

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

September 1, 2024



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	September 2 nd	NO MASS	
Tuesday	September 3 rd	7:50 am	Aylor Family
Wednesday	September 4 th	7:50 am	+ Edward LeRay Kacirek
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Dec. Parents of Ernie & Joan Osmera
Thursday	September 5 th	7:50 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of Lorraine Uhlik
Friday	September 6 th <i>First Friday</i>	7:50 am	+ Don Palensky
Saturday	September 7 th	7:30-8:20 am Touhy	HOLY HOUR
		5:30 pm	+ Milo & Elaine Meduna
Sunday	September 8 th	8:00 am Touhy	Missa pro Populo
		10:00 am Weston	+ Ernest & Anne Bouc

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Welcome Fr. Joey Evangelista (MJ) for our Mission Coop – Fr. Joey’s order, the Missionaries of Jesus, was founded in the Philippines in 2002. Their mission is to inspire more to be ‘friends and disciples’ of Jesus and unveil the real face of Jesus, hidden in our brothers and sisters. In the Philippines, Papua New Guinea, and the U.S., they focus on evangelization, formation of leaders, education of youth, and the economic and health needs of the poor and indigenous people.

<https://www.sandiegomissionoffice.org/uncategorized/the-missionaries-of-jesus-mj/>

Garage SALE – Wow, we had more items than ever which means the team of volunteers worked even harder! Thank you for your hard work and many hours for the community and in support of the parish and school!

Rick Virgil and the St. John’s Bazaar – What a great article in the August 23, 2024 Southern Nebraska Register remembering Rick “Ogle” Virgil and his service, especially through the St. John’s bazaar! The picture of Rick beamed his generosity, peace, and wisdom as the article shed light on our great bazaar, an example of many other wonderful parish dinners. Thanks to all responsible for the article, the bazaar (Sunday, September 15), and all our parish dinners!

Sunday’s Readings... remind us “Who else has God so close to us, or statues and decrees that are so clear and just?” A fifth-grade student asked me: With so many religions, how do we know that ours is the right one? Aha! Because all the other religions and people are searching for God (a very good thing to do). But ours is the one where God told us Himself! As a certain football coach oft repeats: “Who has it better than us? NOBODY!”

Reflections on the National Eucharistic Congress, Part 3. I am so enjoying and being inspired by Drew Niemann’s sharing his experiences from the NEC in Indianapolis. Thanks Drew! **Day 3 (Friday) Highlight** - Theme for the day was “Into Gethsemane”. With that theme in mind, we did a healing prayer service with Dr. Mary Healy and Fr. Mathias Thelen in the morning. And witnessed in real time our neighbors being healed of various ailments. It may sound like hokum, but it does work. In an afternoon session, I watched a talk from Fr. Leo Patalinghug. Fr. Leo is renowned for being a great chef and he constantly reminded the audience in a witty sarcasm that he beat Bobby Flay in a food competition. So, during his talk he prepared a pasta dish and made many analogies between the theology of Catholic faith to the theology of food. For example, we have to make faith bite sizable and the best place to teach children our faith is around the dinner table. At the end of the talk, he invited everyone celebrating a birthday that day to come on stage and sample his prepared dish. Fr. Leo is quite the comedian and good at talking straight down to earth. I recommend you seek him out for more content by looking up his company “Plating Grace”, on Google or YouTube. **Day 3 (Friday) Experience - Friday** night about 30 minutes before the start of the evening session the environment in Lucas Oil Stadium was absolutely electric. It all started with a group of young high school kids turning on their cell phone lights and signaling to other young adults daring them to respond back. And they succeeded with echoing responses. This set off a chain of events to really get the crowd energized. Before you knew it, beach balls were flying. The crowd began doing the wave. My section, mainly composed of young adults, did what was called the “roller coaster”, where a leader is upfront and the whole section has to mimic their wild body movements as if on an amusement ride. Then musicians came on the center stage and started playing to begin tonight’s show. This enticed all the young adults to run up to the front of the stage to dance and sing-a-long. It was heartwarming to see all the youthful enthusiasm in the stadium. Sometimes the Church gets a bad rap for being falsely mislabeled as old, pretentious, and out of touch with today’s society. The environment that night just proves Catholics can prove otherwise and be full of life.

Cleaner for Church & Rectory – Please Contact Fr. Vandewalle if interested.

PRAYERS FOR SISTERS VOCATIONS

Please pray for Kendall Kopf, Postulant, School Sisters of Christ the King.

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:	Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37
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—Leonard Chapek. Please let us know if you would like to be added to this list.

SPIRITUAL CORNER

“The sacred scriptures grow with the one who reads them.” ~St. Pope Gregory the Great (September 3, Feast Day)

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of September 7-8, 2024

Acolyte:	Sat. 9/7 Jesse Sabatka	Sun. 9/8 Chris Tvrdy
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 9/7 Bill Laughridge	Sun. 9/8 Barb Opp
Servers:	Sat. 9/7 Volunteers	Sun. 9/8 Landon Pleskac/Brooks Lanik
Ushers:	Sat. 9/7 Ron Walla/Rich Cherovsky	Sun. 9/8 Marion Bartek/Ron Brazda
Gifts:	Sat. 9/7 Ron Walla Family	Sun. 9/8 Charlie Pleskac Family

Stewardship of Treasure: August 25, 2024 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$1,444.00 **PLUS: Candles:** \$42.00

St. John's PCCW Group will have *Coffee & Rolls* after the 8:00am Mass on Sunday, September 1st.

