

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 30, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	July 1 st		7:50 am	+ Stanley Sabatka
Tuesday	July 2 nd		7:50 am	Mission Trip Participants-Past, Present, Future
Wednesday	July 3 rd		7:50 am	+ Don Palensky
			5:30 pm	+ Larry Woita
Thursday	July 4 th		7:50 am	+ George Furasek, Jr.
Friday	July 5 th	<i>First Friday</i>	7:50 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of Ernie & Joan Osmera
Saturday	July 6 th		7:30-8:20 am Touhy	HOLY HOUR
			5:30 pm	+ Bob Vanek
Sunday	July 7 th		8:00 am Weston	+ LeRoy Ohnoutka
			10:00 am Touhy	Missa pro Populo

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

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 beautiful 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. The most fundamental right is to life. You can’t enjoy the others unless you are alive. This is a right from God, so there can never be a right to an abortion, even if some law or government falsely says there is. In Sunday’s readings we hear: *“God did not create death... God formed man to be imperishable; the image of His own nature He made him. But by the envy of the devil, death entered the world.”* (Wisdom 1-2) Each life is Sacred because each person is made in God’s own image. How wonderful that each of us is made in God’s image! Words of Promise from the Gospel: “Jesus took the child by the hand and said to her, “Little girl, I say to you, arise! The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. At that they were utterly astounded.” (Mk 5:21-43).

Peter’s Pence Collection, June 30th – A worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters, our suffering brothers and sisters of which it seems there are more in our day. There will be extra envelopes in the back of church. Thank you for anything you decide to give. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence

High School Diocesan Canoe Trips coming up! First trip is July 7th-9th and the 2nd trip is July 9th-11th. Canoeing, outdoor mass, food, campfire, fun. Cost is \$100. To register, go to lincolndiocese.org/camps/diocesan-canoe-trip

Ballot Initiatives At-a-glance

3 Ballot initiatives: (1 bad, 2 good).	Pro-Abortion Ballot Initiative “Protect our Rights Nebraska”	Pro-Life Ballot Initiative “Protect Women & Children”	Pro-Life Ballot Initiative from “Choose Life”
Wording for the Nebraska State Constitution includes:	“All persons shall have a <u>fundamental right to abortion</u> until fetal viability....”	“Except when a woman seeks an abortion necessitated by a medical emergency or when the pregnancy results from sexual assault or incest, <u>unborn children shall be protected from abortion in the second and third trimesters.</u> ”	“A preborn child at every stage of development is a person. Wherever under Nebraska law the term ‘person’ is used or implied it shall include such a child.”
In short	This is deceptive, demeaning, and dangerous. It makes abortion a fundamental right for all three trimesters; it takes away most, if not all, good pro-life laws already passed in Nebraska. <u>It is Pro-abortion.</u>	This not perfect, but it is more likely to pass than the other pro-life initiative. It keeps the pro-life laws Nebraska already has, and allows for more pro-life laws in the future. See more below in “What you need to know.” Or sheets at back of Church. Morally permissible to support? YES	This is great. But it is very unlikely to pass and may not even get on the ballot. Morally permissible to support? YES

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW - from necatholic.org - The three Bishops of Nebraska—through the Nebraska Catholic Conference—stated it is morally permissible for Nebraskans to support the proposed initiative language from Protect Women & Children, for the following reasons: (1) The proposal provides constitutional protection for preborn babies during the 2nd and 3rd trimester. (2) The proposal leaves protections for preborn babies in the 1st trimester and in cases of rape, incest, or medical emergency to the Nebraska Legislature. (3) The proposal does not affect Nebraska’s current pro-life law which protects preborn babies at 12 weeks with exceptions for rape, incest, and medical emergency, and it leaves intact countless other health and safety laws passed over the last 50 years to protect women and babies from abortion.

The Bishops further determined that a voter can support the proposal, under the following conditions: (1) The voter must understand that all abortion must be opposed, and that direct abortion is never morally acceptable under any circumstances. (2) The voter must view this proposal as an incremental step toward full protection of all human life from abortion, and not as a permanent compromise. Supporters must remain committed to the effort of recognizing the right to life of all preborn children. (See Saint Pope John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life), paragraph 73) (3) The voter must accept that the proposal does not create any right to abortion in the Nebraska Constitution. The Nebraska Legislature remains free to provide greater protection for human life. (4) The voter must understand that this proposal is an imperfect alternative to the intrinsically evil pro-abortion ballot initiative proposal launched in November. That pro-abortion ballot initiative cannot be supported under any circumstance and must be rejected. (5) website: <https://necatholic.org/resources/understand-the-pro-life-ballot-proposal.html>

OTHER INFORMATION

Please remember in your prayers and, on occasion, call or send a card to our home-bound/assisted care facilities parishioners: Saunders County Care Center—Marcella Meduna. Please let us know if you would like to be added to this list.

