

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 22, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	January 23 rd	7:50 am	+ Bob Hedges
Tuesday	January 24 th	7:50 am	+ Fred & Mary Lou Maly
Wednesday	January 25 th	7:50 am	+ Jim Svoboda
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Cyril Kellner
Thursday	January 26 th	7:50 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of Helen Hedges
Friday	January 27 th	7:50 am	+ Ed Pacula
Saturday	January 28 th	5:30 pm	+ Lyle D. Maly
Sunday	January 29 th	8:00 am Touhy	+ Gene Rezac
		10:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

On behalf of the parishioners, condolences and prayers to the family of Nancy Vasa. She was a good and faithful woman greatly dedicated to God and someone who greatly served His Church at St. John Nepomucene.

Word of God Sunday – *“He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures” (Lk 24:45)*. In 2019 Pope Francis instituted the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time as The Sunday of the Word of God, to explore the riches of God’s Word. Here are some excerpts from his letter: (1) Saint Ephrem says: “Who is able to understand, Lord, all the richness of even one of your words? There is more that eludes us than what we can understand. We are like the thirsty drinking from a fountain. The Lord has colored his word with diverse beauties, so that those who study it can contemplate what stirs them. He has hidden in his word all treasures, so that each of us may find a richness in what he or she contemplates” (2) The Vatican II document, Dei Verbum, about Sacred Scripture deserves to be read and appropriated ever anew Consequently, I hereby declare that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. a fitting time of the year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity. (3) Regular reading of sacred Scripture and the celebration of the Eucharist make it possible for us to see ourselves as part of one another. As Christians, we are a single people, making our pilgrim way through history, sustained by the Lord, present in our midst, who speaks to us and nourishes us. A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers. For this reason, we need to develop a closer relationship with sacred Scripture; otherwise, our hearts will remain cold and our eyes shut, struck as we are by so many forms of blindness. (4) God’s word constantly reminds us of the merciful love of the Father who calls his children to live in love. The life of Jesus is the full and perfect expression of this divine love, which holds nothing back but offers itself to all without reserve. (5) I might also leave at the back of church a reflection I found on “Hearing the Word of God”.

One Rose One Life Cards – These Pro-Life cards were passed out last weekend in Touhy (by the Val/Touhy Knights of Columbus) and will be passed out next weekend in Weston (by Wahoo/Weston KCs). Donations go to the Pro-Life work of the Knights of Columbus. The KCs support Life through such things as Pro-life clinics, helping moms in need, and purchasing ultrasound machines. When expectant moms who are considering abortion see an ultrasound of their baby, 80% choose life.

Catholic Schools Week– CSW begins the last Sunday of January! We love and celebrate our Catholic schools. While faith begins in the home first with parents, Catholic Schools can assist parents in their vocation of bringing Jesus to their children and their children to Jesus. I am blessed to get to experience so many moments of Faith from our children. We’ll give out cookies next weekend in gratitude for your support!

Walk for Life – Hopefully many of our parishioners are able to make it to Lincoln next Saturday to stand up for the dignity of life in the womb, made in God’s image!

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Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of January 28-29 2023

Acolyte:	Sat. 1/28 Pat Carroll	Sun. 1/29 Milton Bouc
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 1/28 Barb Opp	Sun. 1/29 Marvin Wiese
Servers:	Sat. 1/28 Volunteers	Sun. 1/29 Mason Wiese/Brayden Pleskac
Ushers:	Sat. 1/28 Joe Janecek/Rich Cherovsky	Sun. 1/29 Bob Masek/Volunteer
Gifts:	Sat. 1/28 Joe Janecek Family	Sun. 1/29 Rich Tvrdy Family

Stewardship of Treasure: January 15, 2023 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$1,332.00 **PLUS: Candles:** \$49.00 **So. Neb. Register:** \$15.00 **Solemnity of Mary:** \$20.00 **Guardian Angel:** \$25.00

SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

This week please pray for David Tines of Cathedral of the Risen Christ, Lincoln, who attends Mount St. Mary Seminary.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30	Friday:	Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34
Tuesday:	Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35	Saturday:	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41
Wednesday:	Acts 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18	Sunday:	Zep 2:3, 3:12-13; Ps 146; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a
Thursday:	2 Tm 1:1-8; Mk 4:21-25		

SPIRITUAL CORNER

“Make friends with the angels, who though invisible are always with you. Often invoke them, constantly praise them, and make good use of their help and assistance in all your temporal and spiritual affairs. –St. Francis de Sales

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; 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.

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of January 28-29, 2023

Acolyte: Sun. 1/29 Joe Kouma
Lector/Reader: Sun. 1/29 Pat Bartek
Servers: Sun. 1/29 Lane Bohac/Chase Bohac
Ushers: Sun. 1/29 Brian Byers/ Ted Bohac
Gifts: Sun. 1/29 Dale Dvorak Family

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Total: \$3,473.04 **PLUS:**

St. Vitus' Altar Society Coffee & Rolls—Please join us for coffee/rolls after 8:00am Mass on Sunday, January 22nd at the school house.

St. Vitus Catholic Church Soup Dinner—Sunday, February 12th! Silent and Live Auctions & Raffle will be held! St. Vitus parishioners please pick up your soup dinner envelope in the back of the church. It includes your raffle tickets! If you need more raffle tickets, please let a committee member know. If you are donating a live auction item, please let us know what it is. You can bring your item to any soup dinner committee member or bring to St. John School in Weston. Thank you!! The Soup Dinner Committee!

