

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025



MASS SCHEDULE

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| Monday | May 12 th | 7:50 am | + Pope Francis |
| Tuesday | May 13 th | 7:50 am | + Don Palensky |
| Wednesday | May 14 th | 7:50 am | + LeRoy Ohnoutka |
| | | 5:30 pm Touhy | + Stan & Nancy Karel |
| Thursday | May 15 th | 7:50 am | + All Souls Day Int. of Joyce Palensky |
| Friday | May 16 th | 7:50 am | + For Parishioners of St. John Nepomucene |
| Saturday | May 17 th | 5:30 pm | + Helen Hedges |
| Sunday | May 18 th | 8:00 am Weston | Missa pro Populo |
| | | 10:00 am Touhy | + Neil Bell |

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday: Jesus said “I am the Good Shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me.” And we have a new “Good Shepherd”! (in the sense of a new earthly representative of Christ, a new Pope!). Jesus, please help him to be a great Good Shepherd! (Pope Leo’s first homily to the Cardinals is in the back of church.)

“**We have a Pope!**” “**Habemus Papam!**” - Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost has been elected as the 267th pope of the Catholic Church, taking the name Pope Leo XIV! Thank you, Jesus! (see more about him in the bulletin attachment!) The Office of the Pope is an amazingly wonderful gift; it guarantees that the truths of Faith about Christ Jesus are passed down throughout history without admixture of error! The Pope also governs the church, which through history has been done at times heroically and saintly and other times less so! BUT, because the Church is established and guaranteed by Jesus, it will survive always, and the ‘gates of hell will never prevail against it!’ This includes Jesus telling Peter – and by connection – his successors, “You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my church!” We pray on this Good Shepherd Sunday that Pope Leo will be a Good Shepherd like Jesus! The office of the Papacy may be the longest continuous office and leadership in the world. It is hard to imagine what the weight of this responsibility must be for a man. Therefore, we offer for him prayer and sacrifice. Pope Leo XIV, though an American, has been a ‘man of the world’ in the sense of being many other places as well, especially in Peru! Thus, he has a missionary spirit. He has served as head of the Augustinian order. St. Augustine was concerned with truth being applied in love. Cardinal Prevost also has worked in the Vatican and been an advisor in appointing, and investigating, bishops around the world. With degrees in mathematics and Canon Law (which does its best to apply the principals of the Gospel to Church governance in love, in order to respect the duties and rights of all members of the body of Christ), and having taught Theology and guided priestly and religious formation, Pope Leo XIV has a precision in the truth of doctrine along with a belief that the truths must be applied in love – which comes from a personal relationship with Christ. Lord Jesus and Mother Mary, pour many graces on Pope Leo IV and the Church through Him. Give Him your Holy Spirit to be a great Good Shepherd. Amen!

Happy Mothers’ Day – Nothing can replace a mother. How interesting to ponder how God made mothers as part of His plans to help us mature and learn, and also to show us His love. Here’s some quotations, edifying and humorous (1) “Motherhood is the exquisite inconvenience of being another person’s everything.” —Unknown; (2) “A mother’s arms are made of tenderness and children sleep soundly in them.” —Victor Hugo; (3) “A mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take.” —Cardinal Mermillod; (4) “A mother is clothed with strength and dignity, laughs without fear of the future. When she speaks her words are wise and she gives instructions with kindness.” —Proverbs; (5) “When your mother asks, ‘Do you want a piece of advice?’ it’s a mere formality. It doesn’t matter if you answer yes or no. You’re going to get it anyway.” —Erma Bombeck; (6) “Being a mom is like folding a fitted sheet. No one really knows how to do it.” – Anonymous

St. John’s & St. Vitus’ Mowing - It’s that time of year again! We are thankful for the recent rain, and the green grass is growing! Thank you for those who have volunteered to mow in the past, with many, many hours of hard work! Some years ago, given the largeness of the task and many other obligations of families, careers and life, but also the desire to keep our churches, cemeteries, and school beautiful, there was a desire of many to hire it out and the parish council agreed. We don’t want it to be a burden, but ask that you would consider making a gift each year and review this annually. We would ask a donation of \$100 or so, if you are able. Give what you can, the Church will greatly appreciate what you can give. In previous years donations have covered a large portion of the mowing cost. At St. John’s the cost of just over \$6,375 was almost covered, and at St. Vitus almost 75% in donations along with cemetery funds covered the just over \$5,250. Please see the mowing donation envelope attached to the bulletin or in the back of Church.

The Feast of St. John Nepomucene is Friday, May 16th! Happy Feast Day!

SPIRITUAL CORNER

“Motherhood then becomes a kind of priesthood. She brings God to man by preparing the flesh in which the soul will be implanted; she brings man to God in offering the child back again to the Creator ... she is nature’s constant challenge to death, the bearer of cosmic plenitude, the herald of eternal realities, God’s great cooperater.” ~ Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen

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.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

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| Monday: | Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10 | Friday | Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6 |
| Tuesday: | Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30 | Saturday: | Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14 |
| Wednesday: | Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17 | Sunday: | Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145; Rev 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35 |
| Thursday: | Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20 | | |

