

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment



Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 27, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	September 28 th	NO MASS	
Tuesday	September 29 th	NO MASS	
Wednesday	September 30 th	NO MASS	
Thursday	October 1 st	NO MASS	
Friday	October 2 nd	NO MASS	
Saturday	October 3 rd	5:30 pm Weston	+ Randy Woita
Sunday	October 4 th	8:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo
		10:00 am Touhy	+ Donald Soukup

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Dear Parishioners, Late Sunday night, September 20th, I noticed symptoms beyond what I think are my normal moderate allergies. I self-quarantined immediately and got tested for Covid-19. On Tuesday, September 22nd, I tested positive for COVID-19. If you feel you may have been exposed before then please monitor your symptoms and if you have questions or concerns please call your local health department. I have contacted those I thought had more than low risk exposure (according to CDC / 3RPHD guidelines). At school, thanks to the strict practices we follow, there was very little exposure to anyone else. Following 3RPHD guidelines, I will be quarantined for at least 10 days. There will be mass and confessions on the weekends by a visiting priest but daily mass will be cancelled during this time. If you have any questions please call your local health department. In case anyone needs to see a priest during this time, please call the Wahoo Rectory at [402-443-4235](tel:402-443-4235) or another area parish. Please pray for me as I will be praying for all of you. Fr. Vandewalle

Masses – This weekend, Masses will be celebrated by Fr. Sean Kilcawley. Weekday Masses are cancelled through Friday, October 2nd.

Reflection on Sunday’s readings – The Humble Path: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Sixth Sunday (from stpaulcenter.org) Echoing the complaint heard in last week’s readings, today’s First Reading again presents protests that God isn’t fair. Why does He punish with death one who begins in virtue but falls into iniquity, while granting life to the wicked one who turns from sin? This is the question that Jesus takes up in the parable in today’s Gospel. The first son represents the most heinous sinners of Jesus’ day—tax collectors and prostitutes—who by their sin at first refused to serve in the Lord’s vineyard, the kingdom. At the preaching of John the Baptist, they repented and did what was right and just. The second son represents Israel’s leaders—who said they would serve God in the vineyard, but refused to believe John when he told them they must produce good fruits as evidence of their repentance (see **Matthew 3:8**). Once again, this week’s readings invite us to ponder the unfathomable ways of God’s justice and mercy. He teaches His ways only to the humble, as we sing in today’s Psalm. And in the Epistle today, Paul presents Jesus as the model of that humility by which we come to know life’s true path. Paul sings a beautiful hymn to the Incarnation. Unlike Adam, the first man, who in his pride grasped at being God, the New Adam, Jesus, humbled himself to become a slave, obedient even unto death on the cross (see **Romans 5:14**). In this He has shown sinners—each one of us—the way back to the Father. We can only come to God to serve in His vineyard, the Church, by having that same attitude as Christ. This is what Israel’s leaders lacked. In their vainglory, they presumed their superiority—that they had no further need to hear God’s Word or listen to God’s servants. But this is the way to death, as God tells Ezekiel today. We are always to be emptying ourselves, seeking forgiveness for our sins and frailties, confessing on bended knee that He is Lord, to the glory of the Father.

THANK YOU to all who helped Support our Fall Bazaar this past weekend! A lot of hard work and support in many ways was given by so many. Thank you very much!

If you would still like to make a monetary donation for the Fall Bazaar, you may do so by simply dropping an envelope labeled ‘Fall Bazaar’ in the Sunday Offering or mail to PO Box 10, Weston, NE 68070. Thank You.

The Word Among US and October Magnificats are in the back of church.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Stewardship of Treasure: September 20, 2020 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...
Total: \$1,640.75 **PLUS: Candles:** \$27.00 **Mission Coop:** \$70.00

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; 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: September 13, 2020 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...
Total: \$3,944.00 **PLUS:**

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Total: \$000.00 **PLUS: September 20th tithing will be published in the next bulletin**

St. Vitus September Church Cleaning—Chairman: Lucille Strizek. Group: Joanie Osmera, Sarah Strizek and Angela Osmera.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50	Friday	Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Tuesday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51	Saturday	Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24
Wednesday:	Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62	Sunday	Is 5:1-7; Ps 80; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43
Thursday:	Jb 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12		

SPIRITUAL CORNER

”The more a person loves God, the more reason he has to hope in Him. This hope produces in the Saints an unutterable peace, which they preserve even in adversity, because as they love God, and know how beautiful He is to those who love Him, they place all their confidence and find all their repose in Him alone.” –Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Doctor of the Church

SCHOOL NEWS

St. John Nepomucene—Full-time Cook—St. John Nepomucene School in Weston is accepting applications for full-time cook. The position is for every day school is in session, approximately six hours per day. Duties include transporting supplies from Bishop Neumann to St. John’s, meal preparation, cooking, serving, and clean up. Travel time and mileage paid. Must be able to lift 50lbs, and clean to food preparation standards. Training and certification available. Contact Carolyn Haberman at 402-607-9513 for more information or to apply.

