

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2026



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	July 13 th	7:50 am	+ Bob Hedges
Tuesday	July 14 th	7:50 am	+ John Meduna
Wednesday	July 15 th	7:50 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of Bryan & Lori Woita
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Joe Miratsky
Thursday	July 16 th	7:50 am	+ Twila Janecek
Friday	July 17 th	7:50 am	+ Bob Vanek
Saturday	July 18 th	5:30 pm	+ David Uhlik
Sunday	July 19 th	8:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo
		10:00 am Touhy	+ Loretta Walla

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Mission Coop Priest Hosting - Please let me know if you would like to help with the Mission Coop priest, Fr. Gabriel, by (1) driving him around to local places or the fair (2) having him over for dinner (3) having him throw bails - heh, maybe not, but I know one mission coop priest who enjoyed seeing the farm and even helping! Fr. Gabriel was humble when I asked his preferences, he did not have any other than some fruits and vegetables if those are available (not that he is a vegetarian). If anyone has any produce or bakery I'm sure he'd love that and you can let me know. (4) Someone to drive him from Weston to Touhy on Sunday, July 26th, for the 8:00 am mass in Touhy and back to Weston for the 10:00am mass.

Canoe Trip Lessons – We had such great high school kids on the trip. It is filled with fun, joy, and spiritual inspiration. As we pull the canoes up to islands or banks, we throw out snacks to the kids and they sit in canoes as Fr. Homes gives spiritual lessons. Some of the highlights of the lessons were (1) to recognize blessings and thank God when they come (2) That if we are angry at someone, we cannot be happy at the same time. They may even be 100 miles away, so if we hold a grudge it only hurts us and we are not happy. Father led us through prayers of forgiveness: “In Jesus’ name, I forgive n. for ... (name what you need to forgive them for) ... I renounce the spirit of unforgiveness. I command the spirit of unforgiveness to leave now and never return.” He suggested we pray that a number of times in the moment and repeat it as needed. He said we can do the same with other capital sins we are struggling with, pride, lust, envy, anger, etc... Or even other bad feelings we have. “In Jesus name, I renounce the spirit of (fear ... or that nobody likes me, or anxiety, etc... - pick the bad feeling or sin you are struggling with). I command the spirit of (fear, etc...) to leave now and never return.” It may take praying this over time to get better. Are you fearful at night of the next day? Leave the worry of the next day to the Lord and pray this prayer against fear, suggested Fr. Homes. Jesus does want us to be happy and trusting. We have a Father who cares for us. (3) Even things that go wrong, God can use for our ultimate good. (4) Pray for Mary’s help and thank her. Many people have been known to have great turn arounds and blessings in life because they kept interceding to Mary. We probably do not even know how many times we have been saved from some disaster because we are asking Mary’s intercession, but we shall see this someday in heaven.

Reflection on the Readings (A Sower Went out to Sow) – Let’s pray for each other to be good soil for God’s Word to yield a great crop for God. The first reading says “As the rain comes down and makes fruitful ... so my word shall not return to me void, but shall achieve the end for which I sent it!” - Isaiah 55. In other words, God will grow in us, if we give Him time in prayer and with His word. Jesus gives the Parable of the Sower (The Sower is on the top of our Capitol building!) “... **But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.**” This will be great! But we don’t want it to be choked off because of worldliness, or to lose our soul by not nurturing our relationship with God. St. Paul says, “**Brothers and sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. – Romans 8.** It is well worth the effort spending time with God’s Word, Jesus. It is great if we can do this at times before Jesus Real Presence in the Eucharist (even daily mass periodically if we can) and in His written word, the Bible. Turn to this often for ‘every kind of encouragement.’ Many people attend daily mass and find great fruit from it. The prophet Malachi prophesied “In every place, from the rising to the setting of the sun, a perfect offering will be made” - Malachi 1:11. This happens in the hearts of Christians and in a very special way when the mass is offered over the 24 hours throughout the day from the start of the international timeline - probably at **Sacred Heart Cathedral** in Teoraereke, South Tarawa (17 hours ahead of us) to the end! Let’s pray for each other this week: that we will have grace to yields lots of God’s fruit and then especially for those among us who have very, very heavy burdens. Especially, this last group please join with me in praying for.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH COUNCIL

The St. John Nepomucene Parish Council meets the 2nd 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 and provide details on your request.

