

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 11, 2022

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	September 12 th	7:50 am	+ Terry Jo Maly
Tuesday	September 13 th	7:50 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of Rich & Mary Ann Tvrdy
Wednesday	September 14 th	7:50 am	+ Raynold Woita
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Stella Fiedler
Thursday	September 15 th	7:50 am	+ Bill Spicka
Friday	September 16 th	7:50 am	+ Twila Janecek
Saturday	September 17 th	5:30 pm	+ Lyle D. Maly
Sunday	September 18 th	8:00am Weston	Missa pro Populo
		10:00 am Touhy	+ Eldon Strizek

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Bazaar Reflection – Over the years, I have come to a greater appreciation of the communal good that parish festivals bring. More and more I recognize the good of community and enjoying the company of others as a gift God gives us. If we find ourselves uneasy with others, we can ask for grace from God to see others as beloved by God and then the grace to enjoy and serve them. I am also reminded of the metaphorical phrase of the author G.K. Chesterton “Angels can fly because they take themselves lightly.” That might be one strategy for enjoying others. Thank you in advance to all who do so much work to prepare for the St. John’s Bazaar and all of the surrounding parish festivals. Not only do they raise money, but they also promote community. I receive many compliments about how people enjoy our bazaar and come from many miles. *Dear Lord, we ask you blessings upon our bazaars and festivals.*

Reflection on the Gospel – In the parable, the son’s selfishness hurts himself. Fortunately, the prodigal father’s love was always there for him, like our heavenly Father’s love is for us. In life it is not always so obvious how our selfishness and insistence on our own way can hurt us. God the Father, sees the whole picture and knows and wants what is best for us. As a wise bishop once told me: “In His will is our peace.” Many would have more peace if followed God’s will. It doesn’t mean that we do so perfectly, but we keep “getting up” again as the prodigal son and “return to the father’s house.” St. Bernard says: *“For our life is in His will. Thus we are convinced that what is according to His will is in every way more advantageous and fitting for us. And so, concerned as we are to preserve the life of our soul, we should be equally concerned, insofar as we can, not to deviate from His will.”* *let us then reflect how sweet is the Lord and how good He is in Himself; ... The whole of the spiritual life consists of these two elements. When we think of ourselves, we are perturbed and filled with a salutary sadness. And when we think of the Lord, we are revived to find consolation in the joy of the Holy Spirit. From the first we derive fear and humility, from the second hope and love.* The parable also speaks of the wonderful Mercy of God - the Father and Jesus always offer their mercy and wait for our return if we wander. And what a wonderful gift Confession is.

Mary’s Birthday was December 8th – Jesus’ mother and our mother was the most beautiful of all women in all ways. But Mary was God’s wholly and entirely. During her lifetime she took not a single step to be noticed by anyone. The beauty of her sinless soul, something so tremendous that words cannot describe it or brush depict it, has been the theme of more masterpieces than all other subjects put together... Countless artists have laid aside their tools with regret on finishing her image, breathing an apology that they had portrayed her so poorly: *For artist’s brush can never trace/ The beauty, Mother, of thy face; / And if on earth ‘tis fair to see, / O what must it in heaven be?* (Sr. Mary Jean Dorcy, O.P.)

WEEKLY TITHING COLLECTIONS

	<u>St. John Nepomucene</u>	<u>St. Vitus</u>
Amount Budgeted per Week (\$3,054.89) in August	\$12,219.56	
Amount Budgeted per Week (\$2,021.94) in August		\$ 8,087.76
Amount Received in August	\$ 7,954.78	\$ 5,709.03
Net Excess (Deficit) for the month August	\$(4,264.78)	\$(2,378.73)
2022 Year-to-Date Total	\$120,755.81	\$65,706.76

SPIRITUAL CORNER

"Blessed is the man who loves thy name, O Mary. Yes, truly blessed is he who loves thy sweet name, O Mother of God! Thy name is so glorious and admirable, that no one who remembers it has any fears at the hour of death. I ask thee, O Mary, for the glory of thy name, to come and meet my soul when it is departing from this world, and to take it in thine arms." -St. Bonaventure

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.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Lk 7:1-10	Friday	1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3
Tuesday:	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Lk 7:11-17	Saturday	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15
Wednesday:	Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17	Sunday	Am 8:4-7; Ps 113; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13
Thursday:	1 Cor 15:1-11; Jn 19:25-27		

SCHOOL NEWS

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.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of September 17-18, 2022

Acolyte:	Sat. 9/17 Pat Carroll	Sun. 9/18 Milton Bouc
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 9/17 Deb Carroll	Sun. 9/18 Peg Bouc
Servers:	Sat. 9/17 Volunteers	Sun. 9/18 Hudson Fortik/Jaden Berggren
Ushers:	Sat. 9/17 Paul Virgl/Volunteer	Sun. 9/18 Jesse Sabatka/Don Sabatka
Gifts:	Sat. 9/17 Paul Virgl Family	Sun. 9/18 Chuck Lacey Family

Stewardship of Treasure: September 4, 2022 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$2,697.00 **PLUS: Candles:** \$32.00 **Assumption:** \$10.00 **Guardian Angel:** \$110.00 **Joy of the Gospel:** \$150.00

*****Addition to the Bazaar Letter**—In the list of items to bring per family, a cake for the Cake Walk was omitted. Would all the families of the parish please include a cake next Sunday. Thank you!

