

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 25, 2024



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	August 26 th	7:50 am	+ Wilfred Janecek
Tuesday	August 27 th	7:50 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of Rich & Mary Ann Tvrdy
Wednesday	August 28 th	7:50 am	+ Marjorie Rezek
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Sharon Spicka
Thursday	August 29 th	7:50 am	+ Donald Ohnoutka
Friday	August 30 th	7:50 am	+ Dennis & Loretta Fiala
Saturday	August 31 st	5:30 pm	+ Charles Kadavy
Sunday	September 1 st	8:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo
		10:00 am Touhy	+ Larry Woita

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Our Annual St. John Nepomucene Fall Bazaar is less than a month away! Details are being finalized and letters will be sent out soon with the list of donations requested of each family. Thank You for your Support of the Bazaar! Charlie: 402-480-0674 or Rita: 402-360-1642 and Chris: 402-443-6871 or Paula: 402-443-8880.

School Began! – Good things happen at school. Here the corporate wisdom of our community is passed on and the lessons of the previous generations are shared afresh. St. John's school year began on August 21st, the Feast of St. Pope Pius X. His motto was "Restore all things in Christ!" St. Pius, like His Master, had the heart of a Good Shepherd. He encouraged frequent communion and moved the communion age down to the age of seven, "the age of Reason" when a child can distinguish that what looks like bread can actually be Jesus. Because of his fatherly heart, it is said that he "died of a broken heart" as WWI started. It was also said "He had a heart that wanted to reach out and embrace the whole world." He had learned to love from Jesus' heart. As our young students receive important life lessons, so did their parents before them. The great Traditions are passed on. This year our theme is Eucharist: Sacrifice and Banquet. Jesus sacrificed and worked hard to share His Father's Kingdom and so can we. Jesus celebrated feasts and shared meals with others, and so do we, taking time to celebrate Feast days, milestones and victories throughout the year!

Reflections on the National Eucharistic Congress from a Pilgrim Parishioner, Part 2. Here is Drew Niemann's continued log from the July Congress in Indianapolis. **Day 2 (Thursday) Highlight** - Theme for the day was "The Greatest Love Story" and all the presenters that evening did not disappoint with so many examples of God's love for us. One presenter was Sister Olga of the Sacred Heart. She told numerous stories of Eucharistic miracles she personally witnessed through her ministries. She also expressed how Eucharistic miracles are real and the love of Jesus is everywhere in our daily lives if we just stop and look for them. My personal favorite presenter was up next, Fr. Mike Schmitz. He started by saying, "I'm not going to tell you anything you don't already know" and "you know this love story already". And I feel like that is all very true. We all know the stories of the Bible from Mass and growing up, but sometimes we discredit ourselves. He further went into the many stories of the Bible and how Jesus's story is intertwined amidst each one of them. Then he brought it all home by stating "Sometimes our problem is ignorance, and sometimes it's indifference, and too often it's I don't care." But the "remedy of indifference is love. And the road to love is repentance. And if this is going to be a real revival, you can never have a revival without repentance." So good. If you have 30 minutes to spare, I highly recommend you watch all of Fr. Mike's presentation at the link below instead of my abbreviated summary. You won't regret it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l2QtWaEFq3E&list=PL9CQlldupe5-TAMz3fOIJwyBO3zWLQFVv&index=5>

CCD Catholic Education (K-8) / High School – If you would like your children to attend CCD, please contact me or Lyssa Tvrdy 402-277-0275. (1) We do a program called Family Formation. Beginning in September, we meet once a month with parents and students. While the students go with teachers, the parents and I review the lessons that they will teach the students the other three weeks of the month. (2) Would someone like to help run a youth group? Please call.

Adult Catholic Instruction Classes/RCIA – Interested in joining the Catholic Church? Call Fr. Vandewalle.

Our Mission Coop is August 31/September 1 - All the missionary priests who speak in our parishes have great needs for which they give the appeal. Some may ask for additional support, such as sponsoring a seminarian or religious for several months, in addition to their appeal at Mass. Our diocesan regulations do not allow this so that people will be able to support the needs of other missionaries who will give appeals in our parish in the future. There are so many needs to be met from so many different dioceses and religious orders, and we must give each different group a fair chance to receive our support each year. Please be generous! Our missionary priest this year is Fr. Joey, from the Philippines!

Cleaner for Church & Rectory – Please Contact Fr. Vandewalle if interested.

PRAYERS FOR SISTERS VOCATIONS

Please pray for Abbey Forward, Postulant, School Sisters of Christ the King.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22	Friday:	1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13
Tuesday:	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26	Saturday:	1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30
Wednesday:	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32	Sunday:	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27;
Thursday:	1 Cor 1:1-9; Mk 6:17-29		Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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—Leonard Chapek. Please let us know if you would like to be added to this list.

SPIRITUAL CORNER

“I cried to the Lord in my distress and he answered me. Nothing is far from the love of God” ~St. Monica

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of August 31-September 1, 2024

Acolyte:	Sat. 8/31 Paul Virgl	Sun. 9/1 Matt Tvrdy
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 8/31 Ron Walla	Sun. 9/1 Marvin Wiese
Servers:	Sat. 8/31 Volunteers	Sun. 9/1 Mason Wiese/Brayden Pleskac
Ushers:	Sat. 8/31 Volunteers	Sun. 9/1 Charlie Jelinek/Don Sabatka
Gifts:	Sat. 8/31 Teresa Virgil Family	Sun. 9/1 Ken Meduna Family

Stewardship of Treasure: August 18, 2024 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$1,222.15 **PLUS: Candles:** \$26.00 **Assumption:** \$455.00

PCCW Meeting—Tuesday, August 27th at 7:00pm in the convent kitchen.

