

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment



Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 17, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	October 18 th	7:50 am	+ Jim Svoboda
Tuesday	October 19 th	7:50 am	+ Joanie Machacek
Wednesday	October 20 th	7:50 am	+ James Chohon
		5:30 pm	+ Joe & Stacie Bohac
Thursday	October 21 st	7:50 am	+ Ruby Langhorst
Friday	October 22 nd	7:50 am	+ Philip & Helen Kellner
Saturday	October 23 rd	5:30 pm	+ Fr. John Copenhaver
Sunday	October 24 th	8:00 am Touhy	+ Delano Strizek
		10:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Gospel Reflection—The failure of His disciples to understand His mission, caused Jesus suffering. Power and triumphalism, the desire for first places in the kingdom, have nothing to do with Christian leadership, yet into the hands of these frail and failing human beings Jesus entrusts the Christian community. This is both our challenge and our consolation. (Missalette)

Roads to Faith: On Spirit Catholic Radio, Thursday, October 14, on *Kresta in the Afternoon*, Al Kresta had some great segments about faith. (1) Al interviewed Gavin Ashenden, a former Anglican priest (and a Chaplain to the Queen of England), who had become Catholic. Gavin had three reasons he finally became Catholic: First, when Gavin was being strongly attacked by the devil, an exorcist told him to pray the rosary. He found this to be a powerful defense, which drove him into Our Lady's arms. Second, he came across the Eucharistic miracle of Buenos Aires. Previously doubtful of Eucharistic Miracles as superstition or exaggerated, reading the scientific study helped him believe the claim of the Catholic Church that the Eucharist is really Jesus. Third, Gavin's local Catholic bishop asked him "When are you coming across?" Previously Gavin had been trying to help unite the Anglican Church, but came to realize it was not possible because it does not have a hierarchy like the Catholic Church. (2) Later Kresta spoke of the *Miracle of the Sun in Fatima*. In 1917 Mary appeared to the children seers of Fatima, Portugal on the 13th of each month from May to October. She asked for sacrifices and the (daily) recitation of the Rosary. (October is the month of the rosary, a great time to do this). Mary also told the children to share with people that, on her last appearance she would give the world a sign to validate her appearances and words. It was at a time in the world that many people had stopped believing in God; atheism and secularism were rising and the world was at war. Portugal had had thousands killed from WWI and the Spanish flu pandemic. Portugal's government had suppressed the Catholic Church including seizing Catholic Schools, forbidding clerical garb in public and celebration of public religious ceremonies, and 3,000 priests and religious brothers and sisters killed. On October 13th, thousands came to see if it was true and Mary would provide a sign. They saw the sun "dance" while the children saw a vision of Mary, as our Lady of Mount Carmel, and St. Joseph holding Jesus. The rain stopped and dried up. A veil came over the sun, so it could be looked at, it changed through various colors, and the sun seemed to dive toward the earth, terrifying many, before receding. (I am reminded that someone at St. Vitus or St. John's told me that her mother or grandmother had seen something on this day from a great distance, only later hearing about the miracle of the sun - can you remind me who told me that?) (3) Al Kresta also interviewed Jim Warner Wallace, a former homicide detective, formerly a sceptic of Christianity. One day he listened to a pastor and wondered why anyone would believe in Jesus; he was skeptical of the bible. As a detective he had investigated cases with no body. He wondered if Christianity could be investigated in the same way he had investigated cold cases: but rather than without a body, he would do it without the bible. Through his search, he came to believe. His book is called "*Person of Interest: Why Jesus Still Matters in a World that Rejects the Bible*". We thank Jesus for the gift of Faith and ask Him to increase it in us.

World Mission Sunday Collection—Next weekend, October 23/24, is the collection for World Mission Sunday (via envelopes). This collection is dispersed by the Propagation of the Faith in Rome to those mission territories most in need across the world, taking care of people's physical and spiritual needs. We have been so blessed by the Lord and want to share those blessings with others. Someday we hope to meet those with whom we have shared in heaven.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of October 23-24, 2021

Acolyte:	Sat. 10/23 Paul Virgl	Sun. 10/24 Chris Tvrdy
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 10/23 Ginger Laughridge	Sun. 10/24 Bob Masek
Servers:	Sat. 10/23 Volunteers	Sun. 10/24 Noah Huisman/Jaden Berggren
Ushers:	Sat. 10/23 George Wonka/Rich Cherovsky	Sun. 10/24 Paul Pleskac/Steve Breunig
Gifts:	Sat. 10/23 Jeff Maly Family	Sun. 10/24 Rich Tvrdy Family

Stewardship of Treasure: October 10, 2021 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$2,008.16 **PLUS: Candles: \$5.00**

LDCCW Diaper Drive—There are totes in the back of church to drop off your donation. Diaper sizes 5 & 6 are requested.