PRAYERS FOR SISTERS VOCATIONS

Please pray for young women to discern a vocation to the Sisterhood at The Franciscan Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother in Nebraska City, NE.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of July 1-July 7, 2024

Acolyte:	Sat. 7/6 Pat Carroll	Sun. 7/7 Milton Bouc
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 7/6 Deb Carroll	Sun. 7/7 Peg Bouc
Servers:	Sat. 7/6 Volunteers	Sun. 7/7 Landon Pleskac/Brayden Pleskac
Ushers:	Sat. 7/6 Joe Janecek/Ron Walla	Sun. 7/7 Don Sabatka/Marion Bartek
Gifts:	Sat. 7/6 Bill Laughridge Family	Sun. 7/7 Don Sabatka Family

Stewardship of Treasure: June 23, 2024 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$1,840.08 **PLUS: Candles:** \$27.00 **Peter's Pence:** \$110.00

Save the date—First Catholic Slavic Ladies Assn (FCSLA) annual picnic will be Sunday, July 14th at the North Bend City Park shelter. If you plan to attend, please bring a main dish and a side dish. We will eat at noon. Table service and bottled water will be provided. Members and their families and friends are invited. There will be door prizes and free swimming at the pool.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Mt 8:18-22	Friday:	Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday:	Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Mt 8:23-27	Saturday:	Am 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17
Wednesday:	Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29	Sunday:	Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	Am 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8		

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of July 1-July 7, 2024

Acolyte:	Sun. 7/7 Drew Niemann
Lector/Reader:	Sun. 7/7 Pat Bartek
Servers:	Sun. 7/7 Adam Furasek/y Furasek
Ushers:	Sun. 7/7 Marvin Bohac/Volunteer
Gifts:	Sun. 7/7 Larry Masek Family

Stewardship of Treasure: June 23, 2024 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$2,560.80 **PLUS: Peter's Pence:** \$220.00

SCHOOL NEWS

SCS Pool Party—Saturday, July 27th from 5:15pm-8pm at Smith Park and the Wahoo Aquatic Center. 5:15pm – Rosary; 5:30pm – Hot dogs, water, chips and dessert; 6:00pm-8:00pm – Swimming at the Wahoo Aquatic Center.

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.

SPIRITUAL CORNER

“To love God is to love His creation, for He dwells in every living being.” ~St. Junipero Serra

AREA NEWS

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly is hiring a full time Office Coordinator / Bookkeeper. Are you organized, detailed and have accounting experience? See goodcounselretreat.org/blog or send all resumes and inquiries to director@olgcretreat.org.

Our Lady of Good Counsel's has summer 4-day and 8-day retreats, and fall weekend retreats for men and women of all ages! Read more and register at www.goodcounselretreat.org, email office@olgcretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

All parishes of Saunders County are invited to the Nebraska Catholic Conference presentation on combating the pro-abortion ballot initiative. Learn why this initiative threatens women and babies in Nebraska and how we can defend life together. Sunday, June 30th at 3:00pm in the St. Wenceslaus Catholic School Multi-purpose room. Light refreshments provided. Mark your calendars and spread the word! See flyer in the back of church.

2024 High School Diocesan Canoe Trips—Open to High School sophomores, juniors, seniors and college students. Cost: \$110. July 7th-9th or July 9th-11th. Questions, contact: Fr. Holmes 402-873-4569 or Amy Reisen 402-473-0625. Register at lincolndiocese.org/camps/diocesan-canoe-trip

Dwight Assumption Annual Parish Czech Dinner—Sunday, July 21st, from 10:30am-2:00pm at the Parish Hall. Dinner includes roast pork, dumplings & sauerkraut, and all the trimmings! Tickets: Adult -\$17.00; Children 8 & under - \$8.00; Carry outs - \$1 extra. Cash raffles, quilt raffle, country store and bake sale, cake walk and games, and Czech music. Held in conjunction with the Celebration of the Annual Dwight Czech Festival on July 19th-21st. Mass at 10:00am and an outdoor Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00pm!

Date Night's back, back again - tell your friends (and spouse)! Summer time means Date Night is at a winery! We hope you can join us on Thursday, July 25th, from 7:00pm-9:00pm (talk at 7:30) for appetizers and a talk, with the option to buy wine to enjoy on site or take home with you. Cost is \$12 per couple, wine not included. Register at: <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/datenightjuly>

Fr. Caleb Hile invites you on a Pilgrimage to the Shrines and Saints of Italy—August 30th-September 10th. \$5,245.00 per person. To see full brochure or to register, go to tektionministries.org

Marriage Encounter Weekend—Put “spring” back into your marriage. Is it time to breathe new life into your relationship? Give your marriage the boost it needs by signing up for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on September 27th-29th in Lincoln. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: www.wwme.org

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

Who is in charge of inspecting the summer picnic menu? The mainten – ants department