

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 16, 2024



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	June 17 th	7:50 am	+ Bob Ohnoutka
Tuesday	June 18 th	7:50 am	Intentions of KP
Wednesday	June 19 th	7:50 am	+ Marge Jisa Pekarek
		5:30 pm	+ Ray Furasek
Thursday	June 20 th	7:50 am	+ Clarence & Caroline Kampschnieder
Friday	June 21 st	7:50 am	Liv/Dec FCSLA Members
Saturday	June 22 nd	5:30 pm	+ Don Palensky
Sunday	June 23 rd	8:00 am Touhy	Missa pro Populo
		10:00 am Weston	+ Sharon Gubbels

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

St. Vitus' Feast – June 15th is the Feast of St. Vitus. St. Vitus was an early Christian martyr (thought to have died around 303 A.D., perhaps as young as 10 or 12!) (1) He was one of the “14 Helpers”, a group of saints whose prayers were powerful against various diseases, including epidemics. (2) He’s a patron saint of many things: dancers and entertainers; the neurological disorder Sydenham’s Chorea; protection against lightning strikes, animal attacks, and oversleeping! (3) The Cathedral of St. Vitus was built in Prague (Nebraska ... oops Czech Republic) by the Duke of Bohemia, Saint Wenceslaus, to hold St. Vitus’ relics and in order to inspire the Faith there. The same Cathedral now houses the relics of St. Wenceslaus and St. John Nepomucene.

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage ... locally - The 60-day pilgrimage of 30 young adults with the Eucharist is passing through Nebraska this week! The closest opportunity to join in is at the Cathedral in Lincoln on June 20th and 21st, see Area News for more details. 7:30pm-9:00pm – Arrival of pilgrims and Jesus in the monstrance. Adoration with music begins in main church of Cathedral. Overnight – Adoration continues overnight. Stop in anytime for prayer. Friday, June 21st, 8:30am – Mass with Bishop Conley followed by procession to the Blessed John XXIII Diocesan Center with a brief period of adoration. (First Communicants can wear their first communion clothes). For other local stops see the Spirit Catholic Radio Website. (The same day there is a 1:00pm -3:30pm procession from Cloisters on the Platte near Gretna). Listen to Updates & interviews on Spirit Mornings (7-9am, Mon-Fri).

Father’s Day – Happy Father’s Day, dads! You have such an important job! “A father is the first to put a face on God the Father,” said one preacher. What a responsibility. Children gain an understanding of authority from their father. Over time children will learn that their dad is not perfect. It is so important, therefore, that each dad can point to God as the source of his own authority, so that he can pass his kids upward to the heavenly Father. If a dad is not practicing putting God first, then his children will not tend to either. They will have a compromised sense of God. However, how great is a good dad! He teaches his children respect, work, what things are worth risking for and sacrificing for! He teaches his children that it is okay to fail and get back up again. He teaches them to try, and that failures will happen, but so will forgiveness. He teaches them that it’s okay to apologize. He teaches them that God is both strong and tender. Though he won’t do it perfectly, yet as a “firm peg” present for his family, he points to God as the perfectly firm foundation. With God’s help, dad’s help their kids mature for life (Like the mustard seed in today’s gospel!) and point them to Him. Now, what if you did not have the greatest dad? You can ask God to help heal that wound of what should have been there and ask Him to show you what true fatherhood is and let you experience the love of HIS Fatherhood. Furthermore, Dear dads, please realize “it’s not all on you.” You don’t have to do it all yourself, or be perfect. You can rely on God; ask Him for help often! Also, recognize that it’s okay to get help from others, including other good men. Here’s a question for everyone (maybe even for discussion): What do you see as some of the most important characteristics of a father? And here’s a task for everyone: Let’s pray for all our dads in our parish ... we have GREAT ones!! And dads ... thank you!!!

Father’s Day quotes – (1) "It's only when you grow up and step back from him — or leave him for your own home — it's only then that you can measure his greatness and fully appreciate it." – Margaret Truman; (2) “It is admirable for a man to take his son fishing, but there is a special place in heaven for the father who takes his daughter shopping.” – John Sinor; (3) “Every father should remember that one day his son will follow his example rather than his advice.” – Charles F. Kettering (4) "A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society." – Billy Graham; (5) "There should be a children's song "If you're happy and you know it, keep it to yourself and let your dad watch the football game." – Jim Gaffigan

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of June 17-June 23, 2024

Acolyte:	Sat. 6/22 Jesse Sabatka	Sun. 6/23 Matt Tvrdy
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 6/22 Bill Laughridge	Sun. 6/23 Barb Opp
Servers:	Sat. 6/22 Volunteers	Sun. 6/23 Brooks Lanik/Logan Lacey
Ushers:	Sat. 6/22 Paul Virgl/Don Sabatka	Sun. 6/23 Marion Bartek/Ron Brazda
Gifts:	Sat. 6/22 Paul Virgl Family	Sun. 6/23 Matt Rezac Family

Stewardship of Treasure: June 9, 2024 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$2,562.62 **PLUS: Candles:** \$21.00 **Guardian Angel Fund:** \$50.00

Reminder ~ St John PCCW will be putting on their annual garage sale again this year during the Bargains-for-You-on-92 event. It will be held in the school gym on August 29-30-31. Please save any donations you may have for the sale. There is a sign in the gym, on the stage, stating where to put items. We appreciate your generosity and look forward to a successful fundraiser.

