

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

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment

### Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026



#### MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	May 18 <sup>th</sup>	7:50 am	Liv/Dec Members of the Uhlik Family
Tuesday	May 19 <sup>th</sup>	7:50 am	+ Frank Chloupek
Wednesday	May 20 <sup>th</sup>	7:50 am	+ Anthony Osmera
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Rose Bohac
Thursday	May 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Friday	May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7:50 am	+ LaVerne Wonka
Saturday	May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	5:30 pm	+ Don Palensky
Sunday	May 24 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am Touhy	Thanksgiving for 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
		10:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo

#### NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

**Our love and prayers for the repose of the soul of Dave Uhlik and for the consolation of his family.** Dave had a great sense of humor and faith in Jesus. We pray that he, as a beloved son, brother, and uncle and most of all a beloved child of God, will soon be in the light of God.

**New Parish Council Members Needed** – We are looking for 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](mailto:fr.matthew-vandewalle@cdolinc.net)

**Into Pentecost: More Holy Spirit** – We are in the days between the Ascension of Jesus into heaven and the sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost 10 days later. In last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus said "I will not be with you much longer, I am going to the Father.... [but] .... I will send you another Advocate." Jesus was getting them ready for the Holy Spirit. It is good for us to get ready for Pentecost next weekend and be praying for a fuller outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Here are some of the titles of the Holy Spirit, elaborated upon by the popular Catholic evangelist Chris Stefanik. First, there is Paraclete. Which, as Chris interestingly points out, is not a word. It comes from the Greek word "paracletos". It can mean two things: "Alongside" (as the Holy Spirit is meant to be alongside us), and at the same time, it means "called." As in, calling someone to be alongside you - to go with you. As in, "Come with me!" Second, is "Advocate." In life, we need advocates when we're kind of in tough shape (when we can't obtain for ourselves what we need). Of course that describes us - we're kind of in tough shape. There are certainly times when we can act for ourselves, when we can provide for ourselves and act on our own behalf. But when it comes to our spiritual well-being, you might say "we're out of our league." We struggle with sin, we swim in daily temptations, our "bad side" easily rises to the top. Of course that's *us* – that's why the Scriptures refer to us as the children of God. But the title "Advocate" applies to the Holy Spirit. And what is an Advocate? Someone who wants you set free; someone who wants you unburdened. How could you better describe God? who wants us set free from sin and our burdens lifted? These are just a couple of the titles of the Holy Spirit. A great thing to do is even a short prayer each day to prepare for the Pentecost: *Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of us your faithful and enkindle in us the fire of your love. Amen.*

**The Charity and Stewardship Appeal is going great, wow!** Thanks for your generosity! (More updates to come).

**Mothers' Day Posters:** We offered masses for our Mothers on Mothers' Day. Monies donated in their honor to Right to Life were \$263 at St. John's and \$195 at St. Vitus.

**Mowing** – Thank you again for considering a gift toward the mowing of the cemetery at St. Vitus or the cemetery and grounds at St. John's. In 2025 we had generous gifts to **St. Vitus of \$2,900.00 and to St. John's of \$6,215.00.** Thank you to those at St. Vitus who are volunteer mowing the Church area and those who are volunteer mowing the schoolhouse area. We have a new company mowing St Vitus cemetery this year. I would estimate the cost to be around \$4,160 this year. At St. John's some of the cost for the grounds is borne by the school.

**Congratulations to our 2026 High School Graduate** – St. Vitus': Finley Byers. I know her to be an outstanding young lady! If I forgot anyone, it is unintentional. Please let us know so that we can congratulate them as well! We pray for your future journey in life and with the Lord!

**A great thing for students to do is attend one of our Catholic summer schools.** Per Area News, one of our closest is in Valparaiso June 22-26. We'll let you know when Wahoo's is as soon as we know.

#### ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH COUNCIL

The St. John Nepomucene Parish Council meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:stjohn-weston@cdolinc.net) and provide details on your request.

#### READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33	Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a	Saturday:	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19	Sunday:	Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13;
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26		Jn 20:19-23

### 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.

### ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

#### Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of May 23-24, 2026

<b>Acolyte:</b>	Sat. 5/23 Paul Virgl	Sun. 5/24 Matt Tvrdy
<b>Lector/Reader:</b>	Sat. 5/23 Ron Walla	Sun. 5/24 Barb Opp
<b>Servers:</b>	Sat. 5/23 Volunteers	Sun. 5/24 Easton Kavan/Eli Kavan
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sat. 5/23 Volunteers	Sun. 5/24 Marion Bartek/Volunteer
<b>Gifts:</b>	Sat. 5/23 Pat Carroll Family	Sun. 5/24 Milton Bouc Family

**Stewardship of Treasure: May 10, 2026** We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

**Total:** \$3,154.00    **PLUS: Candles:** \$48.00    **Guardian Angel Fund:** \$110.00

### SPIRITUAL CORNER

“The name of Jesus, is in fact, the great foundation of the faith that turns people into children of God. The Catholic Faith indeed, consists in the news of Jesus Christ, as light of the soul, gate of life and foundation of eternal salvation.”

~ St. Bernadine of Siena

### ST. VITUS PARISH

#### Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of May 23-24, 2026

<b>Acolyte:</b>	Sun. 5/24 Dan Furasek
<b>Lector/Reader:</b>	Sun. 5/24 Adam Furasek
<b>Servers:</b>	Sun. 5/24 Cody Furasek/Justin Furasek
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sun. 5/24 Tom Osmera/Mike Bouc
<b>Gifts:</b>	Sun. 5/24 Lucy Hanks/Jennifer Joakim

**Stewardship of Treasure: May 10, 2026** We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

**Total:** \$1,053.00    **PLUS: Children:** \$0.50    **Water Lease:** \$20.00    **Guardian Angel Fund:** \$50.00

### 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.

### 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](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Save The Date ~ Summer Magnificat Prayer Meal**—Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am-Noon (with optional Mass in the Chapel at 9:00am to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary). We are taking Magnificat on the road to Aquinas High School, 3420 State Hwy 15, David City, NE ~ with Speaker Mary Hickman-Eller sharing her Magnificat! Be a friend and bring a friend to share the Joy of the Holy Spirit as Mary and Elizabeth did in the Visitation when Our Blessed Mother gave her Fiat! Register by June 8<sup>th</sup> at <https://www.osvhub.com/magnificatmorningstarchapter/forms/prayermealjune13> Please contact Coordinator Rhonda Litt by text at 402-525-6396 for further information. The Morning Star Chapter of Magnificat is celebrating our 30th Anniversary 1996-2026! A special thank you to all the women of our Diocese who have supported the Ministry!

**Back to the Garden Women's Retreat**—June 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. 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

A schoolteacher injured his back and had to wear a plaster cast around the upper part of his body. Fortunately, the cast fit under his shirt and wasn't even noticeable. On the first day of class, he found himself assigned to the toughest students in the school. Walking confidently into the rowdy classroom, he opened the window wide and sat down at his desk. When a strong breeze made his tie flap, he took the stapler and stapled the tie to his chest. He had no trouble with discipline that year.