 Pat Carroll	Sun. 2/15 Chris Tvrdy
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 2/14 Deb Carroll	Sun. 2/15 Jesse Sabatka
Servers:	Sat. 2/14 Volunteers	Sun. 2/15 Brooks Lanik/Corbyn Zitek
Ushers:	Sat. 2/14 Ron Walla/Volunteer	Sun. 2/15 Justin Sabatka/Don Sabatka
Gifts:	Sat. 2/14 Teresa Virgil Family	Sun. 2/15 Chris Bouc Family

Stewardship of Treasure: February 1, 2026 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$1,594.43 **PLUS: Retired Priests:** \$80.00 **Candles:** \$24.00 **Southern Nebraska Register:** \$116.00

All ladies of the parish are invited to attend the upcoming PCCW meeting this Tuesday, February 10th at 7:00pm in the convent kitchen. This will be only a one-hour meeting with refreshments served.

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. *Thank you for your thoughts and prayers while I’m at Madonna, Rich Tvrdy. Please let us know if you would like to be added to this list.

SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

Please pray for Coulter Fulton of St. Mary, Nebraska City, who attends Mount St. Mary Seminary.

SPIRITUAL CORNER

“If one dream should fall and break into a thousand pieces... never be afraid to pick one of those pieces up and begin again. That’s the beauty of being alive... We can always start all over again. Enjoy God’s amazing opportunities bestowed on us. Have faith in Him always.” ~St. Bernadette

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.

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of February 14-15, 2026

- Acolyte: Sun. 2/15 Dan Furasek
- Lector/Reader: Sun. 2/15 Adam Furasek
- Servers: Sun. 2/15 Cody Furasek/Justin Furasek
- Ushers: Sun. 2/15 Greg Walla/Tim Schulz
- Gifts: Sun. 2/15 Steve Niemann Family

Stewardship of Treasure: *February 1, 2026* We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...
Total: \$1,935.00 PLUS: Retired Priests: \$30.00 Southern Nebraska Register: \$136.00

READINGS OF THE WEEK

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| Monday: | 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56 | Friday: | 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37 |
| Tuesday: | 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13 | Saturday: | 1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10 |
| Wednesday: | 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23 | Sunday: | Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 |
| Thursday: | 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30 | | |

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!

AREA NEWS

St. Vitus (Touhy) Catholic Church Soup Dinner—Sunday, February 8th at St. John School Gym in Weston, 11:00am-1:30pm. Serving Chili, Chicken Noodle and Ham & Bean Soups; Free Will Offering! Live Polka Music! Silent and Live Auctions; Raffle; Baked Goods! Super Bowl Squares available to purchase - \$20/square, payout - \$250/quarter. Fun for All!

FCSLA parents and students: It's time to apply for the 2026-27 Scholarship Program—Deadline for application is February 10th. Scholarships awarded for elementary, secondary, vocational, college, and post-grad programs. Applicant requirements and forms are available on-line at www.fcsla.com or e-mail Scholarship@FCSLA.com. There are request forms in the back of church.

American Red Cross Community Blood Drive—Wednesday, February 11th, Noon-6:00pm and Thursday, February 12th, 8:00am-2:00pm The Shed, 570 N. Elm Street. Please contact Verna at 402-277-6243 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: WAHOONEB to schedule an appointment. Bring your Donor Card or Photo ID.

Knights of Columbus Fat Fry Day—Friday, February 13th at St. Wenceslaus Church Basement, Wahoo. Mountain Oysters, Chicken, Shrimp, Fish & Beer! Waffle Fries, Baked Beans, Corn Nuggets & Onion Rings! \$21/All you can eat; \$16/Adult meal; \$7/Kids’ meal (10 & under) Dine-in or Take-out. Entertainment by Mark Vyhlidal Polka Trio.

Valentine’s Day Catholic Date Night—Sunday, February 15th at Our Lady Retreat House, Waverly. An evening for married couples to gather over a nice meal with great company, and to consider how absolutely essential their vocation is to the home, the church, and the world. Check-in any time after 4:00pm. Babysitting and kids’ food available beginning at 5:00pm. Formal Dinner at 5:15pm. Presentation at 6:00pm by Fr. Robert Matya. \$50 per couple includes: Chicken, rosemary potatoes, green bean almonidine, salad, cake, bread, wine. Babysitting will be provided for \$5 per child, including games and a movie. Kids’ meals for \$7 each include: macaroni and cheese, chicken strips, fruit, brownie. **Registration required by Monday, February 9th**. Contact Retreat House Office at olgcretreat.org or 402-786-2705.

Ash Wednesday Desert Day, February 18th—Begin Lent with a quiet day of prayer and reflection at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly, featuring “He Loves Us” talks on the Sacred Heart with Fr. Gary Coulter, along with Confessions and Mass with ashes. Register at www.goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

In The Upper Room—A Holy Hour to pray for our Diocesan Priests. Thursday, February 19th from 7:00pm-8:00pm in the Chapel at John XXIII Diocesan Center. Sponsored by MAGNIFICAT of Lincoln and Seven Sisters Apostolate. Please join us to pray for our Priests before Jesus in His Most Blessed Sacrament in Exposition and Adoration. All are invited to attend. Fr. Robert Barnhill, Magnificat's Spiritual Advisor, will preside. A community Rosary will be led by the mothers of Priests, there will be a short Meditation from Fulton Sheen's book "The Priest Is Not His Own", music, and time for silent personal prayer. Material will be available for purchase along with free material to assist you in praying for our Priests. Information will also be available for the Seven Sisters Apostolate. Please contact Coordinator Rhonda Litt by text at 402.525.6396 for further information.

Marriage Encounter Experience—North American Martyrs Church, February 20th-22nd. “Communication Enhancing our Marriage.” Call/Text 402-370-5839. Register right-away to save a place.

Bishop Neumann Music Boosters presents The Waffleman—Saturday, February 21st, 5:00pm-7:00pm and Sunday, February 22nd, 8:30am-Noon at the Neumann High school cafeteria and gym. Adults \$10, Kids \$7, 4 & under free. Enjoy unlimited waffles, flavored syrups, whipped cream, sausages, and drinks. Kids games, bucket raffle, silent auction, wine grab bags, cupcake lottery and traditional raffle. Plus a “You’ve Got Talent” showcase performance every 30 minutes on Saturday and Sunday.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

During a science lesson, my sister-in-law picked up a magnet and said to her second-grade class, “My name begins with the letter M, and I pick things up. What am I?” A little boy answered, “You’re a mommy.”