

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 19, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE			
Monday	September 20 th	7:50 am	+ Eugene Kros
Tuesday	September 21 st	7:50 am	+ Hank & Delia Dolezal
Wednesday	September 22 nd	7:50 am	+ Keith Pokorny
		5:30 pm	+ Frank Kliment
Thursday	September 23 rd	7:50 am	+ Noah Kolterman
Friday	September 24 th	7:50 am	+ Caroline Kampschnieder
Saturday	September 25 th	5:30 pm	+ Philip & Helen Kellner
Sunday	September 26 th	8:00 am Touhy	+ Joe & Rose Furasek
		10:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

St. John's Bazaar – Welcome to all our guests this weekend! We are glad to have you and thanks for supporting our Bazaar. Thank you also to all those who are working the Bazaar this weekend. It's a lot of work and a long day, but it is really appreciated. We are glad to get the funds, but in addition to that it is great to have parishioners working side by side!

Upcoming Giving Dates: (1) Bishops Appeal for Vocations (BAV) – September 25 & 26th and October 2nd & 3rd. Pledge Sheets with names will be in the back of Church. Volunteers will be there to help. (2) World Mission Day Collection – October 23 & 24th Envelopes will be in the back of Church. (3) Cloistered Sisters Collection (Adoration Sisters of Christ the King in Lincoln and Carmelites in Agnew) – November 24th

The Difficult, Glorious Road - In relation to this Sunday's readings about carrying the cross, St. Augustine tells pastors that if they do not warn and strengthen the flock, the flock will suffer and the pastors will be punished for their negligence. Instead, a good shepherd warns the sheep. He says: "My child, come to the service of God, stand FAST in fear and righteousness, and PREPARE your soul for temptation." Such a believer will then not hope for the prosperity of this world. For if he has been taught to hope for worldly gain, he will be corrupted by prosperity. When adversity comes, he will be wounded or perhaps destroyed. BUT the believer who is weak will be strengthened when told: "Yes, expect the temptations of this world, but the Lord will deliver you from them all if your heart has not abandoned him. For it was to strengthen your heart that he came to suffer and died." What sort of shepherds promise worldly happiness? God Himself made no such promise. On the contrary, God foretold hardship upon hardship in this world. The Christian is destined to suffer more in this world. The false shepherd says: "If you live a holy life in Christ, all good things will be yours in abundance." This kind of false shepherd builds the believer on sand. The elements will dash against his house and it will fall, and its ruin will be great. Rather, St. Augustine tells the pastor: Lift the believer up and put him on the rock. Let him be in Christ, if you wish him to be a Christian. Let him turn his thoughts to sufferings, however unworthy they may be in comparison to Christ's. Let him center his attention on Christ, who was without sin, and yet made restitution for what he had not done. Let him consider Scripture, which says to him. "He chastises every son whom he acknowledges. Let him prepare to be chastised, or else not seek to be acknowledged as a son." To further encourage the Christian, St. Ignatius has us imagine a great and wonderful King who invites his followers on a glorious mission. The mission will be difficult, but the reward great. Those who go with the King will share his hardships on the difficult mission. Following Christ, we may suffer much, but on the day of victory we shall share in the great victory with the King.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of September 25-26, 2021

Acolyte:	Sat. 9/25 Paul Virgl	Sun. 9/26 Matt Tvrdy
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 9/25 Ginger Laughridge	Sun. 9/26 Bob Masek
Servers:	Sat. 9/25 Volunteers	Sun. 9/26 John Adams/Jaden Berggren
Ushers:	Sat. 9/25 Joe Janecek/Rich Virgil	Sun. 9/26 Paul Pleskac/Marion Bartek
Gifts:	Sat. 9/25 Jeff Maly Family	Sun. 9/26 Charlie Pleskac Family

Stewardship of Treasure: September 12, 2021 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$1,433.00 **PLUS: Louisiana Disaster Fund: \$50.00 Guardian Angel Fund: \$10.00 Candles: \$18.00**

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, and Albina Kellner; Saunders County Care Center—Marcella Meduna; Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital—Patsy Sabatka. Please let us know if you would like to be added to this list.

SPIRITUAL CORNER

"But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the LORD does not see as man sees; [a] for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.'" -Samuel 16:7

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18	Friday:	Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22
Tuesday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13	Saturday:	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45
Wednesday:	Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6	Sunday:	Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
Thursday:	Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9		

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of September 25-26, 2021

Acolyte:	Sun. 9/26 Mark Walla
Lector/Reader	Sun. 9/26 Ron Furasek
Servers:	Sun. 9/26 Caleb Osmera/Chase Bohac
Ushers:	Sun. 9/26 Tom Bouc/Larry Masek
Gifts:	Sun. 9/26 Joe Kouma Family

Stewardship of Treasure: *September 12, 2021* We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$1,125.00 **PLUS: Water Lease:** \$20.00 **Haiti Disaster Fund:** \$60.00 **Mission Co-op:** \$30.00

Acolyte/Lector needed for St. Vitus Church—If you are interested, please see or call Fr. Vandewalle.

SCHOOL NEWS

PT Conferences—**St. John's** - Tuesday, Sept. 21st, 4pm - 8pm; **Bishop Neumann** – Wednesday, Sept. 22nd, 4pm - 7pm.

No School—Wednesday, September 22nd for St. John's and Bishop Neumann.

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 (Weston) Annual Chicken & Ham Dinner—Sunday, September 19th, from 11:00am to 2:00pm in the school gym. Dinner Tickets: \$16.00. Gift Card Raffle, Silent Auction, Cake Walk, Bake Sale, Kids' Games & Live Music by Mark Vyhldal Orchestra from 11:00am to 2:00pm.

