

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment



Pentecost Sunday May 24, 2026

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	May 25 th	Memorial Day @ Cemetery	8:00 am Touhy	+ Dec. Members of St. Vitus
		Memorial Day @ Cemetery	10:00 am Weston	+ Dec. Members of St. John Nepomucene
Tuesday	May 26 th		7:50 am	+ Ron Sabatka
Wednesday	May 27 th		7:50 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of Lorene Stuchlik
			5:30 pm Touhy	+ Anthony Osmera
Thursday	May 28 th		7:50 am	+ Don Kresl
Friday	May 29 th		7:50 am	+ Stanley & Patsy Sabatka
Saturday	May 30 th		5:30 pm	+ Bob Ohnoutka
Sunday	May 31 st		8:00 am Touhy	Missa pro Populo
			10:00 am Weston	Special Intentions

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Memorial Day Masses at Cemeteries – Monday, May 25th, we will have masses for the deceased at St. Vitus' Cemetery at 8:00 am and St. John's Cemetery at 10:00 am. (In Church if weather is inclement).

Annual Priest Retreat - I will be gone on retreat from **the evening of May 31st through June 4th and back for First Friday mass on June 5th**. If you need a priest, I will be at the Waverly retreat house or you can call St. Wenceslaus rectory at 402-443-4235.

Pentecost Sunday – When Jesus ascended, He became – by the Power of the Holy Spirit - accessible to the Apostles in a more internal way. At Jesus' prompting they prayed after the Ascension, with Mary, for the Holy Spirit for nine days in the Upper Room to receive the Holy Spirit (The Pentecost Novena was the first Novena). We might wonder what the tone was in the upper room. What were they talking about? Perhaps they reviewed the ways Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament? Perhaps it was things they later preached as we see in the Acts of the Apostles (such as St. Stephen's most radiant summary of the Old Testament fulfilled in Jesus – Acts 7:1-51).

Pentecost and The Holy Spirit in Us - We know the Holy Spirit especially by his effects. His masterpiece is the Incarnation – making Jesus human. He gives his 7 Gifts, peace, and many other gifts. In the Pentecost Sequence we recite this Sunday, we reflect on the gifts the Holy Spirit brings us. We have such concrete images of the other two persons of the Holy Trinity: the Father, since we have some idea of what an ideal father could be and the Son, because we have the Gospels and images of Jesus. But the Holy Spirit is the 'wild card', really known through His effects, like when we do not see the wind, but we know the effects of the wind. Fr. Boniface Hicks said on the Sunrise Morning Show (5/19/26) that the Holy Spirit is constantly making us into Jesus, transforming us, divinizing us, making us another humanity in which Christ can renew his mysteries. really more than we can handle so He also gives us His gifts to strengthen us to do them. That is really amazing isn't it... the Holy Spirit makes us into other Christs! One of the great books by Fr. Boniface Hicks is *Personal Prayer: A Guide to Receiving the Father's Love*. It can be found at fatherboniface.org or the regular booksellers. I have the ebook downloaded onto my phone.

(Here is the Pentecost Sequence, perhaps worth cutting out and reflecting on. Notice some of these things that the Holy Spirit is and what he does in us: Heavenly light, light of hearts, the best consoler, sweet guest of the soul, sweet refreshment, enlightens us, waters the dry soul, makes flexible that which has become ridged, etc...)

The Pentecost Sequence — Veni, Sancte Spiritus

Come, Holy Spirit, come! And from your celestial home ... Shed a ray of light divine!

Come, Father of the poor! Come, source of all our store! Come, within our bosoms shine.

You, of comforters the best; You, the soul's most welcome guest; Sweet refreshment here below;

In our labor, rest most sweet; Grateful coolness in the heat; Solace in the midst of woe.

O most blessed Light divine, Shine within these hearts of yours, And our inmost being fill!

Where you are not, we have naught, nothing good in deed or thought, nothing free from taint of ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew; On our dryness pour your dew; Wash the stains of guilt away;

Bend the stubborn heart and will; Melt the frozen, warm the chill; Guide the steps that go astray.

On the faithful, who adore ... And confess you, evermore... In your sevenfold gift descend;

Give them virtue's sure reward; Give them your salvation, Lord; Give them joys that never end. Amen. Alleluia.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25; Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12; Mk 10:46-52

Friday: 1 Pt 4:7-13; Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25; Mk 11:27-33

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Ps Dn 3; 2 Cor 13:11-13;

Jn 3:16-18

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 May 30-31, 2026

Acolyte:	Sat. 5/30 Pat Carroll	Sun. 5/31 Milton Bouc
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 5/30 Deb Carroll	Sun. 5/31 Peg Bouc
Servers:	Sat. 5/30 Volunteers	Sun. 5/31 Rhett Bouc/Joseph Vasa
Ushers:	Sat. 5/30 Paul Virgl/Ron Walla	Sun. 5/31 Ron Brazda/Paul Pleskac
Gifts:	Sat. 5/30 Bill Laughridge Family	Sun. 5/31 Ron Brazda Family

Stewardship of Treasure: May 17, 2026 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$1,651.30 **PLUS: Candles:** \$30.00 **Ascension:** \$262.00

The PCCW Salad Buffet final profit was \$7,192.04. The committee would again like to thank all our members who donated salads, cash towards items and who came and worked that evening. You are deeply appreciated!