SPIRITUAL CORNER

“We must beg the Holy Spirit, with ardent longing, to give us these fruits. The Holy Ghost alone knows how to bring to light the sweetness hidden away under the rugged exterior of the words of the Law. We must go to the Holy Ghost for interior guidance.” ~ St. Bonaventure

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:37—11:1	Friday:	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8
Tuesday:	Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24	Saturday:	Mi 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21
Wednesday:	Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Mt 11:25-27	Sunday:	Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86; Rom 8:26-27;
Thursday:	Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30		Mt 13:24-43

PRAYERS FOR SISTERS VOCATIONS

Please pray for Sr. Mary Angelica, Superior, and Sr. Mary Amatrix, Professed, Holy Spirit Adoration (Pink) Sisters.

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 July 18-19, 2026

Acolyte:	Sat. 7/18 Pat Carroll	Sun. 7/19 Jesse Sabatka
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 7/18 Deb Carroll	Sun. 7/19 Barb Opp
Servers:	Sat. 7/18 Volunteers	Sun. 7/19 Brayden Pleskac/Landon Pleskac
Ushers:	Sat. 7/18 Joe Janecek/Volunteer	Sun. 7/19 Don Sabatka/Justin Sabatka
Gifts:	Sat. 7/18 Teresa Virgil Family	Sun. 7/19 Don Sabatka Family

Stewardship of Treasure: July 5, 2026 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$15,008.82 **PLUS: Guardian Angel Fund:** \$325.00 **Candles:** \$24.00

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of July 18-19, 2026

Acolyte:	Sun. 7/19 Zach Kastl
Lector/Reader:	Sun. 7/19 Steve Bartek
Servers:	Sun. 7/19 Caleb Kastl/Cooper Kastl
Ushers:	Sun. 7/19 Dan Cihal/Marvin Bohac
Gifts:	Sun. 7/19 Shawn Strizek Family

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Total: \$1,768.00 **PLUS: Peter's Pence:** \$200.00

St. Vitus Altar Society will have *Coffee & Rolls* after the 8:00am Mass on Sunday, July 12th at the school house.

SCHOOL NEWS

First Day of School for the 2026-2027 School Year—Thursday, August 20th, 2026. 7:40am start time for grades PreK3 and K-6th! Mass is at 8am!

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

Carmel of Jesus, Mary and Joseph—Our Blessed Mother and the Carmelite Sisters invite you to an evening pilgrimage to their Chapel at 9300 West Agnew Road in Valparaiso, and to participate in their annual Solemn Preached Novena, this year conducted by Rev. Father Joseph Mary Brown, C.S.J., though July 15th. Holy Sacrifice of the Mass each evening is at 7:00pm, except Sunday, at 9:30am. On July 16th, feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Solemn Pontifical Mass at 5:30pm offered by His Excellency Bishop Robert Finn.

Sts. Mary & Joseph Valparaiso PCCW Salad Supper—Tuesday, July 14th, 6:30pm at Parish Hall. Tickets sold at door \$12. Military and Veterans \$6. Bucket Raffle and Wine Table. Delicious salads and sandwich meal! **AMERICANA MUSIC BINGO!**

The Way ~ A Healing Retreat for Women—Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat Center, July 17th-19th. Healing heart, mind, body and soul. A healing retreat for female survivors of abuse, developed and led by Sue Stubbs, Victim Assistance Coordinator, Archdiocese of Atlanta. To request a registration packet please contact Jeff Hohlen, Diocese of Lincoln at 402-318-7473 or email at jeff-hohlen@lincolndiocese.org

Wild at Heart Men's Retreat—Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, July 24th-26th. Men are invited to *Wild at Heart* with Deacon Matthew Hecker, PhD—a powerful weekend exploring the depth of a man's soul and God's call to authentic masculinity. Through Scripture, the saints and the Church's wisdom, this retreat helps men rediscover purpose, courage and identity in Christ. The retreat begins Friday at 7:00pm with Mass and concludes Sunday with Mass and noon lunch. For more information or to register, visit goodcounselretreat.org

Bruno Cornhole Tournament—Saturday, August 1st, 3:00pm, at St. Anthony's Parish Hall, Bruno. Sign-ups from 2:00pm-2:45pm. \$40 per team, 6+ games guaranteed, cash prizes. Serving Beer & Burgers on donation. There will also be a PCCW Bake Sale. For more information, contact Brian Snitily at bsnitily@gmail.com or [facebook.com/bohunkbaggers](https://www.facebook.com/bohunkbaggers)

Saunders County Catholic Schools Back to School POOL PARTY—Please join us Friday, August 7th from 6:00pm-8:00pm at the Wahoo Aquatic Center.

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.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

How do you catch a squirrel at summer camp? Climb a tree and act like a nut!
What is the most musical kind of animal? Fish...they're full of scales!