

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

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment

## Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2025



### MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	January 6 <sup>th</sup>	7:50 am	+ Kevin Henry
Tuesday	January 7 <sup>th</sup>	7:50 am	+ George Furasek, Jr.
Wednesday	January 8 <sup>th</sup>	7:50 am	In Thanksgiving
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Loretta Snitily
Thursday	January 9 <sup>th</sup>	7:50 am	+ Mike Kinnett
Friday	January 10 <sup>th</sup>	7:50 am	+ Leonard Polacek
Saturday	January 11 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 pm	+ George & LaVerne Wonka
Sunday	January 12 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am Touhy	+ Cheryl Bartek
		10:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo

### NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

**Christmas Thank You:** Thank you to everyone for all the Christmas gifts, cards, prayers, and kindnesses. It was so nice to receive so many kind words and wishes and prayers; I appreciated all of them and all of you! Thank you, too, to all who in any way to make our Churches beautiful for Christmas, through music, cleaning, decorating, serving, and the like!

**Epiphany Blessing of the Threshold** – This Annual Eastern Church tradition blessing your doorway is powerful against evil. The head of one's home leads this prayer, invoking the wise men by their initials, Caspar, Melchior, Balthazar. Chalk and blessings are at back of the church. Please save, return, or dispose of blessed chalk reverently, such as by burying.

The Symbolic Meaning of the 3 Gifts of the Magi	In Christian's Lives
<b>Gold</b> – The gold represents Christ's <u>kingship</u> ; He is the King of Jews and Lord of lords.	Christ's Wisdom is to shine in our lives.
<b>Frankincense</b> – A sweet-smelling resin used in <u>worship</u> ; it symbolizes his priesthood and divinity.	The prayer and adoration we are to give God. (Rev. 8:3-4)
<b>Myrrh</b> – An ointment used in burial, myrrh represented His humanity, <u>death</u> , and burial.	Our daily self-sacrifices to the Lord.

**Jubilee Year of Hope** - Pope Francis opened the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025 on Christmas. There is more to come! For more information go to the this website at the USCCB: <https://www.usccb.org/jubilee2025>.

**Here is a notice we are required to publish annually:** *The Diocese of Lincoln* requires that its employees and volunteers report any allegations of abuse or neglect of a minor or elder connected with church related activity to law enforcement, consistent with the requirements of Nebraska law. If anyone has information that a minor or elder is being or has been subjected to abuse or neglect please report it immediately to local law enforcement or to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services toll-free number 1-800-652-1999, and also to any Parish Pastor, School Administrator, Teacher, or to any Diocesan official at the Catholic Chancery (402) 488-0921, so that immediate steps may be taken for the protection of the minor or elder.

### ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

#### Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of January 11-12, 2025

<b>Acolyte:</b>	Sat. 1/11 Pat Carroll	Sun. 1/12 Matt Tvrdy
<b>Lector/Reader:</b>	Sat. 1/11 Deb Carroll	Sun. 1/12 Marvin Wiese
<b>Servers:</b>	Sat. 1/11 Volunteers	Sun. 1/12 Brayden Pleskac/Landon Pleskac
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sat. 1/11 Joe Janecek/Ron Walla	Sun. 1/12 Marion Bartek/Ron Brazda
<b>Gifts:</b>	Sat. 1/11 Joe Janecek Family	Sun. 1/12 Gene Adams Family

**Stewardship of Treasure: December 22, 2024** We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

**Total:** \$8,743.00 **PLUS: Candles:** \$41.00 **Immaculate Conception:** \$50.00

**Stewardship of Treasure: December 29, 2024** We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

**Total:** \$14,548.00 **PLUS: Candles:** \$12.00 **Christmas Flowers:** \$120.00 **Retired Priest Fund:** \$20.00

**Immaculate Conception:** \$25.00 **Christmas:** \$3,845.00

**The PCCW is in need of a Vice President for the 2025-2026 year.** Please consider helping out the parish with your time, talent and service. If you are interested, please contact Peg Bouc at (402) 480-2962. Thank you!

**Prayer Chain Calling Tree**—We are revising the prayer chain calling tree after the first of the year. If you would like to be added to the list please contact Shelly Pleskac at 402-480-3056 or Mary Ann Tvrdy at 402-642-5530.

### READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25	Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44	Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52	Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-38;
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Lk 4:14-22a		Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

## WEEKLY TITHING COLLECTIONS

### St. John Nepomucene

### St. Vitus

Amount Budgeted per Week (\$3,054.89) in December	\$15,274.45	
Amount Budgeted per Week (\$2,021.94) in December		\$10,109.70
Amount Received in December	\$33,016.88	\$13,389.66
Net Excess (Deficit) for the month December	\$17,742.43	\$ 3,279.96
<b>2024 Year-to-Date Total</b>	<b>\$156,405.70</b>	<b>\$91,685.32</b>

## SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

This week please pray for Trent Moudry of St. Wenceslaus, Wahoo, who attends St. Gregory the Great Seminary and Rev. Mr. David Tines of St. Joseph, Lincoln, who attends Mount St. Mary Seminary.

