

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 16, 2022

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	January 17 th	7:50 am	Healing of Abuse Victims
Tuesday	January 18 th	7:50 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of Marcie Bartek
Wednesday	January 19 th	7:50 am	+ Keith Pokorny
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Leonard Stanek
Thursday	January 20 th	7:50 am	+ Don & Marilyn Machacek
Friday	January 21 st	7:50 am	Lewis Burke
Saturday	January 22 nd	5:30 pm Weston	+ Lyle D. Maly
Sunday	January 23 rd	8:00 am Touhy	+ Rose Bouc
		10:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Wedding Feast at Cana – Jesus performed His first public Miracle at Cana changing water into wine. Some lessons from the Wedding Feast of Cana: (1) The Lord wants to meet our needs. The Lord approved of the bride and groom and shared their joy. “God made them male and female ... a man shall leave his father and mother and cling to his wife.” (Genesis). God approves of you and wants to meet the desires of your heart. (2) The Lord wants to fill our needs where we are lacking. On the joyful day(s) of their wedding (wedding Feasts in the Jewish community at that time could be prolonged for days), the new couple would have been deeply embarrassed to run out of wine. Sometimes we think that we are just doomed to suffering. In reality, the Lord wants to console us and meet all of your needs. (3) The Lord has in His mind to go beyond what you might imagine is good for you. Not only did Jesus provide wine for them, He provide BETTER wine than they expected. Even when we might think we know what we want, God knows what will truly meet the deepest desires of our heart. (4) Mary looks out for your good. Mary is your mother who has a great solicitude for you. As Mary was watching in charity for the needs of the wedding couple, she anticipated their need and asked Jesus to fulfill it. Mary intercedes for you with solicitude and the heart of a mother. (5) We are made for community – The Lord brought His apostles with Him. The Lord enjoyed their company and the company of those at the Feast. The Lord does not just meet our needs in isolation, He wants you to have a community in Him. It is worth asking for this and seeking it out. (6) The Lord provides extra Graces for the Sacrament of Marriage - As Jesus added something more to the Cana wedding, so the Lord adds His love and assistance to Christian marriage. Christian couples can invite Jesus into their marriage in many ways.

What is “Ordinary Time”? - “Besides the times of the year that have their own distinctive character, there remains in the yearly cycle of 33 or 34 weeks in which no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ is celebrated, but rather the mystery of Christ Himself is honored in its fullness, especially on Sundays. This period is known as Ordinary Time” - (Universal Norms of the Liturgical Year). When we think of the chronological time of the calendar, it is good to know that the Lord is in each moment.

Ordinary Time for 2022 began on Monday, January 10th and continues through Tuesday, March 1st, the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten season. It will resume when the Easter season ends, , on Monday, June 6th, the day following Pentecost.

2022 Walk for Life is Saturday, January 29th. Join us at 10:00a.m. at the Nebraska State Capitol (mass precedes at St. Mary’s). Keynote speakers are Ashley Bratcher, who starred in “Unplanned, despite being told that Hollywood would blacklist her for doing an openly pro-life role. In addition, Ashley, whose own mother visited an abortion clinic before changing her mind and carrying her to term, has partnered with Heartbeat International for a scholarship program so women with unplanned pregnancies can continue their education. She will speak at the Nebraska Union, 14th & R streets after the Walk.

The Priest Retirement Envelope (Jan 23) is in tithing envelope packets. This is an optional collection that the Diocese invites us to take up and we’ll be glad to send that in. *Extra envelopes in the back of church.

Day of Prayer for Right to Life - In all the dioceses of the United States of America, January 22nd shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. (General Instruction of the Roman Missal). How wonderful that Nebraska has a governor who signed a proclamation declaring this a day of statewide prayer for this intention.

