

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment

Twentieth & Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 16 & 23, 2026



MASS SCHEDULE

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|-----------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Monday    | August 17 <sup>th</sup> | 7:50 am         | + Julius Meduna               |
| Tuesday   | August 18 <sup>th</sup> | 7:50 am         | + Henry Machacek              |
| Wednesday | August 19 <sup>th</sup> | 7:50 am         | + LeRoy Ohnoutka              |
|           |                         | 5:30 pm Touhy   | + Anthony Osmera              |
| Thursday  | August 20 <sup>th</sup> | 8:00 am         | + St. John's Students & Staff |
| Friday    | August 21 <sup>st</sup> | 7:50 am         | + Robert Machacek             |
| Saturday  | August 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 5:30 pm         | + LaVerne Wonka               |
| Sunday    | August 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 8:00 am Touhy   | + Neil Bell                   |
|           |                         | 10:00 am Weston | Missa pro Populo              |

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| Monday    | August 24 <sup>th</sup> | NO MASS         |                  |
| Tuesday   | August 25 <sup>th</sup> | 7:50 am         | + Frank Chloupek |
| Wednesday | August 26 <sup>th</sup> | 7:50 am         | + Don Kresl      |
|           |                         | 5:30 pm Touhy   | + Brenda Strizek |
| Thursday  | August 27 <sup>th</sup> | 7:50 am         | + Don Palensky   |
| Friday    | August 28 <sup>th</sup> | 7:50 am         | + Kelly Dailey   |
| Saturday  | August 29 <sup>th</sup> | 5:30 pm         | + Joe Bordovsky  |
| Sunday    | August 30 <sup>th</sup> | 8:00 am Touhy   | Missa pro Populo |
|           |                         | 10:00 am Weston | + Albina Kellner |

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

**St. John's Parish Council** – Parish Council met on Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at St. John's in 4th Grade Room. Minutes are attached to the bulletin or in the back of Church. The hail repair damage is almost finished. We discussed grounds repairs and who might volunteer and how to invite others to help. We will look to get more input from the Men's Club on some grounds issues, especially the possibility of adding better air conditioning to the kitchen and making the boiler heat to classrooms more effective.

**Thank you PCCW** for the nice donation of \$12,000 to the school for operating expenses! The PCCW has done an amazing job with fundraising. The Garage Sale committee asked people to donate to the upcoming garage sale this year. It is August 27-29<sup>th</sup>. In a few previous years they had some bigger items, especially from estate donations.

**School Starts next week!** It is exciting to have the smiling teachers and kids at the front of school waiting to enter the first morning! Some parents have VERY big smiles that day as well, for a number of reasons. We will be welcoming a new teacher this year, Cheryl Castle, a parishioner at St. Mary's in Davey. After she taught for some years, she was a principal in number of Catholic schools, so we are fortunate to have her here. Recently, we had St. John's graduate Trent Moudry talk at the Saunders Catholic Schools teacher training day and he gave props to St. John's saying that St. John's is the best school! He guided us through looking to our own needs in Christ since we need the light of Christ to shine out to others! This year we have 79 great PreK-6th grade students ready to learn about academics, life, and God! We also have such great support from our families and parishes! Our PTA presidents this year are Charlie and Rita Pleskac and Vice president is Jennifer Brothers.

**Congratulations to Blake and Katie Lacey**, who were married at St. John's on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. They are a great couple! Blake, the son of Chuck and Kari Lacey, grew up in St. John's. They will be living in Wahoo.

**Weston St. John's Needs a new chair** - Please offer a prayer for someone to take this important duty. The head couple is glad to help you learn this year and there is lots of support. Thank you to all those who have served in the past! I have sometimes heard that we have "the best" bazaar! Good job everybody!

**Reflection on the Readings for the 20th Sunday** – Have you ever felt like an outsider? Then the readings today are for you! We hear from Isaiah: The foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, all who hold to my covenant, I will bring to my holy mountain... for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Then we hear from St. Paul say that says even the gentiles (in other words all peoples) are invited to receive God's mercy and share His Gifts (Rom 11). Finally, Jesus (Mt. 15) when approached by a Jewish outsider, a Canaanite woman, seemingly shows her "the cold shoulder": "The gifts are for the children of the Israelites." But this is for the dual purpose of challenging her to faith and perseverance and letting us all know that no one is excluded: For when she continues to ask in faith He says "O, great is your Faith!"