SCHOOL NEWS

St. John Nepomucene School PreK-Kindergarten Roundup—Tuesday, February 7th at 6:30pm at St. John School in Weston! Bring your future student and come join us for an informational meeting!! To register for the Roundup, please call St. John School at 402-642-5234 or email barb-rezac@cdolinc.net. If you know someone that is interested, please pass the word!

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

Walk for Life Gala—In celebration of the reversal of Roe v Wade, the *inaugural Walk for Life Gala*, will be held the night before the Walk. Tickets for the Gala, which will be at Embassy Suites in Lincoln on Friday, January 27th, are \$50, and can be purchased online at nebraskarighttolife.ticketspice.com/2023, or send a check made out to Nebraska Right to Life (noting it is for Gala), PO Box 80410, Lincoln, NE 68501-0410.

Shine Like His Stars 2023—Villa Marie School's annual fundraising dance and auction is Friday, January 27th, 6:00pm-10:30pm at Lancaster Event Center in Lincoln. Purchase your general admission tickets, reserve a table, bid on auction items, or make a donation. Text vmdance23 to 243725, or <https://bidpal.net/vmdance23>

It's Time to Walk for Life—Grab your gloves and walking shoes, and join thousands of Nebraskans for the annual Pro-Life mass and the Nebraska Walk for Life on January 28th. The Pro-Life Mass will be held at St. Mary's in downtown Lincoln at 9:00am. To be celebrated by Archbishop Lucas. Immediately following, the Nebraska Walk for Life begins at 10:00am at the North Capital steps. Bring friends, signs, and your voice to advocate for a culture of life in a Post-Roe Nebraska!

Knights of Columbus 12th Annual Trivia Night, January 28th at the Wahoo Vets Club. Doors open at 6:00pm, trivia starts at 7:00pm. For tickets and more details go to www.wahocatholic.org/knights-of-columbus/events or call Russ: 402-250-5918 or Terry: 402-890-0820.

Assumption Parish, Dwight—Sunday, January 29th GOD BLESS AMERICA ANNUAL Dinner & Live Auction. Assumptions Parish Hall Social Hour starting at 5:00pm, Nebraska Wine Grab, Prime Rib or Chicken Breast dinner 6:00pm followed by live auction. Meal reservations needed to attend, \$25 per person. No reservations sold at the door. Visit dwrightassumption.weebly.com for meal & table reservation forms or call Parish rectory, 402-566-2765.

Catholic Daughters will meet at 6:30pm on January 30th at St. Wenceslaus in Wahoo starting with mass. Immediately after we will have our **Education Contest presentations**. Meeting will follow. Please note the time and come support the youth as they share their presentations. We always have great presentations. We welcome anyone interested in joining Catholic Daughters to attend as a guest.

Spirit Catholic Radio Celebration Dinner will be held Saturday evening, February 4th at the Mid America Center in Council Bluffs, IA! This year, our special guest speaker, Jeff Cavins, will present on *Life of a Disciple – Taking your Faith to the Next Level*. Reserve your seat by January 20, 2023 for \$50. For more details and ticket purchasing, visit spiritcatholicradio.com/dinner

Confirmed for Mission—Confirmation Retreat, February 11th, North American Martyrs and March 11th, Cathedral Parish, Lincoln from 10:00am-4:00pm. For children to be confirmed with at least one parent (sponsors also welcome). \$20 per person, lunch provided. Register at: www.lincolndiocese.org/mission or contact: Michele-chambers@cdolinc.net or call 402-473-0625.

Marriage Encounter Experience—“*Becoming One in Heart and Love together through Our Couple Communication*”. February 10th-12th in Lincoln. Call right-away to reserve a place. Contact couple Gary & Brenda Granger at 303-604-6202.

Bohemian Mardi Gras 2023—Hosted by Sts. Cyril and Methodius Plasi Parish on Saturday, February 11th, Prague Parish Hall. Social time 6:00pm. Roast pork, dumplings and kraut dinner, 6:30pm. Games, live auction, beer and wine bar. Advanced tickets: \$20 each or a table for 8/\$140. Tickets at the door: \$25. Advanced tickets call Jo at 402-663-5242. An adults only (21+) event.

St. Vitus Parish (Touhy) will be hosting their Soup Dinner on Sunday, February 12th at St. John School Gym in Weston. Serving from 11:00am-1:30pm. Chili, Chicken Noodle, Ham & Bean Soups, Sandwiches, Desserts, Drinks. Free Will Donation. Live and Silent Auctions, Bake Sale, Raffle and Polka Music. Fun for all!!

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat Center ~ I+You=We Marriage Enrichment Program, Saturday and Sunday, February 25th & 26th. The weekend is led by Fr. Jaroslaw Szymczak (Fr. Jay) of Łomianki, Poland. Fr. Jay and numerous Catholic couples from across Nebraska have been hosting workshops with Fr. Jay for many years. For more information, go to the Our Lady of Good Counsel website: <https://goodcounselretreat.org/product/iuwe-marriage-workshop/> or the office: 402-786-2705 or office@goodcounselretreat.org

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

My sister and her husband were travelling and stopped at a fast food drive-thru. My sister gave her order through the intercom but couldn't make out what the employee was saying. She mentioned this several times, but it wasn't helping, so she got right out of her car to speak louder into the intercom—and realized she was talking into a mailbox.