

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

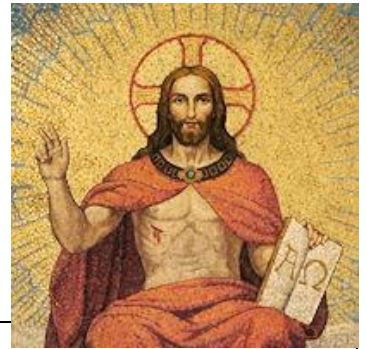
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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 20, 2022

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	November 21 st	7:50 am	+ Tim Vasa
Tuesday	November 22 nd	7:50 am	Intentions of John & Melanie Burke
Wednesday	November 23 rd	7:50 am	+ Caroline Kampschnieder
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ All Souls--Novena
Thursday	November 24 th <i>Thanksgiving</i>	9:00 am	+ All Souls--Novena
Friday	November 25 th	7:50 am	NO MASS
Saturday	November 26 th	5:30 pm	+ Lyle D. Maly
Sunday	November 27 th	8:00 am Touhy	Missa pro Populo
		10:00 am Weston	+ Almeda Sullivan

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

The Solemnity of Christ the King - was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925, especially in response to a growing secularism disbelieving in God. The King of the universe invites – rather than forces - each of us to friendship with Him. To make Him King of our lives in every aspect brings the fulfillment for which we long and unites us to our fellow members of His Kingdom, the Body of Christ. He especially shows what kind of King He is on the cross. **Liturgically** – Christ the King Sunday is placed at the close of the liturgical year, “crowning” the year that has explored all the mysteries of Christ through the weeks. **St. Pope JP II said** - "If it is assessed according to the criteria of this world, Jesus' kingship can appear 'paradoxical'. Indeed, the power he exercises does not fit into earthly logic. On the contrary, his is the power of love and service that requires the gratuitous gift of self and the consistent witness to the truth (cf. Jn 18:37)." (Angelus on Christ the King Sunday, 2001) **Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said** - The Gospel according to Saint Luke presents, as in a great painting, the kingship of Jesus at the moment of His crucifixion. The leaders of the people and the soldiers taunt ‘the firstborn of all creation’ and put Him to the test to see whether He has the power to save Himself from death. Yet precisely on the cross, Jesus is exalted to the very ‘height’ of the God who is love. It is there that he can be ‘known.’ Jesus gives us life because he gives us God. He can give God because he himself is one with God. From the One who ‘is before all things, and in him all things hold together.’ The so-called ‘Good Thief’ straightaway receives forgiveness and the joy of entering the kingdom of Heaven Jesus, from the throne of the cross, welcomes every human being with infinite mercy.” – (from *Magnificat*)

Thanksgiving Day Mass – I love this Mass on Thanksgiving Day as it is such a “warm” gathering of parishioners before they get ready to thank God with the rest of their holiday. What better way to thank God than with thanking Him at Mass.

Cloistered Sisters Collection – The Thanksgiving Day Collection (via envelope packet or extra envelopes in back of Church) goes to the Cloistered Sisters of The Carmel of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in Agnew and the Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters in Lincoln. Can you imagine what their life is like? In a sense they help “hold the world together” through their prayers and they pray for us as well. I have turned to them many times for particular requests. I think we’ll be amazed in heaven seeing the power their prayers had. Let us offer a prayer for them as well.

No Mass on Friday after Thanksgiving.

Advent – Starts next weekend. What are some of your practices? I recommend the book “The Reed of God” by Caryl Houselander. Other great practices include Advent Wreath, a little bit of emptying oneself through sacrifices and fasting during this season of penance and a little extra quiet time in prayer. Then we’ll celebrate Christmas with even greater Joy!

St. John’s School Big Raffle has started – Tickets may be purchased from any school family or the school office. It’s our second biggest fundraiser. Thanks for your support! The drawing will take at the St. John’s Christmas Program on Sunday, December 3rd. I have a book as well. Tickets are \$20.

