

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 18, 2026



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	October 19 th	7:50 am	+ Bob Ohnoutka
Tuesday	October 20 th	7:50 am	+ Berneta Breunig
Wednesday	October 21 st	7:50 am	Priest's Intentions
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Anthony Osmera
Thursday	October 22 nd	7:50 am	+ Wilfred Janecek
Friday	October 23 rd	7:50 am	+ Ron Machacek
Saturday	October 24 th	5:30 pm	+ Don Palensky
Sunday	October 25 th	8:00 am Touhy	+ Gene Rezac
		10:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Congratulations to Mrs. Barb Rezac! We rejoice that Barb received the St. John Bosco Award as the Lincoln Catholic School Support Staff Member of the Year! It is well deserved and we are so very grateful for all she does to make St. John's School such a welcoming and wonderful place! Teachers, parents, students and myself all agree that it is hard to overstate her presence and what she does, wearing so many hats and greeting all with such joy. She was honored along with the other educators of the year at the Bishop's Saints and Scholars Banquet. You can read the article about Barb's dedicated service in the September 19th Southern Nebraska Register.

Pray for Pope Leo XIV - Pope Leo had surgery on his lung on Tuesday and was diagnosed with an early stage of lung cancer. Let us pray for our holy father, gathering our prayers around him. Here is a short prayer we might say: *Lord Jesus Christ, Divine Physician, look with mercy on Your servant, Pope Leo, whom You have chosen to shepherd Your Church. Through the intercession of Our Lady, Patroness of the United States, of all the holy men and women of America, and of Blessed Fulton Sheen, grant him a swift and complete recovery. Strengthen his body, steady his heart, and guide the hands of all who care for him. Unite his suffering to Your Cross, for the good of Your Church and the salvation of souls. Amen.* Catholic Vote website recommends: (1) Prayer this prayer for nine days (2) Offer a Rosary, a Holy Hour, or Mass this week for the Holy Father's recovery. (3) [Add your name to our prayer wall](#) to let him know that Americans from his homeland are praying for him. (- Catholic Vote website).

World Mission Sunday Collection (October 17/18) — This collection is distributed by the Vatican to the missions most in need around the world, including those communities that cannot afford to send a missionary during the annual summer mission appeal. Let us be generous to God's children as he has been generous with us. In heaven, we hope to meet those we have helped. There are extra World Mission envelopes in the back.

Bishop's Appeal for Vocations – Thank you to those who have been so generous with this collection. Whatever we are short, we must send in from the parish, so it would be great to make our goals: \$8,829 and \$2,180 at Weston and Touhy. Weston has pledged \$7,065 and Touhy \$700. (I will get numbers to you this week) Bravo!

Mass Readers and Helpers – We could use more readers, offertory carriers, and collection ushers. Please let me know if you can help. This is the season for training of new lectors, readers, and acolytes.

Readings Reflection: Receiving and Responding to God's Invitation - The Pharisees thought they had Jesus trapped in a 'no-win' situation. If He said pay the tax, the people would see Him as a collaborator. If He said not to pay, Rome could charge Him with sedition and maybe the death penalty. With Jesus, there is always a way. "Cast all your cares on Him because He cares for you," wrote St. Peter. (1 Peter 5:7). Jesus asked whose image was on the coin. The coin bore Caesar's image. But what bears God's image? We do. In daily life, people may feel a deep tug-of-war, as though my work, bills, and chores compete with God for my time. St. Francis de Sales gently disagrees. In the Introduction to the Devout Life, he writes that "true devotion does us no harm whatsoever but instead perfects all things." Devotion, he says, "must be exercised in different ways by the gentleman, the worker, the servant, the prince, the widow, the young girl, and the married woman." He indicates that while we keep our commitments and care for those in our charge, when done in love, even our ordinary acts become a return to God. I can bring God into my ordinary tasks as a well as my ordinary tasks to God in prayer. Perhaps a meditation this weekend might be: Lord, how might I bring you into my daily things and my daily things to you? Most of all remember that you are more valuable than any coin, for you are made in the image of God. (Catholic Preaching Institute).

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of October 24-25, 2026

Acolyte:	Sat. 10/24 Paul Virgl	Sun. 10/25 Chris Tvrdy
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 10/24 Bill Laughridge	Sun. 10/25 Rich Tvrdy
Servers:	Sat. 10/24 Volunteers	Sun. 10/25 Easton Kavan/Eli Kavan
Ushers:	Sat. 10/24 Joe Janecek/Volunteer	Sun. 10/25 Ron Brazda/Marion Bartek
Gifts:	Sat. 10/24 Joe Janecek Family	Sun. 10/25 Chris Tvrdy Family
Stewardship of Treasure: October 11, 2026 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...		
Total: \$2,835.90 PLUS: Candles: \$31.00 Guardian Angel Fund: \$10.00 Missionary Coop: \$300.00		

PRAYERS FOR SISTERS VOCATIONS & SEMINARIANS

Please pray for Sr. Mary Francis, Jr. Sister, Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln; and for Patrick Gutierrez of St. Joseph, Lincoln, who attends St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

WDCCW MEETING

The next meeting of the Wahoo Deanery Council of Catholic Women (WDCCW) will be October 27th at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Cedar Bluffs, NE. The Mass will be at 6:00pm. We will have a presentation from John Soukup with Catholic Social Services, following with lunch and meeting. All ladies are invited to a night of information sharing and fellowship with others from the Wahoo Deanery. Please plan to join us on October 27th!

