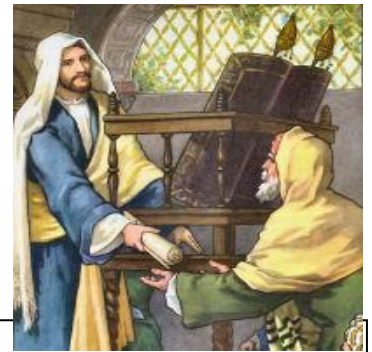


**PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS**

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 July 7, 2024**



**MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday	July 8 <sup>th</sup>	7:50 am	+ Stanley Sabatka
Tuesday	July 9 <sup>th</sup>	7:50 am	+ Tom & Tillie Shanahan
Wednesday	July 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO DAILY MASS</b>	
Thursday	July 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO DAILY MASS</b>	
Friday	July 12 <sup>th</sup>	7:50 am	+ Joe Sladky
Saturday	July 13 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 pm	+ Otto & Helen Cerny
Sunday	July 14 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am Touhy	+ Joe & Stacie Bohac
		10:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo

**NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE**

**In suffering ... God's Strength** - St. Paul, in today's second reading says "A thorn in the flesh was given to me....Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me, but He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." Paul asked that his extreme suffering be removed, but God had another plan. Probably, everybody we know has some particular "thorn" or difficulty that they deal with in life, or a particular time in life. Even great people had sufferings. Winston Churchill and Abraham Lincoln, had great depression at times, Churchill called it the "black dog." Lawrence Olivier, one of the greatest actors of his time, developed stage fright late in his career. It might be because of this that his acting went from seeming more stylized to more really human. Mother Teresa, who loved the poor and had a smile for people, had thirty years of feeling the absence of God. It is perhaps because of these 'thorns' that these people became greater and more sympathetic to others' sufferings. Here's some possible reasons God allows 'thorns.' (1) What throws us most into the arms of God? Success? Not usually. More often is suffering, anguish, anxiety, pain, or what I can't control. What usually causes reliance on God? The humility born of suffering. Claire Booth-Luss's daughter died in an accident. She fell into despair. During that time, she sought out Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, seeking to join the Catholic faith. When he told her about God's goodness, she shot back: "If God is good, why would He have taken my daughter from me?" "Perhaps, because in your suffering you'd be led back to Him," he replied. Often the 'thorn' brings us back to God. Paul, was told "My grace is sufficient for you; for power is made perfect in weakness." (Spiritual power, that comes from union with God). (2) A second perspective – What is the image Paul held up to people? The deeply wounded man, rising in pain on the cross before He died. In that suffering, the world is saved. Somehow our suffering, when joined to Christ's, has a salvific effect - it helps others get to God: "We make up what is still lacking in the sufferings of Christ." By our own suffering, we participate in the saving effects of the cross.

**Canoe Trip** – I'll be gone July 9-11<sup>th</sup> helping on the canoe trip. Please contact St. Wenceslaus if you need a priest.

**National Eucharistic Revival story** – A man doubted Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist, though it was part of his Catholic Faith. He often stopped in to Church and prayed simply: "Are you there, Jesus?" He did this many times. Finally, one day he "heard" Jesus say "It's me!" He believed and today Fr. Chris is a priest!

**Please welcome** – Fr. Steve Mills, from Wahoo, the Chief Administrative Officer for Bishop Neumann, at the weekend masses for July 20 & 21. **I will be at the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis July 17-July 21.**

If you need to get a priest, please call one of the surrounding parishes of Wahoo 443-4235; Val 784-2511; Prague 663-4615.

**Opportunity Scholarship of Nebraska (OSN) Tax Credit** – The OSN gives tuition scholarships to those who want to attend a private school, but are need of and qualify for financial assistance. **What is a State Income Tax Credit?** – A tax credit is a dollar-for-dollar amount taxpayers claim on their tax return to reduce the state income tax they owe. A taxpayer will subtract the credit amount from their state income tax liability. This can lower a tax payment or increase a tax refund. For example, if your tax liability on your return is \$1,000 but you claim a \$500 tax credit, then your net liability drops to \$500. Basically, you pay the same as you would pay, but you direct up to half of your money to the OSN. St. John's has \$14,000 designated toward families in need of tuition assistance to attend our school. This is from only a couple of taxpayers who designated this tax credit toward our school. I invite you to check into this. Learn more at [Nebraskaopportunity.org/givehope](http://Nebraskaopportunity.org/givehope)

**WEEKLY TITHING COLLECTIONS**

	<u>St. John Nepomucene</u>	<u>St. Vitus</u>
Amount Budgeted per Week (\$3,054.89) in June	\$15,274.45	
Amount Budgeted per Week (\$2,021.94) in June		\$10,109.70
Amount Received in June	\$ 9,758.57	\$ 5,542.30
Net Excess (Deficit) for the month June	\$(5,515.88)	\$(4,567.40)
<b>2024 Year-to-Date Total</b>	<b>\$76,725.29</b>	<b>\$44,150.74</b>

**OTHER INFORMATION**

Please remember in your prayers and, on occasion, call or send a card to our home-bound/assisted care facilities parishioners: Saunders County Care Center—Marcella Meduna. Please let us know if you would like to be added to this list.