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Liturgical Ministries for the weekends of January 22-23, 2022

Acolyte:	Sat. 1/22 Pat Carroll	Sun. 1/23 Chris Tvrdy
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 1/22 Deb Carroll	Sun. 1/23 Bob Masek
Servers:	Sat. 1/22 Volunteers	Sun. 1/23 Noah Huisman/Jaden Berggren
Ushers:	Sat. 1/22 Rich Cherovsky/Jeff Maly	Sun. 1/23 Steve Breunig/Marion Bartek
Gifts:	Sat. 1/22 Joe Janecek Family	Sun. 1/23 Matt Rezac Family

Stewardship of Treasure: January 2, 2022 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...
 Total: \$3,375.13 **PLUS: Candles: \$10.00 Guardian Angel Fund: \$150.00 Solemnity of Mary: \$1,490.00**
Christmas: \$225.00

Stewardship of Treasure: January 9, 2022 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...
 Total: \$3,268.12 **PLUS: Christmas: \$700.00 Solemnity of Mary: \$30.00 Guardian Angel Fund: \$40.00**
Candles: \$10.10

THANK YOU for all the Advent baby gifts that were donated. Your donations will be helping a lot of mothers and babies, thank you!
St. John’s PCCW Group will have **Coffee & Rolls** after the 8:00am Mass on Sunday, January 16th.
St. John’s PCCW Members—Please pick up your 2022 Yearbooks (they are in alphabetical order) that are in the back of church. Included in the packet is an envelope for dues. You may turn them in with the weekly collection or to the Treasurer, Heidi Adams.
St. John’s PCCW is looking for someone who is interested in becoming the Vice President for the upcoming year. If you are interested, please contact Peg Bouc at: (402) 480-2962.
The next Coffee & Rolls will be after the 8:00am Mass on Sunday, February 6th, Group 2 will be serving.

SPIRITUAL CORNER

“The devil is afraid of us when we pray and make sacrifices. He is also afraid when we are humble and good. He is especially afraid when we love Jesus very much. He runs away when we make the Sign of the Cross.” –St. Anthony the Great

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22	Friday:	1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19
Tuesday:	1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28	Saturday:	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21
Wednesday:	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6	Sunday:	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19; 1 Cor 12:12-30;
Thursday:	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12		Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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; Saunders House—George Furasek, Jr.; David's Place—Patsy Sabatka; St. Joseph's Court—Rose Bohac. Please let us know if you would like to be added to this list.

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekends of January 22 & 23, 2022

Acolyte:	Sun. 1/23 Mark Walla
Lector/Reader:	Sun. 1/23 Ron Furasek
Servers:	Sun. 1/23 Caleb Osmera/Simon Strizek
Ushers:	Sun. 1/23 Brian Byers/Ted Bohac
Gifts:	Sun. 1/23 Larry Masek Family

Stewardship of Treasure: January 2, 2022 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$2,247.00 **PLUS: Children:** \$2.00 **Christmas:** \$520.00 **Solemnity of Mary:** \$130.00

Stewardship of Treasure: January 9, 2022 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$4,139.24 **PLUS: Water Lease:** \$20.00 **Solemnity of Mary:** \$20.00

St. Vitus' Altar Society Group - Coffee & Rolls—Please join us for coffee and rolls after the 8:00am Mass on Sunday, January 23rd at the school house. Group #3 will be serving.

St. Vitus January Church Cleaning—Chairman: Donna Furasek. Group: Heather Byers, Jennifer Joakim & Shelly Mayo.

St. Vitus Altar Society Meeting—The Altar Society will have its first meeting of the year after 8:00am mass on Sunday, January 30th at the school house. Please plan to attend. Coffee and rolls will be served.

St. Vitus Catholic Church Soup Dinner is being planned for Sunday, February 13th. Silent and Live Auctions & Raffle will be held! Everyone should have received a soup letter with raffle tickets. If you didn't, please contact a committee member, 402-443-9290.

