

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment



Fifth Sunday of Easter May 2, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	May 3 rd	7:50 am	+ Larry Zadina
Tuesday	May 4 th	7:50 am	+ Lorraine Firley
Wednesday	May 5 th	7:50 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of Don & Nanette Sabatka
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Loretta Walla
Thursday	May 6 th	7:50 am	+ Dottie Hraban
Friday	May 7 th	7:50 am	+ Ed & Helen Stuchlik & Ed Stuchlik, Jr.
Saturday	May 8 th	5:30 pm	+ Missa pro Populo
Sunday	May 9 th	8:00 am Touhy	Mother's Day Intentions
		10:00 am Weston	Mother's Day Intentions

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Teacher position openings - St. John Nepomucene School in Weston is seeking faith-filled Catholic teachers for 2nd grade, combined 5th & 6th grade and part time music or P.E. Please send resume, and references to Fr. Vandewalle at fr.matthew-vandewalle@cdolinc.net P: 402-853-2846

May Crowning: This week we have May crowning since the month of May is dedicated to Mary. She is a good mother (the best!) in whom we can confidently entrust our cares and our treasures.

Month of Mary - May is dedicated to Mary, a great time to re-ignite one's devotion to the rosary. Pope Francis led the Rosary May 1st and is encouraging all of us to join in a month-long prayer marathon for the end of the COVID-19 pandemic. He will Each day will highlight a different Catholic Shrine around the world. Even if we aren't able to watch it each day, we can join in with Catholics around the world in spirit and prayer. See full story in the register.

Mother's Day Poster—We will be taking names (\$1.00 per name) in the back of both churches the weekends of April 24th-25th & May 1st-May 2nd or you can contact Donna Janecek (St. John's) at 402-642-5449 or Donna Furasek (St. Vitus) at 402-784-6285 to put in your Mother's name for our annual Mother's Day Masses on May 8th & 9th. The money donated will be given to the Right to Life campaign.

As I think about this year with its imperfections along with my own, these are valuable words from Section 2 of Pope Frances' Letter on the Year of St. Joseph, "Patris Corde: "With a Father's Heart".

St. Joseph, Model of Faith in Difficulty – In Pope Frances' Letter on the Year of St. Joseph, Patris Corde: "The Heart of the Father" we read these encouraging words: "*Even through Joseph's fears, God's will, his history and his plan were at work. Joseph, then, teaches us that faith in God includes believing that he can work even through our fears, our frailties and our weaknesses. He also teaches us that amid the tempests of life, we must never be afraid to let the Lord steer our course. At times, we want to be in complete control, yet God always sees the bigger picture.*" With the end of the school year, these words are relevant. This year we endured "tempests" and encountered our own "frailties and weaknesses." Yet, through these, beautiful things also happened, reminding us of God's plan. For example, last Tuesday St. John's had our spring concert outdoors "on the green." It was a beautiful gathering of families. The young ones sang a song comparing each flower "singing to God" as analogous to each of us made uniquely in the image of God having the ability to sing praise to God with our lives. Another song, gave permission to join in with each other in smiling. At the end was a climax of ukuleles. Since singing was curtailed in school this year, Mrs. Furasek had the brilliant idea of the 5th and 6th grade learning ukuleles. Our ukuleles arrived in January with the goal of them accompanying "Somewhere over the rainbow" the de facto ukulele theme song. They did beautifully! And then the climax was the Hallelujah song put to alternative Resurrection lyrics! Wow! The gathering was beautiful, the faith-filled songs gave that sense that always seems to accompany the Christmas and Spring concerts that "This was all worth it!" and "This is what it's all about!" Once again, despite our imperfections and weakness, God's beauty shone. Especially in light of the cross of the sacrifices made this school year, the beauty of Faith wins out that was won by Jesus' death and resurrection.

WEEKLY TITHING COLLECTIONS

	<u>St. John Nepomucene</u>	<u>St. Vitus</u>
Amount Budgeted per Week (\$2,636.54) in April	\$10,546.16	
Amount Budgeted per Week (\$1,740.00) in April		\$ 6,960.00
Amount Received in April	\$ 9,236.00	\$ 7,658.00
Net Excess (Deficit) for the month of April	\$ (1,310.16)	\$ 698.00

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Stewardship of Treasure: April 25, 2021 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$4,201.00 **PLUS: Candles: \$15.00 Guardian Angel Fund: \$80.00 Holy Land: \$50.00 Easter: \$100.00**

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14	Friday	Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a	Saturday	Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8	Sunday	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98; 1 Jn 4:7-10;
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11		Jn 15:9-17

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. Please let us know if you would like to be added to this list.

RELIGIOUS SISTER OF THE WEEK

This week please pray for Sr. Kateri Toler, Novice, from Mobile, AL who will be entering the Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln.