Creighton Model FertilityCare System—Creighton Model is a women's health science that allows users to learn more about their fertility and in conjunction with NaProTECHNOLOGY treat many reproductive disorders. Introductory sessions are available in person or online. For more information or to register, visit, <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/creighton-introductory-session>

Lord, Teach Me to Pray—Part 2 of Ignatian prayer series “Lord, Teach Me to Pray” will begin Monday, September 20th, 6:30pm at St. Joseph Parish in Lincoln. If you have completed Part 1 and are interested in Part 2, please contact Sue Kirkpatrick at 402-440-7175 or tkirkp6275@aol.com.

40 Days for Life Fall 2021 Campaign September 22nd - October 31st —Please join us as a peaceful, prayerful witness outside Planned Parenthood in Lincoln to protect mothers and children by ending abortion! Vigil hours are 6:00am-8:00pm daily. You can contact Lisa McInerney at 402-525-9360 or go to 40daysforlife.com/Lincoln for more information or to sign up for a time. There is also a kickoff event Tuesday, September 21st at 6:30pm with prayer outside PP followed by the movie Roe v Wade.

Are you looking for healing and peace? Bring all of your cares and worries to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament at the next Fresh Fire, on Thursday, September 23rd, from 7:00-8:30pm in the chapel at John XXIII. There will be praise and worship, adoration, a brief teaching and opportunities for individuals to have time with prayer teams. Come, Holy Spirit, come!

St. Wenceslaus Church Fall Festival & Roast Beef Dinner—Sunday, September 26th at Bishop Neumann High School. Roast beef prepared by Clayton Kastl! Serving from 10:30am-2:00pm. Country Market & Crafts, Raffle, Cake Walk, Silent Auction, SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE! Tickets: Adults - \$12, Children (12 and under) - \$7.00 & Preschool Children – Free! Take out available - \$13.

SS. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church in Clarkson is holding a Parish Fall Fest on September 26th. Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, fruit salad, rolls and dessert will be served from 11:00am-1:30pm at St. John Neumann Hall, 420 Cherry Street. Adults - \$12; Children 6-12 - \$6; 5 and under – Free. A giant auction will begin at 1:30pm.

Catholic Daughters will meet at 6:30pm on Monday, September 27th at St. Wenceslaus in Wahoo starting with mass and then we will enjoy our wonderful potluck supper. We encourage our members to bring their favorite dish and a guest to join us for this special evening. There will be a short meeting to follow our meal time. A reminder about the upcoming October meeting, we plan to once again do the annual silent and live auction this year. Anyone interested in CDA, which is the equivalent to the Knights for the men, to join us on September 27th or at any upcoming meetings.

Calling all Catholic Men! The 2021 Men's Rosary March takes place October 2nd, at 9:00am, meeting at the Newman Center, 320 N. 16th Street. Bring your sons, brothers, fathers, and friends to publicly pray for our Nation and Church as we walk from the Newman Center to the State Capitol where lay and religious speakers will provide further testimony and prayer. Bring your rosary and any other holy items you wish. For more information and to RSVP, search for "2021 Men's Rosary March" on Facebook.

St. Joseph's (Colon) Roast Beef Dinner—Sunday, October 3rd at 11:00am. Mass will be at St. Joseph's at 10:00am with the dinner to follow immediately. Adults: \$15, Children 4-12 \$8, 3 & under Free. There is a large family discount, no family pays more than \$75 to attend the dinner. Our raffle prizes consist of a week-long Branson Vacation, Oak Creek Sporting Clay's 4 Round w/ shells, Pit Boss Pellet Grill w/ pellets, \$100 Savings Bond, \$100 Savings Bond, and a Red Zone Dinner for 4. Tickets are \$5. Need not be present to win.

Annual Life Chain—Please join us Sunday, October 3rd at 2:00pm for the one hour annual Life Chain. We will be standing along 12th Street. Signs will be distributed on the north side of 12th and Beech streets in Wahoo. We will stand quietly praying and witnessing for life. Immediately afterwards at 3:15pm we will be praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in St. Wenceslaus Church. Questions, please call Jessica Pearson at 402-443-1722.

Divorced?—Come find comfort, counsel, hope and healing consistent with Catholic Church teachings. The twelve-week video series & facilitator led Surviving Divorce program begins on October 4th from 7:00pm-9:00pm, at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd. A suggested donation of \$50 covers the cost of the program and includes the **Surviving Divorce** personal guide and all materials. Classes are kept small and may be registered for by contacting the Family Life Office at 402-473-0620 or familylifeoffice@cdolinc.net

St. Michael's Church in Lincoln is sponsoring the Men on Fire Conference—Saturday, October 30th from 9:00am-4:00pm. Presented by Bart Schuchts of Churchonfire.live, this conference will help men to live the life that God intended for them. “Become who God meant you to be, and you will set the world on fire!” St. Catherine of Sienna. Cost is \$50. To register or for more information, go to www.osvhub.com/stmichaellincoln/forms/men-on-fire-conference.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

There was a flood in a village. One man said to everyone, “I’ll stay! God will save me!” The flood got higher and a boat came and the man in it said “Come on mate, get in!” “No” replied the man. “God will save me!” The flood got very high now and the man had to stand on the roof of his house. A helicopter soon came and the man offered him help. “No, God will save me!” he said. Eventually he died by drowning. He got by the gates of heaven and he said to God, “Why didn’t you save me?” God replied, “For goodness sake! I sent a boat and a helicopter. What more do you want!”