PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 22, 2026



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	November 23rd		7:50 am	+ Bob Ohnoutka
Tuesday	November 24th		7:50 am	+ Frank Chloupek
Wednesday	November 25th		7:50 am	+ Joe Bordovsky
			5:30 pm Touhy	+ All Souls--Novena
Thursday	November 26th	**Thanksgiving**	9:00 am	+ Marcella Meduna
Friday	November 27th		**NO MASS**	
Saturday	November 28th		5:30 pm	+ Sandra Vandewalle
Sunday	November 29th		8:00 am Touhy	+ Loretta Walla
			10:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Christ the King Sunday – This is the last Sunday of the Church Calendar. Christ is King of the Universe. Since God made all that exists in an ordered way, everything works better for us when we act according to reality and we properly order our lives around how things work, most importantly putting first. "Seek First the Kingdom and all these other things shall be added unto you." –Mt. 6:33. During a recent school mass on the Feast of St. Margaret of Scotland who was a beneficent queen, the little girls' eyes got big when I asked them to list Disney princesses! Yet, in reality we, as sons and daughters of God through our baptism, are also princes and princesses with both a royal responsibility and a royal destiny. Though we fail at times, the King still loves us and calls us to live up to our royal potentials within the great story of salvation.

Thanksgiving Mass – Many people enjoy Thanksgiving Day Mass. It is a great day to feast on the spiritual food of God before we feast on the delectable foods of a Thanksgiving meal. The word Eucharist is a Greek word meaning 'to give thanks.' At the mass we join Jesus in giving thanks to the Father for all he has given us. Only 1 of the 10 lepers returned to Jesus to give thanks to God. Let us mention to God a long list for which we are thankful.

Thanksgiving Cloistered Sisters Collection – Cloistered sisters are those who stay cloistered in their convent. They only go out for great need such as doctors' appointments. Our two Cloistered orders are the Carmelite Sisters in Agnew and Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters of Christ the King in Lincoln, often referred to as the Pink Sisters. It is worth supporting them financially and by our prayers, since they do so much to support us with their prayers. Envelopes are in your tithing packets or at the back of church. The collection on Thanksgiving Day is for them.

Advent – Advent begins next Sunday. It is a time of special graces. We are invited to extra (1) prayer, (2) spiritual study, (3) and penances, (even if small, such as less media or social media). Our efforts open us up to the great Gift of Christmas!

No Mass on Friday after Thanksgiving.

Education Freedom Tax Credit – Next Sunday, we will have Ryan Mascarello here to tell us about the EFTC, which, starting in 2027, is a way to direct a portion of our personal federal tax liability. It will be a great help to our families and school and potentially help our parishes as well, who help support tuitions.

St. John's School Big Raffle has started. Please ask any School Family to purchase tickets. The drawing will take place at the Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 6th. $20 per ticket, need not be present to win.

Some interesting Thanksgiving Facts: (1) The 1621 celebration lasting 3 days, with games, feasting, and military drills (2) Turkey wasn't the main dish; Pilgrims and Wampanoag people ate wild fowl (likely duck or goose), venison, and seafood (3) George Washington proclaimed the first national Thanksgiving in 1789. (4) The first TV dinner was created in 1953 because Swanson over-ordered turkey and needed to use 260 tons of surplus meat (5) Jingle Bells was originally a Thanksgiving song, first performed in 1857. (6) The Detroit Lions began their Thanksgiving football tradition in 1934, and the Cowboys joined in 1966.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of November 28-29, 2026

Acolyte:	Sat. 11/28 Pat Carroll	Sun. 11/29 Matt Tvrdy
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 11/28 Deb Carroll	Sun. 11/29 Marvin Wiese
Servers:	Sat. 11/28 Volunteers	Sun. 11/29 Brayden Pleskac/Landon Pleskac
Ushers:	Sat. 11/28 Joe Janecek/Ron Walla	Sun. 11/29 Marion Bartek/Volunteer
Gifts:	Sat. 11/28 Teresa Virgil Family	Sun. 11/29 Milton Bouc Family

Stewardship of Treasure: ***November 15, 2026*** We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...
Total: $1,740.87 ***PLUS:*** **Candles:** $42.00

St. John's PCCW is looking for a **new Vice President** for the next year. Please contact Peg Bouc at 402-480-2926 or Stefanie Chvatal at 402-432-8033 if you are interested.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS PARISHIONERS

Consider Giving a Food Donations for the Holidays! The Wahoo Food Pantry is collecting food and other items for "Holiday Boxes" for the needy. You can donate items that can be used for a holiday meal, such as: Frozen turkeys, hams, boxed stuffing, boxed potatoes, canned gravy, canned pie filling, canned cranberries, vegetables, etc. Bring non-perishable items to the specially-marked tote in the back of church. If you have frozen meat to donate, please contact Peg Bouc at (402) 480-2962 or bring them to her at the St. Wenceslaus Parish Office at 256 N. Linden in Wahoo and they will be taken to the food pantry. Monetary donations are always welcome. Checks payable to "Saunders County Ministerial Association"