SCHOOL NEWS

Neumann's Music Boosters Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 19th, at 7:00 pm

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

The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association (FCSLA Life) is accepting applications for their 2022-23 scholarship program. FCSLA Life members are eligible for these scholarships, which include college, high school, elementary, and vocational/trade/tech school awards. Applications may be obtained on-line, via email, fax, mail, or phone. Please see the orange flier in the back of church. Questions may be directed to Barbara Opp, branch secretary, at 402-642-5342.

Let the Word of God illuminate your new year with an online or in-person class from the Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies. January "Short Courses" include: *Reading Scripture with the Fathers of the Church* (January 17-21 – online and in-person); and *Introduction to the Bible II: What It Says and How to Read It* (January 24-28). Classes are in Lincoln and run Monday-Friday from 9:30-11:30am. Learn more and register at www.EmmausInstitute.net.

Catholic Coffee House returns this year with a series of talks on ways we can continue to grow in our Catholic formation. The next discussion will be: Cultural Formation on January 16th. The event will be hosted at the St. Thomas Aquinas-Newman Center, Lincoln in Rooms 18/19 (downstairs) from 7:00pm-8:30pm. No fee or registration. For more information: www.newmaninstitute.com/coffeehouse

St. Wenceslaus Breakfast Burrito Fundraiser—Bishop Neumann High School: Saturday, January 22nd, 8:00am-Noon & 5:00pm-7:00pm, Drive thru only. Sunday, January 23rd, 8:00am-1:00pm, Dine-in or Drive thru, Games & Silent Auction. Sausage, egg & cheese burrito and Burrito Bowl Meal (available Sunday dine in only). Questions; Missy Knust, 402-305-5206. Flyer in back of church.

Trivia Night- Knights of Columbus 11th trivia contest, January 29th at the Wahoo Vets Club. For tickets and more details go to <https://www.stwencwahoo.org/knights-of-columbus/>

God Bless America Event, Dwight Assumption Parish Hall—Sunday, January 30th, starting at 5:00 pm. The event will start with a Social Hour and a Silent Auction Room followed by a Live Auction. We will have Hors d'oeuvre tables, a Nebraska Wine Grab and a Cash Bar. The event is open to the public with free will offering at entry--No reservations. Spread the word, invite your family and friends and come enjoy a wonderful evening at the Dwight Parish Hall!

Marriage Encounter—Lincoln, February 4th-6th, 2022. Bringing our couple communication to a heartfelt exchange between us. Call right away to reserve a place, 402-370-5839

Ladies, you're invited to our Winter Magnificat Prayer Meal—Saturday, February 5th, 9:30am at Hillcrest Country Club, 9401 East O Street, Lincoln, with guest speaker Fr. Allan Phan. Fr. Phan was ordained a Diocesan Priest in 2018 after an amazing Holy Spirit lead journey as he was not raised in a Christian family. Father's heart is moved by how far Love (God) is willing to go for him and he desires to help others encounter Love to receive the same peace he has. He loves to "rest in the Presence of the Lord" and hear His Lord call him "little flock", which causes all anxieties in his heart to melt away! His favorite scripture is Luke 12:32 "Do not be afraid little flock, for it is Your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom". Come hear Fr. Phan's inspiring testimony, and invite other women to join us in Christianity fellowship. Register by mailing your \$25 check payable to *Magnificat* c/o Tina Colgan, 521 N 56 ST, Lincoln, NE 68504. (Students \$15) Deadline, January 29th. More information: text Rhonda Litt at 402.525.6396 or call and leave a message 402.489.3819.

17th Annual Spirit Celebration Dinner—Spirit Catholic Radio invites you on Saturday, February 12th to enjoy a meal together and honor keynote speaker and Spirit Award Recipient, Steve Ray. Steve has hosted many pilgrimages for Spirit Catholic Radio and is a frequent guest on Spirit Mornings and EWTN Radio. Social hour begins at 6:00pm with the dinner and program beginning at 7:00pm. Only \$50 per seat. Please make your reservation at spiritcatholicradio.com/dinner by February 5th.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

Did you hear about the snowman that fell in love with a mitten? It was glove at first sight.