

# PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 18, 2026



### MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	January 19 <sup>th</sup>	7:50 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of Kathy Bohac
Tuesday	January 20 <sup>th</sup>	7:50 am	+ Cheryl Bartek
Wednesday	January 21 <sup>st</sup>	7:50 am	+ Dolores Maly
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Jon Allen
Thursday	January 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7:50 am	For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Friday	January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:50 am	+ Terra Orndorff
Saturday	January 24 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 pm	+ Gene Kros
Sunday	January 25 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am Touhy	Missa pro Populo
		10:00 am Weston	+ Leonard Chapek

### NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

**Reflection on the Readings** – We hear again this weekend of the Baptism of Jesus, by John. It was the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. As followers of Christ, we each also have some task and tasks that God has in mind for us. We don't always know what they are, but by being in relationship with God in prayer, we shall go the right way. One day we will discover all the missions God had for us. In the first reading when the prophet says to Israel "It is too little for you to be my servant... I am sending you to the nations," this indicates God's big plan for Israel. God's plans are important and His plans for us are to accomplish more than we could do on our own, and even more than we could imagine. If we keep trying to cooperate with God's plans, we shall see one day, in heaven, the big picture of how God used us for more good than we realized.

**Ordinary Time** – We are now in Ordinary Time. Sr. Ann Shields, in her podcasts, often reminds that "No time is ordinary with God." The word Ordinary indicates "ordered" time, even while expressing that there are no special "seasons" such as Advent/Christmas or Lent/Easter. At times, it may not seem like the Church year has much to do with our real-life struggles. But the Church sets up the readings from the bible in an ordered way that reveals God's wisdom for our daily lives and also gives us the meaning of life through the mysteries that are made manifest through the Church's liturgical year.

**The Priest Retirement Envelope** (Jan 25) is in tithing envelope packets. This is an optional collection that the Diocese invites us to take up and the parish sends in. If you wish to give, there are extra envelopes in the back of church.

**Day of Prayer for Right to Life** - In all the dioceses of the United States of America, January 22<sup>nd</sup> shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. (General Instruction of the Roman Missal).

**The Daily Decalogue of Pope John XXIII** - Pope St. John XXIII had a joy-filled practical spirituality. A lifelong diarist, he often used his personal writings (collected in *Journey of a Soul*) to reflect on his progress in the spiritual life, and to set goals for himself. One of those writings has come to be known as "The Daily Decalogue of Pope John XXIII." The Decalogue lists ten spiritual goals "only for today," and it's just as suitable for kids and adults as it was for the pope. Here is #1 of the ten: "**Only for today**, I will seek to live the livelong day positively without wishing to solve the problems of my life all at once."

### ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

#### Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of January 24-25 2026

<b>Acolyte:</b>	Sat. 1/24 Paul Virgil	Sun. 1/25 Chris Tvrdy
<b>Lector/Reader:</b>	Sat. 1/24 Ginger Laughridge	Sun. 1/25 Marvin Wiese
<b>Servers:</b>	Sat. 1/24 Volunteers	Sun. 1/25 Easton Kavan/Eli Kavan
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sat. 1/24 Joe Janecek/Volunteer	Sun. 1/25 Marion Bartek/Ron Brazda
<b>Gifts:</b>	Sat. 1/24 Pat Carroll Family	Sun. 1/25 Rich Tvrdy Family

**Stewardship of Treasure: January 11, 2026** We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

**Total - 2025:** \$1,250.00 **PLUS:**

**Total - 2026:** \$2,812.00 **PLUS: Candles:** \$27.00 **Southern Nebraska Register:** \$36.00

### SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

Please pray for Leo Bykerk of St. Ann, Doniphan, who attends St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

### 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. Please let us know if you would like to be added to this list.

### SPIRITUAL CORNER

"I place my trust in You, O adorable Blood, our Redemption, our regeneration. Fall, drop by drop, into the hearts that have wandered from You and soften their hardness." ~St. Agnes of Rome

## ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH COUNCIL

The St. John Nepomucene Parish Council meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of even numbered months at 6:30pm at the School. Public comment period is from 6:30pm-6:45pm. Anyone can use that time to make any comments to the council. Immediately after public comment, the meeting will take place. Anyone who is not a member or have an item listed on that meeting's agenda will be asked to leave at that time. To request a specific item be placed on the agenda please email [stjohn-weston@cdolinc.net](mailto:stjohn-weston@cdolinc.net) and provide details on your request.

## ST. VITUS PARISH

### Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of January 24-25, 2026

**Acolyte:** Sun. 1/25 Mark Walla  
**Lector/Reader:** Sun. 1/25 Jeff Walla  
**Servers:** Sun. 1/25 Simon Strizek/Caleb Osmera  
**Ushers:** Sun. 1/25 Brian Byers/Ted Bohac  
**Gifts:** Sun. 1/25 Lucy Hanks/Jennifer Joakim

**Stewardship of Treasure: January 11, 2026** We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

**Total:** \$1,450.00 **PLUS: Children:** \$.50 **Water Lease:** \$20.00 **Christmas:** \$20.00 **Solemnity of Mary:** \$95.00

**Altar Society Meeting**—Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, at the school house after the 10:00am mass. Altar Society Booklets are available in the back of church, please pick yours up. Thank you!

