

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 4, 2026



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	October 5 th	7:50 am	+ Leonard Chapek
Tuesday	October 6 th	7:50 am	+ Anton Furasek
Wednesday	October 7 th	7:50 am	+ Henry Hrdlicka
		5:30 pm Touhy	For the Parishioners of St. Vitus
Thursday	October 8 th	7:50 am	+ Anthony Stenka
Friday	October 9 th	7:50 am	+ George Furasek, Jr.
Saturday	October 10 th	5:30 pm	+ Milo & Elaine Meduna
Sunday	October 11 th	8:00 am Touhy	Missa pro Populo
		10:00 am Weston	+ Dec. Parents of L & L Ohnoutka

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

St. John Nepomucene Bazaar – Here are some financial results. Not everything is in, but probably close. Income - \$45,595.54 Expenses - \$10,140.11; Wow, a record number! Thank you everyone! Each year we get many compliments on our bazaar. Thank you so much Charlie and Rita for so generously chairing our bazaar for the last seven years! You did a great job! We are still prayerfully hoping for a new chair couple. (It is very well organized with notes and with the help of other assisting couples).

Thank You Note on Parish Bazaar – Fr. Vandewalle & parishioners of St. John Nepomucene, I want to thank you all for having the Leo Lonnie Orchestra play for your church dinner. We had a great time playing for everyone. I also want to thank you for the pop and water for the band!! Oh & the Gatorade!! And also, a huge thank you for the amazing chicken & ham dinners you had for us to eat when we were done playing. It was so good!! 😊 If you would ever like us to play for you again, please reach out. We would love to come back!! God bless you all!! Lonnie Piitz & the Leo Lonnie Orchestra. P.S Was so great to attend 8 am mass that morning too!

Rosary Rally – “America Needs Fatima” Rosary Rally will be held in the old Sid Dillon’s parking lot in Wahoo, NE (Old Hwy 77) at exactly 12/noon Saturday, October 10th. Bring your chair and enjoy a beautiful meditation of the Holy Rosary. Water, snacks and extra Rosaries will be available.

Bishop’s Appeal for Vocations 2026 (BAV26) – Thank you for your help in supporting the education of our future priests and pastors. We have 26 young men studying for our diocese. Imagine the choice they are making and pray for them and their formation. Our parish goals are \$8,829 and \$2,180 at St. John’s and St. Vitus, respectively. Pledge cards are in the back of church alphabetically or at request. This is the 2nd of our 2 weekends.

Reflection on the Readings – Fr. Boniface Hicks, a guest on Restore the Glory Podcast said that healing and deliverance from evil is less about fighting evil and more about getting freedom. And Freedom begins with relationship with God. God is all about relationship. God is a communion of loving persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We are made to share that relationship. In this weekend the 2 vineyard stories end tragically. But what if the parable were changed and there was a good relationship with the Vineyard owner? It would end up fruitfully! If they had known the landowner, they would not have killed his son, but worked with Him for a bountiful harvest. God is so good that even though sins may deserve death (as Jesus’ parable listeners admit), He gives sinners mercy and the help and friendship to be fruitful! We should not despair if we fail. God will help us choose friendship with Him if we ask. He will be generous to rush to our aid!

800th Anniversary of St. Francis (*from Columbia Knight of Columbus Magazine*) – We are celebrating a Jubilee Year of St. Francis on the 800th year from his death (Oct 3, 1226). Many Franciscans will be celebrating the change he brought to the world! When Jesus invited the young rich man to sell what he had and give to the poor, he went away sad. But another rich young man, Francis of Assisi, did otherwise. Francis showed the great reward in following Jesus and the joy and happy freedom it brings. When Francis was asked, “Why is the whole world running after you?” He answered, “God could not find a greater sinner through whom to display his infinite mercy.” In looking at Francis people caught a glimpse of Jesus – his love, humility and goodness. There is a picture with one bird in St. Francis’ right hand and another on his shoulder looking at Francis’ face. Francis loved the way birds sang God’s praises and were a reminder of God’s heavenly care for us. The Wright brothers studied birds and decided they could fly too. In birds, Francis saw that we can fly to God’s providence, beauty, joy and freedom. Everywhere Francis saw signs of God’s love hidden in plain sight.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of October 10-11, 2026

Acolyte:	Sat. 10/10 Paul Virgl	Sun. 10/11 Milton Bouc
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 10/10 Barb Opp	Sun. 10/11 Peg Bouc
Servers:	Sat. 10/10 Volunteers	Sun. 10/11 Brooks Lanik/Rhett Bouc
Ushers:	Sat. 10/10 Ron Walla/Volunteer	Sun. 10/11 Paul Pleskac/Marion Bartek
Gifts:	Sat. 10/10 Ron Walla Family	Sun. 10/11 Paul Pleskac Family
Stewardship of Treasure: September 27, 2026 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...		
Total: \$1,790.39 PLUS: Candles: \$67.00		
St. John’s PCCW Group will have Coffee & Rolls after the 8:00am Mass on Sunday, October 4 th .		

