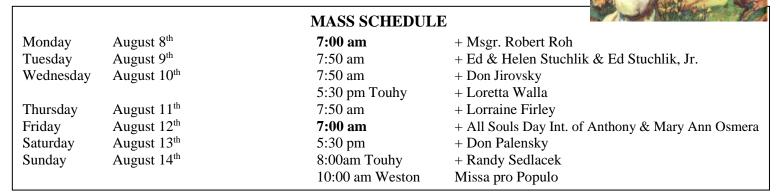
PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 7, 2022



NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Sunday's Gospel – It is out of love for our good that God reminds us to be ready for when we shall meet Him.

Mission Coop 2022 – We are still not having missionary appeals due to travel restriction. So the mission coop director for the diocese, Fr. Holoubek, asked us to choose mission projects. I chose these two options: (1) From mission.org I chose Sr. Harriet's project for her community in Kenya for a solar source for electricity when they lose theirs for a week at a time, which causes hardship as you can imagine. (2) The Society of St. Peter (SSP) supports seminarian education in poor nations. Fr. H seems to think that the SSP about the best thing to give to whenever I ask him. You can put a donation in an envelope and label it either "Sr. Harriet's Mission" or "St. Peter's Seminary Mission" OR you can read more "St. John's & St. Vitus' Mission cooperative Appeal 2022" handout at the back of church.

Feast of the Assumption of Mary, August 15th – At the end of her earthly life, Jesus assumed His mother, body and soul into heaven, where she reigns as Queen of heaven and earth. Jesus gave us Mary to be our mother also. What a gift Thank you Jesus! This is one of those feast days for which the obligation to attend mass is removed if it falls on Monday or Saturday, as it does this year. Therefore, I will just have the one mass, Monday morning at Weston, but will make it earlier, **7:00 am**, so it is easier for more to attend if they so choose. And of course there are lots of other options in the surrounded parishes.

Feast of the Transfiguration – Saturday, August 6th is/was the Feast of the Transfiguration. (a Luminous Mystery). Imagine how Jesus' divinity shown out like light! The Apostles would remember this in difficult times, including the cross – so can we. It is also is a reminder of what God wants for us and our bodies to become in heaven.

St. Alphonsus de Ligouri (Feast, August 1) –St. Alphonsus explains in these comforting words God's love for us. God speaks to us: "O man, consider carefully that I first loved you. You had not yet appeared in the light of day, nor did the world yet exist, but already I loved you. From all eternity I have loved you." And to catch us in chains of love, God bestowed gifts on men: memory, intellect, will, a body equipped with senses, heaven and earth and such an abundance of things, so that all creation might serve man, and man might love God out of gratitude for so many gifts. But this was not enough. He gave us his only Son, to make reparation for us and to call us back to a sinless life.

WEEKLY TITHING COLLECTIONS		
	St. John Nepomucene	St. Vitus
Amount Budgeted per Week (\$3,054.89) in July	\$15,274.45	
Amount Budgeted per Week (\$2,021.94) in July		\$10,109.70
Amount Received in July	\$10,508.90	\$ 8,526.38
Net Excess (Deficit) for the month July	\$(4,765.55)	\$(1,583.32)
2022 Year-to-Date Total	\$112,802.03	\$59,997.76

SPIRITUAL CORNER

"We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become. If we love things, we become a thing. If we love nothing, we become nothing. Imitation is not a literal mimicking of Christ, rather it means becoming the image of the beloved, an image disclosed through transformation. This means we are to become vessels of God's compassionate love for others." St. Clare of Assisi

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Mt 17:22-27 Friday Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63; Mt 19:3-12 Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 Saturday Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26 Sunday Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21—19:1

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; St. Joseph's Court—Rose Bohac. Please let us know if you would like to be added to this list.

PRAYERS FOR SISTERS VOCATIONS

This week please pray for Sr. Guadalupe, Postulant, and Sr. Benedicta Hawkins, Novice (Jr. Sister on 7-24-22) of the Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln.

SCHOOL NEWS

Bishop Neumann School begins on Wednesday, August 10th.

St. John Nepomucene School begins on Thursday, August 18th at 7:40am. Mass will be at 8:00am.

