

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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**The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 November 17, 2019**

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	November 18 th	7:50 am	+ LaVerne Wonka
Tuesday	November 19 th	7:50 am	+ Bill Prohaska
Wednesday	November 20 th	7:50 am	Priest's Intentions
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Jack Joakim
Thursday	November 21 st	7:50 am	+ All Souls--Novena
Friday	November 22 nd	7:50 am	Liv/Dec PCCW Members
Saturday	November 23 rd	5:30 pm Weston	+ George Egr
Sunday	November 24 th	8:00 am Touhy	+ Gene Rezac
		10:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo

5:00 pm Weston Exposition of Eucharist with Evening Prayer & Benediction

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

The Last 4 things – These are death, judgement, heaven, and hell. Especially in November and the beginning of Advent, our Faith allows us to look at these realities with Jesus beside us and prepare for them that we may receive the life that makes the sufferings of this life “as nothing” according to St. Paul.

Proper awareness of the three voices (God, ourselves, evil spirits). According to St. Ignatius, for the person who is living a life of sin, the evil one encourages them to continue doing what they are doing, makes it attractive, tries to make things smooth in that regard, whereas God tries to shake the person up (for their own good) to see their danger. For the person who is striving to live virtuously, the evil one “bites, saddens, disquiets with false reasons, puts obstacles”. Some of those sadnesses or obstacles might be accusations of “you’re not good enough,” “you’re no good nor lovable,” “why do you even try,” “you’re a mess up.” In Faith, we REJECT THOSE FALSE MESSAGES. Remind yourself of the truth - that you are son or daughter, valued by God and you WILL choose to do Good, not be discouraged, and if you’ve failed, WILL quickly receive mercy and get up again and go back to goodness and loving along WITH God.

Cloistered Sisters Collection – The Envelope for the Cloistered sisters is taken up at Thanksgiving (or the weekend surrounding it if you can’t make Thanksgiving Day mass, which is a great thing to do to return thanks on that day). The cloistered sisters of our diocese that live in a cloister/monastery never leave there except for exceptional occasions or medical appointments. They work, pray and sacrifice. Though it is a difficult life, you will find that they are among the happiest people on the earth if you have the opportunity to meet them. Their powerhouse prayers, interceding for the world before the Lord in prayer, help to hold up the world and will be amazing as we witness what they’ve done at the final judgement at the end of time and for eternity.

The Gift of Counsel – As we prepare for Confirmation (Monday, March 9th at 7:00pm in Weston) in our parishes this year, I’m appreciating the Gift of Counsel – one of the 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Counsel is the Spiritual insight to know the right things to do in particular situations. There are so many factors that go into making decisions, especially considering how different people think, one from another. Sometimes the right thing to do is clear, especially those things which Jesus teaches through his church, but other times it is difficult. But we can recognize that we have an advocate and helper in the Holy Spirit and ask that he works through us His amazing gift of Counselor. “I will send the Holy Spirit to Guide you in all things,” Jesus told his disciples.

The Saunders County Catholic Schools Open Forum is Thursday, November 21st at 7:00pm at Bishop Neumann. This includes St. John School. See note in **School News**.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of November 23-24, 2019

Acolyte:	Sat. 11/23 Pat Carroll	Sun. 11/24 Byron Shanahan
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 11/23 Deb Carroll	Sun. 11/24 Tom Vasa
Servers:	Sat. 11/23 Volunteers	Sun. 11/24 John Adams/Hudson Fortik
Ushers:	Sat. 11/23 Ron Walla/Rich Cherovsky	Sun. 11/24 Paul Pleskac/Marion Bartek
Gifts:	Sat. 11/23 Bill Laughridge Family	Sun. 11/24 Paul Pleskac Family

Stewardship of Treasure: November 10, 2019 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$3,581.90 **PLUS: Candles:** \$48.00 **All Saints Day:** \$60.00 **Guardian Angel Fund:** \$45.00

Collection Counter for Sunday, 11/17—Charlie Jelinek
 Sunday, 11/24—Leonard Chapek

Food Drive—Please bring the following items to church between November 1st and November 24th: canned meat, rice, pasta, pasta sauce, soup, cereal and canned fruit. There will be a tote in the back of church.

PCCW Members—Please join us for the next PCCW meeting on Tuesday, December 10th at 6:00pm in the school art room. We will have a potluck meal, short meeting and play bingo. Fried chicken and refreshments will be provided, and ask that each member to bring a potluck dish (salad, vegetable or dessert) and a \$10.00-\$15.00 bingo prize. If you plan to attend, please call Deanne Spicka at 402-642-5569. Looking forward to a fun evening!

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Lk 18:35-43	Friday:	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48
Tuesday:	2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10	Saturday:	1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40
Wednesday:	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28	Sunday:	2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43
Thursday:	1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44		

SPIRITUAL CORNER

You don't know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and as soon as you have said, 'Lord, I don't know how to pray!' you can be sure you have already begun. —St. Josemaria Escriva

OTHER INFORMATION

Please remember in your prayers and, on occasion, pay a visit 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; Saunders House—Marjorie Rezek; Oxbow Living Center, Ashland—Bob & Joanie Machacek. Please let us know if you would like to be added to this list.

