

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 5, 2026



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	July 6 th	7:50 am	+ Alice Virgl
Tuesday	July 7 th	7:50 am	+ Bonnie Kadavy
Wednesday	July 8 th	NO MASS	
		NO MASS	Touhy
Thursday	July 9 th	NO MASS	
Friday	July 10 th	7:50 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of Paul & Dotty Virgl
Saturday	July 11 th	5:30 pm	+ RoseAnn Koranda
Sunday	July 12 th	8:00 am Touhy	Missa pro Populo
		10:00 am Weston	+ Tom & Tillie Shanahan

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Canoe Trip – I'll be gone July 7th-9th helping on the canoe trip. Please contact St. Wenceslaus if you need a priest.

Hosting the Mission Priest – I am wondering if there might be some kind and available souls who might help show hospitality to the visiting missionary coop priest who I was asked to host from **July 19-31st**. I did not initially intend to be away at that time, but it turned out that that is when I can go on vacation. I always try to show hospitality and give the visiting missionary priests lots of local enriching experiences (county fair, visit a farm, visit the state capitol, various churches, etc.). And many of you have also been so generous in helping to do that for our mission coop priests as well. I still need to ask him if he even wants to see things a lot or would rather do very little and be a hermit in Weston. But at least in the meantime, I invite people to give it a little thought.

Parish Council Minutes – There are more copies at the back of Church for the meeting of Weston and Touhy regarding Hail Damage repair at both of our properties. The repairs have already started at Weston.

Appreciating America: Patriotism – Many fans who have come from around the world to the World Cup, are appreciating the United States: America's wonderful food, beauty, amenities, inspiring national anthem and kindness of the Americans they've encountered. While some of those things are not of the higher order, yet we do indeed have much for which to be thankful to God! We are so blessed to be one nation under God.

Readings Reflections and Young George Washington – *“Rejoice heartily... shout for joy... See your king comes to you; a just savior is he, meek... he shall proclaim peace to the nations. His dominion shall be from sea to sea... to the ends of the earth. - Zech 9:9* As we think about America on our 250th Anniversary, we are so blessed to have what we do ‘from sea to shining sea’! Yet as great as this is, it is a pale image of what heaven shall be like... and the peace under God's ‘dominion’. And all of this has been won by our King Jesus, who became - despite being almighty God - meek for our sakes. He was also courageous and self-sacrificing. In fact, Jesus had all the virtues and invites us to imitate him. I loved the movie Young George Washington, done by Angel Studios, that is in movie theatres now (intentionally around the Fourth of July). It has many great lessons. At one point in the movie, someone tried to put young Washington in his place, saying ‘imitating a great man does not make you a great man!’ That may have some truth to it, if it is just quoting a great man. However, if it is imitating Jesus that is indeed how we become great. The movie is wonderful because it shows so many virtues in Washington. Washington's elder brother, Lawrence, teaches young George many gentlemanly virtues, which Washington begins to live. At one point Washington's love interest says “I yearn for your courage!” He answers, “and I ... for your grace that you have with such ease!” Lawrence teaches George with a chess metaphor that “Even a pawn can take a king!” It reminds me that we all have a part given to us by God and it may seem humble, but it is important. Furthermore, today's Gospel reminds us that God reveals his greatest secrets to the humble. *“I give praise to you, Father, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones.* Washington also learned through his failures. Though he was tempted to give up after a big failure, through encouragement of others, he did not. And if he hadn't failed, it seems that he would not have learned enough for later victories and we can even wonder if he would have become the great leader that he did!? At one point his mother tells him *“Failure is the tutor sent by God. If you don't learn from it, you fail twice. If you do learn from it, you've earned wisdom.”* Similarly with tragedy, one wonders if his father hadn't died when George was young, would he have become the hero that he did? Would he have learned the lessons he did from his half-brother who had to come into the picture, or the lessons his toughened mother taught him? Though Washington had many virtues, including perseverance and courage, hard work, willingness to learn, he also had humility (emphasized in today's Gospel). This seems to have allowed him to resign from the presidency. At the end of the movie, the actor Kelsey Grammar, who apparently has become a practicing Christian, talks about the importance of promoting the virtues exhibited in George Washington, inviting us to pass this message on!

WEEKLY TITHING COLLECTIONS

	<u>St. John Nepomucene</u>	<u>St. Vitus</u>
Amount Budgeted per Week (\$3,054.89) in June	\$12,219.56	
Amount Budgeted per Week (\$2,021.94) in June		\$8,087.76
Amount Received in June	\$14,557.18	\$5,303.25
Net Excess (Deficit) for the month June	\$ 2,337.62	\$(2,784.51)
2026 Year-to-Date Total	\$71,925.04	\$42,484.82

SPIRITUAL CORNER

“He loves, He hopes, He waits. Our Lord prefers to wait Himself for the sinner for years rather than keep us waiting for an instant.” ~ St. Maria Goretti

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Mt 9:18-26 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7; 11-13; Mt 9:32-38 Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Mt 10:1-7 Sunday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Mt 10:7-15

PRAYERS FOR SISTERS VOCATIONS

Please pray for Sr. Maria Theresa Vi Nguyen, Final Vows taken June 20, 2026, Sisters of Mary, Queen of Mercy.

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 11-12, 2026

Acolyte:	Sat. 7/11 Jesse Sabatka	Sun. 7/12 Milton Bouc
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 7/11 Ron Walla	Sun. 7/12 Peg Bouc
Servers:	Sat. 7/11 Volunteers	Sun. 7/12 Rhett Bouc/Brooks Lanik
Ushers:	Sat. 7/11 Don Sabatka/Volunteer	Sun. 7/12 Marion Bartek/Ron Brazda
Gifts:	Sat. 7/11 Bill Laughridge Family	Sun. 7/12 Chris Tvrdy Family

Stewardship of Treasure: June 28, 2026 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$1,098.05 **PLUS: Peter's Pence:** \$615.00 **Candles:** \$24.00

St. John's PCCW Group will have *Coffee & Rolls* after the 8:00am Mass on Sunday, July 5th.

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of July 11-12, 2026

Acolyte:	Sun. 7/12 Tom Rezac
Lector/Reader:	Sun. 7/12 Jeff Walla
Servers:	Sun. 7/12 Griffin Byers/Caleb Osmera
Ushers:	Sun. 7/12 Dan Cihal/Marvin Bohac
Gifts:	Sun. 7/12 Keith Strizek Family

Stewardship of Treasure: June 28, 2026 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$1,059.00 **PLUS: Guardian Angel Fund:** \$350.00 **Peter's Pence:** \$140.00

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

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

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., from July 8th-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.

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

The wife asked me, "Could you please go shopping for me and buy a carton of milk and if they have avocados, get 6. A short time later I arrived back home with 6 cartons of milk. The wife asked me, "Why did you buy 6 cartons of milk?" I replied, "Because they had avocados".