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 <u>stjohnscrip19@gmail.com</u>. 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 <u>stjohnscrip19@gmail.com</u> 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.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of August 13-14, 2022

Acolyte:Sat. 8/13 Paul VirglSun. 8/14 Chris TvrdyLector/Reader:Sat. 8/13 Ginger LaughridgeSun. 8/14 Bob Masek

Servers:Sat. 8/13 VolunteersSun. 8/14 Noah Huisman/Kendol BenesUshers:Sat. 8/13 Rich Virgil/Ron WallaSun. 8/14 Steve Breunig/VolunteerGifts:Sat. 8/13 Rich Virgil FamilySun. 8/14 Gene Adams Family

Stewardship of Treasure: July 31, 2022 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$1,734.00 *PLUS:* Candles: \$26.00 Guardian Angel Fund: \$5.00

St. John's PCCW Group - Coffee & Rolls—Please join us for coffee and rolls after the 8:00am Mass on Sunday, August 7th. **PCCW Meeting**—Tuesday, August 9th at 7:00pm at St. John's School in the downstairs kitchen.

***Mark Your Calendars!! St. John's Annual Bazaar Dinner is Sunday, September 18th. Worker lists are being worked on and will be mailed out beginning of September. If you would like to request a specific job please email westonbazaar@hotmail.com or call the church **Before Aug. 14th** and leave a voicemail. Requests will be considered as made; however not all requests may be feasible. We look forward to a very successful event! -Bazaar Committee

PCCW Garage Sale—Thursday, August 25th from 8:00am-6:00pm; Friday, August 26th from 8:00am-6:00pm; Saturday, August 27th from 8:00am-Noon with \$3 bag sale on the last day. No electronics, TVs or chemicals. **Also,** all PCCW members to donate 2 dozen wrapped baking or \$15. Service hours are available. **Drop off dates:** August 22nd-24th from 8:00am-7:00pm at the school gym. To volunteer, please call: Barb Opp at 402-642-5342, Deanne Spicka at 402-642-5569 or Donna Janecek at 402-642-5449.

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of August 13-14, 2022

Acolyte: Sun. 8/14 Dan Furasek Lector/Reader: Sun. 8/14 Ron Furasek

Servers: Sun. 8/14 Adam Furasek/Cody Furasek
Ushers: Sun. 8/14 Deon Thoene/Ron Furasek
Gifts: Sun. 8/14 Bryan Woita Family

Stewardship of Treasure: July 31, 2022 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$1,210.00 *PLUS:* Peter's Pence: \$50.00

St. Vitus August Church Cleaning—Chairman: Heather Walla. Group: Lexi Walla, Jan Bohac & Monica Osmera.

AREA NEWS

You Are Invited to Join Bishop Robert Vasa (Bishop of Santa Rosa and alumnus of St. John's School in Weston and Bishop Neumann High School in Wahoo) and several other supporters of Catholic schools in Saunders and Butler Counties for a Barn Party celebrating the impact of Catholic Education in our communities and throughout the Diocese of Lincoln! You'll have the opportunity to hear from Bishop Vasa and to learn more about how the Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund keeps tuition affordable and helps parishes that support our schools. Drinks and heavy hors d'oeuvres will be provided. Sunday, August 14th from 6:30pm-8:00pm - 2760 Main Rd. Valparaiso. RSVPs to the Diocesan Office of Development & Stewardship (402-904-8049 or katie-ostgren@lincolndiocese.org) are helpful but not required.

The Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies will host a 24-hour scriptural retreat, "Following the Way: A Biblical Retreat on Discipleship" August 19th-20th at Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly. Read more and register at www.goodcounselretreat.org, email office@goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

Holy Trinity Parish in Brainard will hold a Chicken Dinner on Sunday, August 21st from 10:30am-2:30pm. Mass at 10:00am. Bake Sale, Games for Children, Raffle and Accordion Jamboree. The dinner features chicken, potatoes & gravy, corn, coleslaw, cucumbers, tomatoes, pie, kolaches, rolls, coffee, tea and lemonade. Tickets: \$15.00-Adults, \$8.00-Children 12 & under. (Take out & drive-thru-\$15.00)

Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church-Plasi, Roast Beef Dinner—Enjoy a fun-filled day with the Plasi Parishioners on Sunday, August 28th from 11:00am-2:00pm! Make the trip to the Prague Parish Hall for a FULL self-serve roast beef dinner with loads of sides, including kolaches! Try your hand at our bake/gift walk and \$1,000 raffle! Purchase delicious baked goods from our masterful bakers! A wide variety of unique items will be waiting for your bid at our auction! Meal prices: Adults-\$15, Children (5-10 years)-\$6, Preschool-Free. Dining options will be available: dine-in, take-out or drive-thru. Flyer is in the back of church.

