

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	May 11 th	7:50 am	+ Julius Meduna
Tuesday	May 12 th	7:50 am	+ Henry Machacek, Jr.
Wednesday	May 13 th	7:50 am	+ LeRoy Ohnoutka
	Ascension Vigil	6:00 pm Touhy	+ Loretta Snitily
Thursday	May 14 th	Ascension of the Lord 7:00 am	Missa pro Populo
Friday	May 15 th	7:50 am	+ Robert Machacek
Saturday	May 16 th	5:30 pm	For the Parishioners of St. John Nepomucene
Sunday	May 17 th	8:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo
		10:00 am Touhy	Ernie & Joan Osmera

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

New Parish Council Members Needed – We are looking at least 1 more parish council member for BOTH St. Vitus and St. John's. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Vandewalle at 402-853-2846 or fr.matthew-vandewalle@cdolinc.net

Ascension Thursday Masses – Ascension Thursday, this week, is a Holy Day of obligation. (See the mass schedule for Wednesday/Thursday). Jesus appeared to his disciples for 40 days after the Resurrection and then ascended into heaven in the sight of His apostles, promising that He would send them the Holy Spirit. In the Upper Room, they prayed for 9 days to receive the Holy Spirit. On the 10th day after that Ascension Thursday, Jesus and God the Father sent the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, to give the apostles Wisdom and Courage to spread the Good News that changed the world. Our Confirmation is like our own Pentecost. What's more, we can always ask for even more outpouring of the Holy Spirit into our souls. One traditional practice for doing this a Holy Spirit Novena (praying 9 days like the apostles did) leading into that special feast of Pentecost. Here is one prayer you could do: *Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of us your faithful and enkindle in us the fire of your love. Send for your spirit and we shall be re-created and You shall renew the face of the earth. 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) "The moment a child is born, the mother is also born." — Osho (2) "Such a mysterious business, motherhood. How brave a woman must be to embark on it." — M.L. Stedman, *"The Light Between Oceans"* (3) "Our mothers always remain the strangest, craziest people we've ever met." — Marguerite Duras (4) "It just occurred to me that the majority of my diet is made up of food that my kid didn't finish..." — Carrie Underwood (5) "If at first you don't succeed, try doing it the way your mom told you to do it from the start." — Unknown

Sunday Readings – As we near Pentecost and the end of the Easter Season, the Gospel today comes from Jesus' Farewell Discourse at the Last Supper. Jesus speaks of the mysterious Advocate, the Holy Spirit. He promises that the Father will send the Holy Spirit to remain in us and that we will not be left orphans. An orphan is someone who has no parents to turn to and must depend upon himself. Sometimes we have a self-reliance that does not get the wonderful benefit of being a child of God. God is a father who will not leave us orphans but takes care of us. There are enough challenges and sufferings without trying to do it all on our own. You don't have to do it all on your own. We need others and we need God. We can ask the Holy Spirit to be in us and guide us. God's guidance is the way to go! We can always ask. We can always turn to the Holy Spirit with simple prayer such as "Come, Holy Spirit, guide me in this situation. Help me to follow God's will!" Or sometimes simply... "Please help, Holy Spirit."

We had a great last day of school at St. John Nepomucene this last Wednesday! Thank you everyone who helps support us in any way!

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.

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

Monday:	Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a	Friday:	Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11	Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Jn 16:12-15	Sunday:	Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a
Thursday:	Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20		

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the Ascension of the Lord and the weekend of: May 16-17, 2026

	<u>Ascension 7:00 am</u>	<u>5:30 pm</u>	<u>8:00 am</u>
Acolyte:	Thur. 5/14 Volunteer	Sat. 5/16 Pat Carroll	Sun. 5/17 Chris Tvrdy
Lector/Reader:	Thur. 5/14 Volunteer	Sat. 5/16 Deb Carroll	Sun. 5/17 Jesse Sabatka
Servers:	Thur. 5/14 Volunteers	Sat. 5/16 Volunteers	Sun. 5/17 B Lanik/Lance Pleskac
Ushers:	Thur. 5/14 Volunteers	Sat. 5/16 J Janecek/Volunteer	Sun. 5/17 D Sabatka/Justin Sabatka
Gifts:	Thur. 5/14 Volunteer	Sat. 5/16 Joe Janecek Family	Sun. 5/17 Charlie Jelinek Family

Stewardship of Treasure: May 3, 2026 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$3,584.73 **PLUS: Candles:** \$24.00 **Guardian Angel Fund:** \$254.00

SPIRITUAL CORNER

“Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin, all hope consists in confession; in confession there is a chance for mercy.” ~ St. Isidore

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the Ascension of the Lord and the weekend of: May 16-17, 2026

	<u>Ascension Vigil 6:00 pm</u>	<u>10:00 am</u>
Acolyte:	Wed. 5/13 Drew Niemann	Sun. 5/17 Mark Walla
Lector/Reader:	Wed. 5/13 Volunteer	Sun. 5/17 Jeff Walla
Servers:	Wed. 5/13 Griffin Byers/Simon Strizek	Sun. 5/17 Caleb Osmera/Griffin Byers
Ushers:	Wed. 5/13 Volunteers	Sun. 5/17 Tom Osmera/Mike Bouc
Gifts:	Wed. 5/13 Dale Dvorak Family	Sun. 5/17 Dan Furasek Family

Stewardship of Treasure: April 26, 2026 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$1,520.00 **PLUS: Children:** \$0.25

Knights of Columbus Meeting—Thursday, May 14th, at Sts. Mary & Joseph Parish Hall, Valparaiso, 7:30pm. Lunch at 7:00pm.

SCHOOL NEWS

Spring Band Concert—Monday, May 11th at 7:30pm at Bishop Neumann High School.

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

Bishop Neumann Job Openings—Maintenance & Custodial Manager. This is a full time job with benefits. We are looking for people who would enjoy being part of the Bishop Neumann family and helping with our mission of educating and forming the faithful of tomorrow. Please reach out to Fr. Steve Mills if interested, fr.steve-mills@cdolinc.net or 402-443-4151. Or check our Bishop Neumann website and click Employment at the bottom.

Catholic Daughters Meeting—Monday, May 18th at 6:30pm at St. Wenceslaus in Wahoo. Fr. Hunt will have mass at 6:30pm. Following mass we will have the meeting. We'd love to have some guests join us, we really would like to increase our membership. Notices about unpaid dues have been mailed out and many have been returned to Alice, who thanks you. If you haven't done so please return the envelopes with payment to Alice as soon as possible. Thank you.

Back to the Garden Women's Retreat—June 19th-21st at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House. Young women are invited to a beautiful weekend retreat, *Back to the Garden: Healing the Feminine Heart through Jesus, the Bridegroom*, with Sarina Stokes and Fr. Cole Kennett. This retreat offers the opportunity to encounter the love of Christ and discover the truth of your identity as a beloved daughter. The weekend begins Friday evening and concludes Sunday afternoon. For more information or to register, visit goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

Cor Jesu Rex Summer School with The Christ The King Sisters at Sts. Mary & Joseph Church, Valparaiso. Monday-Friday 9:00am-2:00pm, June 22nd-26th. 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-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

What do you call a Frenchman wearing summer beach sandals? Phillippe Phloppe
What kind of sandwiches can you make at the beach? Peanut butter and jellyfish sandwiches