Benefits of the Rosary: (1) It gradually gives us a more perfect knowledge of Jesus Christ. (2) It purifies our souls, washing away sin. (3) It gives us victory over all our enemies. (4) It makes it easy for us to practice virtue. (5) It sets us on fire with love of Our Lord. (6) It enriches us with graces and merits. (7) It supplies us with what is needed to pay all our debts to God and to our fellow men. (8) It obtains all kinds of graces for us from Almighty God. (9) Greater peace.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of November 26-27, 2022

Acolyte:	Sat. 11/26 Pat Carroll	Sun. 11/27 Chris Tvrdy
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 11/26 Deb Carroll	Sun. 11/27 Marvin Wiese
Servers:	Sat. 11/26 Volunteers	Sun. 11/27 Mason Wiese/Brayden Pleskac
Ushers:	Sat. 11/26 Rich Virgil/Paul Virgil	Sun. 11/27 Paul Pleskac/Bob Masek
Gifts:	Sat. 11/26 Bill Laughridge Family	Sun. 11/27 Chad Kreikemeier Family

Stewardship of Treasure: November 13, 2022 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$1,824.25 **PLUS: Guardian Angel Fund: \$10.00 Candles: \$17.00 All Saints Day: \$50.00**

Food Drive—Please bring the following items to church between November 1st and November 30th: Canned meat, rice, pasta, pasta sauce, soup, cereal and canned fruit. There will be a tote in the back of church.

St. John’s PCCW is in need for two officers for the upcoming two year term: Vice President & Secretary. Please contact Peg Bouc at (402) 480-2962 if you are interested. Thank you!

SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

This week please pray for Jon Kadlec from Assumption Parish, Appleton, who is at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

SPIRITUAL CORNER

“And while we sing, remembering to sing is to doubly pray. At once in our hearts and our tongues we offer double prayer sent heavenward on winged notes to praise God dwelling there.” -St. Cecilia

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4	Friday	Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2; Lk 21:29-33
Tuesday:	Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11	Saturday	Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36
Wednesday:	Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19	Sunday	Is 2:1-5; Ps 122; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44
Thursday:	Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19		

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of November 26-27, 2022

Acolyte:	Sun. 11/27 Zach Kastl
Lector/Reader:	Sun. 11/27 Steve Bartek
Servers:	Sun. 11/27 Simon Strizek/Corbyn Kastl
Ushers:	Sun. 11/27 Carl Woita/Jarold Bartek
Gifts:	Sun. 11/27 Paul Rezac Family

Stewardship of Treasure: November 13, 2022 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$1,894.00 **PLUS: Water Lease: \$20.00 All Saints Day: \$30.00**

St. Vitus' Altar Society Coffee & Rolls—Please join us for coffee and rolls after the 8:00am Mass on Sunday, November 27th at the school house. Group #2 will be serving.

St. Vitus November Church Cleaning—Chairman: Judy Rezac. Group: Carla Kastl, LuAnn Maly & Kathy Becky Grant.

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.

SCHOOL NEWS

NO SCHOOL for St. John's, St. Wenceslaus and Bishop Neumann, Wednesday-Friday, November 23rd thru 25th for Thanksgiving break. School resumes on Monday, November 28th.

Winter Scrip Challenge—We are challenging each grade to sell Scrip from November 1st – December 5th! The class that sells the most (in dollars) will win a jean day, pizza party and a special gift for their teacher!! Christmas shopping season is upon us!! They are in the office if anyone wants to stop by and buy some scrip!!

AREA NEWS

Children of Maria Club—The Children of Maria Club is a service/vocation club for 3rd-6th graders from St. John Nepomucene's School. It is under the direction of Mrs. Donna Furasek, Mrs. Andrea Furasek, and Sister Peggy Kucera. On Saturday and Sunday, November 26th and 27th, after each of the Masses at St. John's in Weston and at St. Vitus in Touhy, our club will be selling homemade Christmas decorations in order to raise money for our club. It will be a free will offering. Thank you for your support, either spiritually or financially. May God bless you. **The Children of Maria Club!**

Pius X High School is accepting applications for the second semester for a full-time paraprofessional. This individual will observe classes and assist with individual and small group instruction coordinated by our ABLE staff. Apply online at piusx.net/employment.

