

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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Baptism of the Lord
January 10, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	January 11 th	7:50 am	+ Randy Woita
Tuesday	January 12 th	7:50 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of Ron & Donna Furasek
Wednesday	January 13 th	7:50 am	+ Rose Furasek
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Marvin Tomcak
Thursday	January 14 th	7:50 am	+ Ed Pacula
Friday	January 15 th	7:50 am	+ Wayne Reeves
Saturday	January 16 th	5:30 pm Weston	+ Jesse & Elsie Boyles
Sunday	January 17 th	8:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo
		10:00 am Touhy	+ Megan Vales

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord – (1) The Baptism of the Lord ends the Christmas season and begins Ordinary time. (2) It is a good transition because Christmas was Jesus’ birth day into the world privately and his baptism is his birthday into the public, since then the Holy Spirit sent Jesus out on his public mission to the world. (3) Jesus didn’t need to be baptized to be holy: “Christ is baptized, not to be made holy by the water, but to make the water holy” ... for our baptism. (4) Because Jesus is also human, it was uplifting for him to hear the words at his baptism from the Father: “This is my beloved Son.” (5) Baptism puts God’s life in us making us beloved sons and daughters of the Father... REALLY. (6) It can be uplifting for us to imagine the goodness and spiritual beauty of Jesus at His baptism. (7) I like to imagine how Jesus was attractive to people by his presence, his words, his kindness, his demeanor, etc... – in a way that would cause no jealousy - and then how God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, would be completely attractive to our souls. (8) Jesus’ goodness is strong enough for me to overcome my sins, to rely on him when my feelings are not correspondingly good, when I do not feel strong enough. I can ask for his strength and goodness when I am weak (9) P.S. Though many do not know it, it is generally encouraged to choose a Christian name for a child, especially a saint, so they might have an affinity toward that saint. (10) On a humorous note, one meme with a picture of a child said: “So this guy in a dress tried to drown me ... and, I kid you not, my family just stood there taking pictures.” (11) What are the effects of Baptism? See below...



What are the effects of Baptism?

Baptism takes away original sin, all personal sins and all punishment due to sin. It makes the baptized person a participant in the divine life of the Trinity through sanctifying grace, the grace of justification which incorporates one into Christ and into his Church. It gives one a share in the priesthood of Christ and provides the basis for communion with all Christians. It bestows the theological virtues and the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

A baptized person belongs forever to Christ. He is marked with the indelible seal of Christ (character).

(source: Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church)
Further Reading: CCC 1262-1274, 1279-1280

2021 Walk for Life is Saturday, January 16th. Join us at 10:00am at the Nebraska State Capitol. Keynote speaker is Sarah Zagorski....You can find more on the Nebraska Right to Life website. <https://nebraskarighttolife.org/walk-life/>
Nebraskans Embracing Life - If you won’t be attending the Walk for Life on the 16th, watching the livestreamed Nebraskans Embracing Life the night before on January 15th, looks like another great option. (See AREA NEWS)

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

SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

This week please pray for Patrick Winter from Sts. Joseph, Lincoln, NE.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Stewardship of Treasure: January 3, 2021 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$7,083.75 **PLUS: Candles:** \$28.00 **Solemnity:** \$530.00 **So. Nebr. Register:** \$30.00 **Ash Wednesday:** \$10.00
Guardian Angel: \$95.00 **Retired Priests:** \$60.00 **Christmas:** \$790.00 **Children (Christmas):** \$20.00

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20	Friday	Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12
Tuesday:	Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28	Saturday	Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17
Wednesday:	Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39	Sunday	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20;
Thursday:	Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45		Jn 1:35-42

SPIRITUAL CORNER

“Today let us do honour to Christ’s baptism and celebrate this feast in holiness. Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed. Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of men, for whom His every word and every revelation exist. He wants you to become a living force for all mankind, lights shining in the world. –St. Gregory Nazianzen

ST. VITUS PARISH

Stewardship of Treasure: December 27, 2020 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$6,623.48 **PLUS: Christmas:** \$250.00

Stewardship of Treasure: January 3, 2021 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$910.00 **PLUS: Solemnity of Mary:** \$65.00

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

SCHOOL NEWS

Neumann’s Athletic Boosters Club Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 13th, at 7:00 pm.

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

Knights of Columbus Council #8625 Free Throw Championship—Sunday, January 10th at the Valparaiso Gym for boys and girls, ages 8-14. **New format for this year:** Gym will be open from 9:00am-11:00am. When you arrive, you will shoot, then you can leave. Winners will be notified for Districts. Awards will be presented at a date TBD. Please contact Kurt Ohnoutka at 402-432-2556 for more information.

Nebraskans Embracing Life—A Virtual Lifestreaming event on January 15th at 7:00pm with Archbishop Joseph Naumann as keynote speaker, introduced by His Excellency Archbishop Georg Lucas. Other speakers include Gov. Pete Ricketts, Sr. Renee Mirkes, Mary Buckley and Pastor Christ Hruska. We are offering free advance registration at: Nebraskanembracinglife.org

The 48th Annual Nebraska Walk for Life will be held on Saturday, January 16th. The outdoor event begins on the north steps of the State Capitol at 10:00am where there will be speakers and greetings from elected officials. The Walk will proceed to the Newman Center at 16th & Q Street. Keynote speaker, Sarah Zagorski will give testimony to her challenging childhood and why every life matters. For more information, go to www.nebraskarighttolife.org or call 402-438-4802.

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/>

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 9. Please see the poster in the back of church for more details.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

As we waited for a bus in the frosty weather, the woman next to me mentioned that she makes a lot of mistakes when texting in the cold. I nodded knowingly. “It’s the early signs of typhothermia.”