**Reflection on the Readings for the 21st Sunday** – The first reading points to the Gospel by its similarities. The Old Testament often predicts the New. Through the prophet Isaiah, God tells about a new "master of the palace". Eliakim is placed as master of the palace with the King's authority. He is given the KEY of the House of David to "open" and "shut" and he is fixed in his office as a "peg in a sure place." This sounds similar to what Jesus does with Peter in the Gospel. "And so, I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Peter and his successors, the popes, were given this special office by Jesus, to guide and govern the Church, with a special authority. In a world of relativism, it is a great, great blessing to have a visible vicar of Christ, so that we do not have confusion regarding the teachings about faith and morals! Let us pray for the pope. If I do not recall incorrectly, the late British author G.K. Chesterton said something like: Every man should have the nightmare of being elected Pope! And then when he wakes up in a cold sweat, he should remember to always pray for that man chosen by God!

PRAYERS FOR SISTERS VOCATIONS

Please pray for Sr. Lucia, Postulant and Sr. Rose Josefa of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Jr. Professed Novice, Sisters of the Carmel of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

SPIRITUAL CORNER

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” ~ St. John the Baptist

READINGS OF THE WEEK

August 17-23

|            |                          |           |                                                |
|------------|--------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------|
| Monday:    | Ez 24:15-23; Mt 19:16-22 | Friday:   | Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40                        |
| Tuesday:   | Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30  | Saturday: | Ez 43:1-7ab; Mt 23:1-12                        |
| Wednesday: | Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-6    | Sunday:   | Is 22:19-23; Ps 138; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20 |
| Thursday:  | Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14  |           |                                                |

August 24-30

|            |                                   |           |                                            |
|------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------|
| Monday:    | Rev 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51          | Friday:   | 1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13                  |
| Tuesday:   | 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26 | Saturday: | 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mk 6:17-29                  |
| Wednesday: | 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32 | Sunday:   | Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27 |
| Thursday:  | 1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51          |           |                                            |

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 August 22-23, 2026

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| Acolyte:       | Sat. 8/22 Pat Carroll            | Sun. 8/23 Matt Tvrdy              |
| Lector/Reader: | Sat. 8/22 Deb Carroll            | Sun. 8/23 Barb Opp                |
| Servers:       | Sat. 8/22 Volunteers             | Sun. 8/23 Easton Kavan/Eli Kavan  |
| Ushers:        | Sat. 8/22 Paul Virgl/Volunteer   | Sun. 8/23 Marion Bartek/Volunteer |
| Gifts:         | Sat. 8/22 Bill Laughridge Family | Sun. 8/23 Milton Bouc Family      |

Stewardship of Treasure: August 9, 2026 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$15,466.21 PLUS: Missionary Coop: \$50.00 Candles: \$35.00

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of August 29-30, 2026

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| Acolyte:       | Sat. 8/29 Paul Virgl           | Sun. 8/30 Milton Bouc              |
| Lector/Reader: | Sat. 8/29 Ginger Laughridge    | Sun. 8/30 Peg Bouc                 |
| Servers:       | Sat. 8/29 Volunteers           | Sun. 8/30 Rhett Bouc/Brian Huisman |
| Ushers:        | Sat. 8/29 Ron Walla/Volunteer  | Sun. 8/30 Ron Brazda/Volunteer     |
| Gifts:         | Sat. 8/29 Teresa Virgil Family | Sun. 8/30 Ron Brazda Family        |

SAVE THE DATE! The annual St. John Garage Sale—August 27, 28 & 29<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to save your gently used items for this event which benefits the school. We will begin accepting items in the gym the week beginning August 17<sup>th</sup>. If you need to move them before that time, please contact Barbara Opp at 402-642-5342. We can always use help organizing for this event. If you'd like to volunteer, please let a committee member know - Deanne Spicka, Donna Janecek, Mary Ann Tvrdy, Barbara Opp. PCCW Ladies—Please plan to bring bakery items to the St John garage sale. Kolaches and breads are always popular, but any baking will be appreciated. Drop off your goodies Wednesday or Thursday, August 26-27<sup>th</sup>, at the gym. Thank you!

