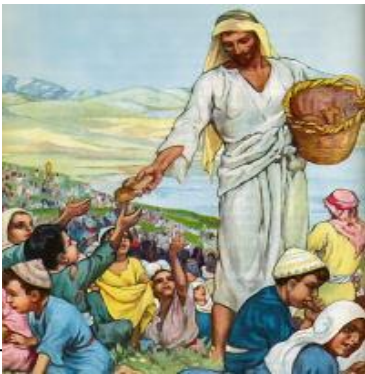


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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 2, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8:00 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of Rich & Mary Ann Tvrdy
Tuesday	August 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Liv/Dec St. John Vianney Assn. Members
Wednesday	August 5 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	+ Fr. James O'Connor
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Donna Ostry
Thursday	August 6 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Intentions of Don Sabatka Families
Friday	August 7 <sup>th</sup> <i>First Friday</i>	8:00 am	+ Dec. Parents of L & L Ohnoutka
Saturday	August 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:30-9:10 am Touhy	Holy Hour
		5:30 pm Weston	+ Caroline Kampschnieder
Sunday	August 9 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am Touhy	+ Robert Kliment
		10:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

**Is there enough?** In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus tells the Apostles “Give them something to eat yourselves.” They could not imagine providing enough from their own resources. What they had yet to learn was God’s amazing “provide-ance”, or Providence. He showed this to the Apostles that day and was preparing them for their future roles as servant-leaders to distribute God’s riches to all peoples. The delightful thing is that God also wishes to share His riches through little, ol’ us! The keys to our response include (1) trust in His providence: that the Lord has all the riches; that He wants to be generous with them; that He wishes to use us to provide for others and (2) our own generosity: Will we be willing, without impoverishing ourselves, to sacrifice some of our own resources for the good of others. We ask the Lord to help us discern where and how to be generous.

**St. Ignatius Valuable Spiritual Guidance** – July 31<sup>st</sup> we celebrated the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola who is one of my favorites as a guide for the spiritual life. Ignatius’ goals were originally overly-romanticized, aiming at self-glory through Knight-errantry. However, after being injured in battle he had, during his long convalescence, no knight-errantry books, but only a *Life of Christ* and *Lives of the Saints*. Though he would get excited for a time thinking about knightly glory, this would fade and leave him weary and empty. However, when considering saints serving Christ, even through rigor and sacrifice, this left him with an enduring peace. He thought “Perhaps I could be like St. Francis or St. Dominic!” Discerning this, Ignatius developed two valuable treasures for the Church: (1) *The Spiritual Exercises* – a retreat with a series of guided meditations about God and one’s own spiritual journey. Highly recommended. (2) *The Discernment of Spirits* – rules to recognize God’s good influences vs. influences of evil and how to choose the former which lead to joy and reject the latter which lead to sadness. A great resource for *The Discernment of Spirits*, very applicable to daily living, is the interview series of Fr. Timothy Gallagher on [discerninghearts.com](http://discerninghearts.com) “*The Discernment of Spirits: Setting Captives Free*.” A simple understanding of the Discernment of Spirits is: (1) Take some moments to recognize what is going on in one’s heart: Am I anxious about something? Sad? Peaceful? Fearful? (2) Understand why: Is it because I am stressed? ... not trusting? ... have some sin to confront? And then ask: Is this from God and therefore to be accepted and move forward? OR is it from evil influences which should be rejected? (3) Choose accordingly. Here is a small example. In the middle of the day, Robert, who takes a moment to reflect with God during his lunch break at his job, recognizes that he is anxious. Upon reflecting, he realizes that it is because in his hurry out the door this morning, he was short with both his wife and child. He accepts his fault, and rejects the falsehood in it along with any falsehood of the Enemy, the Accuser - who would say that Robert is bad - and Robert chooses good instead, asking the Lord’s forgiveness, calling his wife, apologizing, and telling her he loves her. He goes on with his day in the Peace of Christ.

**Daily Mass beginning August 13<sup>th</sup>** – If you plan to attend daily morning mass beginning August 13<sup>th</sup>, please call and let us know so that we can reserve a place for you. We will be having mass in the gymnasium on school days and need to implement social distancing. Please call Fr. Vandewalle or the office.

WEEKLY TITHING COLLECTIONS

	<u>St. John Nepomucene</u>	<u>St. Vitus</u>
Amount Budgeted per Week (\$2,636.54) in July	\$10,546.16	
Amount Budgeted per Week (\$1,740.00) in July		\$ 6,960.00
Amount Received in July	\$10,198.04	\$ 4,677.34
Net Excess (Deficit) for the month of July	\$ (348.12)	\$ (2,282.66)

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

**Stewardship of Treasure: July 26, 2020** We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...  
Total: \$1,050.11 **PLUS: Assumption:** \$10.00 **Candles:** \$31.00 **Guardian Angel Fund:** \$5.00

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:22-36	Friday	Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Mt 16:24-28
Tuesday:	Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 14:22-36	Saturday	Hab 1:12—2:4; Mt 17:14-20
Wednesday:	Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28	Sunday	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85; Rom 9:1-5;
Thursday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97; 2 Pt 1:16-19		Mt 14:22-33
	Mt 17:1-9		

SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

This week please pray for Patrick Winter from St. Joseph, Lincoln.