St. Wenceslaus School, Wahoo will be hosting its annual Craft Fair—Sunday, November 20th from 8:30am-2:00pm. Admission is free. Concessions on sale through-out the day. Vendors will be in the gym and in the new main level cafeteria. There will be dozens of holiday cookies and candies available for sale as well as keepsake ornaments created by each of the students.

St. John the Baptist - Prague Holiday Craft Fair – Sunday, November 27th, St. John's Parish Hall, 9:00am-2:00pm. The hall will be full with vendors to begin your holiday shopping and Admission is Free! The coffee will be on early so drop by for a kolache in the morning. Shop at St. John's bake sale for Czech bakery and the lunch stand will be open throughout the day. Come enjoy the Wine Bar with your family and friends. Bottles of wine will be available for sale – perfect for Christmas gifts and your holiday meals. Vendors can contact McKenzie at praguecraftfair@hotmail.com or call 402-443-7692 to reserve your tables.

Catholic Daughters will meet at 2:00pm on November 28th at St. Wenceslaus in Wahoo starting with our special Memorial Mass for our deceased members. Meeting will follow. Everyone is reminded to bring food items for the Marian sisters. We always welcome anyone interested in joining Catholic Daughters to attend as a guest.

Grief and the Holidays—On December 1st 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 for 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 in Lincoln-Piedmont, will be livestreamed and is free.

Looking to go deep during the Advent Season? Join Fr. Joseph Wahlmeier for “*The ‘O Antiphons’ of Advent*” Retreat on December 2nd-4th at Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly. On December 16th-18th we will have the “*Incarnational Intimacy*” retreat with Fr. Steve Mills and December 28th-30th we will be hosting a virtual watch party for the “*Encounter Ministries Conference*”. Read more and register at www.goodcounselretreat.org, email office@goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

Schoenstatt Advent Family Day—Saturday, December 3, 9:00am-NOON. Cor Mariae Center, 340 State Highway 103, Crete, NE. Mass at 9:00am followed by Continental Breakfast at 9:45am and Family Advent Activities. All are welcome to attend, no charge for this event. RSVP not required but appreciated to cor.mariae.crete@gmail.com

FCSLA Life (First Catholic Slovak Ladies Assn) members—Reserve your seats at the annual district ADULT Advent party to be held in the Prague parish hall on Saturday, December 3rd. A memorial rosary will be said at 2:30pm followed by the annual meeting. Then a complimentary meal of tasty pork and dumplings will be served. Please RSVP by November 22nd to Clarice Sabata at 402-784-3154 or ksabatane2035@gmail.com. This event is open to all members and their guests.

I AM LOVE Healing Service—December 9th from 6:00pm-9:00pm at North American Martyr Church in Lincoln. All who desire to receive prayer OR to pray for physical healing are welcome! Organized and led by priests from the Diocese of Lincoln and the Archdiocese of Omaha.

Let the little children come (even the noisy ones)! Join us for a family friendly holy hour at John XXIII Diocesan Center (3700 Sheridan Blvd) from 3:30pm-4:30pm on December 11th. We will have confessions available, a short reflection on Advent for families, some music, some silence (ish), and hot cocoa to follow! No registration required.

FCSLA Life is pleased to announce its 2023-24 scholarship program—Candidates must be FCSLA members for at least 3 years. Scholarships will be awarded in all educational areas – early elementary, elementary, high school, college, grad school, vocational, trade, and technical schools. Submission deadline is February 14, 2023. Applications and further details may be obtained by visiting the FCSLA website at www.fcsla.com or sending an email to Scholarship@FCSLA.com.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

What happened when the turkey got into a fight? He got the stuffing knocked out of him!