

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 24, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	September 25 <sup>th</sup>	7:50 am	+ Don Palensky
Tuesday	September 26 <sup>th</sup>	7:50 am	+ LaVerne Wonka
Wednesday	September 27 <sup>th</sup>	7:50 am	Patsy Sabatka
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Don & Loretta Tejral
Thursday	September 28 <sup>th</sup>	7:50 am	+ Patty Cejka
Friday	September 29 <sup>th</sup>	7:50 am	+ Bernard Tvrdy
Saturday	September 30 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 pm	+ Loretta (Machacek) D’Vor
Sunday	October 1 <sup>st</sup>	8:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo
		10:00 am Touhy	Lyle & Karen Dvorak

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday Readings Reflection from *Magnificat* Periodical** - What is most striking about the landowner is the relentless way he himself goes out to find laborers, his constant willingness to hire the ones who are still standing there, and his desire to pay them a full day’s wage. Jesus tells us that the kingdom of heaven is like this landowner. God takes the initiative in seeking us out. God chooses us despite our utter unworthiness. And God is lavish in his self-gift to us. To love the kingdom of heaven is to love this landowner and the way he acts. The temptation is for us to measure our life by what we imagine we deserve. But in truth, God is always giving us far more than we deserve, even in calling us to labor in his kingdom! Let us ‘seek the lord while he may be found, call him while he is near,’ because, for us, ‘life is Christ.’ (*Magnificat*)

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday Readings from Fr. Vandewalle** – “My thoughts are not your thoughts,” says the first reading. Fortunately, God sees the whole picture of life and history, set up for our good. And yet, at the same time, God shares with us the mystery so we can understand His plan more and more, if our minds and hearts are open. The kingdom is both now and later. We get glimpses now, we work now, we trust now. Later, we shall see fully, how good God was to us. Hopefully, we work to notice this now. Paul in the second reading had the tension of this ‘now’ and ‘later,’ a conflict of where he wanted to be, in heaven already or – for the sake of God and the people – to continue working and suffering for their benefit on earth. On the summer New Mexico Mission trip, a dad-driver asked those high school students in his van, “If God told you, you could go to heaven right now or remain on earth, what would you choose?” The kids’ answers were interesting and full of faith and honesty. Finally, the Wages in the Parable could only be the same for all, because the Father’s Gift to us is the Son, and one cannot give more than the Most.

**Weston St. John’s Bazaar** – That was so great to see the different generations all happily working together at the bazaar last weekend. Thank you all who made the Bazaar a great success and special thanks to our chair couples Charlie and Rita Pleskac, Chris and Paula Bouc and Devin and Kelsey Zitek, (and anyone I may have missed) and ALL who helped with the bazaar in any way, physically, monetarily, or spiritually. If you would still like to make a monetary donation, you may drop it in an envelope labeled ‘Fall Bazaar’ in the Sunday Offering or to PO Box 10, Weston, NE 68070. Thank You.

**Bishops Appeal for Vocations** – The BAV collection is for the education of Diocese of Lincoln seminarians studying to be the priests who give us Jesus in the Sacraments. Thank you for your generosity previously. In 2022 we made our goals of \$2,110 and \$6,830. At St. John’s 43 families gave \$7,750 and at St. Vitus, 22 families gave \$3,775! Those were awesome! Our Parish Goals for 2023 are \$7,510 and \$2,320. Thank you in advance for your generosity! The BAV will begin next weekend, September 30<sup>th</sup>-October 1<sup>st</sup>.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of September 30-October 1, 2023

<b>Acolyte:</b>	Sat. 9/30 Jesse Sabatka	Sun. 10/1 Matt Tvrdy
<b>Lector/Reader:</b>	Sat. 9/30 Ginger Laughridge	Sun. 10/1 Marvin Wiese
<b>Servers:</b>	Sat. 9/30 Volunteers	Sun. 10/1 Mason Wiese/Logan Lacey
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sat. 9/30 Rich Cherovsky/Don Sabatka	Sun. 10/1 Marion Bartek/Charlie Jelinek
<b>Gifts:</b>	Sat. 9/30 Pat Carroll Family	Sun. 10/1 Ken Meduna Family