PRAYERS FOR SISTERS VOCATIONS & SEMINARIANS

Please pray for Sr. Mary Kolbe Tichy, 1st Vows, School Sisters of Christ the King; and for Derek Sumner of St. John, Lincoln, who attends St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

WEEKLY TITHING COLLECTIONS		
	<u>St. John Nepomucene</u>	<u>St. Vitus</u>
Amount Budgeted per Week (\$3,054.89) in September	\$12,219.56	
Amount Budgeted per Week (\$2,021.94) in September		\$ 8,087.76
Amount Received in September	\$ 9,034.65	\$ 5,894.50
Net Excess (Deficit) for the month September	\$ (3,154.91)	\$(2,193.26)
2026 Year-to-Date Total	\$132,577.99	\$65,529.19

READINGS OF THE WEEK			
Monday:	Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37	Friday:	Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26
Tuesday:	Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42	Saturday:	Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28
Wednesday:	Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4	Sunday:	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14
Thursday:	Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13		

ST. VITUS PARISH	
Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of October 10-11, 2026	
Acolyte:	Sun. 10/11 Dan Furasek
Lector/Reader:	Sun. 10/11 Adam Furasek
Servers:	Sun. 10/11 Cody Furasek/Justin Furasek
Ushers:	Sun. 10/11 Keith Strizek/Shawn Strizek
Gifts:	Sun. 10/11 Steve Niemann Family
Stewardship of Treasure: <i>September 27, 2026</i> We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...	
Total: \$1,176.00 PLUS: Children: \$.25	

OTHER INFORMATION
Please remember in your prayers and, on occasion, call or send a card to our home-bound/assisted care facilities parishioners: Lucille Strizek—South Haven 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
“For the devil may tempt the good, but he cannot find rest in them; for he is shaken violently, and upset, and driven out, now by their prayers, now by their tears of repentance, and now by their almsgiving and similar good works.” ~ St. Bruno

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!

AREA NEWS
LDCCW October Pro-Life Diaper Drive —The LDCCW is sponsoring the 17 th Annual October Pro-Life Diaper Drive, collecting diapers throughout the month of October in each of the Lincoln Diocesan parishes. The assistance of everyone in the Lincoln Diocese is requested. Donations will be shared with the Pregnancy Centers and Catholic Social Services across the Diocese as well as St. Gianna Women’s Homes. Listen to Spirit Catholic Radio for Diaper Drive announcements.
St. Joseph’s (Colon) Roast Beef Dinner —Sunday, October 4 th . Mass at 10:00am, dinner 10:30-2:00pm. Adults-\$20; Children 5-11-\$10; 4 & under-Free. Immediate family price cap-\$80. Drive-thru/Dine-In/Carry-Out. Raffle, Homemade Kolaches, Games.
Sts. Peter & Paul (Abie) Duck & Ham Dinner —Sunday, October 4 th . 11:00am-2:00pm. Includes Sauerkraut, Dumplings, Corn, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Salads, Desserts, Drink. Adults-\$25; \$10-Kids (Dine-in ONLY). Drive-thru/Carry-out/Dine-in (limited seating). Live Auction-3:30pm (Kids live auction at 3:00pm) Silent Auction, Quilt & Cash Raffle, Kids Games, Country Store.
Saunders County Life Chain, Wahoo —Sunday, October 4 th from 2:00pm-3:00pm at 387 N. Chestnut Street. Location is in front of the Saunders County Court house, between West 3 rd St. and West 5 th St. on the west side of N Chestnut St. on the sidewalk. Sign pick up at location. For more information, contact: Catherine Turner at (402) 202-1614 or saflcathy896@gmail.com
Emmaus Institute Biblical Studies —Free classes that can assist anyone in better understanding the Scriptures in response to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Kickoff for free classes start on October 8 th , 12 th and November 12 th . Classes are offered in person, live online and by video. Check out the video from Bishop Conley on the Emmaus website https://emmausinstitute.net/
PTA Pork Dinner Drive Thru ~ St. John Nepomucene School —PTA Pork Dinner Drive Thru will be held on Saturday, October 10 th at Sts. Mary & Joseph Church in Valparaiso in the church parking lot. Free will offering.
St. John’s, Prague Annual Duck & Pork Dinner and Bazaar —Sunday, October 11 th . Serving 11:00am–2:00pm. Includes choice of duck or pork, “famous homemade” dressing, kraut, dumplings, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberries, roll, kolach, dessert, and drink. Dine-in (self-serve), Carry Out, and Drive Thru available. Number system will be used. Adults \$22 - Pork / \$25 - Duck; Ages 5 to 10 (Pork Only) \$10; Ages 4 & Under (Pork Only) eat Free. Polka music, live and silent auctions, parish raffle, beer garden, cake walk, country store, and quilt raffle. St. John's Bazaar is offering Duck & Pork Dinner Delivery to Wahoo, Weston, Touhy, Valparaiso & North Bend at no charge! Delivery is only available for adult meals. Cash or check only. To place your <u>advance order</u> , text or call 402-505-1573 or email stjohnsfallbazaar@gmail.com . Advance orders need to be placed by Friday, October 9th. Don't miss out on Duck and Pork Dinners with all the trimmings!
American Red Cross Community Blood Drive —Wednesday, October 14 th , Noon-6:00pm and Thursday, October 15 th , 8:00am-2:00pm, at The Shed, 570 N. Elm Street. Please contact Verna at 402-277-6243 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: WAHOONEB to schedule an appointment. Bring your Donor Card or Photo ID.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR
What do you call a sad strawberry? A blueberry
What do clouds wear under their shorts? Thunder pants