

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 30, 2026



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	August 31 st	7:50 am	+ Ron Sabatka
Tuesday	September 1 st	7:50 am	+ Mike Glanz
Wednesday	September 2 nd	7:50 am	+ Marcella Meduna
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Larry Woita
Thursday	September 3 rd	7:50 am	+ Sandra Vandewalle
Friday	September 4 th First Friday	7:50 am	+ Don Palensky
Saturday	September 5 th	7:30-8:20 am Touhy HOLY HOUR	
		5:30 pm	+ Bernie & Emily Sladky
Sunday	September 6 th	8:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo
		10:00 am Touhy	+ Larry Masek

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

St. Vitus Parish Council met Wednesday, August 26th at 6:30 p.m. Minutes are not ready yet, but here is a summary: (1) The roof hail damage is fixed. The only cost will be the \$2,500 deductible. (2) We are happy with the new cemetery mowing company. Parishioner donations for mowing totaled \$2,820, which is close to what we estimate the cost will be. We will also seek a bid for weed-spraying and fertilizing. What is not covered by the donations can be taken from cemetery funds. Thank you, Wallas and Danny Furasek family for voluntarily mowing around the church and school. This saves us a lot of money. There are many others who volunteer for many other things. **Thank you to all of you as well!** [For example, thanks to those who sold ice cream at the Car Show!] (3) Thanks to increased Sunday giving in the collection and our Soup Supper, St. Vitus was in the black for fiscal year 2025-2026 and our bank account looks good. I will try to give a presentation on finances to the parish this fiscal year. (4) Funds from the Soup Supper will go into replacing the old or broken top gothic arched external windows that protect the stained glass and painting and fixing the external wood moldings. (5) Fr. Vandewalle will work to finalize the cemetery contract to avoid future conflicts. (6) Votive Candles have become more expensive and will go up to \$5 to cover the cost. **Our next Parish Council Meeting for St. Vitus is Wednesday, December 2nd at 8:00 p.m.**

Holy Land Olive Art Next Weekend at Weston ---- Approximately every 3 years, we have Holy Land Olive Art come to our parishes. Due to another appointment, they will be here only at Weston and only Saturday, September 5th after the 5:30 p.m. mass at Weston and after the Sunday, September 6th 8:00 a.m. mass, likely at Coffee and Rolls. They won't be able to make it over to Touhy's 10:00 a.m. mass that weekend. But he said that he could come back to Touhy on another Sunday if interested, please let me know if you are interested.

St. John's Garage Sale – We had more items than ever which means the many volunteers worked even harder! Thank you for your hard work and many hours for the community and in support of the parish and school!

Our Annual St. John Nepomucene Fall Bazaar is less than a month away! Details are being finalized and letters have been sent with the list of donations requested of each family. Thank You for your Support of the Bazaar! Charlie: 402- 480-0674 or Rita: 402-360-1642 and Chris: 402-443-6871 or Paula: 402-443-8880.

CCD Catholic Education (K-8) / High School – If you would like your children to attend CCD, please contact me or Lyssa Tvrdy 402-277-0275. We do a program called Family Formation. Beginning in September, we meet once a month with parents and students. While the students go with teachers, the parents and I review the lessons that they will teach the students the other three weeks of the month or we cover other topics.

Adult Catholic Instruction Classes – Interested in joining the Catholic Church? Call Fr. Vandewalle to learn more.

Reflection on the Sunday Readings – Jeremiah complains to God that as a prophet, he is persecuted for preaching God's word: "You duped me, Lord." Yet, at the same time, he still wants to do God's will and be with God. This is the lot of both prophets and Christians. It puts relationship with God above all else, for as the Responsorial Psalm repeats: Our souls thirst for God. St. Augustine and others learned that only in God can our souls be fulfilled. In today's Gospel, Jesus continues to teach this lesson to the Apostles. Peter wanted to avoid suffering, but eventually he would learn that denying himself, carrying his cross, and persevering through suffering, is all worth it. Even to 'gain the whole world' could not compare to the Glory of being with God in eternity.

SPIRITUAL CORNER

"No matter what obstacles we encounter, we must not allow them to turn us aside from the joy of that heavenly feast. Anyone who is determined to reach his destination is not deterred by the roughness of the road that leads to it. Nor must we allow the charm of success to seduce us, or we shall be like a foolish traveler who is so distracted by the pleasant meadows through which he is passing that he forgets where he is going." ~ St. Gregory the Great

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30	Friday:	1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39
Tuesday:	1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37	Saturday:	1 Cor 4:6b-15; Lk 6:1-5
Wednesday:	1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44	Sunday:	Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday:	1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11		

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 and Margaret Furasek—Saunders Medical Center, Long Term Care. Please let us know if you would like to be added to this list.

PRAYERS FOR SISTERS VOCATIONS

Please pray for Sr. Rita Marie of the Holy Trinity, Jr. Professed Novice, Sisters of the Carmel of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of September 5-6, 2026

Acolyte: Sat. 9/5 Jesse Sabatka Sun. 9/6 Chris Tvrdy
Lector/Reader: Sat. 9/5 Barb Opp Sun. 9/6 Rich Tvrdy
Servers: Sat. 9/5 Volunteers Sun. 9/6 Brayden Pleskac/Landon Pleskac
Ushers: Sat. 9/5 Paul Virgl/Joe Janecek Sun. 9/6 Charlie Jelinek/Paul Pleskac
Gifts: Sat. 9/5 Paul Virgl Family Sun. 9/6 Charlie Jelinek Family

Stewardship of Treasure: August 16, 2026 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...
Total: \$958.00 **PLUS: Guardian Angel:** \$10.00 **Missionary Coop:** \$50.00 **Candles:** \$25.00 **Assumption:** \$315.00

Stewardship of Treasure: August 23, 2026 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...
Total: \$3,280.85 **PLUS: Candles:** \$46.00 **Assumption:** \$110.00 **Missionary Coop:** \$40.00

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.

