

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 21, 2021**

| | | | MASS SCHEDULE | |
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| Monday | November 22 nd | | 7:50 am | Liv/Dec PCCW Members |
| Tuesday | November 23 rd | | 7:50 am | Special Intentions |
| Wednesday | November 24 th | | 7:50 am | + All Souls - Novena |
| | | | 5:30 pm | + Marvin Zitek |
| Thursday | November 25 th | Thanksgiving | 9:00 am Weston | Healing of Abuse Victims |
| Friday | November 26 th | | NO MASS | |
| Saturday | November 27 th | | 5:30 pm | + All Souls - Novena |
| Sunday | November 28 th | | 8:00 am Touhy | + DeWayne Bohac |
| | | | 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 lives.

Battlefield and Doorstep to the Kingdom - At the “Liturgy” (primarily the Mass, but also the other Sacraments), it is Jesus that is praying in us; He prays through the Word of God, the priest, the people, and through the sacred actions which He commanded to be done in memory of Him. Therefore the liturgy is a foretaste of heaven. What a great word is foretaste, “a little taste beforehand”. I explained to the children at daily mass that the Church, being God’s house, is like God’s heavenly house in miniature OR like the doorstep to God’s kingdom. I particularly like the metaphor of doorstep to the Kingdom. It means that Jesus is acting in us at mass as we pray toward heaven and toward the Father. It means that we are getting strength from the doorstep to then go out into the world and help bring the Kingdom to the world and the world to the doorstep of the Kingdom. It means that the world is the place of battle for the Kingdom and that heaven is the place of celebration after the final victory. It means that the doorstep – Mass in Church – is a privileged place of connection. The doorstep also becomes a place of healing of battle wounds, so we can return to the fray. The Gospel for this Christ the King Sunday presents Jesus before Pilate: Jesus explains “My kingdom is not of this world” or else Jesus’ followers would be physically battling to save Him. Pilate himself is in an in-between place; with his limited knowledge, he is considering the truthfulness of Jesus’ words. (If we find ourselves in a place of confusion, remember to call on Him who is the way, and TRUTH, and life). On this side of history, we know the meaning of Jesus’ words and the irony of Pilate’s words: “What is truth?” Jesus’ Kingdom was inaugurated through Jesus’ sacrificial, suffering action – He was not a passive king, but a king willing to do the primary work (of salvation) and at the same time to lead by example. Then he calls us to meritorious action as well. To be part of his kingdom-winning battalion means that we are called to suffer the hardships of the mission along with the King (“... unless you take up your cross, you cannot be my disciples ...”) who is never absent from us. Meanwhile we are assured of the ultimate victory of the Kingdom. To keep getting healing and strength, keep coming to the doorstep.

Thanksgiving Mass - One of my favorite masses of the year is Thanksgiving Day Mass. Since it is not one of the big Feast Days, I do not feel pressure. Those attending are uniquely focused on thanking God and it seems to be a warm day (even if it is cold outside) that God is blessing.

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 will take place at the Christmas Program on Sunday, December 5th.

Periodicals - The Magnificat (for those subscribed), MagnifiKid and The Word Among Us (for all) books are in the back of Church.

Diverse Diapers – Here are the numbers for the Diocesan Diaper Collection: Diocesan Total – 14,041; St. John’s – 1,403; St. Vitus – 477

St. John & St. Vitus Churches will again participate in the statewide **Advent Baby Shower** through December 24th. Suggested gift ideas are bottles, receiving blankets, hooded bath towels, crib sheets/heavy blankets, disposable diapers (especially med. & lg.), bibs, rattles/toys, sleepers, socks/booties, snow suits, formula, & undershirts/onesies. **Please bring only new, not used items.** Place them in the container that is in back of each church. Thank you.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of November 27-28, 2021

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| Acolyte: | Sat. 11/27 Pat Carroll | Sun. 11/28 Chris Tvrdy |
| Lector/Reader: | Sat. 11/27 Deb Carroll | Sun. 11/28 Bob Masek |
| Servers: | Sat. 11/27 Volunteers | Sun. 11/28 John Adams/Cameron Woita |
| Ushers: | Sat. 11/27 Ron Walla/Paul Virgl | Sun. 11/28 Jim Woita/Marion Bartek |
| Gifts: | Sat. 11/27 Paul Virgl Family | Sun. 11/28 Milton Bouc Family |

Stewardship of Treasure: November 14, 2021 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$2,776.19 **PLUS: Guardian Angel Fund:** \$100.00 **All Saints Day:** \$16.00 **Candles:** \$15.00

PCCW Meeting—There will be a brief PCCW meeting on Monday, November 22nd at 6:00pm at the school.