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21	Friday:	Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59
Tuesday:	Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38	Saturday:	Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9
Wednesday:	Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48	Sunday:	Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40
Thursday:	Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53		

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of October 24-25, 2026

Acolyte:	Sun. 10/25 Zach Kastl
Lector/Reader:	Sun. 10/25 Steve Bartek
Servers:	Sun. 10/25 Caleb Kastl/Cooper Kastl
Ushers:	Sun. 10/25 Keith Strizek/Shawn Strizek
Gifts:	Sun. 10/25 Gerald Osmera Family

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St. Vitus Altar Society will have *Coffee & Rolls* after the 8:00am Mass on Sunday, October 25th at the School House.

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

“Have no fear of moving into the unknown. Simply step out fearlessly knowing that I am with you, therefore no harm can befall you; all is very, very well. Do this in complete faith and confidence.” ~ St. John Paul II

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

LDCCW October Pro-Life Diaper Drive—The Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (LDCCW) is sponsoring the 17th Annual October Pro-Life Diaper Drive, collecting diapers throughout the month of October in each of the Lincoln Diocesan parishes. A baby in one year will use approximately 2,100 diapers, that’s an average of only 6 diapers per day. The LDCCW goal is to collect 125,000 diapers. **Size 6 diapers are the most needed.** Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Thank you to those that have already donated. Listen to Spirit Catholic Radio for Diaper Drive announcements.

St. Anthony's (Bruno) Annual Duck and Pork Dinner—Sunday, October 18th, 11:00am-2:00pm. Duck, pork, dumplings, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberries, rolls, pie, kolaches. Adult \$25, children under 12, \$10 (Pork only). Silent Auction & Live Auction at 2:00pm. Raffles, beer garden, cake walk. A traditional Czech dinner in the "Heart of the Bohemian Alps".

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Davey, Annual Soup Supper—Sunday, October 25th, 4:00pm-7:00pm, Davey Community Center. Chili or chicken noodle soup, sandwiches/hot dogs, drink/dessert. Free will donation. There will also be a raffle and bake sale.

Catholic Daughter's Meeting—Monday, October 26th at 2:00pm, St. Wenceslaus, Wahoo. Members need to bring items for the silent and live auctions. There will not be mass, but we will say a rosary after the live auction and before the start of the meeting. We need a good turnout so we have auction items.

Catholic Daughters of the Wahoo Deanery are hosting an afternoon of silent and live auctions starting at 2:00pm on Monday, October 26th as a fundraiser for the court in the St. Wenceslaus Church basement. The silent auction will go from 2:00pm-2:30pm followed with refreshments. The live auction will start around 2:45pm-3:00pm. **This is open to the public.** There will be an assortment of baked items, decorating items, home canned items, to name a few. Come and bring a friend or two.

Magnificat “Walking in Victory” Retreat—October 30th-November 1st with the Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ | DLJC Sisters. Retreat starts Friday with rosary and Mass at 7:00pm, ends Sunday with Mass and Noon lunch. This retreat weekend is for women of all ages seeking a personal relationship with Jesus through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. The “Walking in Victory” retreat will include talks about the Father’s intimate love for each person, and the opportunity to seek the healing Jesus has for all, and to learn about the gifts of the Holy Spirit and experience His empowerment. The retreat will include talks and personal testimony, small group discussion, times of praise and worship, and opportunities for silence and Eucharistic adoration, the sacraments, and prayer focused on stirring into flame the gifts of the Spirit.

St. James Catholic Church, Mead ~ 46th Annual Pancake Breakfast—Sunday, November 1st from 7:30am-12:00 Noon. Serving all you can eat pancakes, sausages, eggs, and drinks. Adults \$10, Children (ages 2-12) \$5, 2 & under Free. Raffle prizes, \ Silent auction, craft and bake sale. Mass is celebrated at 7:00am and 9:00am.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

Although the couple was being married in New Hampshire, the bride wanted to add a touch of her home state, Kansas, to the wedding. Explaining this to a friend, her fiancé said that instead of throwing rice after the ceremony, the plan was to throw grains of wheat. To which the friend replied in a serious tone, “It’s a good thing she’s not from Idaho.”