

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 1, 2026



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	February 2 nd	7:50 am	+ Ed Pacula
Tuesday	February 3 rd	7:50 am	Liv/Dec Members of Lorene Stuchlik Family
Wednesday	February 4 th	7:50 am	+ Linda Maly
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Cyril Kellner
Thursday	February 5 th	7:50 am	+ Betty Turner
Friday	February 6 th <i>First Friday</i>	7:50 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of Rita Chapek
Saturday	February 7 th	7:30-8:20 am Touhy	HOLY HOUR
		5:30 pm	+ Rich Virgil
Sunday	February 8 th	8:00 am Touhy	+ Marnie Cihal
		10:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

St. Vitus' Soup Dinner is Next Sunday, Feb. 8th! Thank you once again in advance to all who will work and support our St. Vitus' Dinner. It is always such a great event, with lots of hard work. These dinners are great not only for our parish community, but also the surrounding community at large. It should be wonderful!

Reflection on the Readings - Jesus sums up in eight statements (the beatitudes) a way of life that brings true blessings in the present, along with the promise of fullness of joy to come. Austin Habash lost his faith when he attended a philosophy class at KU. After a great search for truth he found his Catholic faith at a much deeper level, along with a newfound fulfillment. He became a monk and made many videos about truth. He gives proofs that not only does God exist, but humans have a soul and happiness is found in following Jesus in a life of virtue. Our readings remind that humble people are open to God and are "Blessed" because they follow Him. Jesus speaks the beatitudes to the crowd in the third-person plural which reminds us that we are not alone but are part of a community where we help each other live them through encouragement, prayer and relationships.

Knights of Columbus "One Rose – One Life" Collection - The *One Rose - One Life* campaign supports pro-life activities in Nebraska. Among other pro-life activities, the KCs are committed to placing ultrasound machines in qualifying centers. Ultrasounds save lives. Statistics prove that often abortion-leaning mothers choose life for themselves and their child after seeing an ultrasound. Sixteen ultrasounds have been placed throughout Nebraska. Other organizations supported include Right-to-Life and Birthright chapters; crisis pregnancy-help centers; and scholarships for March to Life pilgrims from the dioceses. If you wish to give, but do not have funds this weekend, envelopes are available. Please continue to pray for the end to abortion and a respect for all life.

Presentation of the Lord, February 2nd - 40 days after his birth at Christmas Jesus was presented and dedicated in the Temple. This feast is also called "Candlemas" because the light of God (as a baby) came to the Temple and candles are traditionally blessed on this day. At baptism, the newly baptized are given a candle symbolizing that they have received the light of Christ in the temple of their body. Parents and Godparents are reminded to help "keep this candle burning brightly" maintaining God's grace and avoiding sin. This feast is also a good reminder that as the elderly Simeon and Anna spent time in the Temple and so encountered God, it is good for us to spend time before Jesus in the tabernacle. He loves even our short visits.

St. Blaise, February 3rd – St. Blaise (d. 316 AD), is said to have, by his blessing, saved a boy from dying from a fishbone in his throat. In that tradition, the blessing of Saint Blaise is done with two candles that are crossed and usually tied with a red ribbon as a reminder of his martyrdom. Blessing: *Through the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and every other illness. Response: Amen.*

National Marriage Week - The observances of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 8) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family, the bedrock of society. This year's theme is "Man and Woman He Created Them: Together with Purpose."

WEEKLY TITHING COLLECTIONS

	<u>St. John Nepomucene</u>	<u>St. Vitus</u>
Amount Budgeted per Week (\$3,054.89) in January	\$12,219.56	
Amount Budgeted per Week (\$2,021.94) in January		\$ 8,087.76
Amount Received in January	\$10,483.90	\$10,941.28
Net Excess (Deficit) for the month January	\$(1,745.66)	\$ 2,853.52
2026 Year-to-Date Total	\$10,483.90	\$10,941.28

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of February 7-8, 2026

Acolyte:	Sat. 2/7 Paul Virgil	Sun. 2/8 Matt Tvrdy
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 2/7 Ron Walla	Sun. 2/8 Marvin Wiese
Servers:	Sat. 2/7 Volunteers	Sun. 2/8 Easton Kavan/Eli Kavan
Ushers:	Sat. 2/7 Joe Janecek/Volunteer	Sun. 2/8 Paul Pleskac/Marion Bartek
Gifts:	Sat. 2/7 Joe Janecek Family	Sun. 2/8 Gene Adams Family

Stewardship of Treasure: January 25, 2026 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$2,595.75 **PLUS: Candles:** \$18.00 **Southern Nebraska Register:** \$56.00 **Retired Priests:** \$645.00

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

SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

Please pray for McGivney Swanson of St. Cecilia, Hastings, who attends St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

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.

SPIRITUAL CORNER

“Jesus Christ, Lord of all things! You see my heart, you know my desires. Possess all that I am - you alone. I am your sheep; make me worthy to overcome the devil.” ~St. Agatha of Sicily

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.