SCHOOL NEWS

Back to School Picnic—Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Hot dogs, chips, drinks and tableware will be provided!! Please bring a side dish/dessert to share!! Great time to meet the new parents and students!! Come enjoy!! Students may bring their school supplies too!

First Day of School for the 2026-2027 School Year—Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026. 7:40am start time for grades PreK3 and K-6th! Mass is at 8:00am!

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.

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of August 22-23 and 29-30, 2026

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| Acolyte:       | Sun. 8/23 Dan Furasek                 | Acolyte:       | Sun. 8/30 Drew Niemann             |
| Lector/Reader: | Sun. 8/23 Adam Furasek                | Lector/Reader: | Sun. 8/30 Steve Bartek             |
| Servers:       | Sun. 8/23 Cody Furasek/Justin Furasek | Servers:       | Sun. 8/30 Caleb Kastl/Cooper Kastl |
| Ushers:        | Sun. 8/23 Jeff Walla/Ron Furasek      | Ushers:        | Sun. 8/30 Jeff Walla/Ron Furasek   |
| Gifts:         | Sun. 8/23 Steve Bartek Family         | Gifts:         | Sun. 8/30 Steve Bartek Family      |

Stewardship of Treasure: August 9, 2026 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$2,521.00 PLUS: Missionary Coop: \$810.00.00

AREA NEWS

**Holy Trinity Parish, Brainard ~ Chicken Dinner**—Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am-2:30pm in the Klein Center. Mass at 10:00am. Chicken dinner with kolaches, rolls, pies and drinks. Bake sale/Raffle. \$15-Adults, \$8-Children 12 & under. Take out & drive-thru-\$15.00.

**American Red Cross Community Blood Drive**—Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, Noon-6:00pm and Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am-2:00pm at The Shed, 570 N. Elm Street. Please contact Verna at 402-277-6243 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: WAHOONEB to schedule an appointment. Bring your Donor Card or Photo ID.

**School of Identity, 2-Day Weekend School**—Grow in your identity as a son or daughter of God! Each day begins with praise and worship. Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30pm-9:00pm and Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8:30am-9:00pm. Held at St. Mary Catholic Church, David City. \$35.00. Register at [ablazehouse.regfox.com](http://ablazehouse.regfox.com)

**Unbound: Freedom in Christ**—August 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly. Retreat starts Friday with rosary and Mass at 8:00pm, ends Sunday with Noon lunch. Open your heart and respond more fully to Jesus’s invitation of abundant life. More information at: [office@olgcretreat.org](mailto:office@olgcretreat.org) or call 402-786-2705.

**Marian Congress**—Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at St. Michael Catholic Church, Lincoln. Starts with Mass at 8:15am and ends at 3:00pm. Learn about the “Legion Apostolate”. Guest speakers, Discussion, Prayer and Fellowship. To learn more or register, <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/mariancongress> or call Joy Martin at 402-488-1313, ext. 52504.

**Forget to Register for the Day Of Renewal for The Seven Sisters Apostolate at St Gregory the Great Seminary**—Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> with Janette Howe, Apostolate Founder, along with Father Barnhill and several other Priests. Registration was due August 15<sup>th</sup> because of limited space, however we do still have room. Text Coordinator Rhonda Litt at 402-525-6396 and mail a \$20 check payable to Seven Sisters Apostolate C/O Kathie Rynearson, 911 N 68<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE 68505. Bring a sack lunch. Please pray for the Day of Renewal that all Priests in our Diocese will be covered with Seven Sisters Groups the next seven days between the Feast of the Immaculate Assumption until we Celebrate the Feast of the Queenship of Mary at our Day of Renewal.

**Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church ~ Plasi, Roast Beef Dinner**—Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 11:00am-2:00pm, Prague Parish Hall. Enjoy a fun-filled day with the Plasi Parishioners for a full self-serve buffet roast beef dinner, mashed potatoes, green beans, salads, desserts and kolaches! Try your hand at our Cake Walk, games or a chance to win in our raffle with \$1,000 top prize. A wide variety of unique items will be waiting for your bid at our “LIVE” auction. Adults-\$20, Children (5-10 years)-\$10, Preschool-Free. Dining options available: dine-in, take-out or drive-thru. (No added fee for take-outs!)

**Saturday Nite Hive ~ St. Wenceslaus, Bee**—Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm-11:00pm. Social Hour with Kenny James, Food & Drinks, Silent & Live Auction, Kids’ Games and Raffle. Car Show from 5:00pm-8:00pm. Mojo Filter Band performing. Flyer in the back of church.

