

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 22, 2022

MASS SCHEDULE			
Monday	May 23 rd	7:50 am	+ Patty Cejka
Tuesday	May 24 th	7:50 am	Aaron Hendrickson
Wednesday	May 25 th	7:50 am	+ Ed Stuchlik, Jr.
	Ascension Vigil	6:00 pm Touhy	+ Stella Fiedler
Thursday	May 26 th	Ascension of the Lord	Agnes Sasse
	Ascension of the Lord	7:00 am	Missa pro Populo
Friday	May 27 th	7:50 am	+ Liv/Dec PCCW Members
Saturday	May 28 th	5:30 pm	+ Roland Pospisil
Sunday	May 29 th	8:00 am Touhy	Missa pro Populo
		10:00 am Weston	Special Intentions

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

This Sunday we celebrate the 6th Sunday of Easter. As we draw closer to the great Feast of the Ascension, Jesus reminds us that He will not leave us orphans. Even today, in the midst of our great struggles, we can rest assured that Jesus remains with us to comfort and strengthen us through His Church.

Ascension Thursday – This is appropriately a Holy Day of Obligation which we celebrate on the 25th (vigil) & 26th. After Jesus’ post-resurrection appearances and giving instructions to the apostles, 40 days after Easter, Jesus ascended into heaven (Acts 1), from whence He will come again. In heaven, Jesus constantly intercedes for us to the Father, especially for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit so that the members of His Body, may live in the hope of one day being with Him forever. (CCC 665-667).

Easter Water Available – It is a great custom to use Holy Water in each household to bless oneself and battle evil spirits. Easter water (blessed at the Easter Vigil) is particularly special. Please take a bottle from the back of church. If used up, please allow remains to evaporate rather than pour down the drain.

Job Openings - St. John’s School is seeking Part-time teacher for Special Ed, Library, Religion and After School Supervisor. Please contact Fr. Vandewalle if you are interested.

Pray and Work for Life – Someone wondered why the bishops are silent about Pro-life and the overturning of Roe? In fact the bishops have been saying a lot including (1) Calls for prayer, action, voting (2) May 13th day of prayer and fast (3) “Mom’s in Need” initiative (4) Christians have the most privately-operated centers to help mothers in need (5) etc.. . I think the perceived silence is the disproportionate coverage from common media which gives more coverage to Pro-choice. Also, we tend to put great trust in our familiar media, especially likeable, familiar local new personalities. But I do not think these clamor to promote Pro-life, Pro-family messages. This reminds us to seek out and support Christian news sources: Southern Nebraska Register, EWTN, Spirit Catholic Radio, National Catholic Register, etc.... Though many are alarmed by statistics of death from homicides and Covid, yet the nearly million abortions which annually equal more than these other two are muted by common news sources. In addition, when Roe v Wade is threatened, Christians are considered backwards, bigoted, and anti-woman. Rather, Christians are charitably Pro-family, Pro-woman, and Pro-child, because we are Pro-Jesus. Though every woman has a right to have her body, a temple of the Holy Spirit, respected, so does the child within her womb that is no longer “her body”, but a child of God. A mother’s sacred task is to protect children. The Church (also a mother) upholds the dignity of women and their bodies, God’s children in the womb and afterwards, and their families.

Month of May – *“Because the month of May is a powerful incentive to more frequent and fervent prayers ... to Mary’s compassionate heart looking at the present needs of the Church and the status of world peace a plea for a concerted effort on the part of all Christians is a matter of top priority. Peace is primarily a gift from God. Just as happiness and destiny of nations are in His power, so also are the hearts of men.”* – Pope Paul VI

SPIRITUAL CORNER

“Out of compassion for us He descended from Heaven and although He ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in Him by Grace.” -St. Augustine

PRAYERS FOR SISTERS VOCATIONS

This week please pray for Sr. Mary Cecelia, Professed of the Holy Spirit Adoration (Pink) Sisters and Sr. Xuan Sang, Postulant of Sisters of Mary, Queen of Mercy.

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, Larry & Rose Woita; 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.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a	Friday	Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11	Saturday	Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Jn 16:12-15	Sunday	Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97; Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20;
Thursday:	Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53		Jn 17:20-26

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for Ascension (Holy Day of Obligation) May 26th and the weekend of May 28-29, 2022

<u>Ascension 7:00 am</u>		<u>Ascension 7:00 pm</u>	
Acolyte:	Thur. 5/26 Volunteer	Acolyte:	Thur. 5/26 Milton Bouc
Lector/Reader:	Thur. 5/26 Volunteer	Lector/Reader:	Thur. 5/26 Ron Walla
Servers:	Thur. 5/26 Volunteers	Servers:	Thur. 5/26 Brayden Pleskac/Hudson Fortik
Ushers:	Thur. 5/26 Volunteers	Ushers:	Thur. 5/26 Steve Breunig/Rich Cherovsky
Gifts:	Thur. 5/26 Volunteers	Gifts:	Thur. 5/26 Jeff Maly Family
Acolyte:	Sat. 5/28 Pat Carroll	Acolyte:	Sun. 5/29 Matt Tvrdy
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 5/28 Deb Carroll	Lector/Reader:	Sun. 5/29 Bob Masek
Servers:	Sat. 5/28 Volunteers	Servers:	Sun. 5/29 Jaden Berggren/Noah Huisman
Ushers:	Sat. 5/28 Joe Janecek/Jeff Maly	Ushers:	Sun. 5/29 Jim Woita/Paul Pleskac
Gifts:	Sat. 5/28 Joe Janecek Family	Gifts:	Sun. 5/29 Milton Bouc Family
Stewardship of Treasure: May 15, 2022 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...			
Total: \$3,586.77 PLUS: Candles: \$18.00			