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. 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 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

Sts. Mary and Joseph Church in Valparaiso is hosting a Drive Thru Breakfast Featuring Burritos today, September 27th from 8:30am-11:00am served with fruit and juice. Enjoy by the rectory or the park.

SS. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church in Clarkson is holding a Parish Fall Fest today, September 27th. TAKE OUT meal will be served from 11:00am-1:30pm at St. John Neumann Hall, 420 Cherry Street.

Catholic Daughter's meeting for Monday, September 28th is cancelled—Due to the rise of Covid cases in Saunders County, the officers made the decision to cancel the pot luck and meeting. We will use the calling tree as well to inform everyone. Hopefully we will have the October meeting, however we may not do our auction till at a spring meeting. More details on that later.

LDCCW October Pro-Life Diaper Drive—The LDCCW is sponsoring the 11th Annual October Pro-Life Diaper Drive, collecting diapers throughout the month of October in each of the Lincoln Diocese parishes. The assistance of everyone in the Lincoln Diocese is requested. Donations will be shared with the Pregnancy Centers approved by the Bishop’s Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities and Catholic Social Services across the Diocese and St. Gianna Women’s Homes. There are totes in the back of each church to drop off your diaper donations.

Mother/Daughter Program—“Fearfully and Wonderfully Made” for girls age 9-13 and their mothers on Saturday, Oct. 3rd from 9:00am-Noon at John XXIII Diocesan Center **and virtually**. This program is designed to educate girls on growing up and becoming a woman. Pre-registration required. Cost: \$25 per mother/daughter or \$35 per family in person and \$10 virtually. To register, visit <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/motherdaughter> or call Jen Davis at 402-261-6375 or email jmdavis17@gmail.com

Sts. Peter & Paul Church in Abie “Duck & Ham Dinner”—Sunday, Oct. 4th, from 11am-3pm. Dinners include: Dumplings, Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Salad, and Rolls. There will also be Pies, Desserts and Kolaches! There will be a Quilt & Cash Raffle, Silent Auction and Country Store. Live Auction begins at 4pm. Tickets are: Adults-\$15 and Children under 12-\$6 (dine-in only). Drive-Thru Carry Out, Dine-in (limited seating) and Delivery will be available. See flyer in back of church.

Father/Son Program—“In His Image” for boys age 10-14 and their fathers will be held Sunday, October 4th, from 1:30pm-4:30pm 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: \$25 per father/son or \$35 per family in person and \$10 virtually. To register, visit <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/fatherson> or call the NFP Offices 402-473-0630 or email naturalfamilyplanning@cdolinc.net

Divorced? Come find comfort, counsel, hope and healing consistent with Catholic Church teachings. The 12-week video series & facilitator led **Surviving Divorce** program begins on October 5th, 7:00pm-9:00pm, at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 3700 Sheridan Bld. 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. Register: Family Life Office at 402-473-0620 or familylifeoffice@cdolinc.net Social distancing measures & precautions will be in place. Attendees are asked to wear a mask for entrance into the building.

3-Part Evangelization Series: Matt Simmons, Director of Evangelization & Spiritual Formation, will present talks on October 7th, Repentance & Faith; October 28th, The Meaning and Value of the Cross; and November 18th, Experiencing the Resurrection from 7:00pm-8:30pm on ZOOM. “In the midst of this cultural chaos the simplicity of the gospel is the answer. Jesus is calling us to a deeper repentance in order to experience his resurrection.” The workshop is free. Registration is required if you wish to participate on ZOOM. To register, please visit: lincolndiocese.org/evangelization or Email Annette-Wemhoff@cdolinc.net

Men on Fire—consider attending the Men on Fire Leader’s Summit to be led by Bart Schuchts and Peter Herbek on Friday, October 16th at St. Peter Church in Lincoln, from 7:00pm-9:00pm. Please register at <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/men-on-fire-leaders-summit> Bart and Peter will also be leading the Men on Fire Conference on Saturday, October 17th. Register here for the main event, <https://jpiihealingcenter.org/events/men-on-fire-mens-conference-lincoln-ne/>

Menopause Information Session—Michele Chambers, CFCP, will be speaking about the health, hormonal, and charting implications of menopause on October 26th at 7:00pm at the John XXIII Diocesan Center. The event will also be held virtually. Event is free, pre-registration requested at <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/menopause> Questions, call the NFP Office at 402-473-0630 or email naturalfamilyplanning@cdolinc.net

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

“Mom, can I have an animal cracker?” asked 6 year old Bobby. “Sure Bobby,” said his mom. “Open up the box, and take a few.” Forty-five minutes later Bobby’s mother walked into the kitchen. “Bobby, why’d you spill out all the animal crackers, and what are you looking for?” “It said not to eat if the seal is broken.” Bobby replied, “I spilled out the whole box, I looked through all of the animals, but I can’t find any seals.”