

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment



Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 9, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE			
Monday	May 10 th	NO MASS	
Tuesday	May 11 th	7:25 am	+ Don Kresl
Wednesday	May 12 th	7:50 am	+ Mike Kinnett
		6:00 pm Touhy	+ Stacie Bohac
Thursday	May 13 th	7:50 am	+ Ed Kacerik
	Ascension Vigil	7:00 pm	Missa pro Populo
	Ascension of the Lord	7:50 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of Liz Tvrdy
Friday	May 14 th	5:30 pm	+ Vernon Gubbels
Saturday	May 15 th	8:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo
Sunday	May 16 th	10:00 am Touhy	+ Leland Novacek
	Pentecost Sunday		

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Congratulations to our 2021 High School Graduates from our parishes – St. John’s: Brock Maly, Spencer Weise. St. Vitus’: Alaina Furasek, Mattie Schulz, and Anthony Strizek. If we’ve forgotten anyone it is unintentional. Please let us know so that we can congratulate them as well. You have had a unique ending to your senior year, so we remember you in a special way this year and pray for your future journey in life and with the Lord. Mass will be for you and your intentions on Sunday, May 23rd at 10:00am at St. John’s.

This Sunday we celebrate the 6th Sunday of Easter. As we draw closer to the great Feast of the Ascension, Jesus reminds us that he will not leave us orphans. Even today, in the midst of this great struggle, we can rest assured that Jesus remains with us to comfort and strengthen through His Church.

Ascension Thursday Masses are as above on the 12th/13th. Jesus ascended to the Father forty days after Easter. Ten days later the Father and the Son sent the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and Mary. Praying rosary or the Come Holy Spirit prayer (especially for 9 days from Ascension Thursday) to prepare for Pentecost. Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful!

Happy Mother’s Day! Some Mothers’ Day quotes: “My Mother: She is beautiful, softened at the edges and tempered with a spine of steel. I want to grow old and be like her.” —Jodi Picoult; “Motherhood is the biggest gamble in the world. It is the glorious life force. It’s huge and scary – it’s an act of infinite optimism.” —Gilda Radner; “A mother’s love is everything. It is what brings a child into this world. It is what molds their entire being. When a mother sees her child in danger, she is literally capable of anything. Mothers have lifted cars off of their children and destroyed entire dynasties. A mother’s love is the strongest energy known to man.” —Jamie McGuire; Motherhood – A period in a woman’s life where she shouts and rips her hair out by day and stares at her sleeping children with so much love in her heart that she cries by night.

Dispensation Lifted – Though many have already been returning to mass, the bishops of Nebraska are restoring the obligation to attend mass starting with Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd. Ultimately, however, we want to attend to receive the many spiritual goods, to receive Jesus, be in His presence, be in the presence of our fellow parishioners and many other great reasons for our soul. If people have concerns about attending mass, please give me a call.

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass will be reinstated on May 23rd (Pentecost). (Southern Nebraska Register on March 31st)

The obligation to attend Mass still retains the possibility to being “excused for a serious reason” such as being ill or unable to travel due to physical ailments. In regards to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the obligation to attend Mass does not apply if such things as the following apply:

- * You have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or have good reason to believe that you may have contracted it
- * You are ill or have a condition that would seriously compromise your health if you contracted COVID-19
- * You care for the sick, homebound, or infirmed and have a compelling reason for believing that you would infect them by going to Mass
- * You have significant and grave fear or anxiety of becoming ill by being at Mass
- * You are elderly or pregnant and have a serious reason to believe you would put yourself or your child at risk by attending Mass

Teacher position openings - St. John Nepomucene School in Weston is seeking faith-filled Catholic teachers for 2nd grade, combined 5th & 6th grade and part time music or P.E. Please send resume, and references to Fr. Vandewalle at fr.matthew-vandewalle@cdolinc.net P: 402-853-2846

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Stewardship of Treasure: May 2, 2021 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...
Total: \$1,781.00 **PLUS: Candles:** \$13.00 **Guardian Angel Fund:** \$60.00 **CSA Period 3 Rebate:** \$70.00

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a	Friday	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11	Saturday	Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Jn 16:12-15	Sunday	Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103; 1 Jn 4:11-16;
Thursday:	Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20		Jn 17:11b-19

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, Patsy Sabatka and Albina Kellner; Saunders County Care Center—Julius & Marcella Meduna. Please let us know if you would like to be added to this list.

RELIGIOUS SISTER OF THE WEEK

This week please pray for Sr. Bethany Orr, Novice, from Los Angeles, CA who will be entering the Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln.

