

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFSSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 15, 2026



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	February 16 th	NO MASS	
Tuesday	February 17 th	7:50 am	+ Milo & Elaine Meduna
Wednesday	February 18 th	Ash Wednesday	+ LeRoy Ohnoutka
		7:50 am	+ Cheryl Bartek
		6:00 pm Touhy	+ Terry Jo Maly
Thursday	February 19 th	7:50 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of Dan & Andrea Furasek
Friday	February 20 th	7:50 am	+ Bob Ohnoutka
Saturday	February 21 st	5:30 pm	+ John Rademacher
Sunday	February 22 nd	8:00 am Touhy	Missa pro Populo
		10:00 am Weston	

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Stations of the Cross – Fridays after morning mass at St. John's and 5:45pm at St. Vitus.

Thank you to everyone who worked, baked, donated, purchased and to everyone who came to eat soup, bought items on the auctions and supporting the St. Vitus Soup Dinner! The socializing and polkas were enjoyed by all! It wouldn't be successful without everyone's contributions!!! It is great to see the parishioners all working together!! The camaraderie is priceless!! With income and expenses still coming in, we are currently at \$55,642!

Income:

Free Will Meal: \$4,766
Bake Sale: \$625
Raffle: \$2,010
Sweetheart Raffle: \$283
Super Bowl: \$12,000
Silent Auction: \$4,590
Live Auction: \$36,450
Parishioner Donations: \$4,108
Non Parishioner Donations: \$1,840
Total Income: \$66,672

Expenses:

Super Bowl Payout: \$6,000
Raffle prizes: \$1,300
Loads of rock: \$2,500
Advertising \$100
Postage: \$50
Cleaning: \$200
Miscellaneous: \$880
Total Expenses: \$11,030

Net Total: \$55,642.00

Sweetheart Raffle Winners: Roses: Al Meduna; Valentine Cookies with tray: Peg Bouc; Valentine shirt: Roxane Graham; Valentine tumbler: Linda Niemann; Valentine tumbler: Bev Pensick; Bath & Body Basket: Nancy Niemann.

St. Vitus Raffle Winners: 1st: \$500 - Gracyn Byers; 2nd: \$350 - Kelly Luetkenhaus; 3rd: \$200 - Maegan Woita; 4th: \$150 - Carl Woita; 5th: \$100 - Sheila Stanek.

Readings Reflection – This is the third Sunday of the Sermon on the Mount. During that time Jesus preached the hopeful message of the Kingdom and miraculously cured diseases. It was an 'oasis' time for the people. When we remember and thank God for our 'oasis' times, it points to God's goodness and our final oasis of heaven, and it strengthens us during times of trial. The 10 Commandments (this Sunday) point out pitfalls that lead to ruin. But Jesus always goes beyond merely the commandments showing that a life in imitation of Him will bring thriving. The first reading says "if you keep these commandments, they will save you... And give life."

Lenten Preparation - Each Lent begins with an urgent call to repentance and a reminder of our mortality. But there is grace in this. Because Jesus embraced our weak and mortal nature, we can receive what is his: we 'become the very righteousness of God.' We therefore pray boldly, "A clean heart create for me, O God," for the Father "who is hidden" wants to give us "the joy of our salvation." Lent means we can look at our sins (rather than deny, ignore, or rationalize them) with hope. Rather than remain mortally wounded, Jesus promises forgiveness and growth. (*Magnificat*)

Lenten Reflection – Former atheist, author Christopher Beha, loves that on Ash Wednesday his beliefs are conspicuous to others without his having to say a word. "I think I'm a better person on this day. To push ahead of someone on the train ... to make a snarky remark at the register.... all while I have ashes on my head, would announce the disjunction between my supposed beliefs and my life in the world... Then I try, on the next day and the next to imagine I still have that mark on me, that I am constantly being called [to witness my faith]."

Lent starts Wednesday - Lenten Regulations: **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** are days of fast and abstinence. **All Fridays in Lent** are days of abstinence. **Fasting** means only one full meal with two smaller meals, which together do not equal the full meal. No snacking or eating between meals is allowed. Fasting obliges all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. **Abstinence** means eating no meat, and no soup or gravy made from meat. Abstinence obliges all Catholics over the age of 14. Sickness, hard manual labor, pregnancy, etc. automatically excuse a person from these obligations. Nevertheless, it should be pointed out that these are **serious** obligations. In cases of doubt or question, the priest who hears a person's confession should be consulted.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for Ash Wednesday and the weekend of February 21-22, 2026

Ash Wednesday—7:50am Mass

Acolyte: Wed. 2/18 Volunteer
Lector/Reader: Wed. 2/18 St. John School Children
Servers: Wed. 2/18 St. John School Children
Ushers: Wed. 2/18 Volunteers
Gifts: Wed. 2/18 St. John School Children

Weekend Masses

Sat. 2/21 Paul Virgl
Sat. 2/21 Bill Laughridge
Sat. 2/21 Volunteers
Sat. 2/21 R Walla/Volunteer
Sat. 2/21 Pat Carroll Family
Sun. 2/22 Milton Bouc
Sun. 2/22 Peg Bouc
Sun. 2/22 R Bouc/H Fortik
Sun. 2/22 R Brazda/M Bartek
Sun. 2/22 Ron Brazda Family

Stewardship of Treasure: February 8, 2026 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$1,760.32 **PLUS: Candles:** \$41.00 **Retired Priests:** \$40.00 **Southern Nebraska Register:** \$88.00

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.

SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

Please pray for Trent Moudry of Sts. Mary & Joseph, Valparaiso, who attends St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

SPIRITUAL CORNER

“Why does the Church place ashes on our foreheads today? Why does she remind us of death? Death which is the effect of sin! Why?...To prepare us for Christ’s Passover. For the paschal mystery of the Redeemer of the world. Paschal mystery means what we profess in the Creed: “On the third day he rose again”!...Yes. Today we need to hear the “you are dust and to dust you will return” of Ash Wednesday, so that the definitive truth of the Gospel, the truth about the Resurrection, will unfold before us: believe in the Gospel.” ~Pope St. John Paul II

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the Ash Wednesday and weekend of February 21-22, 2026

Ash Wednesday--6:00 pm Mass

Acolyte: Wed. 2/18 Tom Rezac
Lector/Reader: Wed. 2/18 Pat Bartek
Servers: Wed. 2/18 Simon Strizek/Caleb Osmera
Ushers: Wed. 2/18 Volunteers
Gifts: Wed. 2/18 Volunteers

Weekend Mass

Acolyte: Sun. 2/22 Zach Kastl
Lector/Reader: Sun. 2/22 Jeff Walla
Servers: Sun. 2/22 Corbyn Kastl/Caleb Kastl
Ushers: Sun. 2/22 Greg Walla/Tim Schulz
Gifts: Sun. 2/22 Paul Rezac Family

Stewardship of Treasure: February 8, 2026 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$1,369.46 **PLUS: Retired Priests: \$50.00** **Guardian Angel Fund: \$200.00** **Southern Nebraska Register: \$16.00**
St. Vitus Altar Society—Coffee & Rolls after the 8:00am Mass on Sunday, February 22nd at the School House. Group 2 serving.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Jas 1:1-1; Mk 8:11-13	Friday:	Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Tuesday:	Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21	Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6; 16-18	Sunday:	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25		

SCHOOL NEWS

No School—Monday, February 16th, TEC at Bishop Neumann.

St. John Nepomucene School in Weston will host PreK and Kindergarten Roundup—Tuesday, March 3rd at 6:30pm. To register, please call St. John School at 642-5234 or email barb-rezac@cdolinc.net Bring your future student and join us for an informational meeting and FUN!

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

Ash Wednesday Desert Day, February 18th—Begin Lent with a quiet day of prayer and reflection at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly, featuring “He Loves Us” talks on the Sacred Heart with Fr. Gary Coulter, along with Confessions and Mass with ashes. Register at www.goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

In The Upper Room—A Holy Hour to pray for our Diocesan Priests. Thursday, February 19th from 7:00pm-8:00pm in the Chapel at John XXIII Diocesan Center. Sponsored by MAGNIFICAT of Lincoln and Seven Sisters Apostolate. Please join us to pray for our Priests before Jesus in His Most Blessed Sacrament in Exposition and Adoration. All are invited to attend. Fr. Robert Barnhill will preside. A community Rosary will be led by the mothers of Priests, there will be a short Meditation from Fulton Sheen's book "The Priest Is Not His Own", music, and time for silent personal prayer. Material to purchase and at no cost to assist you in praying for our Priests. Information also available for the Seven Sisters Apostolate. Please contact Coordinator Rhonda Litt by text at 402.525.6396 for further information.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry—Fridays during Lent, 5:00pm-7:30pm, St. Wenceslaus Church Basement, Wahoo. Dine-In or Take-Out Fish, Shrimp, Baked Tilapia, Mac & Cheese. \$16/plate or All-You-Can-Eat for \$21; Kids 10 & Under: \$7; Pre-School: Free. Pop, beer & wine for sale as well.

Bishop Neumann Music Boosters presents The Waffleman—Saturday, February 21st, 5:00pm-7:00pm and Sunday, February 22nd, 8:30am-Noon at the Neumann High school cafeteria and gym. Adults \$10, Kids \$7, 4 & under free. Enjoy unlimited waffles, flavored syrups, whipped cream, sausages, and drinks. Kids games, bucket raffle, silent auction, wine grab bags, cupcake lottery and traditional raffle. Plus a “You’ve Got Talent” showcase performance every 30 minutes on Saturday and Sunday.

Catholic Daughters Meeting—Monday, February 23rd at **2:00pm** at St Wenceslaus in Wahoo. We will start by saying the rosary, (Father can't make it) and then have the meeting. We'd love to have some guests join us, we really would like to increase our membership. Dues (\$22 plus \$5) for 2026 can be paid to Alice Pecka (20303 NW 56th St, Raymond, 68428) as well.

The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration Monastic Experience—Single Catholic women, ages 18-40, who are curious about religious life are invited to their Monastic Experience, February 27th-March 1st, at their monastery in Clyde, Missouri. Experience the daily rhythm of monastic life where participants can join the Sisters in praying the Divine Office, daily Mass and Eucharistic Adoration, as well as experiencing *Lectio Divina* (praying with Scripture) and gaining wisdom from the Benedictine tradition. There is no cost to attend, and more details are available at www.benedictinesisters.org To register, please contact Sister Nancy Rose at (660) 944-2221 ext. 142 or vocation@benedictinesisters.org

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

What's a bee's favorite musical? Stinging in the Rain.

How can you tell which end of the worm is the head? Tickle it in the middle, see which end laughs.