

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment



**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 November 14, 2021**

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	November 15 th	7:50 am	+ All Souls - Novena
Tuesday	November 16 th	7:50 am	+ Louis & Ludmilla Chapek
Wednesday	November 17 th	7:50 am	+ Twila Janecek
		5:30 pm	+ All Souls - Novena
Thursday	November 18 th	7:50 am	Special Intention for Sr. Peggy
Friday	November 19 th	7:50 am	+ Gene Kros
Saturday	November 20 th	5:30 pm	+ Jarold V. & Joseph S. Bartek
Sunday	November 21 st	8:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo
		10:00 am Touhy	+ Terry Jo Maly

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

This Sunday’s Gospel focuses on events around the end of time. This can be a scary thought, but when we consider that we will all have an end to this life, faith is what gives us hope and overcome fear. Jesus has not only told us that there will be an end, but that it is only the end to this life and that a greater life without end is planned for us. It is a good thing to be warned of an end so that we may prepare accordingly, by God’s saving plan.

Worthy of being Saved – Especially in relation to Veterans’ Day, I thought it appropriate to share Fr. John Riccardo’s analogy to Jesus saving action present at every mass. Fr. Riccardo, to explain how we ought to receive what God did for us on Calvary and makes present at each mass, often uses the movie “Saving Private Ryan”. It is based upon a true story. Because two brothers from a family had already died in WWII, a rescue mission was sent to save the third brother, Private Ryan, behind enemy lines. As Captain Miller is dying before Private Ryan, who he came to save, his last words are “Earn this. Earn this.” Flash forward to the tombs of the soldiers in Normandy, Ryan, now an old man is before Captain Miller’s tomb. Ryan is remembering the sacrifice and is thankful. He has tried to live a life worthy of the lives given to save him. This applies even more so to the greatest saving action, Jesus’ action made present at every mass. We are asked to “Earn this,” not in the sense that we can earn our salvation; for only Jesus could do that for us. But rather: (1) to live in such a manner as to receive this gift and (2) Show our tremendous gratitude to Jesus for dying for us. The least we can do is attend Sunday Mass, but it is also appropriate at every mass to say at some point “thank you Jesus!”

An intelligible life – Is my life intelligible? The Supreme Court years ago in a flawed decision regarding life, mistakenly declared that Americans each choose the meaning of life. While it is true that we can choose goals, it is not true that we choose the meaning of life; God has already done that for us and it is much better that way; Thanks be to Him that He did give our life the meaning that HE chooses for it. Anything less would be tragic and not fulfilling. What a blessing that our lives have intelligibility. God has a plan for the fulfilment of each of us. The first part of my purpose it is that God made me to know him, love him, serve him in this life and be happy with Him in heaven, forever. Connected to that is loving others as God loves them. God also has particular things to which He calls of us uniquely. God’s plan corresponds to our deepest desires. Reflecting on the meaning of our deepest longings can lead us to know the things that God wants for us particularly. Life is only intelligible with Faith.

Hope & Realism in the midst of struggle. This is what Padre Pio wrote to two of his spiritual daughters, Maria Gargani and Rafaelina Ceresa: “Do not be afraid when the tempest rages, because the boat of your spirit will never go under. The heavens and the earth will change, but the Word of God that assures us that the obedient will sing of victory will not change; it will remain always written in indelible characters in the book of life: I will endure forever...” “Let us always keep it before our eyes that here on earth is a place of combat and the crown is received in heaven’ that here is the proving ground and the prize is given up there; that here we are in a land of exile and our true homeland is heaven, to which we must continually aspire. So let us dwell with living faith, with firm hope, and with ardent affection as long as we are wayfarers, so that one day, when god pleases, we may dwell here in person.”

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Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of November 20-21, 2021

Acolyte:	Sat. 11/20 Paul Virgl	Sun. 11/21 Milton Bouc
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 11/20 Bill Laughridge	Sun. 11/21 Peg Bouc
Servers:	Sat. 11/20 Volunteers	Sun. 11/21 Brayden Pleskac/Hudson Fortik
Ushers:	Sat. 11/20 Rich Cherovsky/Jeff Maly	Sun. 11/21 Don Sabatka/Jesse Sabatka
Gifts:	Sat. 11/20 Ron Walla Family	Sun. 11/21 Chad Kreikemeier Family

Stewardship of Treasure: November 7, 2021 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$2,980.19 **PLUS: Guardian Angel Fund: \$75.00 Candles: \$47.00 All Saints Day: \$295.00**

World Mission Sunday: \$190.00 CSA Rebate21: \$825.00

PCCW Meeting—There will be a brief PCCW meeting on Monday, November 22nd at 6:00pm at the school.