SPIRITUAL CORNER

“The foundation of all our confidence is found in the Blessed Virgin Mary. God has committed to her the treasury of all good things, in order that everyone may know that through her are obtained every hope, every grace, and all salvation. For this is His will: that we obtain everything through Mary.” -Bl. Pope Pius IX

ST. VITUS PARISH

Stewardship of Treasure: May 2, 2021 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$885.00 **PLUS: Guardian Angel Fund:** \$5.00 **CSA Period 3 Rebate:** \$300.00

St. Vitus Altar Society Meeting—Wednesday, May 12th at 6:30pm at the Schoolhouse. Women of the parish, please plan to attend. We will be covering lots of information. Refreshments will be provided.

St. Vitus May Church Cleaning—Chairman: Skye Rezac. Group: Sheila Stanek, Geradette Bohac and Pat Dvorak.

SCHOOL NEWS

Bishop Neumann High School Spring Band Concert will be on Monday, May 10th at 7:30 pm at Bishop Neumann High School.

Bishop Neumann High School Performing Arts Banquet will be on Wednesday, May 12th at 7:00 pm at St. James in Mead.

Bishop Neumann High School Senior Graduation will be May 15th at 1:00pm. Congratulations to the Class of 2021!

Bishop Neumann Boys Youth Basketball Camp: For boys entering 3rd-8th grade in Fall of 2021. 3rd-5th grade is May 24/25th 9:00am-2:30pm. 6th-8th grade is May 26/27th 9:00am-2:30pm. Cost is \$40. Contact John Kreikemeier at John-Kreikemeier@cdolinc.net for registration information. Early registration is due by May 7th.

Cor Jesu Rex with the School Sisters of Christ the King, June 14th-18th at Sts. Mary & Joseph in Valparaiso from 9:00am-2:00pm. This program is open to children who have finished grades 1st-8th. Students will need to bring a sack lunch each day. There are registration forms in the back of church

Support Our School with Scrip—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. 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 off all your labels and receipts.

AREA NEWS

Bishop Neumann Catholic School has Agricultural Education position available for 2021-2022 School Year. Extracurricular and coaching opportunities available, including FFA, Speech, and others. It is the intent of Bishop Neumann to employ competent individuals who are dedicated to the highest educational standards of performance, and who passionately support the mission of the school: *To form disciples of Jesus Christ among our students, alumni, families and friends through a Catholic educational environment that helps create a dynamic faith community focused on living lives of love and service to others.*

Brian Kucera Medical Fundraiser—Brian and Tracy moved to Florida to live out their dream. Brian unfortunately is not going to be able to do that. Brian has been diagnosed with end stage kidney and liver failure. Brian has been hospitalized numerous times over the past couple months, and is now home and on hospice. A fund has been set up in Brian's name at the Community State Bank in Colon to help with his medical bill. Checks can be sent to: Community State Bank, P.O. Box 8, ATTN: Brian Kucera Medical Fund, Colon, NE 68018. There is also a donation box at the Red Zone in Colon. Contact Chuck or Celina @ 402-719-4617 or 402-720-8242 or Deb Kucera @ 402-443-6300 with any questions.

Cathedral of the Risen Christ will be hosting a 'Come Alive' seminar, led by missionaries from the International Missionary Foundation. IMF will be leading the seven-week spiritual immersion that will allow candidates to experience a fresh start in their faith and a renewed encounter with Christ. The seminar will take place on Mondays, now through May 24th, from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Each night will consist of praise and worship, talks from guest speakers, small group discussions and intercessory prayer. Some of the guest speakers include Fr. Jay Buhman, Fr. Chris Goodwin, Tony Ojeda and Matt Simmons. Register here: <https://www.cathedraloftherisenchrist.org/news-events/headlines/197-come-alive-seminar>

What does the Word of God teach about how we are to speak to and about others? The Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies is presenting *Redeeming Communication: Christian Speech in a Hostile World*, on Saturday, June 5th, from 9:00am-1:00pm at St. Mary Elementary School in David City. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. Learn more and register at www.emmausinstitute.net.

TOTUS TUUS (Totally Yours)—Summer Catechetical Youth Program for 1st-8th Grade will be Monday-Friday, June 28th -July 2nd at St. John's School in Weston and High Schoolers in Wahoo. 1st -8th Grade runs Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm and includes catechetical instruction, daily Mass, songs, games and recess. Limit of 90 students. High School program runs Sunday-Thursday, June 27th -July 1st from 8pm-10pm. TOTUS TUUS combines catechesis and having FUN!!! Registration is available through St. John's School Office: 402-642-5234 and in the back of church. Cost is \$30 per student with a cap of \$100 per family, 1st-8th grade. Free for High School participants. Participants in the grade school program should bring a sack lunch, water bottles and recess equipment.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

I can't tell the difference between a rose and a dandelion. So when it came time to fix up my garden, I had no clue which plants to keep and which ones to remove. That is until my mother gave me this handy tip: "Pull them all up. If it comes back, it's a weed."