

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 26, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	July 27 th	8:00 am	+ Lucille Ptacek
Tuesday	July 28 th	8:00 am	+ Ed & Helen Stuchlik/Ed Stuchlik, Jr
Wednesday	July 29 th	8:00 am	+ Frank & Rodney Urban
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Megan Vales
Thursday	July 30 th	8:00 am	+ Dottie Hraban
Friday	July 31 st	8:00 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of Margaret Tvrdy
Saturday	August 1 st	5:30 pm Weston	+ Ted Uhlik
Sunday	August 2 nd	8:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo
		10:00 am Touhy	+ Don & Carol Woita

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Daily morning masses will be moved from 8:00am to 7:50am starting Monday, August 10th (except for August 13th the first day of school for St. John's the time for which has yet to be decided).

Readers for Mass – We will again be scheduling readers for mass from among those who feel comfortable enough to do so. It is no problem if you do not. We will schedule from among those readers who have already been reading at mass since it has been allowed again or let us know that you would now like to be scheduled.

Wild Game Feed – Due to COVID-19 the Wild Game Feed meal has been cancelled. We are still going to hold the gun raffle and as an added bonus we have added one more gun to the raffle. The bonus prize will be drawn first and will be choice of one of four guns listed. If you purchased a meal ticket we are converting it into two raffle tickets in lieu of the meal. If you need more raffle tickets please let us know. The drawing will be held on Sunday, September 20, 2020. Thanks to everyone that has supported us over the year. Stay safe and stay healthy!

St. John's Bazaar - The 2020 St. John's Parish Bazaar Event is still being planned to occur this fall on September 20th, 2020. We will continue to keep the parish up to date with any changes that will affect the event as they arise. Obviously there may be some changes this year in order to accommodate any required health directives. We will try to provide advance notice of any changes which will directly impact parishioners as soon as we know of them. We look forward to planning and having a fun, safe and successful Bazaar in 2020! - Charlie & Rita Pleskac and Chris & Paula Bouc

Sunday Reading Reflection: Wisdom – In the first reading, God asks the new young king, Solomon “Ask something of me and I will give it to you.” We might consider: what would I ask of the Lord if he posed the same question to me? Solomon answered “... an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong..... to govern this vast people of yours.” This was a great answer, because if Solomon asked for riches, without wisdom he could be destroyed! For power? Without wisdom it could corrupt him! For all the pleasure he could imagine? Without wisdom it could consume and ruin him! And unfortunately we have often seen this to be the case in young people who suddenly receive any or all of these through athletics, stardom, or politics. But in asking for Wisdom to govern God's people, Solomon was asking to see things as God does. With wisdom he (or we!) would know how to deal with whatever else comes – riches, power, pleasures or their alternatives - poverty, weakness, or sufferings – in the way God wants and in the way that is good for us and lead to happiness. Ultimately the goods (or lack thereof) of creation are meant to lead us to the one good, the only good that can fulfill us, God Himself. St. Ignatius says, therefore, we should not prefer riches or poverty, power or weakness, popularity or rejection, or anything else, except insofar as it leads us to God; we give God permission to choose what is best for us. A good exercise might be to examine: What if God asked me “What would you ask of me?” What would I find in our heart? Even though it might not be directed quite toward God yet, that's okay, we can ask God for that grace. And then we might consider that ultimately we want – through Faith, Hope, and Love - God Himself and whatever leads us to Him, for that is Wisdom and leads to JOY.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Stewardship of Treasure: July 19, 2020 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...
Total: \$4,088.57 **PLUS: Candles:** \$20.00

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35	Friday	Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58
Tuesday:	Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43	Saturday	Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 15:10, 16-21; Jn 11:19-27	Sunday	Is 55:1-3; Ps 145; Rom 8:35, 37-39;
Thursday:	Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53		Mt 14:13-21

SPIRITUAL CORNER

"Lord, help me to live this day, quietly, easily. To lean upon Thy great strength, trustfully, restfully. To wait for the unfolding of Thy will, patiently, serenely. To meet others, peacefully, joyously. To face tomorrow, confidently, courageously."
-St Francis of Assisi

SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

This week please pray for Dominic Winter from St. Joseph/St. Mary, Lincoln.

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—Charles Kadavy, Rose Walla, Mary Lou Woita and Patsy Sabatka; Saunders County Care Center—Julius & Marcella Meduna and Marjorie Rezek; Oxbow Living Center, Ashland—Bob Machacek. Please let us know if you would like to be added to this list.

ST. VITUS PARISH

Stewardship of Treasure: July 19, 2020 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$1,584.00 **PLUS: Children:** \$2.00 **Water Lease:** \$20.00

St. Vitus July Church Cleaning—Chairman: Judy Ohnoutka. Group: Kathy Kliment, Tammy Kouma and Cherilyn Miller.

SCHOOL NEWS

Bishop Neumann Youth Football Camp—Future 4th-6th grades in the 2020-21 school year will be August 6th & 7th from 9:15am-11:45am at the Neumann Practice Fields. Questions, contact Coach Evans at 27richardevans@gmail.com or call 308-293-2007.