Ladies of St. John's Parish: We Need Your Baking!! St. John's PCCW is hosting an all-day Bake Sale & Concession Stand on Saturday, June 13th, at St. John's Gym for Weston 150's Vendor/Craft Fair. Every lady of the parish is asked to bring items for the bake sale. Best-selling items include: Kolaches, Rosettes, homemade pies, strudels, Horn Rolls, Pecan & Cinnamon Rolls and Rye or Whole Wheat homemade bread. *No muffins, bars or cookies, please, we have found that those do not sell very well.* Items need to be individually wrapped. Drop off your baking Friday, June 12th between 8am-1pm to the gym or between 7:30-9am on Saturday, June 13th to the gym. If questions, contact Shelly Pleskac: (402) 480-3056.

****We will also be running a concession stand that day** and could use a few more volunteers to fill the shifts. Please contact Teresa Virgil if you can help: (402) 480-5590.

SPIRITUAL CORNER

"Virtues are formed by prayer. Prayer preserves temperance. Prayer suppresses anger. Prayer prevents emotions of pride and envy. Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Spirit, and raises man to Heaven." ~ St. Ephram

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of May 30-31, 2026

Acolyte:	Sun. 5/31 Tom Rezac
Lector/Reader:	Sun. 5/31 Pat Bartek
Servers:	Sun. 5/31 Caleb Kastl/Cooper Kastl
Ushers:	Sun. 5/31 Tom Osmera/Mike Bouc
Gifts:	Sun. 5/31 Zach Kastl Family

Stewardship of Treasure: May 17, 2026 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$1,836.00 **PLUS: Children:** \$0.76 **Ascension:** \$337.00

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

Bishop Neumann Job Openings—Maintenance & Custodial Manager. This is a full time job with benefits. We are looking for people who would enjoy being part of the Bishop Neumann family and helping with our mission of educating and forming the faithful of tomorrow. Please reach out to Fr. Steve Mills if interested, fr.steve-mills@cdolinc.net or 402-443-4151. Or check our Bishop Neumann website and click Employment at the bottom.

Magnificat Is Celebrating Our 30th Anniversary In The Lincoln Diocese! Join Us For Our Summer Prayer Meal – Saturday, June 13th at 9:30am-Noon (with optional Mass in the Chapel at 9:00am to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary). We are going on the road to David City with a gracious invite from Aquinas High School! Our Speaker is Mary Hickman-Eller sharing her Magnificat! A special thank you to all the women of our Diocese who have supported the Magnificat Ministry from 1996-2026! (want to join our mailing list to receive all the information about Magnificat? text it to 402-525-6396 with your name) Questions? Contact Coordinator Rhonda Litt by text at 402-525-6396. **Register by June 8** <https://www.osvhub.com/magnificatmorningstarchapter/forms/prayermealjune13>

Back to the Garden Women's Retreat—June 19th-21st at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House. Young women are invited to a beautiful weekend retreat, *Back to the Garden: Healing the Feminine Heart through Jesus, the Bridegroom*, with Sarina Stokes and Fr. Cole Kennett. This retreat offers the opportunity to encounter the love of Christ and discover the truth of your identity as a beloved daughter. The weekend begins Friday evening and concludes Sunday afternoon. For more information or to register, visit goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

Cor Jesu Rex Summer School with The Christ The King Sisters at Sts. Mary & Joseph Church, Valparaiso. Monday-Friday 9:00am-2:00pm, June 22nd-26th. All Students of the Parish are encouraged to attend this wonderful program. It is a Diocesan requirement to offer Summer Religion Classes, hopefully your children and grandchildren will attend. Students will need a sack lunch & water bottle Monday-Friday. **Please register early.** To all who attend, a free CJR T-shirt will be given, compliments of Sts. Mary & Joseph Branch W187 FCSLA. Registration forms in the back of church.

TOTUS TUUS at St. Wenceslaus, Wahoo—June 28th-July 3rd. Registration forms are available in the back of both churches. Make checks payable to St. Wenceslaus Church. Registration forms can be sent to: St. Wenceslaus Church, ATTN: TOTUS TUUS, Peg Bouc-Office Manager, 256 N. Linden, Wahoo, NE 68066 or call 402-443-4235 Ext 3 or Fax: 402-443-4275.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?" "No," replied Johnny. "How could he with just two worms."