A BIG THANK YOU! The Garage Sale Committee would like to thank everyone who donated and/or worked the Garage Sale in August from donating to setting up to cleaning up. It was a huge success. The Garage Sale profited \$3,222.15! Thank you all again!

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of September 17-18, 2022

Acolyte:	Sun. 9/18 Dan Furasek
Lector/Reader:	Sun. 9/18 Jeff Walla
Servers:	Sun. 9/18 Cody Furasek/Adam Furasek
Ushers:	Sun. 9/18 Tom Bouc/Larry Masek
Gifts:	Sun. 9/18 Brian Byers Family

Stewardship of Treasure: September 4, 2022 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$2,029.43 **PLUS: Guardian Angel Fund:** \$5.00

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

Altar Society Meeting—Sunday, September 11th after 8:00am Mass at the school house. Coffee and rolls provided. All women invited.

AREA NEWS

St. Luke Czech Shrine in Loma will have a mass on Sunday, September 11th, at 2:00pm.

Immaculate Conception (Ulysses) Dinner & Auction—Sunday, September 11th, 10:30am–2:30pm. Mass at 10:00am. Serving roast pork or turkey dinner (not a sandwich) with dumplings, sauerkraut, corn and rye bread. Enjoy your meal in the fresh air under our big tent or take advantage of our convenient drive-thru take out. **Free will donation.**

Please visit Spirit Catholic Radio's booth South DI - DIBS1680 during Husker Harvest Days September 13th-15th at 9000 W. Husker Hwy, Wood River, NE. Spirit Catholic Radio is proud to be part of the world's largest show for what's the latest and greatest in agricultural tech. Stop by the booth for free Catholic materials and a chance to win prizes! Manning the booth will be Fr. Borowiak, Vijumon, Waskowiak, Buhman, and Hazuka! Stop by and see your favorite priests! Visit spiritcatholicradio.com for more information.

St. John Nepomucene (Weston) Church Annual Chicken & Ham Dinner—Sunday, September 18th, from 11:00am to 2:00pm in the school gym. Kids' Games, Raffle, Bake Stand. Live Music by Mark Vyhldal Orchestra. Serving Pan Fried Chicken, Ham, Dumplings, Kraut, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Gravy, fresh vegetables and fresh baking!

The Lincoln Christus Foundation is organizing a **Golf Tournament Benefit** for the ministries of **Regnum Christi**. Sponsors and golfers are invited to support Catholic Apostolates. Register on Friday, September 16th, 10:00am at Crooked Creek Golf Course in Lincoln: \$125 per player/\$500 per team includes lunch, prizes and more: theChristusFoundation.org/events or contact Gary, 402-430-3732, gwrberts88@gmail.com

Healing Hearts Grief Support Sessions for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one are being offered to assist Catholics in the grief process. The sessions will be held on six weekly Tuesday evenings beginning September 20, 7:00pm-9:00pm, at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 37th & Sheridan Blvd. Suggested Donation: \$25 (for materials) To register, please call 402-473-0620.

Annual Bishops' Pro-Life Banquet and Conference—Join the three Bishops, the NCC, and hundreds of pro-life Nebraskans on September 23rd & 24th at the Embassy Suites in downtown Lincoln. Free childcare provided at banquet. Learn more and register at NECatholic.org today!

Magnificat of Lincoln is Sponsoring a Retreat...“Honey in the Rock: Finding God In All Things!” For women at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, September 23rd-25th! Retreat Leaders are: Sister Marguerite Marie and Sister Mary Nika from the Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ. They are a Franciscan Charismatic Religious Community of Diocesan Rite. Called to witness to the Gospel, they seek to draw all people into a personal relationship with Jesus through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. This flows from a deep life of prayer, praise and on-going conversion in loving commitment to one another. Go to www.dlhc.org under Sisters Profiles for more information about our Retreat Leaders. Register at goodcounselretreat.com For information call or text Rhonda Litt at 402-525-6396.

Fall Magnificat Prayer Tea—Sunday, September 25th, 2:00pm at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, 7303 N 112 Street, Waverly, with guest speaker Sister Mary Nika! Sister became a member of the Disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ in August of 2019. She joyfully professed her first vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience on August 6, 2022. The Charism of the DLJC is a call to witness to the Gospel, to seek to draw all people into a personal relationship with Jesus through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. We are excited to try a new format at a new location. There will be refreshments with desserts, everything else will remain the same. Register early (seating is limited) mail your \$15 check payable to Magnificat c/o Tina Colgan, 521 N 56 ST, Lincoln, NE 68504. (students \$10) Deadline is September 17th. For more information text Rhonda Litt at 402.525.6396. Be a friend, invite a friend!

40 Days for Life Fall 2022 Campaign—Event runs from September 28th-November 6th. Prayer Vigil location is Planned Parenthood, 5631 South 48th Street. Vigil hours are 6:00am-7:00pm daily. Contact Catherine Turner at 402-202-1614 for more information. Learn more, get involved, and sign up for prayer times with link: 40daysforlife.com/Lincoln

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

Her class assignment was to interview an “old person” about his life, so my niece asked me, “What was the biggest historical event that happened during your childhood?” “I’d have to say the moonwalk,” I replied. She looked disappointed. “That dance was so important to you?”