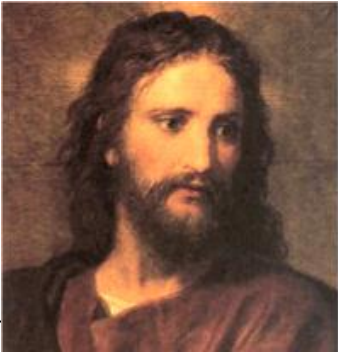


PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 17, 2025



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	August 18 th	7:50 am	+ Henry Hrdlicka
Tuesday	August 19 th	7:50 am	+ George Furasek, Jr.
Wednesday	August 20 th	7:50 am	+ Mike Kinnett
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Jon Allen
Thursday	August 21 st	8:00 am	+ Linda Maly
Friday	August 22 nd	7:50 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of Dolores Woita
Saturday	August 23 rd	5:30 pm	+ Cyril Kellner
Sunday	August 24 th	8:00 am Touhy	+ Terry Jo Maly
		10:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Anniversary Celebrations – What a beautiful mass and reception celebrating Bishop Vasa’s 25 years as a bishop and 49 years as a priest and Sr. Joanne Vasa’s 50 years as a religious sister. What a blessing to have such holy servants of God from St. John’s parish. And what a fitting testimony to them it was. Thanks to all who helped and participated!

Start of School - Many of our schools began last week and St. John’s will begin Thursday! Lots of great things happen here. With parents as the primary educators, St. John’s school helps children to grow in excellence spiritually, intellectually, physically, and socially. I am always amazed at what the parish and parishioners do to keep our school thriving. Thank you for giving of your time, talent, and treasure. Please pray that we have an outstanding school year that helps us thrive and grow in the love of Jesus. And we will be praying for you! May we all become saints!

Sunday Readings Reflections – (1) Jeremiah the prophet speaks challenging truths and is put in prison. People will always try to silence voices of truth and persecute them. As it was bad for the prisoners of Jeremiah, so it is bad for those who try to silence truth. Sin does not make one happy or alive but leads to sadness. (2) We are surrounded by a ‘cloud of witnesses’. This is one of my favorite lines in Scripture. There are saints in heaven praying for you, watching you, and ‘pulling for’ you! They invite us to do what it takes to join them in their heavenly delight! (3) Jesus said: “I have come to set the earth on fire and how I wish it were already blazing!” Jesus’ heart was always on fire with an infinitely burning love. He wants only to share that with us so that we love with that kind of love. This is His plan for us. Though we may fail, we can begin again and again, growing each time. Furthermore, we can play a part in helping others to be alive in Christ! Like Jeremiah, we will sacrifice a bit and be persecuted a bit. But in heaven we shall be so glad that we shared in the salvation of souls!

Spiritual inspirations – On August 12th, a brother priest shared with me this quote from the saint of the day, St. Jane Frances de Chantel: *“Hold your eyes on God and leave the doing to Him. That is all the doing you have to worry about.”* Later, Fr. Nathan Hall’s mass homily broadcast on Spirit Catholic Radio inspired me. I sent him a text thanking him. He humbly thanked me and texted back a quote he used from St. Jane Frances: *“Should you fall even fifty times a day, never on any account should that surprise or worry you. Instead, ever so gently set your heart back in the right direction and practice the opposite virtue, all the time speaking words of love and trust to our Lord after you have committed a thousand faults, as much as if you had committed only one. Once we have humbled ourselves for the faults God allows us to become aware of in ourselves, we must forget them and go forward.”* [St. Jane Francis, had rough life, having lost some of her children to early death and her husband as well. Later, though she had continued sufferings, she always had kindness and a smile for those around her.]

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of August 23-24, 2025

Acolyte:	Sat. 8/23 Pat Carroll	Sun. 8/24 Matt Tvrdy
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 8/23 Deb Carroll	Sun. 8/24 Marvin Wiese
Servers:	Sat. 8/23 Volunteers	Sun. 8/24 Rhett Bouc/Easton Kavan
Ushers:	Sat. 8/23 Ron Walla/Rich Cherovsky	Sun. 8/24 Ron Brazda/Marion Bartek
Gifts:	Sat. 8/23 Ron Walla Family	Sun. 8/24 Ron Brazda Family

Stewardship of Treasure: August 10, 2025 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...
Total: \$1,904.00 **PLUS: Candles:** \$14.00 **Missionary Coop:** \$1,115.00

Save your treasures! St. John Garage Sale—August 28-29-30. Donations accepted during school hours beginning Monday, August 18th. For alternate donation drop-offs, please call 402-937-3123. Thank you for your support.

PCCW Ladies—Please plan to bring baking to the St. John Garage Sale. Kolaches and breads are always the favorites but we need any and all baking. Drop off your goodies Wednesday, August 27th or Thursday, August 28th to the school gym. Thank you!