**PRAYERS FOR SISTERS VOCATIONS**

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

## ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

### Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of July 8-14, 2024

<b>Acolyte:</b>	Sat. 7/13 Jesse Sabatka	Sun. 7/14 Matthew Tvrdy
<b>Lector/Reader:</b>	Sat. 7/13 Ron Walla	Sun. 7/14 Barb Opp
<b>Servers:</b>	Sat. 7/13 Volunteers	Sun. 7/14 Logan Lacey/Brooks Lanik
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sat. 7/13 Rich Cherovsky/Don Sabatka	Sun. 7/14 Ron Brazda/Paul Pleskac
<b>Gifts:</b>	Sat. 7/13 Joe Janecek Family	Sun. 7/14 Chris Tvrdy Family

**Stewardship of Treasure: June 30, 2024** We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...  
Total: \$1,120.25 **PLUS: Candles:** \$26.90 **Guardian Angel Fund:** \$35.00 **Peters Pence:** \$345.00

**St. John's PCCW Group** will have *Coffee & Rolls* after the 8:00am Mass on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Save the date—First Catholic Slavic Ladies Assn (FCSLA) annual picnic** will be Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at the North Bend City Park shelter. If you plan to attend, please bring a main dish and a side dish. We will eat at noon. Table service and bottled water will be provided. Members and their families and friends are invited. There will be door prizes and free swimming at the pool.

## READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Mt 9:18-26	Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23
Tuesday:	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt 9:32-38	Saturday:	Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33
Wednesday:	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Mt 10:1-7	Sunday:	Am 7:12-15; Ps 85; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13
Thursday:	Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Mt 10:7-15		

## ST. VITUS PARISH

### Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of July 8-14, 2024

<b>Acolyte:</b>	Sun. 7/14 Tom Rezac
<b>Lector/Reader:</b>	Sun. 7/14 Jeff Walla
<b>Servers:</b>	Sun. 7/14 Caleb Osmera/Chase Bohac
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sun. 7/14 Marvin Bohac/Volunteer
<b>Gifts:</b>	Sun. 7/14 Steve Niemann Family

**Stewardship of Treasure: June 30, 2024** We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...  
Total: \$550.00 **PLUS: Peters Pence:** \$75.00 **Water Lease:** \$20.00

**Knights of Columbus Meeting**—Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm at Sts. Mary & Joseph Parish Hall, Valparaiso. (Lunch at 7:00pm)

## SCHOOL NEWS

**SCS Pool Party**—Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:15pm-8pm at Smith Park and the Wahoo Aquatic Center. 5:15pm – Rosary; 5:30pm – Hot dogs, water, chips and dessert; 6:00pm-8:00pm – Swimming at the Wahoo Aquatic Center.

**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.

## SPIRITUAL CORNER

“Whatever good work you begin to do, beg of God with most earnest prayer to perfect it.” ~St. Benedict of Nursia

## AREA NEWS

**Bishop Neumann Kitchen has openings this coming school term**—Hours: Monday – Friday, 7:30am-1:30pm. Hiring one full time position 30 hours a week which includes a tuition discount. Hiring one part time position with flexibility in the number of days worked a week. Duties include meal preparation and general cleaning, must be able to lift 50 pounds. If interested call Bishop Neumann (402)443-4151 ask to speak to Carolyn Haberman or Email [Kitchen@cdolinc.net](mailto:Kitchen@cdolinc.net) You can apply online at <https://saunderscatholic.com/saunders-catholic-schools/careers/>

**Our Lady of Good Counsel's has summer 4-day and 8-day retreats, and fall weekend retreats for men and women of all ages!** Read more and register at [www.goodcounselretreat.org](http://www.goodcounselretreat.org), email [office@olgcretreat.org](mailto:office@olgcretreat.org) or call 402-786-2705.

**Salt Dogs Faith & Family nights**—Join us at Haymarket Park! We have a variety of entertainment beginning 2 hours prior to games including, In-Stadium Chapel with the Players, Catch in the Outfield, Player Autographs, and Live Church Band on the Concourse. Bake Sales & Merchandise Booths on the Concourse will remain until the end of the game. Upcoming dates: Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:05pm and Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:05pm.

**Dwight Assumption Annual Parish Czech Dinner**—Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, from 10:30am-2:00pm at the Parish Hall. Dinner includes roast pork, dumplings & sauerkraut, and all the trimmings! Tickets: Adult -\$17.00; Children 8 & under - \$8.00; Carry outs - \$1 extra. Cash raffles, quilt raffle, country store and bake sale, cake walk and games, and Czech music. Held in conjunction with the Celebration of the Annual Dwight Czech Festival on July 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. Mass at 10:00am and an outdoor Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00pm!

**Date Night**—Make time for your vocation! The Family Life Office invites you to a date night out on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm-9:00pm (talk at 7:30pm) at Capitol View Winery. Event is free with a suggested donation of \$12 per couple and the opportunity to buy your own wine for the evening. More info/registration at [lincolndiocese.regfox](http://lincolndiocese.regfox)

**Fr. Caleb Hile invites you on a Pilgrimage to the Shrines and Saints of Italy**—August 30<sup>th</sup>-September 10<sup>th</sup>. \$5,245.00 per person. To see full brochure or to register, go to [tektonministries.org](http://tektonministries.org)

**Marriage Encounter Weekend**—“and many who heard him were astonished.” Jesus commands us to love one another. Learn to love your spouse more fully on one of the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences on September 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> in Lincoln. Contact: Brenda & Gary Granger: 402-370-5839. Early registration is highly recommended. Visit our website at: [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org)

## A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

Where do loose teas go to rest while they're camping? Steeping bags!