Just A Reminder—St. John's garage sale will be held August 29-31 in conjunction with Bargains 4 You on 92. Donations will be accepted in the gym during school hours **until August 27th**. We are requesting baking from our PCCW members as well as the St. John School families. Baking will be accepted anytime during the sale. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of August 31-September 1, 2024

Acolyte:	Sun. 9/1 Dan Furasek
Lector/Reader:	Sun. 9/1 Jeff Walla
Servers:	Sun. 9/1 Cody Furasek/Caleb Osmera
Ushers:	Sun. 9/1 Tom Bouc/Larry Masek
Gifts:	Sun. 9/1 Nick Bartek Family

Stewardship of Treasure: August 18, 2024 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$2,056.00 **PLUS: Water Lease:** \$20.00 **Assumption:** \$ 195.00

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

Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church-Plasi, Roast Beef Dinner— Prague Parish Hall, Sunday, August 25th, 11:00am-2:00pm! FULL self-serve buffet roast beef dinner with loads of sides, including kolaches! Bake/gift walk and \$1,000 raffle and auction! Meal prices: Adults-\$16, Children (5-10 years)-\$7, Preschool-Free. Dining options: dine-in, take-out or drive-thru. (No added fee for take-outs!)

Catholic Daughters Meeting—Monday, August 26th at 6:30pm at St. Wenceslaus in Wahoo starting with Mass, with the meeting to follow. We encourage members to ask a friend to join them for the evening. If you have questions about Catholic Daughters, contact a member in your parish. We would love to have some new members.

Salt Dogs Faith & Family nights—Join us at Haymarket Park! Entertainment begins 2 hours prior to games including, In-Stadium Chapel with the Players, Catch in the Outfield, Player Autographs, and Live Church Band on the Concourse. Bake Sales & Merchandise Booths on the Concourse will remain until the end of the game. Wednesday, August 28th at 7:05pm.

St. John's PCCW Garage Sale— St John's garage sale will be held August 29th-31st in conjunction with Bargains 4 You on 92. Sale times are Thursday, Aug. 29th, 8am-5pm; Friday, Aug. 30th, 8am-5pm; Saturday, Aug. 31st from 8am-Noon. Please come shop in air-conditioned comfort and pick up a bargain or two. (\$3 bag sale on Saturday)

Abide—1st Friday of every month at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 1420 K St, Lincoln. Abide is an evening where all Young Adults can join together in prayer with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The night consists of Eucharistic Adoration, Praise and Worship, Confession and Prayer Teams. The night concludes with food, drinks and mingling. 7pm-Mass / 7:45pm Exposition / 8:45pm-Exposition / Social Hour. For more information: Text keyword LNKFAM to 84576 to stay up to date on future events.

Holy Hour at the Pink Sisters—Friday, September 6th, at 7:15pm. Held at the Pink Sisters' Chapel, 1040 South Cotner Blvd. Singing will be led by the St. Teresa's Men's Choir (Nathaniel Cunningham). Help us pray for good vocations for our Diocese.

Immaculate Conception Church-Ulysses, Chicken Dinner & Auction—Sunday, September 8th, Mass at 10:00am. *Free Will Donation* Serving from 10:30am-2:30pm. Serving: Broasted chicken, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, coleslaw, pies and dessert. Live Polka Band, Raffle, Cake Walk, Chuck-A-Luck, Kids Games and Live Auction at 3:00pm. Dine In or Drive Thru.

The Magnificat—An annual celebration dinner to benefit Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House. Friday, September 13th, Wilderness Ridge Country Club, 1800 Wilderness Woods Place, Lincoln. Cocktails-5:00pm, Dinner-6:30pm. Purchase tickets to reserve your spot at, <https://goodcounselretreat.org/dinner>

Pilgrimage to Italy—Join Fr. Timothy Danek and many others September 14th-September 24th on a pilgrimage trip to Rome, Orvieto, Assisi, Lanciano, Loreto, San Giovanni Rotondo, Pietrelcina (home of Padre Pio!) and Monte Cassino for \$4,799.00 per person. This is a great opportunity to visit many holy sites that have produced many Saints in our Church. It is also a good opportunity to educate ourselves further in our faith and grow deeper in relationship with our Lord. To see full brochure or to register, go to www.proximotravel.com Please refer to trip #1031 when registering.

Fearfully and Wonderfully Made, Mother/Daughter Program—Sunday, September 22nd, 1:30pm-4:30pm at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd, Lincoln. For girls 9-13 and their mother or other supportive female. Cost: \$30 for mother

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

A man joins a big corporate empire as a trainee. On his very first day of work, he dials the pantry and shouts into the phone, “Get me a coffee, quickly!” The voice from the other side responded, “You’ve dialed the wrong extension! Do you know who you’re talking to?” “No,” replied the trainee. “It’s the CEO of the company!” The trainee shouts back, “And do YOU know who YOU are talking to?” “No.” replied the CEO indignantly. “Good!” replied the trainee, and puts down the phone.