## ST. VITUS PARISH

### Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of January 11-12, 2025

<b>Acolyte:</b>	Sun. 1/12 Dan Furasek
<b>Lector/Reader:</b>	Sun. 1/12 Pat Bartek
<b>Servers:</b>	Sun. 1/12 Cody Furasek/Justin Furasek
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sun. 1/12 Brian Byers/Ted Bohac
<b>Gifts:</b>	Sun. 1/12 Ted Bohac Family

**Stewardship of Treasure: December 22, 2024** We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

**Total:** \$1,460.50 **PLUS: Christmas:** \$3,880.00

**Stewardship of Treasure: December 29, 2024** We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

**Total:** \$2,498.00 **PLUS: Immaculate Conception:** \$20.00 **Solemnity of Mary:** \$177.00 **Christmas:** \$120.00  
**Christmas Flowers:** \$90.00

**St. Vitus Catholic Church Soup Dinner is Sunday, February 9, 2025 in the St. John School gym (Weston)! Soup Dinner letters were recently mailed! Silent and Live Auctions & Raffle will be held! If you plan on donating an item to the Live Auction, we would request that it be worth \$100 or more. Also, the worker sign-up sheet will be in the back of St. Vitus on the weekends of Jan 18/19 and 25/26. Thank you!! The Soup Dinner Committee!**

## SPIRITUAL CORNER

"Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, man in God, God in man, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body." ~St. Peter Chrysologus

## OTHER INFORMATION

Please remember in your prayers and, on occasion, call or send a card to our home-bound/assisted care facilities parishioners. Please let us know if you would like to be added to this list.

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Christmas Break**—Classes will resume at both St. John's and Neumann on Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.

**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

**Join us on a Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City led by St. Wenceslaus Parishioner Scott Watts of Guadalupe Missions & St. Wenceslaus Pastor Fr. Jeff Eickhoff ~ May 18-23rd, 2025.** Journey to one of the most visited Catholic pilgrimage sites in the world. Encounter Christ in the poor and walk in the very footsteps of Our Lady and St. Juan Diego, at the heart of where the conversion of the Americas began. For more information, contact: Scott Watts of Guadalupe Missions at: 402-312-5808 or Email: [scottwatts@guadalupemissions.org](mailto:scottwatts@guadalupemissions.org) or website: [GuadalupeMissions.org](http://GuadalupeMissions.org)

**Emmaus Institute Winter Course**—Starting January 8<sup>th</sup> (Wednesdays), the Emmaus Institute is teaching a five-week course on our Blessed Mother, titled *The Mother of the Word: A Biblical Study of Mary*. Discover how the Old and New Testament reveal the person and mission of Mary. Learn more and register at [www.EmmausInstitute.net](http://www.EmmausInstitute.net)

**Marian Camp 2025 ~ Save the Date**—June 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. Camper/Counselor registration will be open **January 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am.**

**Love and Life Programs, I + You = We**—Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:45am-8:00pm and Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am-4:00pm at St. Cecilia Middle & High School, Hastings. We are looking for courageous couples who want the marriage of their dreams. For all married couples, non-Catholics are welcome. \$275 per couple. For more information, contact Matthew and Marie Phillips at 402-705-8015 or [www.loveandlifeprogramsa.org](http://www.loveandlifeprogramsa.org)

**St. Wenceslaus School Breakfast Burrito Drive**—Our annual winter fundraiser is just a couple weeks away! School families will be preparing and packaging breakfast burritos ready for your freezer. They will be sold in 5 packs for \$25. We are taking pre-orders that will be ready for pickup at St. Wenceslaus School on Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm-7:00pm or will be delivered by your designated student. To pre-order please complete the form at <https://bit.ly/stwencburritodrive> or contact a committee member: Jill Divis at 402-304-6093 / Sarah Divis 402-443-8249 / Jen Sabatka 402-297-3522 / Krista Cullen 308-379-7541.

**St. John's in Prague is hosting "Polka Night in Prague"**—Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, at the National Hall! Enjoy dinner from 6:00–8:00pm and live music by the Leo Lonnie Band from 7:00–10:00pm. All are welcome, fun for all ages—FREE admission!

**Marriage Encounter Experience** ~ "Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Husbands and wives, offer each other the treasures of your love by participating in an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience: January-February Tuesday Evenings Virtual (via ZOOM); February 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, Lincoln. For questions, contact: Brenda & Gary Granger: 402-370-5839. For more information, please visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org)

## A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

Did you hear about the guy who started fixing breakfast at midnight on Dec. 31? He wanted to make a New Year's toast. Why was the Hershey bar bummed on New Year's Eve? It got stuck waiting for a midnight Kiss. What do farmers give their wives at midnight on New Year's Eve? Hogs and kisses.