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, Albina Kellner and George Furasek, Jr.; Saunders County Care Center—Marcella Meduna; David’s Place—Patsy Sabatka. Please let us know if you would like to be added to this list.

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: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44

SPIRITUAL CORNER

“Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and in my family.” -Prayer of St. Gertrude

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of November 20-21, 2021

Acolyte: Sun. 11/21 Joe Kouma
Lector/Reader Sun. 11/21 Jeff Walla
Servers: Sun. 11/21 Lane Bohac/Chase Bohac
Ushers: Sun. 11/21 Carl Woita/Jarold Bartek
Gifts: Sun. 11/21 Keith Strizek Family

Stewardship of Treasure: November 7, 2021 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$2706.69 **PLUS: Children:** \$1.00 **World Mission Sunday:** \$320.00 **CSA Rebate21:** \$200.00
All Saints Day: \$20.00

SCHOOL NEWS

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

St. Teresa Parish Bazaar (Lincoln)—Sunday, November 14th, 735 South 36th Street, serving from 11:00am-2:00pm. Chicken & Pork Loin Dinner, Vegetable, Salad Bar, Dinner Roll, Dessert & Drink. Raffle, Silent Auction and Games.

Divorced? Come find comfort, counsel, hope and healing consistent with Catholic Church teachings—The twelve-week series & facilitator led Surviving Divorce program begins on November 18th, 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. If you would like to attend but would require an on-line option (Zoom), please state this when registering.

Mother/Daughter Program—“Fearfully and Wonderfully Made” for girls age 9-13 and their mothers will be held Sunday, November 21st from 1:00pm-4:00pm at John XXIII Diocesan Center **and virtually**. This program is designed to educate girls on growing up and becoming a woman. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$25 per mother/daughter or \$35 per family in person and \$10 virtually. To register, visit <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/motherdaughter>. Questions, please call Jen Davis at 402-261-6375 or email jmdavis17@gmail.com

St. John Nepomucene Church - Adoration with Praise & Worship—Join us Sunday, November 21st at St. John Nepomucene Church at 5:00pm. *Prepare your heart for advent...come visit Christ our King*. Confessions available. Music by Lily Spangler, speaker included.

Father/Son Program—“In His Image” for boys age 10-14 and their fathers will be held Sunday, November 21st, from 5:00-8:00pm at John XXIII Diocesan Center **and virtually**. This program is designed to educate boys on growing up and becoming a man. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$30 per father/son or \$40 per family in person (includes dinner) and \$10 virtually. To register, visit <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/fatherson>. Questions, please call the NFP Offices 402-473-0630 or email naturalfamilyplanning@cdolinc.net

On December 6th at 7:00pm please join Sandy Danek, founder of Healing Hearts Grief Ministry, as she explores "Grief and the Holidays" from a Catholic perspective. Open to anyone who has experienced a loss of a loved one, is suffering from infertility or miscarriage, or those who want to know how to better support a loved one experiencing grief. More information and registration is at <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/grief>. This event will be at the Harbor Coffeehouse and livestreamed, and is free.

The Annual Mass of the Holy Innocents will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 28th. All are invited to attend this Memorial Mass, especially those families who have suffered the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death or abortion. Reading of names will begin at 6:30pm with Mass at 7:00pm at John XXIII Diocesan Center Chapel, 3700 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. If you would like your child's name to be remembered & placed on the banner, please call the Office of Family Life at 473-0620 **before 5:00pm on December 17th**. *If you placed your child's name previously, it will remain on the list.*

Marriage Encounter-COMING SOON—Lincoln, February 4-6, 2022. Bringing our couple communication to level of the heart. Call well in advance to Pat & Janelle Benson. Phone Pat: 308-940-0670 or Janelle: 308-940-1105 or email: pbjbben@yahoo.com

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

- There's always a lot to be thankful for if you take time to look for it. For example, I'm sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt.
- Old George, told Guy only last week that, 'I'm not 80 - I'm merely 28 with 52 years' experience.'