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for Ascension Vigil (Holy Day of Obligation) May 25th and the weekend of May 28-29, 2022

<u>Ascension Vigil 6:00 pm</u>			
Acolyte:	Wed. 5/25 Joe Kouma	Acolyte:	Sun. 5/29 Joe Kouma
Lector/Reader:	Wed. 5/25 Pat Bartek	Lector/Reader:	Sun. 5/29 Pat Bartek
Servers:	Wed. 5/25 Volunteers	Servers:	Sun. 5/29 Lane Bohac/Chase Bohac
Ushers:	Wed. 5/25 Ernie Osmera/Mike Bouc	Ushers:	Sun. 5/29 Ernie Osmera/Mike Bouc
Gifts:	Wed. 5/25 Zach Kastl Family	Gifts:	Sun. 5/29 Larry Masek Family
Stewardship of Treasure: May 15, 2022 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...			
Total: \$1,396.26 PLUS: Water Lease: \$20.00			
St. Vitus’ Altar Society Coffee & Rolls—Please join us for coffee and rolls after the 8:00am Mass on Sunday, May 22 nd at the school house. Group #2 will be serving.			
St. Vitus May Church Cleaning—Chairman: Sheila Stanek. Group: Geradette Bohac & Pat Dvorak.			

SCHOOL NEWS

Bishop Neumann Boys Youth Basketball Camp: For boys entering 3rd-5th grade in the Fall of 2022 is May 23/24th 9:00am-2:30pm and for boys entering 6th-8th grade in the Fall of 2022 is May 25/26th 9:00am-3:30pm. Cost is \$45. Contact John Kreikemeier at John-Kreikemeier@cdolinc.net for registration information.

Bishop Neumann Youth Football Camp will be held on June 6th-8th. Camp will run from 9:15am-11:45am. Camp is for future 4th - 6th graders in the 2022-2023 year. Cost is \$40. Please contact Doug Lanik at 402-875-0823 or email Doug-Lanik@cdolinc.net for more information. Registration is due by May 20th.

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

The recipients of the 2022 FCSLA Life scholarships include Greeleigh Faulkner of Fremont (elementary), Jillian Johnson of Wahoo (high school), and Anna Tvrdy of St John’s (college). Brooke and Jocelyn Jelinek of St John’s (elementary) will also be awarded scholarships from our local FCSLA branch. Congratulations!

Catholic Daughters will meet at 6:30pm on Monday, May 23rd at St. Wenceslaus in Wahoo starting with Mass, meeting will follow. We welcome anyone interested in joining Catholic Daughters to attend as a guest. Members are reminded to pay their dues (\$27) for 2022 by the end of June. Cathy Cecava (PO Box 92, Davey, NE 68336) would appreciate receiving your payment. She says thanks to those who have paid. Please note the date of the meeting. At this meeting we will vote on officers and there will be a discussion on whether to have more meetings in the afternoon. We encourage members to attend to voice their opinion.

The Chancery has an immediate opening for a Director of Communications—The Director of Communications strategically plans and coordinates the communication of events, news, and initiatives among the people of the Diocese of Lincoln. This position coordinates the external and internal communications of the Diocese through print, digital and social media, podcasts, web, press, and TV/radio. Salary commensurate with experience. To apply please send resume, cover letter and two writing examples (concise press release and full length story) to Marsha Bartek at marsha-bartek@lincolndiocese.org or to Chancery, 3400 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68506. Link: <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/diocese/employment>

Wahoo Deanery LDCCW Meeting will be held at St Mary’s in Ashland at 6:30pm June 7th. Please have a representative from each of the 14 parishes of the Wahoo Deanery in attendance. The President’s Handbook will be handed out. I look forward to meeting many of you. Barb Soukup, President St George Morse Bluff

Spirit Catholic Radio invites you to hear The “Dynamic” Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers speak at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Omaha on June 9th at 7:00pm! He is a powerful and passionate evangelist and preacher, whose no-nonsense approach to living and proclaiming the Catholic faith will challenge and inspire those who hear him. The Dynamic Deacon will be speaking on The Pursuit of Happiness: Finding True Joy in the Catholic Faith. Register by June 3rd for \$5 per ticket. Invite 4 friends to receive “Evangelist Pricing” – 5 tickets for \$20! For more details about this event, visit spiritcatholicradio.com/dynamic.

Ss. Peter & Paul, Abie—Ss. Peter & Paul Altar Society will have a Rummage and Bake Sale Friday, June 10th, 8:00am-5:00pm and Saturday, June 11th, 8:00am-1:00pm in the church basement. Coffee, Rolls, Soups and Sandwiches will be available. \$2 bags on Saturday.

Cor Jesus Rex Summer CCD 2022—Please join Sts. Mary & Joseph Parish in Summer CCD, June 27th-July 1st. We are always honored to have the Christ the King Sisters teach our students. It is a rarity for some children to spend time with a Nun. They will enjoy getting to know the Sisters, learn more about our Catholic faith in a new way. They get to know the love for Jesus and how wonderful the religious life is, along with strengthening their own Catholic faith. Registration forms in the back of both churches.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

A poodle and a collie are walking together when the poodle suddenly unloads on his friend. “My life is a mess,” he says. “My owner is mean, my girlfriend ran away with a schnauzer, and I’m as jittery as a cat.” “Why don’t you go see a psychiatrist?” suggests the collie. “I can’t,” says the poodle. “I’m not allowed on the couch.”