### SPIRITUAL CORNER

“Have courage and do not fear the assaults of the Devil. Remember this forever; it is a healthy sign if the devil shouts and roars around your conscience, since this shows that he is not inside your will.” -St. Padre Pio

### 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 26, 2020** We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$543.00 **PLUS:**

**St. Vitus August Church Cleaning**—Chairman: Jan Bohac. Group: Monica Osmera, Heather Walla and Lexi Walla.

### SCHOOL NEWS

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

**Bishop Neumann** begins on Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>.

**St. John Nepomucene School** begins on Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:50am. Mass will be at 8:00am. PreK3 or everyday PreK4 will also begin on August 13<sup>th</sup>. M-W-F PreK will begin on Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>.

**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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. You will get your cards approx. 2 weeks after order is placed. Please email [stjohnscrip19@gmail.com](mailto: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

**Retreats at Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly**—Upcoming in-person and on-line retreats include August 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Women's Retreat: Contemplating the Face of Christ with Fr. Sean Kilcawley; and August 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> Unbound: Freedom in Christ Retreat with Matt Simmons and Fr. Gary Coulter. Info and Registration at [goodcounselretreat.com](http://goodcounselretreat.com) or 402-786-2705.

**The Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies**—Register now for the following in-person or online fall classes running September 8<sup>th</sup>-November 16<sup>th</sup>: 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](http://www.emmausinstitute.net)

**Now Available In Your Area: Support for Divorced Catholics**—Divorced? Come find comfort, counsel, hope and healing consistent with Catholic Church teachings. The twelve-week series & facilitator led Surviving Divorce program begins on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm-8:00pm, at St. Mary's Rectory in David City. A suggested donation of \$50 covers the cost of the program and includes the Surviving Divorce personal guide and all materials. Classes are kept small and may be registered for by contacting the Family Life Office at 402-473-0620 or [catholicflo@cdolinc.net](mailto:catholicflo@cdolinc.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 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. Register at [www.jpjihealingcenter.org](http://www.jpjihealingcenter.org). Scholarships, student and missionary discounts are available. Contact Annette Wemhoff at [JPiRetreatLincolnNE@gmail.com](mailto:JPiRetreatLincolnNE@gmail.com) for more information.

**The Benedict XVI Diocesan School of Catechesis** is for Catholics wanting to strengthen their intellectual and spiritual formation to empower their evangelical mission in the world. It covers the Creed, the Sacraments, the Commandments, and Prayer (Year I) as well as Salvation History, Church History, Faith and Reason, and Spirituality (Year II). Participants can join in Year I or Year II and classes will be offered in-person and on Zoom simultaneously. The time commitment is one Saturday a month from September to April for two years. The cost is \$100 per semester, however, those who teach CCD, God-teen/CYO, or in Catholic schools would receive a 25% discount. For more information go to [www.lincolndiocese.org/bxvi](http://www.lincolndiocese.org/bxvi) or call 402-473-0631.

**Confirmation Retreat**—All students being confirmed along with their parents are invited to attend the “Confirmed in Mission” Confirmation Retreat! It will be held Saturday, October 3 from 10:00am-4:30pm at Camp Kateri. This event is an opportunity for parents and their children to come together to be renewed in the Holy Spirit and prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation. Light breakfast and lunch is provided, and appropriate measures will be taken regarding Covid-19. Cost is \$15 per person to register. To register or for more information visit: [www.lincolndiocese.org/mission](http://www.lincolndiocese.org/mission)

**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 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-3:00pm. A Leader's Summit will also be held the evening before, on Friday October 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:00pm-9:00pm. Register at [www.jpjihealingcenter.org](http://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](http://immaculateheartcounseling.org) for more information or call 402-489-1834.

### A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

A duck walks into a bar, and asks the bartender, “Do you have any grapes?” “Nope” responded the bartender, “try somewhere else.” The duck walks out and back in, “do you sell grapes?” “I told you already I don't” responded the bartender, “stop bothering me.” The duck walks back out and then back in again, “stop right where you are” the bartender screams “you ask me again if I have grapes I will take a hammer and nail your feet to the floor.” The duck walks out and then back in again, “do you sell nails?” he asks. “No” responded the bartender. “Do you sell grapes?”