**St. Vitus Catholic Church Soup Dinner will be held on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>** at St. John School gym in Weston. Silent and Live Auctions along with a raffle will be held. If you plan on donating an item to the Live Auction, we request that it be worth \$100 or more. Also, a soup dinner letter with raffle tickets will be coming soon! Looking forward to a wonderful day together! Thank you!! The Soup Dinner Committee!

## READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22	Friday:	1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19
Tuesday:	1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28	Saturday:	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21
Wednesday:	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6	Sunday:	Is 8:23—9:3; Ps 27; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17;
Thursday:	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12		Mt 4:12-23

## 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

**FCSLA parents and students: It's time to apply for the 2026-27 Scholarship Program**—The deadline for application is February 10, 2026. Scholarships are awarded for elementary, secondary, vocational, college, and post-grad programs. Applicant requirements and application forms are available on-line at [www.fcsla.com](http://www.fcsla.com) or e-mail [Scholarship@FCSLA.com](mailto:Scholarship@FCSLA.com). There are also request forms in the back of church.

**Desert Day**—Step away from the noise and spend a quiet day in prayer, reflection and rest with the Lord at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House. Come for a whole day, or just half the day. Visit [goodcounselretreat.org](http://goodcounselretreat.org) to learn more.

**The Joy of Forgiveness Retreat**—A 2-day retreat for men and women with Sandy Hoening, offering a healing journey into the freedom and peace of forgiveness. Includes Mass, Adoration, Confession and a healing service. Begins Saturday at 9:00am, ends Sunday with noon lunch. Register at [www.goodcounselretreat.org](http://www.goodcounselretreat.org) or call 402-786-2705.

**21<sup>st</sup> Annual God Bless America Dinner and Auction ~ Dwight Assumption Parish**—Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Social Hour / Doors open at 4:30pm. Dinner of Prime Rib or Chicken Breast at 6:00pm. Followed by Live Auction. Meal Reservations needed to attend, Meals - \$30 per person. No Reservations sold at the door. Visit [dwrightassumption.weebly.com](http://dwrightassumption.weebly.com) for Reservation Forms or contact Parish Rectory at 402-566-2765

**Catholic Daughters Meeting**—Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at St Wenceslaus in Wahoo. We will start with either mass or rosary. There were no education contestants to recognize at an evening meeting so the meeting time has changed from the evening to the afternoon. We'd love to have some guests join us, we are in need of new members. Dues (\$22 plus \$5) for 2026 can be paid to Alice Pecka (20303 NW 56th St, Raymond, 68428). **Please note the 2:00 meeting time.**

**LDCCW Winter Symposium, January 30<sup>th</sup>–31<sup>st</sup>**—Please plan to join the Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women for the Winter Symposium at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House. The Symposium is a 2-day gathering that begins Friday at 6:00pm (registration at 4:30pm with an optional 5:00pm bring-your-own fellowship meal) and continues through Saturday at 3:30pm, offering women of all ages an opportunity for talks, prayer, adoration, friendship, devotions, speakers, Mass, and lunch, all designed to foster connection, discussion, and shared faith. For more information or registration, visit [www.goodcounselretreat.org](http://www.goodcounselretreat.org) or contact [office@olgcretreat.org](mailto:office@olgcretreat.org) or 402-786-2705.

**St. Vitus (Touhy) Catholic Church Soup Dinner**—Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at St. John School Gym in Weston, 11:00am-1:30pm. Serving Chili, Chicken Noodle and Ham & Bean Soups; Free Will Offering! Live Polka Music! Silent and Live Auctions; Raffle; Baked Goods! Fun for All!!

**Marriage Encounter Experience**—North American Martyrs Church, February 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. "Communication enhancing our Marriage" Call/Text 402-370-5839. Register right-away to save a place.

## A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

A wife was making a breakfast of fried eggs for her husband. Suddenly, her husband burst into the kitchen. "Careful," he said, "CAREFUL! Put in some more butter! Oh my gosh: You're cooking too many at once. TOO MANY! Turn them! TURN THEM NOW! We need more butter. Oh my gosh! WHERE are we going to get MORE BUTTER? They're going to STICK! Careful. CAREFUL! I said be CAREFUL! You NEVER listen to me when you're cooking! Never! Turn them! Hurry up! Are you CRAZY? Have you LOST your mind? Don't forget to salt them. You know you always forget to salt them. USE THE SALT! THE SALT!" The wife stared at him. "What in the world is wrong with you? You think I don't know how to fry a couple of eggs?" The husband calmly replied, "I just wanted to show you what it feels like when I'm driving."