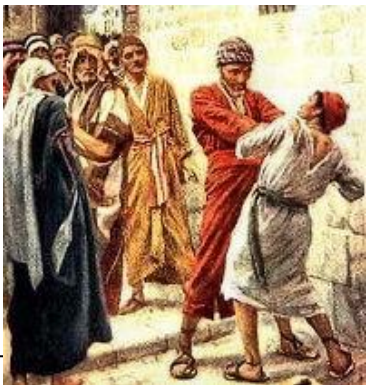


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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 13, 2026



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	September 14 th	7:50 am	+ Cheryl Bartek
Tuesday	September 15 th	7:50 am	+ Bill Spicka
Wednesday	September 16 th	7:50 am	+ Berneta Breunig
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Special Intentions (RF)
Thursday	September 17 th	7:50 am	+ Tim Vasa
Friday	September 18 th	7:50 am	+ Bonnie Kadavy
Saturday	September 19 th	5:30 pm	+ Ron Sabatka
Sunday	September 20 th	8:00 am Weston	+ Anthony Osmera
		10:00 am Touhy	Missa pro Populo

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Parish Bazaar – We are looking forward to the St. John’s Parish Bazaar the third Sunday of September! Let’s pray for its great success and that it is a great time for our community! In other news.... Is the Lord perhaps calling you to be chairperson(s) for the parish bazaar? If so, Charlie and Rita will be so glad to show you the ropes!

Beatification – The late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen will be beatified in St. Louis on September 24th. There are many adjacent events, but the beatification starts at 2:00pm (procession at 1:30pm) at the Dome at America’s Center in St. Louis, MO. This event can be a springboard for many new people to get to know Archbishop Sheen, his wit, and his Christ-centered wisdom. I’m sure there will be some great coverage of this event on EWTN and other venues. Here is the homepage for more information [Home — Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Foundation](#)

Bishop Conley’s Letter on our Diocesan 5-year Pastoral Plan, *One Heart in Christ*, focuses on Faith in Christ, His Sacred heart, and living Marriage and Family Life according to God’s design. Many people today, mistakenly think there must be some other way to happiness. But a couple of thousand years show God’s way is tried and true.

Reflection on the Readings – *“Forgive your neighbor’s injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.”* (Sirach 27). Immaculee Ilibagiza, during the Rwandan genocide, while in hiding for fear of her life, through praying the Our Father, was able to forgive the killers of her family. *“Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight.”* (Sirach). Have you heard the saying: *To hold a grudge is like drinking poison and expecting the other person to die?* Being angry at someone who is not even present does not hurt them, but hurts oneself. We do not need to be ‘doormats’ to be walked upon and there are times for righteous anger, which prompts one to right a wrong. But even in those times, we also must forgive. In today’s Parable the man who does not forgive for a smaller thing loses the mercy he received for a much bigger thing. When we have been wronged, it helps to remember we have been forgiven and spared more than we deserve. By its nature, Mercy is undeserved. Receiving mercy has often been the cause of that person’s conversion. Won’t it be great if we are the cause of someone’s conversion by our mercy to them? They’ll be forever grateful to us! The late Msgr. Jack McCabe used to say *“Love ‘em into wholeness!”* What a great thing! Forgiving brings us peace and makes us more whole. Lord, grant us many graces to forgive, especially when it is most difficult. If G.K. Chesterton said metaphorically, *“Angels can fly because they take themselves so lightly,”* then forgiveness helps us to *‘run lightly in the ways of the Lord.’* (Psalm 119:32).

Here is what Shakespeare wrote about Mercy in *The Merchant of Venice*, Act IV, Scene I: *The quality of mercy is not strain’d, / It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven Upon the place beneath: it is twice blest; It blesseth him that gives and him that takes: ’Tis mightiest in the mightiest: it becomes the throned monarch better than his crown; His scepter shows the force of temporal power, The attribute to awe and majesty, Wherein doth sit the dread and fear of kings; But mercy is above this scepter’d sway; It is enthroned in the hearts of kings, It is an attribute to God himself; And earthly power doth then show likest God’s When mercy seasons justice.*

The Feast of the Triumph of the Cross is this Monday, September 14th. It is not a day of obligation, but it is a noteworthy feast. (In other news..... It is also Dumpling making night!!)

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

During the Angelus, (August 2026) Pope Leo urged the faithful, "Let us seek not to retreat into our own convictions and religious certainties, but to remain open to an authentic relationship with Christ"

THANK YOU FROM THE GARAGE SALE COMMITTEE

The garage sale committee thanks everyone who made the sale such a success. Special thanks to the wonderful women and men volunteers who toted and sorted all the donations we received and were so helpful to our customers. The proceeds totaled \$9,307.52 - another record year! God is good - all the time!