PRAYERS FOR SISTERS VOCATIONS & SEMINARIANS

Please pray for young women to discern a vocation to the Sisterhood of our Diocese of Lincoln Motherhouses; and for Joshua Jeffrey of Cathedral of the Risen Christ, Lincoln, who attends St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Rev 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4	Friday:	Rev 20:1-4, 11—21:2; Lk 21:29-33
Tuesday:	Rev 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11	Saturday:	Rev 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36
Wednesday:	Rev 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19	Sunday:	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37
Thursday:	Sir 50:22-24; Ps 138; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19		

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of November 28-29, 2026

Acolyte: Sun. 11/29 Mark Walla
Lector/Reader: Sun. 11/29 Jeff Walla
Servers: Sun. 11/29 Griffin Byers/Cooper Kastl
Ushers: Sun. 11/29 Carl Woita/Volunteer
Gifts: Sun. 11/29 Shawn Strizek Family

Stewardship of Treasure: ***November 15, 2026*** We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...
Total: $1,167.00 ***PLUS:*** **Children:** $.25 **Water Lease:** $20.00 **All Saints Day:** $50.00

OTHER INFORMATION

Please remember in your prayers and, on occasion, call or send a card to our home-bound/assisted care facilities parishioners: Lucille Strizek—South Haven 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

"Get used to lifting your heart to God, in acts of thanksgiving, many times a day. Because he gives you this and that; because you have been despised; because you haven't what you need or because you have. Thank him for everything, because everything is good." ~ St. Josemaria Escriva

SCHOOL NEWS

Thanksgiving Break ~ NO SCHOOL for St. John's, St. Wenceslaus and Bishop Neumann, Wednesday-Sunday, November 25th thru November, 29th for Thanksgiving break. School resumes on Monday, November 30th.
Winter Scrip Challenge!! The Scrip Challenge has started, see flyer in the back of church for details along with the Order Form to use for your script orders! Orders will be filled with what cards we have on hand first, then more orders will be placed.
St. John's School Big Raffle Tickets—Tickets-$20. The Big Raffle drawing held at the Christmas Program on Sunday, Dec. 6th. The seller of each winning ticket, will receive 10% of the prize! The family that sells the most tickets will receive $100!
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

SEND $1700 TO DC OR KEEP IT HERE TO HELP KIDS
Starting January 1, 2027 Turn part of your federal taxes into scholarships for kids at Saunders Catholic Schools.
www.nebraskaopportunity.org

Advent Baby Shower—St. John & St. Vitus Churches will again participate in the statewide event through December 24th. Suggested gift ideas are bottles, receiving blankets, hooded bath towels, crib sheets/heavy blankets, disposable diapers (especially med. & lg.), bibs, rattles/toys, sleepers, socks/booties, snow suits, formula, & undershirts/onesies. ***Please bring only new, not used items.*** Place them in the container that is in back of each church.
The Pancake Man is coming to St. Wenceslaus School cafeteria ~ Wahoo—Sunday, November 22nd, 8:30am-Noon. Please come and enjoy all you can eat pancakes and sausage and time with friends and family. Adults $8 and Kids (10 and under) $6.
St. John the Baptist - Prague Craft Fair—Sunday, November 22nd at St. John's Parish Hall from 9:00am-2:00pm. Admission is Free! Shop at St. John's bake sale for Czech bakery and the lunch stand will be open throughout the day. Selling Wine & Bloody Mary's, so come "sip and shop" with family and friends. Bottles of wine will be available for sale – perfect for Christmas gifts and your holiday meals. For vendor information contact McKenzie at praguecraftfair@hotmail.com or call 402-443-7692
Catholic Daughter's Meeting—Monday, November 30th at 2:00pm at St Wenceslaus in Wahoo. Father is unable to celebrate mass so we will start with reciting the rosary honoring all our deceased members. Members need to bring grocery items that will be taken to the Marian Sisters. For anyone not able to attend the meeting but wish to donate grocery items please contact a CDA member who is willing to bring your items to the meeting. Donations of money work too. We also need items for our Christmas project. Those suggested items were in an email sent out by Connie several weeks ago. If not sure of items needed contact any officer or fellow CDA member. We plan to wrap the items at our meeting. We hope to have a good turnout at this meeting.
Catholic Man Knight is back for its 4th year of Wednesday night gatherings at 7:00pm. If you are a man, you are encouraged to join us on December 2nd for brotherhood, beverages and Fr. Tony Schukei's talk. Don't worry about a late night; you will be on your way home no later than 8:30pm, which is plenty early for any man. Bring your own beverage. Contact Bob Sullivan for more information 402-469-5149.
Waiting for Jesus with Mary ~ Women's Advent Retreat—December 4th-6th at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly. Women ages 19 to 99 and from all walks of life are invited to attend this Advent retreat, led by the Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln. Attendees are invited to embrace this time of rest, quiet and renewal as they listen to the inspiring guidance of the Marian Sisters and deepen their faith journey. Contact: Retreat House at office@olgcretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

A farmer and his wife prayed on Thanksgiving for their blessings and for their loneliness to end. Soon after, she had triplets. A friend said, "See, prayers are always answered." The farmer sighed, "Yes, but I never prayed for a bumper crop like this!"