

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 27, 2026



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	September 28 th	7:50 am	+ Donald Hartman
Tuesday	September 29 th	7:50 am	+ David Uhlik
Wednesday	September 30 th	7:50 am	+ George & LaVerne Wonka
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Darrell Walla
Thursday	October 1 st	7:50 am	+ Don Meduna
Friday	October 2 nd First Friday	7:50 am	+ Fred & Mary Lou Maly
Saturday	October 3 rd	7:30-8:20 am Touhy HOLY HOUR	
		5:30 pm	+ Ted Uhlik & Noah Kolterman
Sunday	October 4 th	8:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo
		10:00 am Touhy	+ Don Maly

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Spirit Catholic Radio invites you to be part of their upcoming Fall Care-a-Thon, September 28th-October 2nd. This is a special week of prayer, inspiration and community support for Catholic radio, please tune in and join them!

St. John Nepomucene Parish Bazaar – What a wondrous event was had. It is such a good thing to work together and there was great efficiency. Our guests were so happy and complimentary, and we had even more people than last year. Thank you so much everyone ... Good job everyone!

Bishop’s Appeal for Vocations 2026 (BAV26) – We are blessed to have enough priests to supply our parishes and want to continue to support this into the future. This year’s theme is “THE PRIEST IS NOT HIS OWN.” It is a quotation from our recently ‘minted’ Blessed Fulton J. Sheen. Also prominent on this year’s seminarian poster is “*Only by being a lamb offered through forgetfulness of worldly superiority does the priest become the shepherd of souls.*” - Bl. Fulton J. Sheen. Lord Jesus and Mary, please send us holy priests after the likeness of your heart, and with your sacrificial strength and Joy. Help especially those who are in formation today. Amen.

This year we have 26 young men in the seminary learning from the Master how to lay down their lives, and the Bishop’s Appeal for Vocations supplies the financial support necessary to assist them in this. Since the cost of forming our seminarians is about \$1.7 million, this Appeal is an integral part of the future of our Diocese. Our respective goals are \$8,829 at St. John’s and \$2,180 at St. Vitus. BAV pledge forms are in back of Church.

Readings Reflection – God is fair and just; he gives a chance for repentance. One result of God’s goodness and justice is that He will give everyone a chance to choose Faith and receive redemption, forgiveness, and salvation. That includes those who do not know Christ. How he offers each person a chance of salvation, we may not know, but each person will have a chance. If they say yes to the gift of Faith, they will be choosing Christ, even if indirectly. They will be saying ‘yes’ to the Truth in some fashion. We also know that their redemption will have been won by Christ’s sacrifice on the Cross. Of course, we are most blest if we have a relationship with Christ Who is the most wonderful, good and loving person, so we want as many to know Christ as possible. The other part of the equation is that ultimately each will receive justice. Each does make a choice for or against for God. While Jesus offers us mercy, someone can choose to reject it. On the other hand, someone who has gone far astray can choose to accept it! The Gospel summarized both in Jesus words: “Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you... yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe [John’s offer of the way of righteousness]. God is more good and more loving that we can fully grasp. He offers everyone mercy. We are called not to judge any other, but to pray for them to accept God’s Grace and in the meantime, keep choosing to say ‘yes’ to the Lord.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary and the Saints, including Blessed Fulton J. Sheen, we ask you to grant graces for those who do not know you to say ‘yes’ to You. We ask also that all may know you, the true God, and that we may have both the courage and joy to share You with others. May we never despair of Your kind Mercy but say yes to You both now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of October 3-4, 2026

Acolyte:	Sat. 10/3 Pat Carroll	Sun. 10/4 Jesse Sabatka
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 10/3 Ron Walla	Sun. 10/4 Marvin Wiese
Servers:	Sat. 10/3 Volunteers	Sun. 10/4 Corbyn Zitek/Joseph Vasa
Ushers:	Sat. 10/3 Ron Brazda/Joe Janecek	Sun. 10/4 Charlie Jelinek/Don Sabatka
Gifts:	Sat. 10/3 Bill Laughridge Family	Sun. 10/4 Ken Meduna Family

Stewardship of Treasure: September 20, 2026 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$1,016.73 **PLUS: Candles:** \$53.00

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.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Job 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50	Friday:	Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Tuesday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51	Saturday:	Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24
Wednesday:	Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62	Sunday:	Is 5:1-7; Ps 80; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43
Thursday:	Job 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12		

PRAYERS FOR SISTERS VOCATIONS & SEMINARIANS

Please pray for Sr. Maria Luce, Novice, School Sisters of Christ the King; and for Daniel Stara of St. Mary, David City, who attends St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of October 3-4, 2026

Acolyte:	Sun. 10/4 Mark Walla
Lector/Reader:	Sun. 10/4 Jeff Walla
Servers:	Sun. 10/4 Simon Strizek/Caleb Osmera
Ushers:	Sun. 10/4 Keith Strizek/Shawn Strizek
Gifts:	Sun. 10/4 Zach Kastl Family

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Knights of Columbus Meeting—Thursday, Oct. 1st, 7:30pm at Sts. Mary & Joseph Parish Hall, Valparaiso. Lunch at 7:00pm.