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Num 21:4b-9; Ps 78; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17	Friday:	1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3
Tuesday:	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Jn 19:25-27	Saturday:	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15
Wednesday:	1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Lk 7:31-35	Sunday:	Is 55:6-9; Ps 145; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a
Thursday:	1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50		

PRAYERS FOR SISTERS VOCATIONS

Please pray for Sr. Bridget of the Holy Face, Novice, Sisters of the Carmel of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of September 19-20, 2026

Acolyte:	Sat. 9/19 Pat Carroll	Sun. 9/20 Jesse Sabatka
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 9/19 Ron Walla	Sun. 9/20 Marvin Wiese
Servers:	Sat. 9/19 Volunteers	Sun. 9/20 Corbyn Zitek/Brooks Lanik
Ushers:	Sat. 9/19 Paul Virgl/Volunteer	Sun. 9/20 Paul Pleskac/Don Sabatka
Gifts:	Sat. 9/19 Joe Janecek Family	Sun. 9/20 Chuck Lacey Family

Stewardship of Treasure: *September 6, 2026* We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$2,540.74 **PLUS: Guardian Angel Fund:** \$125.00 **Candles:** \$53.00

St. John’s Bazaar Reminder - **There are many things that need to be done prior to the Bazaar. We would appreciate any help that we can get. If you are available for any of the following dates, you are encouraged to help out.

****Monday, Sept. 14th**, at 5:00pm: Dumpling Night ****Friday, Sept.18th**, at 4:00pm: Set up gym at 4:00pm & 6:00pm wash chicken at Neumann. ****Saturday, Sept. 19th**, at 8:00am: Set up tent and final preparations. Thank you to all of the committee members and parishioners that put in so many extra hours planning and preparing for the Bazaar. We are grateful for your commitment and dedication.

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!

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of September 19-20, 2026

Acolyte:	Sun. 9/20 Mark Walla
Lector/Reader:	Sun. 9/20 Jeff Walla
Servers:	Sun. 9/20 Simon Strizek/Caleb Osmera
Ushers:	Sun. 9/20 Tom Bouc/Kyle Osmera
Gifts:	Sun. 9/20 Dan Furasek Family

Stewardship of Treasure: *September 6, 2026* We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$1,943.00 **PLUS:**

AREA NEWS

Ulysses (Immaculate Conception) Bazaar—Sunday, September 13th from 10:30am-2:00pm. Mass at 10:00am. Serving a delicious broasted chicken dinner (along with ham and all the extras). \$20 for adults, \$10 for children 5-12, Under 5 - free. Kid’s games, chuck-a-luck, cake walk, cash raffle and country store. Live polka music 11:30am-2:30pm. Live auction at 2:30pm with many interesting items. Hope to see you there!

Marriage Encounter Experience—September 18th-20th in Grand Island. Open to all couples across Nebraska. "Enlightening our couple-love". Call/text Gary & Brenda at 402-370-5839. Register right-away so we may place for you.

Weekend Unbound Retreat—Sept. 18th-20th at St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Hastings with Retreat Master Fr. Bill Holoubek. No fee for retreat or meals, but recommended to purchase and read Unbound Book (\$14) before retreat. Workbook (\$16) also needed for use during retreat. Books available for purchase from St. Cecilia Church or Marg Noecker: 402-984-6624. Registration requested but not required, please call Fr. Clinch: 402-463-1336, Fr. Hazuka: 402-463-1023 or Mary Koch: 402-984-6624.

St. John Nepomucene (Weston) Church Annual Chicken & Ham Dinner—Sunday, September 20th, from 11:00am-2:00pm in the school gym. Kids’ Games, Raffle, Bake Stand. Mark Vyhldal Polka Band. Beer Garden. Serving Pan Fried Chicken, Ham, Dumplings, Kraut, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Gravy, fresh vegetables, fresh baking! Adults: \$20; Children 5-12: \$10; under 5: Free.

Divine Will Retreat with Mother Gabrielle Marie Breaux—Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly. September 25th-27th. Mother Gabrielle Marie will guide participants through the profound spirituality found in the writings of Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta, illuminating the fulfillment of the prayer we so often say: “Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.” Through teaching, reflection, and prayer, you will be invited into a deeper understanding of what it means to live continually in God’s Will. This retreat offers a grace-filled opportunity to grow in intimacy with God, to be renewed in your calling, and to enter more fully into the life He desires to share with you. Contact: office@olgcretreat.org or call 402-786-2705 for more information.

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.

Join Fr. Rand Langhorst of the Lincoln Diocese on a trip to Ireland—See the Dedicated webpage for this Ireland pilgrimage April 12-22, 2027 flying out of Omaha. The webpage adds beauty, more pictures and detailed information that we simply can’t provide with a normal brochure. Just enter the link which contains a customized introduction, the full itinerary, and a wealth of other helpful information. The highlighted "Register Now" button takes you directly to your landing page, where pilgrims can view the brochure and register for the pilgrimage. <https://tektionministries.org/resources/270412-IR-Langhorst.html>

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

A man gets on an airplane and sees a nun praying fervently beside him. “Are you afraid of flying?” he asks. “Flying, no. Crashing, yes.”