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of November 23-24, 2019

Acolyte: Sun. 11/24 Tom Rezac
Lector/Reader: Sun. 11/24 Steve Bartek
Servers: Sun. 11/24 Nolan Thoene/Adam Furasek
Ushers: Sun. 11/24 Carl Woita/Jarold Bartek
Gifts: Sun. 11/24 Nick Bartek Family

Stewardship of Treasure: November 3, 2019 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$2,158.00 **PLUS: World Mission Sunday: \$235.00 All Saints Day: \$10.00**

Collection Counter for Sunday, 11/17—Keith Strizek

Sunday, 11/24—Marvin Bohac

St. Vitus November Church Cleaning—Chairman: LuAnn Maly. Group: Becky Grant, Judy Rezac & Karla Kastl.

SCHOOL NEWS

Saunders Catholic Schools Open Forum—An Open Forum is set for 7:00pm on Thursday, November 21st, in the Neumann Café. The Advancement Committee for the three Saunders Catholic Schools will review their five year strategic plan, which is nearing its completion, and technology in the classroom. As part of the technology discussion the use of tablets in the classroom will be addressed, as well as how our schools protect your students according to the Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA). Parental input at past Open Forums has been extremely valuable in setting the direction of the school. We hope you are able to join us that evening so that we may continue to move in the best direction.

Neumann's Music Boosters Club Meeting will be held on Monday, November 18th, at 7:00pm

Please Keep Saving Your Labels/Box Tops—Please continue to save the Box Tops for Education labels, the Our Family UPC's, the 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 in.

AREA NEWS

St. Wenceslaus School is hosting a Fall Craft Fair—Sunday, November 17th from 8:30am-2:00pm. Admission is Free. There are over 50 vendors set up to sell their crafts and other products. There will also be concessions throughout the day, decorated cookies and candies available for sale and hand crafted ornaments crafted by each student in PreKindergarten through Sixth Grade. All are invited to stop by, enjoy something warm for breakfast or lunch and spend time shopping for yourself or your loved ones. Thank you for your support of this annual event.

Mark Your Calendars—Don't miss Bishop Neumann High School's competitive play production. *Moliere's The Miser* on the Neumann Stage, November 19th at 7:00pm. There will be a dessert reception following this delightful comedy. \$5 tickets are available at the door and from cast and crew members.

Love and Responsibility Series, Lecture #2—Tuesday, November 19th at 7:00pm at the UNL Newman Center. Presenters will be Drs. Alex and Jonathon Marcotte discussing emotional intimacy. Event is free and geared toward married/engaged couples. More info can be found on the Family Life Facebook page or search "Special Events" on the Diocesan website, lincolndioocese.org

Healing Mass at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church, Clarkson—Healing Mass on Thursday, November 21st at 7pm at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church, 120 Cherry Street in Clarkson. Confessions will be heard at 6pm. Questions, call Fr. Rod at 402-892-3464.

Ladies, There's Still Time To Register For: "Be Renewed In The Spirit"—A weekend retreat at Our Lady Of Good Counsel sponsored by Magnificat of Lincoln, led by The Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, November 22nd-24th! The DLJC are a Franciscan Charismatic Religious Community called to witness to the Gospel while they seek to draw all people into a personal relationship with Jesus through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. Sister Lucy Lukaszewicz (a popular past Retreat Leader originally from Farwell NE), Sister Christine Marie Liebsch, and Sister Marquerite Marie Waghorn will lead our weekend. Prepare your hearts to receive all the Graces of Advent by attending this Retreat the weekend before! For more information about the Sisters, www.dljc.org under Sisters Profiles. To register goodcounselretreat.com For additional details text Coordinator Rhonda Litt at 402-525-6396.

Catholic Daughter's Meeting—Monday, November 25th at St. Wenceslaus in Wahoo. Mass will be at 6:30pm followed with the meeting. We ask that members bring food items to this meeting for our annual food shower for the Marian sisters.

K of C #8625 Pancake Breakfast—Sts Mary & Joseph Parish Hall, Valparaiso, Sunday, December 1st, 9:00am-1:00pm Serving pancakes, ham, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee & juice. Community is Welcome! Come hungry! Free Will Offering. Also, Bucket Raffle & Silent Auction.

The Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies will offer four new courses in its winter term, beginning December 2nd. Discover how both Testaments inform our understanding of the Church; explore Genesis 12 through Exodus 40 in our ongoing Journey through the Bible; meet our Blessed Mother as revealed in the Old and New Testaments; or discover the beauty and genius of biblical stories, with special attention to the exquisite story of Ruth. For all the details and to register, please visit www.emmausinstitute.net.

Cathedral Parish is sponsoring a family-friendly holy hour—December 8th from 4:00-5:00pm. All ages welcome (seriously, even the loud ones). Adoration, confession, music, and reflection time will be provided. Spend some time with our Lord in the busy Advent season!

Personal Testimonies: How an Encounter with God Leads to a Mission is the theme for the Catholic Coffee House. Personal testimonies will be Sunday evenings at Gianna Java and Gelato, 2241 O Street, Lincoln, 7pm-8:30pm. Presenters are: Dec. 15th, Lori Weskamp, Unbound Prayer Team member; Jan. 19th, Bob Sullivan, Attorney/Apologist; and Feb. 16th, Diane Reiber, Artist/Author. There is no fee or registration. Call 402-473-0615 for information.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

A little girl climbed up onto her grandfather's lap and asked, "Did God make me?" "Yes," the grandpa replied. "Did he make you, too?" "Yes." "Well," the girl said, looking at his wrinkles and thinning hair, "he sure is doing a better job nowadays!"