PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 15, 2026



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	November 16th	7:50 am	+ Terra Orndorff
Tuesday	November 17th	7:50 am	+ All Souls--Novena
Wednesday	November 18th	7:50 am	+ Robert Machacek
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Anthony Osmera
Thursday	November 19th	7:50 am	+ LaVerne Wonka
Friday	November 20th	7:50 am	+ Don Kresl
Saturday	November 21st	5:30 pm	+ Ron Sabatka
Sunday	November 22nd	8:00 am Touhy	+ Cheryl Bartek
		10:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Thank you to everyone who gave to the Tootsie Roll Drive last weekend at both St. John & St. Vitus Churches.

Reflection on the Readings – At the end of the year, the church asks us to consider the Last Things, including death, judgement, heaven and hell. One saint said that it is foolish to not think about our death and even more foolish not to prepare for it. With that in mind, the readings more specifically ask us to consider one's use of talents for God and others. In our first reading, a wife who uses her good skills for her family is considered a treasure beyond pearls and deserves an appropriate reward for her labors. In the Gospel, the parable of the talents reminds us to use our God-given gifts. We do not need to compare our gifts to others. Each of us has an important role to play with our gifts. A body's parts all go to the functioning of the whole body. If feet were trying to be hands, because they felt higher up, this would not be of benefit. Likewise, God assigned each of us important roles to play for the good of the body. Even someone bed-ridden has an important role to play for the Body of Christ; he or she offering up their sufferings and prayers may be exactly what another needs in order to receive graces to turn to God. We'll see how this worked only in heaven. What is certain is that, even in our imperfections, we all have an important role to play and God uses our efforts. When we offer God whatever he can use from us, He will, even if we don't see exactly what it is. Sometimes He may even show us. Using our gifts is also about relationships. The 'worthy wife' is motivated by love to serve her family. The servant who has a relationship with the master is motivated to serve with his talents, not out of fear, but out of love, because he knows how wonderful the master is.

Note of gratitude from the Knights of Columbus – *Dear Fr. Vandewalle, Parishioners of St. John's & PCCW, Thank you for your hospitality and letting us have our Corporate Communion at your parish. The breakfast was amazing and you have definitely raised the bar for other parishes. Thank you again & God bless. -- Jeremy Vrana, Grand Knight, Pope JP II Council 1833*

Christ the King Novena – Here is a novena in preparation for next Sunday, the last Sunday in Ordinary Time, Christ the King Sunday. The 2026 Novena to Christ the King is from November 13 to November 21, 2026, culminating on the Feast of Christ the King on Sunday, November 22, 2026. The prayers often focus on themes of religious freedom, a renewed commitment to Christ's reign in one's life and the world, and asking for mercy and grace, notes EWTN, Pray More Novenas, and the USCCB. Resources with daily prayers and intentions for the novena are available from various Catholic sources.

Education Freedom Tax Credit – This tremendous tax credit starts in 2027. It is not a tax deduction (lessening taxable income) but a tax credit which is a dollar-for-dollar deduction of one's federal tax liability. One chooses to direct their tax dollars to this. If someone has a federal tax liability, they pay the same amount, but they direct it to the EFTC (preferably naming St. John's, St. Wenceslaus, and/or Bishop Neumann). Will assist our Catholic School families to afford tuition but also the burden on our parish and school which supplement the cost of tuition for families. Hopefully everyone will look into this. (More information will follow.)

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of November 21-22, 2026

Acolyte:	Sat. 11/21 Paul Virgl	Sun. 11/22 Chris Tvrdy
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 11/21 Bill Laughridge	Sun. 11/22 Rich Tvrdy
Servers:	Sat. 11/21 Volunteers	Sun. 11/22 Easton Kavan/Eli Kavan
Ushers:	Sat. 11/21 Joe Janecek/Volunteer	Sun. 11/22 Paul Pleskac/Volunteer
Gifts:	Sat. 11/21 Joe Janecek Family	Sun. 11/22 Gene Adams Family

Stewardship of Treasure: ***November 8, 2026*** We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...
Total: $1,957.31 ***PLUS:*** **Candles:** $20.00 **Guardian Angel Fund:** $110.00 **All Saints Day:** $90.00
Cloistered Sisters: $50.00

St. John's PCCW is looking for a **new Vice President** for the next year. Please contact Peg Bouc at 402-480-2926 or Stefanie Chvatal at 402-432-8033 if you are interested.