SPIRITUAL CORNER

“Have no fear of moving into the unknown. Simply step out fearlessly knowing that I am with you, therefore no harm can befall you; all is very, very well. Do this in complete faith and confidence.” -St. John Paul II

READINGS OF THE WEEK

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| Monday: | Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4 | Friday: | Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33 |
| Tuesday: | Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11 | Saturday: | Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36 |
| Wednesday: | Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19 | Sunday: | Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; |
| Thursday: | Sir 50:22-24; Ps 138; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19 | | Lk 21:25-28, 34-36 |

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 and George Furasek, Jr.; 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 November 27-28, 2021

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| Acolyte: | Sun. 11/28 Tom Rezac |
| Lector/Reader | Sun. 11/28 Ron Furasek |
| Servers: | Sun. 11/28 Nolan Thoene/Adam Furasek |
| Ushers: | Sun. 11/28 Carl Woita/Jarold Bartek |
| Gifts: | Sun. 11/28 Shawn Strizek Family |

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Total: \$2,320.00 **PLUS: Water Lease:** \$20.00

Reminder to all St. Vitus parishioners: There was a "cut off" portion in the last Altar Society letter meant to accommodate the need for any changes in our annual booklet as well as meeting time/days for the women. Please fill these forms out and send back to Skye Rezac in the envelope that was included with the letter. We would like to have these back **NO LATER THAN December 12th**. Thank you!

SCHOOL NEWS

NO SCHOOL for St. John's, St. Wenceslaus and Bishop Neumann, Wednesday-Friday, November 24th thru 26th for Thanksgiving break. School resumes on Monday, November 29th.

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

St. John Nepomucene Church - Adoration with Praise & Worship—Join us Sunday, November 21st at St. John Nepomucene Church at 5:00pm. *Prepare your heart for advent...come visit Christ our King.* Confessions available. Music by Lily Spangler, speaker included.

Mobile Device Specialist—The Education Technology department for the Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Lincoln has an opening for a Mobile Device Specialist. Applicants must have an Associate's degree or higher in a technology-related field and be at least 19 years of age. This position will be responsible for the preparation, installation and configuration of iPads at the schools and will involve remote diagnostics and traveling to the different schools, for on-site deployment as needed. For more information, see the full job description at <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/school-employment>. To apply, send letter of interest and resume to jobs@cdolinc.net. No calls, please.

Saunders Catholic Schools are looking for a volunteer to become our TeamMates Coordinator. This person will work collaboratively with the Wahoo Chapter board, TM Central Office, and school administration to grow the TM mentoring program. Our coordinator will assist with mentor recruitment, coordinate training and the matching process between mentors and mentees, and ensure accurate and updated recordkeeping. Please reach out to Fr. Vandewalle, Mike Weiss, John Kreikemeier, or Missy Chvatal for additional information or to volunteer.

Catholic Daughters will meet at 6:30pm on Monday, November 29th at St. Wenceslaus in Wahoo starting with a special mass honoring our deceased members. Our meeting will follow mass. If you know anyone that does not get this email or saw the notice in the bulletin, please help us out by letting them know of our meeting. And a reminder this is the night to **bring grocery items for the Marian Sisters**. If you want to donate grocery items but won't be able to attend this meeting please contact another member or an officer to help you get items to the meeting. We had a very nice turn out at our October meeting and auction and it would be great to have another good showing of ladies.

Advent Series in Brainard—Holy Trinity Church in Brainard will be hosting three talks for the Advent season given by members of the Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies. The talks, entitled "What Shall We Call Him?" will focus on the three titles given to Jesus before his birth: Jesus, Christ, and Immanuel. The first talk will be given by Vern Steiner on December 2nd, at 7:00pm. The second talk will be given by Chad Steiner on December 9th, at 7:00pm. The third talk will be given by Joshua Burks on December 16th, at 7:00pm. All are welcome. Talks will take place in the parish hall. Free will offering optional.

On December 6th at 7:00pm please join Sandy Danek, founder of Healing Hearts Grief Ministry, as she explores "Grief and the Holidays" from a Catholic perspective. Open to anyone who has experienced a loss of a loved one, 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.

The Annual Mass of the Holy Innocents will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 28th. All are invited to attend this Memorial Mass, especially those families who have suffered the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death or abortion. Reading of names will begin at 6:30pm with Mass at 7:00pm at John XXIII Diocesan Center Chapel, 3700 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. If you would like your child's name to be remembered & placed on the banner, please call the Office of Family Life at 473-0620 **before 5:00pm on December 17th**. *If you placed your child's name previously, it will remain on the list.*

Marriage Encounter-COMING SOON—Lincoln, February 4-6, 2022. Bringing our couple communication to level of the heart. Call well in advance to Pat & Janelle Benson. Phone Pat: 308-940-0670 or Janelle: 308-940-1105 or email: pjbjben@yahoo.com

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

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

Which side of the turkey has the most feathers? The outside!

What sound does a limping turkey make? Wobble, wobble!