St. John's Bazaar Reminder - **There are many things that need to be done prior to the Bazaar. We would appreciate any help that we can get. If you are available for any of the following dates, you are encouraged to help out.

**Monday, Sept. 9th, at 5:00pm: Dumpling Night **Friday, Sept. 13th, at 4:00pm: Set up gym at 4:00pm & 6:00pm wash chicken at Neumann. **Saturday, Sept. 14th, at 9:00am: Set up tent and final preparations. Thank you to all of the committee members and parishioners that put in so many extra hours planning and preparing for the Bazaar. We are grateful for your commitment and dedication.

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of September 7-8, 2024

Acolyte:	Sun. 9/8 Zach Kastl
Lector/Reader:	Sun. 9/8 Steve Bartek
Servers:	Sun. 9/8 Corbyn Kastl/Caleb Kastl
Ushers:	Sun. 9/8 Tom Bouc/Larry Masek
Gifts:	Sun. 9/8 Pat Bartek Family

Stewardship of Treasure: August 25, 2024 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$462.00 **PLUS: Assumption:** \$ 20.00

Knights of Columbus Meeting—Thurs, September 5th, 7:30pm at Sts. Mary & Joseph Parish Hall, Valparaiso. (Lunch at 7:00pm)

SCHOOL NEWS

Monday, September 2nd is Labor Day and there will be No School.

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

Athletic and Music Boosters have teamed up to sell “Yardlines” to raise funds for both groups—We’re selling “Yardlines” for the regular season home football games. Each yardline costs \$50. At the end of the first and third quarter, if the ball is on your yardline, YOU WIN \$100! Your yardline purchase is good for all four regular season football games, so you have 8 chances to WIN! Yardline forms (forms in the back of church) can be dropped off at the BNHS school office - 7:30am-4:00pm.

Abide—1st Friday of every month at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 1420 K St, Lincoln. Abide is an evening where all Young Adults can join together in prayer with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The night consists of Eucharistic Adoration, Praise and Worship, Confession and Prayer Teams. The night concludes with food, drinks and mingling. 7pm-Mass / 7:45pm Exposition / 8:45pm-Exposition / Social Hour. For more information: Text keyword LNKFAM to 84576 to stay up to date on future events.

Holy Hour at the Pink Sisters—Friday, September 6th, at 7:15pm. Held at the Pink Sisters' Chapel, 1040 South Cotner Blvd. Singing will be led by the St. Teresa's Men's Choir (Nathaniel Cunningham). Help us pray for good vocations for our Diocese.

Immaculate Conception Church-Ulysses, Chicken Dinner & Auction—Annual chicken dinner & auction Sunday, September 8th from 10:30am–2:30pm. Mass at 10:00am. Chicken is back again! Along with ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, our “famous” coleslaw, and desserts. Enjoy your meal under our big tent or take advantage of our convenient drive-thru take out.

Free will donation! 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 3:00pm with many interesting items. Hope to see you there!

The Magnificat—An annual celebration dinner to benefit Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House. Friday, September 13th, Wilderness Ridge Country Club, 1800 Wilderness Woods Place, Lincoln. Cocktails-5:00pm, Dinner-6:30pm. Purchase tickets to reserve your spot at, <https://goodcounselretreat.org/dinner>

St. John Nepomucene (Weston) Church Annual Chicken & Ham Dinner—Sunday, September 15th, from 11:00am to 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 and fresh baking! Adults: \$20; Children 5-12: \$10; Children under 5: Free.

Nebraska Catholic Conference Pro-Life Presentation—You're invited to a special parish presentation by the Nebraska Catholic Conference on combating the pro-abortion ballot initiative. Learn why this initiative threatens women and babies in Nebraska and how we can defend life together. Invite friends and family to come with you on Monday, September 16th at 7:00pm in the Cathedral School Gym. Mark your calendars and spread the word!

Healing Hearts Grief Program—September 17th-October 22nd at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. A 6-week session helping Catholics navigate through the grieving process after experiencing the loss of a loved one. Sessions are led by Sandy Danek and family therapist Holly Burns. Suggested donation of \$25 to cover materials. Contact the Office of Family Life to register, 402-473-0620.

Christus Foundation Golf Tournament, Friday, September 20th, 10:00am at Crooked Creek Golf Club (134th & O St), Lincoln - a benefit for the ministries of *Regnum Christi* - see thechristusfoundation for more information or to register.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

Two barbershops, located across the street from each other, were constantly competing for customers. One day, a sign went up in the window of one of the shops: “Haircuts now \$4.” An hour later, the other shop put up a larger sign: “We repair \$4 haircuts.”