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of: May 17-18, 2025

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| Acolyte: | Sat. 5/17 Paul Virgl | Sun. 5/18 Milton Bouc |
| Lector/Reader: | Sat. 5/17 Ginger Laughridge | Sun. 5/18 Jesse Sabatka |
| Servers: | Sat. 5/17 Volunteers | Sun. 5/18 Brooks Lanik/Easton Kavan |
| Ushers: | Sat. 5/17 Rich Cherovsky/Joe Janecek | Sun. 5/18 Don Sabatka/Justin Sabatka |
| Gifts: | Sat. 5/17 Teresa Virgil Family | Sun. 5/18 Chad Kreikemeier Family |

Stewardship of Treasure: May 4, 2025 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$2,344.00 **PLUS: Candles:** \$36.00 **Guardian Angel Fund:** \$145.00

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of: May 17-18, 2025

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| Acolyte: | Sun. 5/18 Mark Walla |
| Lector/Reader: | Sun. 5/18 Pat Bartek |
| Servers: | Sun. 5/18 Simon Strizek/Volunteer |
| Ushers: | Sun. 5/18 Tom Osmera/Mike Bouc |
| Gifts: | Sun. 5/18 Steve Bartek Family |

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Total: \$1,239.00 **PLUS: Easter:** \$50.00

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

St. John Nepomucene – Part Time or Full Time - Preschool Aide and Religion Teacher—St. John Nepomucene Catholic School in Weston is seeking a faith-filled, responsible adult to assist in Preschool as a teacher's aide and to teach two to three religion classes (3rd – 6th Grade) Monday through Friday during regular school hours. Please contact Fr. Vandewalle at 402-853-2846 or fr.matthew-vandewalle@cdolinc.net

Father-Daughter Day—Saturday, May 17th from 1:15pm-4:15pm. For Dads and their daughters grades 2nd-5th. Come for a day of prayer and fun with the School Sisters of Christ the King! Bring a water bottle, dress for outdoor games. Sponsored by the Serra Club of Lincoln. There is no cost. Please RSVP to fatherdaughterlincoln@gmail.com

Catholic Daughters Meeting—Monday, May 19th, 6:30pm at St. Wenceslaus in Wahoo starting with Mass. Meeting will follow. We encourage members to attend and ask a friend to join them for the meeting. We'd enjoy having guests attend our meeting. If you have questions about Catholic Daughters, contact a member in your parish, or Alice Pecka (402-450-7590). **Please note the meeting is a week earlier than usual because of Memorial Day the following week.** Anyone wishing to pay their 2025 dues (\$22) and (\$5) Bakeless Bake sale can be mailed to Alice Pecka 20303 NW 56th St, Raymond, NE 68428. These dues need to be paid by the end of June. **THANKS** to those who have paid the \$27.

Desert Day ~ Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly—Tuesday, May 20th. Not everyone has the same 9-to-5 schedule, so we invite you to consider taking a Desert Day even if it's shorter or longer, earlier or later. Simply arrive by 9:00am and depart at your convenience in the afternoon. A suggested donation of \$20 includes the day and lunch (or \$10 and bring your own food); \$50 if you would like a private room for the day (advance registration required). The basic schedule is 7-9am check-in and coffee, 10am Confessions, 11:15am Mass, Noon lunch, 1-4pm Adoration with conference, departure anytime. For more information go to goodcounselretreat.org or contact the retreat office at office@olgcretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

Fr. Vandewalle's 25th Jubilee—Sunday, June 1st. Join us in celebrating Fr. Vandewalle's 25th anniversary of his ordination. Mass will be held at noon at St. John Nepomucene Church in Weston, followed by a catered luncheon from 1:00pm-4:00pm. If you are unable to attend and would like to send a card, please mail to: Fr. Matthew Vandewalle, PO Box 10, Weston, NE 68070

Don't Miss Dr. Ray Guarendi as he tours Nebraska—A familiar name to Spirit Catholic Radio listeners is coming to Lincoln this June 5th. Catholic speaker, host of "The Dr. Is In" radio show, author, and family therapist, **Dr. Ray Guarendi**, will tour the state of Nebraska giving different talks at four stops **June 2-5**. Dr. Ray will speak on: "Standing Strong as a Parent and Grandparent". His talk will begin at **7:00pm on Thursday, June 5th**, at the Pius X Catholic School gym. Books will be for sale before, during, and after his talk. **Tickets are only \$5 or 5 for \$20** and available at spiritcatholicradio.com/drray.

Camp Kateri—Registration is now open for Camp Kateri. Many options available: Adventure Camp (3rd-4th grade); Sky Camps (4th-6th grade); Sky Games (7th-8th grade); Sky High (9th-12th grade); Family Camp (all ages). Main emphasis of camp is to show that we are made for a life of freedom, joy and adventure with Jesus. Register at www.campkateri.org or email campkateri@gmail.com or call 402-410-0611.

Save The Dates—Cor Jesu Rex Summer School with The Christ The King Sisters at Sts. Mary & Joseph Church, Valparaiso. Monday-Friday 9am-2pm June 23-27. All Students of the Parish are encouraged to attend this wonderful program. It is a Diocesan requirement to offer Summer Religion Classes, hopefully your children and grandchildren will attend. Students will need a sack lunch & water bottle Monday-Thursday, picnic provided on Friday. **Please register early.** To all who attend, a free CJR T-shirt will be given, compliments of Sts. Mary & Joseph Branch W187 FCSLA. Registration forms in the back of church.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

A mother mouse and a baby mouse are walking along when suddenly a cat attacks them. The mother mouse shouts "BARK!" and the cat runs away. "See?" the mother mouse says to her baby. "Now do you see why it's important to learn a foreign language?"