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of February 7-8, 2026

- Acolyte: Sun. 2/8 Dan Furasek
- Lector/Reader: Sun. 2/8 Adam Furasek
- Servers: Sun. 2/8 Cody Furasek/Justin Furasek
- Ushers: Sun. 2/8 Greg Walla/Tim Schulz
- Gifts: Sun. 2/8 Steve Niemann Family

Stewardship of Treasure: **January 25, 2026** We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...
Total: \$3,145.90 PLUS: Children: \$.25 Retired Priests: \$475.00

Knights of Columbus Meeting—Thursday, February 5th, at Sts. Mary & Joseph Parish Hall, Valparaiso, 7:30pm. Lunch 7:00pm.
St. Vitus Catholic Church Soup Dinner is Sunday, February 8th from 11am-1:30pm at St. John’s School Gym in Weston—Silent and Live Auctions & Raffle will be held! If you wish to donate an auction item, please bring it to St. John School by February 1st, or let a committee member know and we can arrange for pick up. Keep selling your raffle tickets, if you need more, just ask a committee member! Don’t forget to sign up for a Soup Dinner job! Set up for the Soup Dinner is Friday, February 6th at 4:00pm. We appreciate all the help we can get!!! Thank you! Soup Dinner Committee

READINGS OF THE WEEK

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| Monday: | Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 | Friday: | Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29 |
| Tuesday: | 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3; Mk 5:21-43 | Saturday: | 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34 |
| Wednesday: | 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6 | Sunday: | Is 58:7-10; Ps 112; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16 |
| Thursday: | 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13 | | |

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!

AREA NEWS

FCSLA parents and students: It's time to apply for the 2026-27 Scholarship Program—The deadline for application is February 10, 2026. Scholarships are awarded for elementary, secondary, vocational, college, and post-grad programs. Applicant requirements and application forms are available on-line at www.fcsla.com or e-mail Scholarship@FCSLA.com. There are also request forms in the back of church.

KC #8625 Pulled Pork Dinner and Raffle—Sunday, February 1st at Sts. Mary and Joseph parish hall in Valparaiso. We will be serving from 10:30am-1:00pm. Pulled Pork and the fixings will be served. Free will donation. Raffle tickets will be sold at the door also. Any support would be appreciated.

9th Annual Chili Cook-Off and Feed—Saturday, February 7th, 5:00pm-7:30pm at the Wahoo Vet’s Club. Adults: \$10, Kids: \$6, 5 and under eat free. Enter your best pot of chili for \$20! Sponsored by the Pope John Paul II Wahoo Council 1833.

St. Vitus (Touhy) Catholic Church Soup Dinner—Sunday, February 8th at St. John School Gym in Weston, 11:00am-1:30pm. Serving Chili, Chicken Noodle and Ham & Bean Soups; Free Will Offering! Live Polka Music! Silent and Live Auctions; Raffle; Baked Goods! Super Bowl Squares available to purchase - \$20/square, payout - \$250/quarter. Fun for All!

St. John’s PTA invites you to Pizza, Puzzles & Pivos/Pop—Saturday, February 14th at 6:00pm, St. John’s Gym. Adult Challenge: Teams of 4 finish a 500-pc puzzle, 1 large pizza and a 12-pack of beer, \$100/team. Teen Challenge: Teams of 4 finish a 300-pc puzzle, 1 large pizza and a 2-liter bottle of pop. Prizes go to the top 2 teams. Registration info in the back of church.

Valentine’s Day Catholic Date Night—Sunday, February 15th at Our Lady Retreat House, Waverly. An evening for married couples to gather over a nice meal with great company, and to consider how absolutely essential their vocation is to the home, the church, and the world. Check-in any time after 4:00pm. Babysitting and kids’ food available beginning at 5:00pm. Formal Dinner at 5:15pm. Presentation at 6:00pm by Fr. Robert Matya. \$50 per couple includes: Chicken, rosemary potatoes, green bean almondine, salad, cake, bread, wine. Babysitting will be provided for \$5 per child, including games and a movie. Kids’ meals for \$7 each include: macaroni and cheese, chicken strips, fruit, brownie. **Registration required by Monday, February 9th**. Contact Retreat House Office at olcretreat.org or 402-786-2705.

Ash Wednesday Desert Day, February 18th—Begin Lent with a quiet day of prayer and reflection at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly, featuring “He Loves Us” talks on the Sacred Heart with Fr. Gary Coulter, along with Confessions and Mass with ashes. Register at www.goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

Marriage Encounter Experience—North American Martyrs Church, February 20th-22nd. “Communication Enhancing our Marriage.” Call/Text 402-370-5839. Register right-away to save a place.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

God is talking to one of his angels and says, “Do you know what I have just done? I have just created a 24-hour period of alternating light and darkness on Earth. Isn’t that good?” The angel says, “Yes, but what will you do now?” God says, “I think I’ll call it a day.”