**Work of the Holy Angels**—September 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly. Men and women of all ages are invited to the annual “Work of the Holy Angels” retreat with Opus Sanctorum Angelorum. Led by Fr. Matthew Hincks and Fr. John Brohl, ORC. Contact Cheryl Klatt at [cherylklatt@yahoo.com](mailto:cherylklatt@yahoo.com) or call 402-618-1733 for more information.

**Marriage Encounter Experience**—September 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> 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

During snack time, a kindergartner asked why some raisins were yellow while others were black. I didn’t know the answer, so I asked my friend, a first-grade teacher, if she knew. “Yellow raisins are made from green grapes, and black raisins are made from red grapes,” she explained. One little boy suggested, “Maybe that’s why she teaches first grade, because she’s just a little bit smarter than you.”

“How do you spell toad?” one of my first-grade students asked. “We just read a story about a toad,” I said, then helped him spell it out: “T-O-A-D.” Satisfied, he finished writing the story he’d begun, then read it aloud: “I toad my mama I wanted a dog for my birthday.”

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES ON BACK SIDE

## **St. John Nepomucene Parish Council Minutes from 8/12/26**

Attendees: Fr. Vandewalle, Marvin Weise (Trustee), Carol Meduna (Trustee), Bill Laughridge, Paula Bouc. Peg Bouc (Ex officio PCCW President), Devin Zitek (Ex officio Men's Club) and Paul Pleskac had to send their regrets but were available for input or questions.

### **Minutes:**

- I. Open Forum 6:30 pm (15-minutes)
  - o No topics
- II. Opening Prayer – 6:45 pm
- III. Review Neemann & Sons Roofing for Hail Damage Repair. (Catholic Mutual Group the diocesan insurance will cover all repair costs, minus the \$2,500 deductible.
  - o Weston Roofs are complete, except for the barrel roof over the gym. But they seem close to finished.
  - o Siding on the rectory still needs to be done.
  - o Thank you, Men's Club, for paying the \$2,500 deductible.
- IV. Review Nolan Sabatka Spraying progress
  - o No concerns. It had been too late to do much spraying this year, but Nolan did spot spray a bit and will give thorough spray again in this fall.
- V. Reviewed bids for Rectory bathroom.
  - o Multiple bids received, agreement to move forward with Buckmaster
  - o Buckmaster will start work as soon as he is done with his current project.
- VI. Blinds need to be fixed in the library and Kindergarten rooms.
  - o Library - Leak to be caulked or re-trimmed. There may be other rooms with leaks as well.
- VII. Playground
  - o Needs gravel.
  - o Basketball backboards rusty need to be painted
- VIII. Handicap rail on the south side of the church has been fixed.
  - o Discussion about painting the whole rail.
- IX. Grounds Volunteering – Reminder/suggestion to get a list of grounds needs in the back of church since many parishioners would be glad to volunteer if they knew the needs.
- X. In need of 1 or 2 new Parish Council Members
  - o Father has put in the Bulletin and has asked a couple of people.
- XI. Reviewed Balance Sheet – We are sitting pretty well with monies in savings. Looking for the best time to present finances to the parish.
- XII. Discussed Men's Club, seeking assistance
  - o Would Men's Clubs be willing to give input and help with school repairs. Definitely get Men's Club input on any major items.
    - Boiler temps room to room variation
    - Add AC in kitchen
    - Library leaking water/ possible foundation leak in basement under convent
    - Playground needs gravel
    - Basketball Hoop need paint for rust
    - Blind repairs/replacement, library/kindergarten room
  - o Would Men's Clubs be willing to help pay for Rectory Bathroom renovation? ~\$12-15k
- XIII. In order to make sure they have input and know what's going on, have representation at the Parish Council Mtgs from:
  - o PCCW
  - o Men's Clubs
- XIV. Meetings to set up:
  - o Boiler/HVAC - Gene B., Doug Kavan, Father, Erv, Paul, Devin (Marv)
  - o Restroom Renovation - Erv, Devin, Buckmaster, Father (Paula)
  - o Next Parish Council Mtg - Oct 14th (Fr Vandewalle)
- XV. Closing Prayer – 8:17 pm