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 and Margaret Furasek—Saunders Medical Center, Long Term Care. Please let us know if you would like to be added to this list.

SPIRITUAL CORNER

“The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: “From its beginning until death, human life is surrounded by their [angels’] watchful care and intercession. ‘Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life.’ Already here on earth, the Christian life shares by faith in the blessed company of angels and men united in God” (No. 336).

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. Wenceslaus Fall Festival & Roast Beef Dinner ~ Wahoo—Sunday, September 27th at Bishop Neumann High School, 10:00am-2:00pm. Adults: \$20; Children (12 & under): \$10; Preschool: Free. Raffle, Silent Auction, Country Store, Carnival Games, Pies, Cakes & More! Carryout is available.

Mass at St. Luke's Czech Shrine in Loma—September 27th at 2:00pm. The Ostry Family Singers will be providing the music.

Catholic Daughters Meeting—Monday, September 28th at 6:30pm at St. Wenceslaus in Wahoo. We will start with Fr. Hunt saying mass, then we will enjoy our wonderful potluck meal. The meeting will follow. We would love to have some ladies join us as guests and learn more about Catholic Daughters. We really would like to increase our membership. Dues will be \$22 plus \$5 for 2027. Hope we can have a great turnout.

Jubilee of St. Francis Retreat with Knights of the Holy Eucharist and Fr. Matthew Eickhoff—October 2nd-4th at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly. The retreat will unfold as a series of Eucharistic spiritual exercises, including Scriptural meditations before the Blessed Sacrament, daily Mass, Confession, and spiritual direction. Together we will reflect on how the Franciscan virtues of poverty and humility are not merely historical charisms but living invitations — calling each of us to surrender, to simplicity, and to a deeper union with the God who gives Himself completely in the Eucharist. For more information Retreat House at office@olgcretreat.org or call 402-786-2705

St. Joseph's (Colon) Roast Beef Dinner—Sunday, October 4th. Mass at 10:00am, dinner 10:30-2:00pm. Adults-\$20; Children 5-11-\$10; 4 & under-Free. Immediate family price cap-\$80. Drive-thru/Dine-In/Carry-Out. Raffle, Homemade Kolaches, Games.

Sts. Peter & Paul (Abie) Duck & Ham Dinner—Sunday, October 4th. 11:00am-2:00pm. Includes Sauerkraut, Dumplings, Corn, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Salads, Desserts, Drink. Adults-\$25; \$10-Kids (Dine-in ONLY). Drive-thru/Carry-out/Dine-in (limited seating). Live Auction-3:30pm (Kids live auction at 3:00pm) Silent Auction, Quilt & Cash Raffle, Kids Games, Country Store.

Saunders County Life Chain, Wahoo—Sunday, October 4th from 2:00pm-3:00pm at 387 N. Chestnut Street. Location is in front of the Saunders County Court house, between West 3rd St. and West 5th St. on the west side of N Chestnut St. on the sidewalk. Parking located on W. 3rd St. and on W. 5th St. Sign pick up at location. For more information, contact: Catherine Turner at (402) 202-1614 or safilcathy896@gmail.com

St. John's, Prague Annual Duck & Pork Dinner and Bazaar—Sunday, October 11th. Serving 11:00am–2:00pm. Dinner includes your choice of duck or pork, “famous homemade” dressing, kraut, dumplings, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberries, roll, kolach, dessert, and drink. Dine-in (self-serve), Carry Out, and Drive Thru available. Number system will be used. Adults \$22 - Pork / \$25 - Duck; Ages 5 to 10 (Pork Only) \$10; Ages 4 & Under (Pork Only) eat Free. Come enjoy the polka music, live and silent auctions, parish raffle, beer garden, cake walk, country store, and quilt raffle. Something for Everyone! If you cannot make it to Prague to join us for the day, St. John's Bazaar is offering Duck & Pork Dinner **Delivery to Wahoo, Weston, Touhy, Valparaiso & North Bend at no charge!** Delivery is only available for adult meals. Cash or check only. To place your advance order, text or call 402-505-1573 or email stjohnsfallbazaar@gmail.com. **Advance orders need to be placed by Friday, October 9th.** Don't miss out on Duck and Pork Dinners with all the trimmings!

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

Why did the tree giggle? It heard acorn-y joke.
How do you repair a broken jack-o'-lantern? Use a pumpkin patch.