

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 22, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	November 23 rd		7:50 am	+ Mike Kinnett
Tuesday	November 24 th		7:50 am	+ All Souls--Novena
Wednesday	November 25 th	Mass in Church	7:50 am	+ Loran Kudlacek
			5:30 pm	+ Joe & Stacie Bohac
Thursday	November 26 th	Thanksgiving	9:00 am	+ Cleve Kidder
Friday	November 27 th		NO MASS	
Saturday	November 28 th		5:30 pm Weston	+ All Souls--Novena
Sunday	November 29 th		8:00 am Touhy	+ Delano Strizek
			10:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Christ the King Sunday – The last Sunday of the Church Calendar, before we begin Advent, is Christ the King Sunday, where we recognize that Christ is the King of the Universe and all of History. The victory is ultimately His and so allow him to also be King of our hearts.

Some additional temporary regulations - With new DHM, which is through November 30th, the Diocese asked us to not only continue distancing regulations we have in place, but also (1) to encourage people to wear masks and (2) that there be no congregational singing at this time. Thank you for your efforts to cooperate. These are sacrifices. However, we have been blessed to be able to have our churches open, whereas not every place is so fortunate. We pray that that will continue to be the case. There are many things for which we can offer up these sacrifices, such the salvation of souls and the good of our parishes and families.

Christ the King, Victorious - Jesus is already victorious; by his death and resurrection, Christ has conquered death so that those who die in Him will live in a better life forever. That victory is fulfilled for us in heaven. BUT the victory is already here on earth. It is, however an on-going fulfillment, often unseen that is accomplished by Christ in us and in His Church. It is gradually accomplished in us through our cooperation and though it can be seen in certain ways, it is often invisible. “We must strive to follow and fulfill in ourselves the various stages of Christ’s plan as well as his mysteries.... They are complete ... in the person of Jesus, but not in us and His Church.” We are currently completing them by our free will cooperation with his graces. We don’t have to always know what they are, but if we are (1) in the state of Grace, (2) trying to cooperate with God’s will, then (3) the good we do IS actively accomplishing His Kingdom... “on earth as it is in heaven.” Christ’s Kingdom is accomplished in good times and in bad. St. Paul seems to indicate that it is especially in suffering, the glory is being accomplished in us! A greater suffering can result in a greater glory. Mother Teresa showed that the key is doing God’s will. She wanted to do God’s will whether God wanted her to be a beggar or a “princess in a palace.” By the way, she did both. She begged and now she is a princess in the palace of heaven. And St. Maximilian Kolbe should be an encouragement for us who are going through suffering, for in that darkest place of a starvation bunker in Auschwitz, he was leading his fellows in singing hymns of praise and thanks to God. He was NOT conquered by evil or death, but by the power of Jesus’ death and resurrection he was conquering and bringing about the kingdom. He lived the message of St. Paul: “In all circumstances give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” So even in the most trying of circumstances we can offer praise and thanks to God if we understand that God is growing us toward complete fulfillment in heaven. It may be difficult and we may fail at times, but we ask God for the grace to do it. As the song says: “Christ Jesus victor, Christ Jesus ruler, Christ Jesus Lord and Redeemer.”

Thanksgiving Mass – “In all things give thanks, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” – St. Paul. It seems it may be difficult to give thanks when things around us seem to be falling apart, but first, we can look to the many good things that God has given; second, the amazing things God will give to us forever in the complete Joy of Heaven; third, thanking God for the gift of Himself which those who make it to heaven will possess in complete bliss forever; and fourth, that the sufferings of this time are part of God’s mysterious plan to get us saved and for our own particular growth in holiness or as Matthew Kelly says, to become the best-version-of-ourselves according to God’s will. plus there is Turkey! “The worst moment for an atheist is when he is really thankful and has no one to thank.” – G.K. Chesterton. We are glad to know Whom to thank!

Thanksgiving Collection – is for the powerhouses of prayer for us, the Cloistered Sisters: (1) The Carmelites near Agnew and (2) The Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters of Christ the King, or the “pink sisters” in Lincoln.

No Mass on Friday after Thanksgiving.

St. John’s School Big Raffle – Tickets may be purchased from any school family or the school office. The drawing is scheduled to take place after mass on Thursday, December 10th on the St. Vitus (Touhy) & St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church website.

Facebook “snafu”? Not sure what happened to last weekend’s (November 14th) masses, but they seem to have disappeared, but we are still recording.

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. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Stewardship of Treasure: November 15, 2020 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...
Total: \$4,456.6 **PLUS: Guardian Angel Fund: \$10.00 All Saints Day: \$15.00 Candles: \$30.00**
CSA Rebate20 Period 2: \$1,725.00

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4	Friday	Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2; Lk 21:29-33
Tuesday:	Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11	Saturday	Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36
Wednesday:	Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19	Sunday	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80; 1 Cor 1:3-9
Thursday:	Sir 50:22-24; Ps 67; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19		Mk 13:33-37

SPIRITUAL CORNER

“The power of the kingdom of Christ is love. That is why the kingship of Jesus does not oppress us, but frees us from our weaknesses and miseries, encouraging us to follow the paths of goodness, reconciliation and forgiveness.”

-Pope Francis (11/22/15, Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe)

SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

This week please pray for Matthew Schilmoeller from North American Martyrs, Lincoln.

ST. VITUS PARISH

Stewardship of Treasure: November 15, 2020 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...
Total: \$3,755.00 **PLUS: CSA Rebate20 Period 2: \$150.00**
St. Vitus November Church Cleaning—Chairman: LuAnn Maly. Group: Becky Grant, Judy Rezac and Karla Kastl.

SCHOOL NEWS

NO SCHOOL for St. John's and Bishop Neumann, Wednesday-Friday, November 25th thru 27th for Thanksgiving break. School resumes on Monday, November 30th.

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

Catholic Daughters will meet at 6:30pm on Monday, November 30th at St. Wenceslaus starting with the MEMORIAL mass for our deceased members. Meeting will follow mass. This is also the night to bring grocery items for the Marian Sisters. We will practice social distancing and wear masks.

The Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies—Register now for the upcoming online or in-person winter classes running November 30th-February 18th. *Studying Ecclesiastes: A Journey Toward a Meaningful Life, The Historical Books (Joshua-Maccabees), Heaven Help the Home: Recapturing a Biblical Vision of Marriage and Family, and Encountering Jesus in The Gospel of Luke.* Learn more and register now at www.emmausinstitute.net

Healing Hearts Grief Ministry—Please join Sandy Danek, founder of Healing Hearts Grief Ministry, on December 3rd at 7:00pm as she explores Grief and the Holidays from a Catholic perspective. Open to anyone who has experienced a loss of a loved one or 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.

Two Day Equipping—This Two Day Equipping event led by Bart Schuchts of the John Paul II Healing Center. During the training, you will learn the foundations of abiding in Christ, hearing His voice and becoming empowered to pray for others as Jesus did. If you desire to do the works that Jesus did and to live more fully into the calling Christ described in John 14:12, we invite you to attend! This event takes place at St. Michael Catholic Church in Hastings on December 4th-5th. Register at: www.jp2healingcenter.org. Call 402-463-1023 or email JP2RetreatHastingsNE@gmail.com for more information.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

What do you get when you cross an octopus with a turkey? Finally enough drumsticks for everybody at Thanksgiving.

Why did the cranberries turn red? Because they saw the turkey dressing.

What's the best dance to do on Thanksgiving? The turkey trot.

What sound does a turkey's phone make? Wing! Wing!

What did the mother turkey say to her disobedient children? If your father could see you now, he'd turn over in his gravy!