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. Juanita Marie, Professed, Holy Spirit Adoration (Pink) Sisters.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Kgs 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42	Friday:	2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Mt 6:19-23
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48	Saturday:	2 Chr 24:17-25; Mt 6:24-34
Wednesday:	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	Sunday:	Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41
Thursday:	Sir 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15		

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of June 17-June 23, 2024

Acolyte: Sun. 6/23 Drew Niemann
Lector/Reader: Sun. 6/23 Jeff Walla
Servers: Sun. 6/23 Simon Strizek/Caleb Osmera
Ushers: Sun. 6/23 Mike Kavan/Paul Rezac
Gifts: Sun. 6/23 Zach Kastl Family

Stewardship of Treasure: June 9, 2024 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$ 497.50 **PLUS: Guardian Angel Fund: \$200.00**

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.

SPIRITUAL CORNER

“God’s delays are mysterious; sorrow is sometimes prolonged for the same reason for which it is sent. God may abstain for the moment from healing, not because Love does not love, but because Love never stops loving, and a greater good is to come from the woe. Heaven’s clock is different from ours.” ~Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

AREA NEWS

Join in the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage at the Cathedral—Everyone is invited to join in this historic event with adoration, Mass and a procession. Thursday, June 20th, 7:30pm-9:00pm – Arrival of pilgrims and Jesus in the monstrance. Adoration begins in main church of Cathedral. Overnight – Adoration continues overnight. Stop in anytime for prayer. Friday, June 21st, 8:30am – Mass with Bishop Conley followed by procession to the Blessed John XXIII Diocesan Center with a brief period of adoration. (First Communicants can wear their first communion clothes). For other local stops see the Spirit Catholic Radio Website. (The same day there is a 1:00pm -3:30pm procession from Cloisters on the Platte near Gretna). For more details, to register for the free procession events, and to stay up to date with the Procession Pilgrimage, tune in to Spirit Catholic Radio and visit spiritcatholicradio.com/serra.

The National Eucharistic Revival will oversee the blessing of a nation with 4 Eucharistic Procession Pilgrimages, forming a cross over the country. The Serra Route will pass through Nebraska and Iowa **through June 25**. Spirit Catholic Radio will highlight this historic Pilgrimage by airing a Mass, providing updates along the route, and having interviews on Spirit Mornings (heard 7-9am, Mon-Fri). Pilgrimage stops will feature the Vatican Approved Eucharistic Miracles Display designed by Bl. Carlo Acutis: St. Wenceslaus Church Omaha, NE on June 22 and St. Cecilia Cathedral Omaha, NE on June 23.

Life Fest is back! Saturday, June 22nd from 11:00am-2:00pm! A fun, free day in the park to celebrate & commemorate life in a post-Roe v. Wade nation. Live music, food trucks, carnival games for kids, adult games such as corn hole, and more! Held in Lincoln at Antelope Park’s Shildneck Bandshell. Free carnival games for your children or bring some friends to try the adult games & enjoy some delicious food. Nebraska Right to Life established Life Fest to commemorate the overturn of Roe v. Wade, and while we are persisting in our statewide efforts to protect life, this national pro-life victory deserves to be celebrated!

Fr. Matthew Zimmer will present a course on scams to any person who wishes to come. The course will be at Saints Mary & Joseph Church in Valparaiso, Sunday, June 23rd at 1pm in the parish hall. This course will cover some of the more common scams currently taking place, ways to tell if someone is attempting to scam you, how to avoid being scammed, and what to do if you are scammed. It will cover some important information for all ages, especially for those with elderly parents or teenaged children.

Our Lady of Good Counsel's retreat schedule! Upcoming retreats are: Men's Spiritual Exercises with 4-Day or 8-Day Ignatian Directed Retreat June 23-July 1, June 23-27, or June 27-July 1 with Matt Simmons, Fr. Rooney, or Sarina Stokes. Register at www.goodcounselretreat.org, email office@olcretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

Catholic Daughters Meeting—Monday, June 24th at 6:30pm at St. Wenceslaus in Wahoo with Mass and installation of new officers. After mass we will enjoy our salad supper. Meeting follows. We encourage members to ask a friend to join them for the evening. We welcome anyone interested in joining, to attend as a guest and enjoy some great salads and desserts.

Camp Kateri—Camp Kateri, the Catholic camp site near York, is offering many different 3rd-12th grade camp experiences this summer. New this year is a family camp with limited space. Visit <https://campkateri.org/> for a listing of the camps.

Cor Jesu Rex ~ Students Save the Date—Sts. Mary & Joseph Church, Valparaiso starting Monday, June 24th. Come grow in your Faith with the wonderful School Sisters of Christ the King as your children or grandchildren’s instructors. For all children 1st-8th grade. To register, call Billie at 402-310-5967. There are sign-up sheets in the back of church.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

Dad Jokes:

What did the janitor say when he jumped out the closet? "Supplies!"

What did the llama say to his date? "Want to go on a picnic? Alpaca lunch."

What do a tick and the Eiffel Tower have in common? They're both Paris sites.