SPIRITUAL CORNER

“Jesus Christ loves a soul that is in a state of grace with an immense love; He ardently desires to unite Himself with it. This is what Holy Communion does.” -St. Alphonsus Liguori

ST. VITUS PARISH

Stewardship of Treasure: April 25, 2021 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$2,349.42 **PLUS: Southern Nebraska Register:** \$15.00

St. Vitus Altar Society Meeting—Wednesday, May 12th at 6:30pm at the Schoolhouse. Women of the parish, please plan to attend. We will be covering lots of information. Refreshments will be provided.

St. Vitus May Church Cleaning—Chairman: Skye Rezac. Group: Sheila Stanek, Geradette Bohac and Pat Dvorak.

SCHOOL NEWS

Spring Plant Sale—St. John School on Sunday, May 2nd, 9:00am-2:00pm

Last Day of School—Tuesday, May 4th for St. John Nepomucene! Have a safe and fun summer!

Athletic Banquet—Wednesday, May 5th at 6:30pm in Bishop Neumann Gym (no meal).

Bishop Neumann Boys Youth Basketball Camp: For boys entering 3rd-8th grade in Fall of 2021. 3rd-5th grade is May 24/25th 9:00am-2:30pm. 6th-8th grade is May 26/27th 9:00am-2:30pm. Cost is \$40. Contact John Kreikemeier at John-Kreikemeier@cdolinc.net for registration information. Early registration is due by May 7th.

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

Bishop Neumann Catholic School has Agricultural Education position available for 2021-2022 School Year. Extracurricular and coaching opportunities available, including FFA, Speech, and others. It is the intent of Bishop Neumann to employ competent individuals who are dedicated to the highest educational standards of performance, and who passionately support the mission of the school: *To form disciples of Jesus Christ among our students, alumni, families and friends through a Catholic educational environment that helps create a dynamic faith community focused on living lives of love and service to others.*

Brian Kucera Medical Fundraiser—Brian and Tracy moved to Florida to live out their dream. Brian unfortunately is not going to be able to do that. Brian has been diagnosed with end stage kidney and liver failure. Brian has been hospitalized numerous times over the past couple months, and is now home and on hospice. A fund has been set up in Brian's name at the Community State Bank in Colon to help with his medical bill. Checks can be sent to: Community State Bank, P.O. Box 8, ATTN: Brian Kucera Medical Fund, Colon, NE 68018. There is also a donation box at the Red Zone in Colon. Contact Chuck or Celina @ 402-719-4617 or 402-720-8242 or Deb Kucera @ 402-443-6300 with any questions.

Cathedral of the Risen Christ will be hosting a 'Come Alive' seminar, led by missionaries from the International Missionary Foundation. IMF will be leading the seven-week spiritual immersion that will allow candidates to experience a fresh start in their faith and a renewed encounter with Christ. The seminar will take place on Mondays, now through May 24th, from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Each night will consist of praise and worship, talks from guest speakers, small group discussions and intercessory prayer. Some of the guest speakers include Fr. Jay Buhman, Fr. Chris Goodwin, Tony Ojeda and Matt Simmons. Register here: <https://www.cathedraloftherisenchrist.org/news-events/headlines/197-come-alive-seminar>

The Bishop Neumann Athletic Banquet will take place in the Bishop Neumann Gym on Wednesday, May 5th at 6:30pm. Due to Covid restrictions, there will be no meal this year. Parents and grandparents are welcome to attend. There is no fee to attend the event. Masks and social distancing will be required. Please contact Rick Ahrens if you have any questions.

Nebraska Parents Coalition Information and Movie Night Thursday, May 6th at 7:30pm in the Bishop Neumann High School south parking lot. Attention, families! Do you want more education options for your family? What does educational choice mean, and how can parents get involved? YOU'RE INVITED to learn more at a free outdoor movie and parent information session hosted by the Nebraska Parents Coalition. This event is FREE and open to any families who are interested in learning more about education in Nebraska and how parents can make a difference. To get your spot and let us know about any dietary restrictions or questions in advance, please visit bit.ly/wahoomovienight or email rebekah@nebraskaparents.org The film Miss Virginia is inspired by the story of Virginia Walden Ford, a struggling single mother from a low-income neighborhood in Washington, DC, who fought to create a scholarship program for her at-risk son and children like him – and won. The Nebraska Parents Coalition is a group of parents and guardians who want more educational choice for our families. We work closely with the Nebraska Catholic Conference, Invest in Kids Nebraska, & Institute for Justice.

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*, on Saturday, June 5th, from 9:00am-1:00pm at St. Mary Elementary School in David City. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. Learn more and register at www.emmausinstitute.net.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

A German tourist jumped into the freezing water to save my precious little dog who was drowning. After he climbed out of the water he handed me the dog and said: "Here is ze dog. Keep him warm and dry him off and he vill be fine." I replied, "Thank you so much! Are you a vet?" He said, "Vet? I'm freezing!"