WEEKLY TITHING COLLECTIONS

	<u>St. John Nepomucene</u>	<u>St. Vitus</u>
Amount Budgeted per Week (\$3,054.89) in July	\$12,219.56	
Amount Budgeted per Week (\$2,021.94) in July		\$ 8,087.76
Amount Received in July	\$34,685.88	\$ 5,080.50
Net Excess (Deficit) for the month July	\$22,466.32	\$(3,007.26)
2025 Year-to-Date Total	\$98,263.41	\$45,061.27

PRAYERS FOR SISTERS VOCATIONS

Please pray for Sr. Cecilia, Postulant, of the Sisters of the Carmel of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

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.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH COUNCIL

The St. John Nepomucene Parish Council meets the 2nd 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 and provide details on your request.

SPIRITUAL CORNER

“Most holy St. Rose, set us on fire with love for Jesus, so that we may thirst for the sacraments and be excited to spread the word of His kingdom. By your powerful intercession, help me perform my duties to God, the world, and myself.”
~ St. Rose of Lima Prayer (August 23rd, Feast Day)

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22	Friday:	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40
Tuesday:	Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30	Saturday:	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16	Sunday:	Is 66:18-21; Ps 117; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30
Thursday:	Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14		

SCHOOL NEWS

Back to School Picnic—Monday, August 18th at 6:00pm on the north property (north of St. John School) Hotdogs will be served. Please bring a side dish to share. Also, bring your own lawn chairs or blankets. Table service will be provided. Classrooms will be open from 6:00pm – 6:20pm to bring your school supplies.
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.

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of August 23-24, 2025

Acolyte:	Sun. 8/17 Dan Furasek
Lector/Reader:	Sun. 8/17 Adam Furasek
Servers:	Sun. 8/17 Cody Furasek/Justin Furasek
Ushers:	Sun. 8/17 Jeff Walla/Ron Furasek
Gifts:	Sun. 8/17 Tom Rezac Family

Stewardship of Treasure: August 10, 2025 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...
Total: \$942.50 **PLUS: Water Lease:** \$20.00 **Guardian Angel Fund:** \$75.00
Valparaiso Community Center has Senior meals (55+) each Tuesday & Thursday at the at 11:30am. For more info, contact Janet Bartek at 402-429-7518.

AREA NEWS

Holy Trinity Parish ~ Brainard, Chicken Dinner—Sunday, August 17th from 10:30am-2:30pm. Mass at 10:00am. Chicken dinner with kolaches, rolls, pies and drinks. Bake sale/Raffle. \$15-Adults, \$8-Children 12 & under. Take out & drive-thru-\$15.00.
Marian Sisters 25th Jubilee of Religious Profession—For Sr. Melissa Moxley, Sr. Janelle Buettner and M. Ann Marie Zierke on Sunday, August 17th with an Open House from 1:00pm-4:00pm at Marycrest Motherhouse, 6765 N. 112th St., Waverly.
American Red Cross Community Blood Drive—Tuesday, August 19th, Noon-6:00pm and Wednesday, August 20th, 7:30am-1:30pm, 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.
Confraternity of Christian Mothers—August 23rd-26th, St. Joseph’s Parish, Colon. Open to all Catholic women, 18 & over. Speaker will be Fr. Joseph Tuscan, Director General of the Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers. Free Will Donation. Come as often as you are able. Call Lisa at 402-443-6101 to arrange free babysitting.
18th Annual Guardian Angel Poker Run—Sunday, August 24th, Holy Trinity Parish, Klein Center, Brainard. Registration: 9:30am-Noon; Meals & Awards: 4:00pm. Entry Fee: \$25/Person, \$35/Couple, \$10/additional hand. All vehicles welcome, rain or shine. All proceeds go to the Guardian Angel Fund at Aquinas Catholic Schools. Call Ross Janak for more info: 402-641-5192.
Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church-Plasi, Roast Beef Dinner—Sunday, August 24th, 11:00am-2:00pm! Make the trip to the Prague Parish Hall for a FULL self-serve buffet roast beef dinner with loads of sides, including kolaches! Bake/gift walk and \$1,000 raffle! A wide variety of unique items will be waiting for your bid at our auction! Meal prices: Adults-\$20, Children (5-10 years)-\$10, Preschool-Free. Dining options will be available: dine-in, take-out or drive-thru. (No added fee for take-outs!)
Catholic Daughters Meeting—Monday, Aug. 25th at 6:30pm Mass at St. Wenceslaus in Wahoo. The meeting will follow.
Save the date! Weston St John Garage Sale—August 28th – 30th. We have lots of tools this year. Come check us out! Thursday-Friday, 8:00am-6:00pm; Saturday, 8:00am-Noon with \$3 bag sale. Hope to see you there!

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

What do you call a beehive without an exit? Unbelievable.
What do you call a sad cup of coffee? Depresso.