Support Our School with Scrip—How It Works: You purchase a gift card from a local or national vendor for the full amount and the vendor donates anywhere from 1-30% back to our school. You get the full value of the card! Local Vendors are included along with hundreds of National Vendors including Amazon, Best Buy, Pizza Hut, Subway, Dairy Queen, Walmart, Target, Sam's Club, Scheels, Menards and many more! Order forms are in the back of church and can be mailed or turned in to Barb at St. John's School or emailed to stjohnscrip19@gmail.com. Please clearly mark on the envelope St. John's SCRIP. Envelope should include your order form complete with address, phone number and payment. Cards are ordered on the 15th of each month. You will get your cards approx. 2 weeks after order is placed. Please email stjohnscrip19@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Please Keep Saving Your Labels/Box Tops—Please continue to save Box Tops for Education labels, Our Family UPC's, Best Choice UPC's, and store receipts from Sun Mart and Corner Market. There is a basket in back of church to drop all your labels and receipts off.

AREA NEWS

The Doors are Opening to Know God the Father—The Servants of the Heart of the Father (located in the Archdiocese of Omaha) are inviting people everywhere to join us for a 1-Day Conference on *The Niagara Falls of the Father's Love for Us!* Fr. Rodney Kreifl, a priest of the Archdiocese of Omaha is the featured speaker. The Conference is Saturday, August 1st, 8:00am-4:30pm, Mass at 8:15am, VFW Club 2720, 23rd Street, Columbus, NE 68601. Conference with meal: \$40, without meal, \$25. The Conference will be livestreamed on Facebook this year, www.facebook.com/sothoft. For more information contact Fr. Rod or Merline at 402-910-7111 or email: sothoft1@aol.com

Matrimony: A calling to forgive! “Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope.” Retrouvaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems/difficulties/crises. For more information about or to register for the Retrouvaille Weekend program, August 21st-23rd, call 800-470-2230 or www.helpourmarriage.org, www.retrouvaille.org. Last day to sign up, August 1st.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly flyer with the Fall Schedule of Retreats was included in this week's Southern Nebraska Register, pick out a retreat and register today at goodcounselretreat.com.

The Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies—Register now for the following in-person or online fall classes running September 8th-November 16th: The Letter of James, Leviticus through Deuteronomy, Interpreting the Bible, the Book of Job, The Saints and the Scriptures. Learn more and register at www.emmausinstitute.net

UNDONE-Ladies, do you desire to live in greater freedom? Are you longing for an authentic encounter with your true feminine identity? Join us for the **Undone** women's retreat where you will experience a weekend of truth, beauty and transformation, as the knots of Eve's disobedience are “undone” through Mary's model of radical receptivity. Bring yourself, your mother, your sister, your daughters and friends. This is a weekend you won't want to miss! **Undone: Freedom for the Feminine Heart** will be held at St. Peter Catholic Parish in Lincoln, September 24th-26th. Register at www.jpjihealingcenter.org. Scholarships, student and missionary discounts are available. Contact Annette Wemhoff at JPJIRetreatLincolnNE@gmail.com for more information.

Men on Fire—It's time to live into the life that God intended for you! Become a man “On Fire” for God. The Men on Fire Conference, led by Bart Schuchts of the John Paul II Healing Center, will help you live into who you are. At Pentecost, the power of the Holy Spirit propelled each of the apostles into the fullness of their destiny. St. Peter Catholic Church in Lincoln is hosting this conference Saturday, October 17th from 9:00am-3:00pm. A Leader's Summit will also be held the evening before, on Friday October 16th from 7:00pm-9:00pm. Register at www.jpjihealingcenter.org Invite your father. Invite your son. Attend together!

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Counseling Center (IHMCC) with Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska continues to support mental health for the Diocese of Lincoln through the use of telehealth. If you or someone you know is experiencing mental health difficulties that adversely impact daily functioning or shadow the joy of living, please reach out. Visit their website at immaculateheartcounseling.org for more information or call 402-489-1834.

Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska has funds available for rent, utilities, and emergency cash assistance help. We have funds set aside for every region of southern Nebraska. So please, if you know of anyone that needs help have them call in. There is an application process for those wanting assistance. **Lincoln Area:** Call 402-327-6211 on Monday beginning at 9:00am; **Imperial & SW Nebraska:** Call 402-327-6299 during daytime hours; **Hastings & Central Nebraska:** Call 402-463-2112 Monday-Wednesday from 9:00am-Noon and Thursday from 10:30am-Noon; **Auburn & SE Nebraska:** Call 402-327-6242 Monday-Thursday from 10:00am-2:00pm.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

Patrick O'Reilly is struggling to find a parking space. “Lord,” he prays. “I can't stand this. If you open a space up for me, I swear I'll give up the drink and go to mass every Sunday.” Suddenly, the clouds part and the sun shines on an empty parking spot. Without hesitation, the man says: “Never mind, I found one!”