**Stewardship of Treasure: September 17, 2023** We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...  
Total: \$1,439.00 **PLUS: Candles:** \$18.00 **Guardian Angel Fund:** \$5.00 **Assumption:** \$10.00

PRAYERS FOR SISTERS VOCATIONS & SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

Please pray for Olivia Benz, Postulant, of the School Sisters of Christ the King.  
Please pray for Max Suma of St. Vincent de Paul, Seward, who attends Gregory the Great Seminary

SPIRITUAL CORNER

“How consoling it is to know, that we have a spirit (our Guardian Angel), who from womb to tomb, NEVER LEAVES US, EVEN FOR AN INSTANT, not even when we dare to sin. And this heavenly spirit guides and protects us, like a friend, a brother.”  
~St. Padre Pio

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—Charles Kadavy, Mary Lou Woita, Albina Kellner; Saunders County Care Center—Marcella Meduna; David’s Place—Patsy Sabatka. Please let us know if you would like to be added to this list.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18	Friday	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51
Tuesday:	Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21	Saturday	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45
Wednesday:	Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6	Sunday	Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32
Thursday:	Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9		

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of September 30-October 1, 2023

Acolyte:	Sun. 10/1 Dan Furasek
Lector/Reader:	Sun. 10/1 Jeff Walla
Servers:	Sun. 10/1 Cody Furasek/Adam Furasek
Ushers:	Sun. 10/1 Keith Strizek/Shawn Strizek
Gifts:	Sun. 10/1 Pat Bartek Family

**Stewardship of Treasure: September 17, 2023** We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...  
Total: \$1,103.00 **PLUS: Water Lease:** \$20.00  
**St. Vitus' Altar Society Coffee & Rolls**—Join us for coffee/rolls after 8:00am Mass on Sunday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> at the school house.  
**Christmas Decorating**—Still looking for a few men and women (couples ok, too!) interested in Christmas decorating (set up and take down).  
**Acolyte/Lector Schedule**—Looking for someone to take over the acolyte/lector schedule for 2024. Contact Janet Bartek

SCHOOL NEWS

**PT Conferences**—**St. John's** - Tuesday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, 4:10pm-6:30pm; **Bishop Neumann** – Wednesday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm – 7pm.  
**No School**—Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> for St. John's and Bishop Neumann.  
**Support Our School with Scrip**—If you would like to purchase SCRIP cards. Scrip cards are gift cards to almost every store! Each store donates a percentage back to St. John School from each purchase! Each card is worth what you pay for it!! Order forms are in the back of church and can be mailed or turned in to Barb at St. John's School or emailed to [stjohnscrip19@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnscrip19@gmail.com). Clearly mark on the envelope St. John's SCRIP. Envelope should include your order form complete with address, phone number and payment. Please email [stjohnscrip19@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnscrip19@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