WEEKLY TITHING COLLECTIONS

	St. John Nepomucene	St. Vitus
Amount Budgeted per Week ($3,054.89) in October	$12,219.56	
Amount Budgeted per Week ($2,021.94) in October		$ 8,087.76
Amount Received in October	$ 9,128.39	$ 6,257.79
Net Excess (Deficit) for the month October	$ (3,091.17)	$(1,829.97)
2026 Year-to-Date Total	**$141,706.38**	**$71,786.98**

PRAYERS FOR SISTERS VOCATIONS & SEMINARIANS

Please pray for Sr. Gabriel Perry, Jr. Sister, Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln; and for Jonathon Reeb of Blessed Sacrament, Lincoln, who attends St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS PARISHIONERS

Consider Giving a Food Donations for the Holidays! The Wahoo Food Pantry is collecting food and other items for "Holiday Boxes" for the needy. You can donate items that can be used for a holiday meal, such as: Frozen turkeys, hams, boxed stuffing, boxed potatoes, canned gravy, canned pie filling, canned cranberries, vegetables, etc. Bring non-perishable items to the specially-marked tote in the back of church. If you have frozen meat to donate, please contact Peg Bouc at (402) 480-2962 or bring them to her at the St. Wenceslaus Parish Office at 256 N. Linden in Wahoo and they will be taken to the food pantry. Monetary donations are always welcome. Checks payable to "Saunders County Ministerial Association"

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Rev 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43	Friday:	Rev 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48
Tuesday:	Rev 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10	Saturday:	Rev 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40
Wednesday:	Rev 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28	Sunday:	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46
Thursday:	Rev 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44		

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of November 21-22, 2026

Acolyte:	Sun. 11/22 Drew Niemann
Lector/Reader:	Sun. 11/22 Steve Bartek
Servers:	Sun. 11/22 Simon Strizek/Caleb Osmera
Ushers:	Sun. 11/22 Carl Woita/Volunteer
Gifts:	Sun. 11/22 Tom Rezac Family

Stewardship of Treasure: ***November 8, 2026*** We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...
Total: $1,243.00 ***PLUS:*** **Children:** $.25 **All Saints Day:** $65.00 **Mission Coop:** $40.00 **Guardian Angel:** $20.00
World Mission Sunday: $ 325.00

OTHER INFORMATION

Please remember in your prayers and, on occasion, call or send a card to our home-bound/assisted care facilities parishioners: Lucille Strizek—South Haven and Margaret Furasek—Saunders Medical Center, Long Term Care. Please let us know if you would like to be added to this list.

SPIRITUAL CORNER

"Do not be afraid to be holy. Have the courage and humility to present yourselves to the world determined to be holy, since true full Freedom is born from holiness." ~ St. John Paul II

SCHOOL NEWS

Winter Scrip Challenge!! The Scrip Challenge has started, see flyer in the back of church for details along with the Order Form to use for your script orders! Orders will be filled with what cards we have on hand first, then more orders will be placed as needed.
St. John's School Big Raffle Tickets—Tickets-$20. The Big Raffle drawing held at the Christmas Program on Sunday, Dec. 6th. The seller of each winning ticket, will receive 10% of the prize! The family that sells the most tickets will receive $100!
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

St. John the Baptist - Prague Craft Fair—Join us Sunday, November 22nd at St. John's Parish Hall from 9:00am-2:00pm. The holidays are coming and the vendors will be ready to help you begin your holiday shopping! Admission is Free! The coffee will be on early, so drop by for a kolache in the morning. Shop at St. John's bake sale for Czech bakery and the lunch stand will be open throughout the day. Selling Wine & Bloody Mary's, so come "sip and shop" with family and friends. Bottles of wine will be available for sale – perfect for Christmas gifts and your holiday meals. For vendor information contact McKenzie at praguecraftfair@hotmail.com or call 402-443-7692
Waiting for Jesus with Mary ~ Women's Advent Retreat—December 4th-6th at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly. Women ages 19 to 99 and from all walks of life are invited to attend this Advent retreat, led by the Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln. Attendees are invited to embrace this time of rest, quiet and renewal as they listen to the inspiring guidance of the Marian Sisters and deepen their faith journey. Contact: Retreat House at office@olgcretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.
Sts. Mary & Joseph Parish Hall, Valparaiso ~ BLEST ART will be selling carvings—December 5th and 6th after each Mass: 4:00pm, 8:00am & 9:30am respectively. Dating back to the 4th century A.D., native Christians of Palestine have used Olive Wood and mother-of-pearl materials to carve masterpieces of art to commemorate Jesus Christ. More than ever, the Christians of the Holy Land are facing an eminent threat of extinction. The number of Christians in the Holy Land has reached an alarming level. Today, less than 1% of people in the Holy Land call themselves Christians. The remaining population is suffering economically, and every bit helps to create a new market for these remaining Christians. Even if not buying please visit to see the beautiful works of art; holy family, last supper, crucifix, Jesus, Mary, and many other carvings, rosaries and more gifts also available.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

What's the best music to listen to while ice fishing? Something catchy.
What kind of fish do penguins hunt at night? Starfish.