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; David's Place—Patsy Sabatka. Please let us know if you would like to be added to this list.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Tim 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9	Friday:	Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59
Tuesday:	Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Lk 12:35-38	Saturday:	Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9
Wednesday:	Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48	Sunday:	Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52
Thursday:	Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53		

SPIRITUAL CORNER

“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?” -Luke 16:10-11

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of October 23-24, 2021

Acolyte: Sun. 10/24 Mark Walla
Lector/Reader Sun. 10/24 Pat Bartek
Servers: Sun. 10/24 Caleb Osmera/Cody Furasek
Ushers: Sun. 10/24 Keith Strizek/Shawn Strizek
Gifts: Sun. 10/24 Gerald Osmera Family

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St. Vitus' Altar Society Group - Coffee & Rolls—Please join us for coffee and rolls after the 8:00am Mass on Sunday, October 24th at the school house. Group #2 will be serving.

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

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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.

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

LDCCW October Pro-Life Diaper Drive—The Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (LDCCW) is sponsoring the 12th Annual October Pro-Life Diaper Drive, collecting diapers throughout the month of October in each of the Lincoln Diocesan parishes. A baby in one year will use approximately 2,100 diapers, that's an average of only 6 diapers per day. The LDCCW goal is to collect 90,000 diapers. **Diaper sizes 5 and 6 are most needed.** Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Thank you to those that have already donated. Listen to Spirit Catholic Radio for Diaper Drive announcements. **There are totes in both churches to drop off your donation.**

40 Days for Life Fall 2021 Campaign Thru 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.

St. Anthony Catholic Church, Bruno, “Duck & Pork Dinner” and Bazaar—Sunday, October 17th, 11:00am–3:00pm Tickets are: Adults: \$17.00 and Children: \$8.00 (12 & under, pork only). Carry-Outs: \$17.00.

Online Pro-Life Day Retreat with Bishop Athanasius, a leading voice speaking out for Catholic truth, will be held Tuesday, October 19th, 9:00am-4:00pm. Register for livestream at goodcounselretreat.org

Pro-Life Holy Hour with Bishop Athanasius—Tuesday, October 19th, 7:00pm at St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center, Lincoln. A reception with the Bishop will follow. No registration, freewill offering.

The Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies has three great learning opportunities in October. It's fall seminar, *“The Biblical Portrayal of St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church”* is October 23rd from 9:00am-1:00pm at St. John Parish in Lincoln (lunch included); a 5-week course, *“Intro to the Bible: What It Says and How to Read It”* begins October 20th; and a 5-week course, *“A Study in Ephesians: God's Vision of a Glorious Church”* begins October 21st. Learn more and register at www.emmausinstitute.net.

The American Red Cross Community Blood Drive—Wednesday, October 20th, Noon-6:00pm and Thursday, October 21st, 7:30am-1:30pm at Wahoo State Building (The Shed) 570 N. Elm. Please contact Verna at 402-277-6243 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: WAHOONEB to schedule an appointment, no walk-ins are accepted. Bring your Donor Card or Photo ID.

St Mary's in Ashland 2nd annual Harvest Fest! Sunday, October 24th, serving from 1:00am-2:30pm. We will feature a dinner of smoked pork loin with delicious sides & homemade desserts. (\$12 adults; kids (6-12) \$8; kids under 5 free). Drive thru or carry out (\$12 per meal). Country Market with handmade items & delectable baked goods, jams, jellies & other items. An on-line silent auction is being conducted (biddingowl.com/StMarysCatholicChurch) that will close on October 27th.

Ladies of the Deanery are invited to join the Catholic Daughters at St. Wenceslaus in Wahoo on the evening of Monday, October 25th for a fun filled evening filled with a silent and live auction. Items that you might see include baked goods, canned items, jams, crafts, something for everyone. All proceeds from the live auction will be donated to help support national CDA and local charities. We will begin with Holy Rosary at 6:30pm followed by lunch and auctions, and then a very short business meeting. We hope many of you will join us and bring a friend too on the evening of October 25th.

Date Night—Make time for your vocation! The Family Life Office invites you to a date night out on October 26th, 6:00pm-9:00pm at UNL Newman Center Rosary Hall with Fr. Sean Kilcawley. \$45 for dinner/drinks/apps for two, \$15 for drinks/apps, or come for free to the talk and go out to eat on your own (will also be streamed). More info/registration at <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/octoberdatenight>

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, October 28th, from 7:00-9:00pm 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. 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.

St. John Nepomucene School is having a Free Will Donation Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, October 31st, 11:00am-2:00pm at the St. John Nepomucene School Gym. Dine-In, Carry Out and Delivery Options available. Delivery details to be given as the date gets closer.

Service Day Opportunity—The students at Bishop Neumann Jr/Sr High School would like to say “thank you” to our parish! On Wednesday, November 10th students in 7th through 12th grades are willing to work at the parish, for ALL parish members, or throughout the community. Whether it's raking leaves, washing windows, or sweeping out garages they want to help! Please complete a request form (located in the back of church) and return in the collection plate by **Sunday, October 31st**. Any questions can be directed to Gery Kenney (402-443-4151 or gery-kenney@cdolinc.net).

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

As my two sons were climbing into the back seat of our car, Eric, five, yelled, “I call the left side!” That didn't sit well with Ron, four. “No, I want the left side!” “I want the left side!” “No, I want the left side!” Intervening, I said, “Since Eric is older, he can have the left side.” “Thanks, Dad!” said Eric. “Which side is left?”