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of September 5-6, 2026

Acolyte: Sun. 9/6 Dan Furasek
Lector/Reader: Sun. 9/6 Jeff Walla
Servers: Sun. 9/6 Cody Furasek/Justin Furasek
Ushers: Sun. 9/6 Tom Bouc/Kyle Osmera
Gifts: Sun. 9/6 Brian Byers Family

Stewardship of Treasure: August 16, 2026 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...
Total: \$1,022.00 **PLUS: Children:** \$.25 **Assumption:** \$85.00 **Water Lease:** \$20.00 **Missionary Coop:** \$150.00

Stewardship of Treasure: August 23, 2026 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...
Total: \$6,507.62 **PLUS: Children:** \$.50 **Missionary Coop:** \$20.00

Knights of Columbus Meeting—Thursday, Sept. 3rd, 7:30pm at Sts. Mary & Joseph Parish Hall, Valparaiso. Lunch at 7:00pm.

AREA NEWS

Saturday Nite Hive ~ St. Wenceslaus, Bee—Saturday, August 29th, 5:00pm-11:00pm. Social Hour with Kenny James, Food & Drinks, Silent & Live Auction, Kids’ Games and Raffle. Car Show from 5:00pm-8:00pm. Mojo Filter Band performing.

Catholic Daughters Meeting—Monday, August 31st at 6:30pm Mass at St. Wenceslaus in Wahoo. We will start with Fr. Hunt saying mass. The meeting will follow. We would love to have some guests join us, we really would like to increase our membership. Dues will be \$22 plus \$5 for 2027. Hope we can have a good turnout.

Work of the Holy Angels—September 3rd-6th at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly. Men and women of all ages are invited to the annual “Work of the Holy Angels” retreat with Opus Sanctorum Angelorum. Led by Fr. Matthew Hincks and Fr. John Brohl, ORC. Contact Cheryl Klatt at cherylkklatt@yahoo.com or call 402-618-1733 for more information.

8th Annual St. Wenceslaus Mum Fundraiser—St. Wenceslaus Rectory parking lot. Thursday, September 10th, 1:00pm-3:00pm Senior Citizen Sale and 3:00pm-6:00pm; Friday, September 11th, 8:00am-5:00pm; Saturday, September 12th, 8:00am-12:00pm. (Mums are 1st come, 1st served) Mums-\$25. Cash, Check or Venmo accepted. Money raised from the mums will go towards the St. Wenceslaus School Family Association/G.A.L.A. Questions call, Lori Alm: 402-214-0658.

Christus Foundation Golf Tournament—Friday, Sept. 11th, 10:00am at Crooked Creek Golf Club (333 South 134th St.), Lincoln, a benefit for the ministries of *Regnum Christi* - see thechristusfoundation.org/events This event supports numerous Catholic Apostolates like the Knights of the Holy Eucharist, Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House and the Emmaus Institute. Questions? Contact Gary Roberts at 402-430-3732.

The Prodigal Retreat for Men—September 11th-13th. Whether you see yourself as the *prodigal son*, the *older brother* or simply a *man longing for more*, this retreat invites you to encounter the Father’s mercy. Register today: goodcounselretreat.org

Father Daughter Day—Saturday, September 12th, 9:00am-2:30pm, 6765 N 112th St., Waverly. For dads and girls (2nd-5th grade). Wear appropriate shoes and clothing for outdoor activities. Bring a sack lunch and water bottle. RSVP by September 9th at fatherdaughterlincoln@gmail.com

Ulysses (Immaculate Conception) Bazaar—Sunday, September 13th from 10:30am-2:00pm. Mass at 10:00am. Serving a delicious chicken dinner (along with ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, coleslaw, and desserts). Enjoy your meal under our big tent or take advantage of our convenient drive-thru take out. \$20 for adults. \$10 for children 5-12. Under 5 are free. We will have lots of kid’s games, chuck-a-luck, cake walk, cash raffle and a country store too. Live polka music from 11:30am-2:30pm. Live auction at 2:30pm with many interesting items. Hope to see you there!

Marriage Encounter Experience—September 18th-20th in Grand Island. Open to all couples across Nebraska. "Enlightening our couple-love". Call/text Gary & Brenda at 402-370-5839. Register right-away so we may place for you.

St. John Nepomucene (Weston) Church Annual Chicken & Ham Dinner—Sunday, September 20th, from 11:00am-2:00pm in the school gym. Kids’ Games, Raffle, Bake Stand. Mark Vyhldal Polka Band. Beer Garden. Serving Pan Fried Chicken, Ham, Dumplings, Kraut, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Gravy, fresh vegetables, fresh baking! Adults: \$20; Children 5-12: \$10; under 5: Free.

St. Wenceslaus Fall Festival & Roast Beef Dinner ~ Wahoo—Sunday, September 27th at Bishop Neumann High School, 10:00am-2:00pm. Adults: \$20; Children (12 & under): \$10; Preschool: Free. Raffle, Silent Auction, Country Store, Carnival Games, Pies, Cakes & More! Carryout is available.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

“One more time, and this time with filling!” exclaimed the director of Jelly Donuts Gone Wild.