

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 17, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE			
Monday	January 18 th	7:50 am	+ Larry Zadina
Tuesday	January 19 th	7:50 am	+ Robert Machacek
Wednesday	January 20 th	7:50 am	Liv/Dec PCCW Members
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Brenda Strizek
Thursday	January 21 st	7:50 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of Helen Hedges
Friday	January 22 nd	7:50 am	+ Ed Stuchlik, Jr.
Saturday	January 23 rd	5:30 pm Weston	+ Eugene Kros
Sunday	January 24 th	8:00 am Touhy	+ Donna Ostry
		10:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Sunday Readings – In the First Reading, Samuel is taught to be open to the voice of the Lord. We ask for the grace to practice listening in prayer daily. In the Gospel, John the Baptist points the apostles to where the answer is found, Jesus: “Behold the Lamb of God.” That’s where the answers are! The Disciples will follow Jesus because they have been in the practice of being open to God previously.

9 Days Life Novena – The Life Novena goes from January 21st thru January 29th. On the USCCB website each day’s intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. The National March for Life in Washington D.C. this year is January 29th.

Day of Prayer for Right to Life - In the Catholic Church in the United States, January 22nd (the anniversary of Roe v. Wade) is designated as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.” As Catholics, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting, and/or giving alms. In addition, Governor Pete Ricketts issued a proclamation declaring January 22nd a Statewide Day of Prayer to end abortion. He wrote “Nebraskans display our pro-life values in a multitude of ways from the crisis pregnancy centers that provide free care for expecting parents to the prayer vigils held across the state every year.” How wonderful that we have a Pro-Life governor!

Unordinary Time – Though we are back into Ordinary time in the Church calendar, these times seem anything but ordinary. There are so many things uncertain and evil powers seem to be having such a strong influence. Remember Jesus’ words: “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” (Jn. 16:33) Or again “The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.” (John 1:5). Though the attacks of evil do not “play by the rules”, truth and goodness will win out. Hopefully what is going on around us will motivate us to be diligent in the things that we know are from God, living for and standing up for those things (sometimes publicly) that we know are Good and True: Faith, Life, Family, Marriage, Supernatural Charity toward all, etc. In addition, this Year of St. Joseph is timely. Joseph is that just man chosen by the Father to be foster father to Jesus and Patron of the Universal Church. Joseph was holy and strong. Joseph is a holy spouse and holy father. He is called “Guardian of the Redeemer” and “Terror of Demons.” Let us ask St. Joseph’s particular guidance and help to be strong against evil and to guide us in this unordinary time to the Goodness of God.

By way of explanation, some are wondering about the current mass guidelines. There are varying opinions on whether they are helpful or not. However, unless they are immoral, I am supposed to be obedient to diocesan guidelines. We pray that they may soon not be necessary. Currently the guidelines are: (1) Every other pew is to be blocked off in order to help facilitate the 6 feet social distancing requirement. (2) Encourage people to wear masks. (3) Priests and acolytes are to wear masks when distributing Holy Communion. (4) There should be no congregational singing. Parishes may provide organ or other instrumental music. They may have a single cantor sing. (5) Missallettes and hymnals should not be provided for common use but may be provided for single use. (6) Continue to clean and disinfect church pews, doors, bathrooms, etc. between Masses.

The Priest Retirement Envelope (Jan 24) is in tithing envelope packets. This is an optional collection that the Diocese invites us to take up and we’ll be glad to send that in. *Extra envelopes in the back of church.

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 and Marjorie Rezek. Please let us know if you would like to be added to this list.

SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

This week please pray for Mitchell Schleis from Sacred Heart, Shelby.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Stewardship of Treasure: January 10, 2021 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$3,862.75 **PLUS: Candles:** \$18.00 **Solemnity:** \$75.00 **So. Nebr. Register:** \$15.00 **Retired Priests:** \$25.00
Guardian Angel: \$110.00

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22	Friday	Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19
Tuesday:	Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28	Saturday	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3:20-21
Wednesday:	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6	Sunday	Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20
Thursday:	Heb 7:25—8:6; Mk 3:7-12		

SPIRITUAL CORNER

“Consult not your fears, but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do.” -Pope St. John XXIII

ST. VITUS PARISH

Stewardship of Treasure: January 10, 2021 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$4,040.30 **PLUS:**

St. Vitus January Church Cleaning—Chairman: Shelly Mayo. Group: Donna Furasek, Heather Byers and Jennifer Joakim.

SCHOOL NEWS

Saunders Catholic Schools Strategic Planning Meeting—Saunders Catholic Schools forms disciples of Jesus Christ among our students, alumni, families and friends focused on living lives of love and service to others. To ensure our ability to accomplish this for many generations to come, we have been working on a Strategic Plan & 5 Year Budget. The Strategic Planning Teams want to invite our parishes and school communities to attend a final Open Forum Meeting, to review the results and information, on January 19th at 7:00pm in the Bishop Neumann Cafeteria. If you prefer to join remotely, go to the link and enter meeting number and password: www.zoom.us/join Meeting ID: 845 3720 0109; Password: 227669

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

The Emmaus Institute—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*, from 9:00am-12:00pm on Saturday, January 23rd, at St. Michael Parish in Lincoln. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. Learn more and register at www.emmausinstitute.net.

St. Wenceslaus School Breakfast Burrito Drive-Thru—Saturday, January 23rd, 8:00am-11:00am & 3:00pm-7:00pm and Sunday January 24th, 8:00am-1:00pm. In lieu of the traditional dine-in pancake feed, a drive-thru burrito meal will be offered. Meal includes: Breakfast Burrito w/sausage, scrambled eggs and cheese, hash brown wedge and bottled water. Adults - \$7; K-6th - \$4; Pre-K and younger – FREE. Also available: Single burrito - \$5 or 5 for \$20. Online pre-orders available through January 18th at: <https://bishopneumann.com/st-wenceslaus-school-breakfast-burrito-drive-thru/>

Catholic Daughters will meet at 6:30 on Monday, January 25th at St. Wenceslaus in Wahoo starting with mass. Following mass, we will recognize our Education Contest winners, then we will have our meeting. We will practice social distancing and wear masks. We welcome anyone interested in joining CDA.

Divorced? Come find comfort, counsel, hope and healing consistent with Catholic Church teachings. The twelve-week video series & facilitator led **Surviving Divorce** program begins on February 1st, 7-9pm, at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd. 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 familylifeoffice@cdolinc.net

FCSLA (First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association) 2021-22 Scholarship Program—FCSLA members may apply by mail, fax, or email. Applications and further details are available on-line at www.fcsla.org or by email at Scholarship@FCSLA.org. Several scholarships are awarded each year in all educational areas, including elementary, high school, and post graduate levels. The submission deadline is Tuesday, February 9th. Please see the poster in the back of church for more details.

Healing Hearts Support Sessions—For those who have suffered the loss of a loved one are being offered to assist Catholics in the grief process. The sessions will be held on six weekly Tuesday evenings beginning February 16th, 7:00-9:00 p.m., at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 37th & Sheridan Blvd. Suggested Donation: \$25 (for materials) To register, please call 402-473-0620.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

Our top story today: Convicted hit man Jimmy 'Two-Shoes' McClarty confessed today that he was once hired to beat a cow to death in a rice field using only two small porcelain figures. Police admit this may be the first known case of a knickknack paddy-whack.