AREA NEWS

**St. Wenceslaus Fall Festival & Roast Beef Dinner ~ Wahoo**—Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at Neumann High School, 10:00am-2:00pm. Raffle, Silent Auction, Country Store, Carnival Games, Pies, Cakes & More!  
**"Come away to a quiet place and rest awhile"**—Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly has several upcoming retreats. Join us for "Going Deeper" with Fr. Michael McCabe on Sept. 22-24, our Ablaze Worship Night on Sunday, Sept. 24 at 6:00pm, and "Rekindling Eucharistic Amazement" with Fr. Wade Menezes, CPM on Sept. 30-Oct. 1. Read more and register at [www.goodcounselretreat.org](http://www.goodcounselretreat.org), email [office@goodcounselretreat.org](mailto:office@goodcounselretreat.org) or call 402-786-2705.  
**Catholic Daughters Meeting**—Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at St. Wenceslaus in Wahoo, starting with mass, followed with our Pot Luck supper. Bring a favorite dish. Meeting will follow. Invite a friend! We will also do SPLIT THE POT as a little fund raiser.  
**The Apostle of the Impossible: Tour of the Relics of St. Jude the Apostle**—The relic arm of this beloved Saint will be making stops in Nebraska September 27-30<sup>th</sup>. **Sept. 27:** St. Michael Catholic Church, Lincoln; **Sept. 28:** St. John Vianney Catholic Church, Omaha; **Sept. 29:** St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, Omaha; **Sept. 30:** St. Patrick Catholic Church, Fremont. Fr. Carlos Martins, a priest with the Companions of the Cross, will travel with the Relic Arm and give homilies at the Masses. Free will donations accepted. More info at [spiritcatholicradio.com/jude](http://spiritcatholicradio.com/jude)  
**The Office of Religious Education in conjunction with the Emmaus Institute and Newman Institute present An Evening of Discussion on Vatican II**—Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 16<sup>th</sup> and K Street, Lincoln. 6:30pm-8:30pm. Guest speaker Fabian W. Bruskewitz, Bishop Emeritus of Lincoln. Tickets: \$10.  
**Magnificat of Mary Celebration 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner**—Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at Hillcrest Country Club, 9401 E. O Street, Lincoln. Evening starts at 5:00pm with featured speakers, Bishop James Conley and Fr. Wade Menezes, CPM. Online tickets available at <https://goodcounselretreat.org/gala/>  
**St. Joseph's in Colon Roast Beef Dinner**—Sunday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. Mass at 10:00am, dinner 10:30am-2:00pm. Adults: \$17; Children 5-12: \$8; 4 & under: Free. Family price cap-\$75. Drive-Thru/Dine-In/Carryout. Raffle, Homemade Kolaches, Games, Market Table.  
**Annual Life Chain**—Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00pm, on the north corner of 12<sup>th</sup> and Beech Streets in Wahoo. Signs with pro-life messages provided. Please come and pray and stand with peace and joy for life and the end of abortion with us. Parking is recommended on the north side of 12th street. We will be standing along the sidewalk for one hour in vigil for life.  
**The Truth can be hard to find and especially hard to live out**—Join the Bishops of NE at the Pro-Life Banquet & Conference on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, as we discover how Truth is found and lived in a new *Dobbs* era with Catholic Answers Apologist and speaker, Joe Heschmeyer. You'll network with leaders from across the state, find opportunities for involvement in the culture of life, learn how Truth can shape the pro-life movement. Free banquet childcare is provided. Visit [NECatholic.org](http://NECatholic.org) to register and learn more.  
**St. John's, Prague Annual Duck & Pork Dinner and Bazaar, Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**. Serving 11:00am-2:00pm. Your choice of duck or pork, famous homemade dressing, kraut, dumplings, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberries, roll, kolach, dessert, and drink. Dine-in Buffet, Carry Out, and Enhanced Drive Thru. Number system will be used. Adults \$20; Ages 5 to 10 (Pork Only) \$10; Ages 4 & Under (Pork Only) Eat Free. Come enjoy the polka music, live and silent auctions, parish raffle, beer garden, cake walk, country store, and quilt raffle. **FREE delivery to Weston and Wahoo:** If you cannot make it to Prague to join us for the day, St. John's Bazaar is offering Duck & Pork Dinner Delivery to Weston and Wahoo at no charge! Delivery is only available for adult meals. Meals will be delivered to a single location with pick-up between 11:00-11:15am (Weston) and 11:15-11:45am (Wahoo). Cash or check only. To place your advance order, text or call 402-505-1573 or email [stjohnsfallbazaar@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsfallbazaar@gmail.com). Advance orders need to be placed by Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.  
**St. Mary's Catholic Church, Davey, Annual Soup Supper**—Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm-7:00pm at the Davey Community Center . Soup supper includes Chili, chicken noodle, or broccoli cheese soup, sandwiches & hot dogs, drink and dessert. Free will donation. There will also be a raffle and bake sale.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

I asked the gym instructor if he could teach me to do the splits. He replied, "How flexible are you?" I said, "I can't make it on Fridays."