That Man is You is an interactive Men's program combining the best research from science with the teaching of the catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture. That Man is You Seeks to form Men who will be capable of transforming homes and society. Starting September 16th from 5:30am to 6:30am in the St. Wenceslaus basement in Wahoo. To sign up online visit <u>paradisusdei.org</u> or for questions contact Tobin Spangler <u>tobin@laceyinc.com</u> or 402-599-3254

Marriage Encounter Weekend—*Taking our Marriage to a new height in Love.* September 23rd-25th in Kearney. Call right away to ensure a place. Contact Gary & Brenda Granger 303-604-6202. Fr. Mark Pfeiffer presenting Priest.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House near Waverly offers weekend retreats both in-person and online, see the schedule of retreats at www.goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

RIDDLE: What word in the English language does the following: the first two letters signify a male, the first three letters signify a female, the first four letters signify a great, while the entire world signifies a great woman. What is the word? - Heroine

St. John's and St. Vitus Missionary Cooperative Appeal 2022 (Side 1)

Due to the travel restrictions, missionaries have not been allowed to travel internationally to ask for our much-needed help. The Diocesan Mission Office instead asks that we select charitable projects to support through the Propagation of the Faith Website, missio.org. and/or SSP I have selected Sr. Harriet's project, described below and/or the Society of St. Peter (SSP) which supports seminarian education in poor nations (see reverse page):

<u>Sister Harriet Maria</u> and her community, Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph, recognize that a big problem that affects their outreach is the lack of electricity. Unreliable source of power prohibits learning, poses risks as phones cannot charge leaving all without a way to call for help and food goes bad. There are times when power outage lasts for a week. There is real suffering under these conditions. We hope, with your support, we can install a power system and solar back up. Please consider help us so that we may give hope to the youth in our area.

- a. Goal is \$2780. It is 62% raised so far!
- b. Let's try to raise the final \$500 for this project to help Sr. Harriet Maria get consistent electricity in her community in Kenya.
- c. Go to missio.org under donate select category "religious" to see pictures.

What your donation can do!

- \$50 helps buy cable wires
- \$150 helps buy switches and bulbs
 - \$250 helps buy solar panels

3 Ways to help these very worthy projects or any other project at Mission.org:

- 1. Put donation in Mission Coop envelope stating which project you want to support ("Sr. Harriet's Electricity" or "Seminarians of St. Peter") and put this in the collection basket at weekend Mass.
- 2. Go to missio.org and find one of the above projects using the instructions above. Click on the name of the project then on that page scroll to the very bottom where you will see a block with Fr Matthew Vandewalle listed as Project Fundraiser. Click on this box and you will go to a page that has all three projects listed. You can select to donate to either one. You can also go to this link that will take you directly to my "Fundraise With Your Friends" page for our parishes. https://www.missio.org/account.aspx?tab=fundraiser&localization=EN
- 3. You can use this QR code with your smart phone camera or QR reader app and go directly to these three projects for which I have set myself up as a fundraiser on behalf of our parishes.



St. John's and St. Vitus Missionary Cooperative Appeal 2022 (Side 2)

<u>Information about The Society of St Peter the Apostle one of the official Pontifical Mission</u> Societies of the Catholic Church.

The Society of St. Peter the Apostle exists to support the education of candidates for the Catholic priesthood in the developing world, and to support the formation of men and women candidates for the religious life in the missions. In its first year, the Society of St. Peter the Apostle sent help for some 2,700 seminarians in the missions! Today, more than 30,000 seminarians in some 400 seminaries, mostly in Africa and Asia, receive an annual subsidy of \$750 per student. This subsidy pays for room, board, books, buildings, and professors needed for the training of the seminarians. In addition, close to 10,000 men and women religious novices receive assistance. Support provided through the Society for St. Peter the Apostle ensures that these young men and women may continue to answer their call to serve Our Lord.

History

In 1889, mother and daughter — Stephanie and Jeanne Bigard — answered a desperate plea for help from the Missions. The French missionary bishop of Nagazaki, Japan, wrote to the two women asking for help to keep his seminary open because he had run out of the funds necessary to help educate these young men to serve their people as priests. The bishop just did not have the funds to train these young Japanese men whom, he judged, would make excellent priests.

The Bigards came to his assistance and started a small group for this purpose in their native Caen, France. From these humble beginnings emerged the **Society of St. Peter Apostle**. Within five years of sending their first donation to Japan, the Bigards, and those whom they enlisted to help, were sending funds to seminaries in India, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Korea and China.

The goal of the Society of St. Peter Apostle then and now has been to invite individuals to support the education of candidates for the Catholic priesthood in the Developing World and to support the continued formation and training of priests, religious brothers and religious sisters in the mission lands.

In its first year, the Society of St. Peter Apostle sent assistance for some 2,700 seminarians in the Missions. Today, some 30,000 major seminarians, mostly in Africa and Asia, receive an annual subsidy of \$750 per student.

- Support for a seminarian for the full six years is \$4,200.00
- Support for one year is \$750.00
- Room and Board for one month is \$35.00
- Room and Board for one day is \$5.00