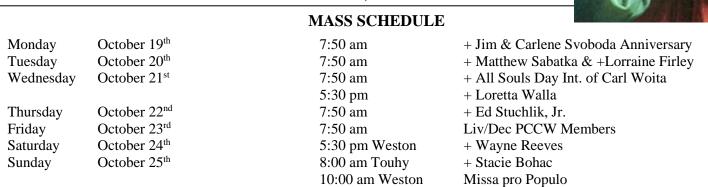
PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 18, 2020



NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Our need for God and others (and some ideas for prayer) – Being ill helped me to consider my great dependency on God and on so many good people. It also increased my motivation to pray for and look out for others in need as so many had done for me. "No man is an island unto himself" said John Donne in Meditation XVII. Here are a few scattered thoughts (as mine have been of late) on prayer and a few ideas on how to pray: (1) Ask God 'please help me to pray.' (2) Read the section of The Catechism of the Catholic Church on prayer. In it St. Therese says 'Prayer is a battle!' In other words it is not easy, but takes some perseverance (3) Read Mathew Kelly's "Prayer process" on how to pray for 10 minutes a day (4) Pray the Rosary for others and for the world. It is so powerful! While doing so, you might consider what Mary was thinking during each of these mysteries? Ask her guidance to pray the Rosary. Perhaps consider how your favorite saints thought about the mysteries of the rosary. Or get a book about how to prayer the rosary. (5) Find a picture of a modern day saint (such as St. JPII) in prayer (6) 'Fuel' for the 'fire' of prayer good spiritual reading. Read about the saints or written by a saint. (7) Talk to God simply about anything and everything; I assure you, He is always bathing us in love and mercy and wants our good. (8) Sit and simply "BE" before God (9) Read about Carmelite spirituality (10) Read reflections from the Magnificat or Word Among Us (11) Read "Searching for and Maintaining Peace" by Fr. Jacques Philippe (one of my favorite small books). (12) Ask friend how they prayer or even to pray with you!

World Mission Sunday Collection—This and next weekend the 2nd collection is 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.

Bishops Appeal for Vocations – There will be extra pledge cards in the back of church if you didn't get it in the mail. Thanks as always for your generosity.

Praying and Voting with Catholic Consciences – Let us keep praying and sacrificing for our country and the upcoming election and that God will bless our nation. There are many great Catholic resources to inform our conscience according to our Catholic Faith and especially regarding the most important issues such as the Right to Life. On the Diocese of Lincoln Webpage there is a Catholic Voter Guide put out by the Nebraska Catholic Conference. We have an important duty to continue to do our part in defending life from the womb to the end of life.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Stewardship of Treasure: *October 11, 2020* We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$4,228.81 *PLUS:* Candles: \$20.00 Guardian Angel Fund: \$10.00 World Mission Sunday: \$5.00

Peter's Pence: \$265.00

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, Patsy Sabatka and Albina Kellner; Saunders County Care Center—Julius & Marcella Meduna and Marjorie Rezek; Oxbow Living Center, Ashland—Bob Machacek. Please let us know if you would like to be added to this list.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21 Friday Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59 Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38 Saturday Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48 Sunday Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18; 1 Thes 1:5c-10;

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53 Mt 22:34-40

SPIRITUAL CORNER

"God did not tell us to follow Him because He needed our help, but because He knew that loving Him would make us whole."

-St. Irenaeus

SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

This week please pray for Ranil Weerrackoon from St. Thomas, Lincoln.

ST. VITUS PARISH

Stewardship of Treasure: October 11, 2020 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$1,260.00 *PLUS:* **All Souls:** \$50.00 **Water Lease:** \$20.00

St. Vitus October Church Cleaning—Chairman: Jackie Hladik. Group: Kathy Bohac and Kristie Bohac.

SCHOOL NEWS

Neumann Boosters Meeting—Monday, October 19th at 7:00pm.

Neumann's Fall Vocal Concert is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, October 21st. Time - TBD.

Support Our School with Scrip—How It Works: You purchase a gift card from a local or national vendor for the full amount and the vendor donates anywhere from 1-30% back to our school. You get the full value of the card! Local Vendors are included along with hundreds of National Vendors including Amazon, Best Buy, Pizza Hut, Subway, Dairy Queen, Walmart, Target, Sam's Club, Scheels, Menards and many more! 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. Please 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—One of the non-truths in the abortion debate is the notion that pro-life advocates care about the child in the womb and do nothing for pregnant women or for the children once born. The Diaper Drive is a great opportunity to support the women that choose life rather than abortion. Let's all work together to make this Pro-Life Diaper Drive a great success. Listen to Spirit Catholic Radio for Diaper Drive announcements.

The American Red Cross Community Blood Drive—Wednesday, October 21st, Noon-6:00pm and Thursday, October 22nd, 7:00am-1:00pm 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. Bring your Donor Card or Photo ID.

The Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies is presenting "Are You Saved? The Fullness of Salvation in Catholic Teaching"—Saturday, October 24th from 8:30am-12:00pm at St. Teresa Catholic Church in Lincoln. Cost is \$30 and includes refreshments for both body and soul. Registration is required at www.emmausinstitute.net.

Catholic Daughters will meet on Monday, October 26th at St. Wenceslaus with mass at 6:30pm followed by our meeting. We will not have our annual auction at this meeting. Hopefully we can do it at a spring meeting. We will implement social distancing and wearing masks at this meeting. Please remember October is WHITE RIBBON MONTH and we must continue to PRAY that we will see an end to pornography and sexual exploitation

Menopause Information Session—Michele Chambers, CFCP, will be speaking about the health, hormonal, and charting implications of menopause on October 26th at 7:00pm at the John XXIII Diocesan Center. The event will also be held virtually. Event is free, pre-registration requested at https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/menopause Questions, call the NFP Office at 402-473-0630 or email naturalfamilyplannign@cdolinc.net

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House—Upcoming 3-day weekend retreat for men or women, "Jesus, Please Heal Me". October 30th - November 1st, with Fr. Craig Doty. Retreat starts Friday at 8:00pm, ends Sunday with noon lunch. Inperson at the Retreat House or at-home, live stream and on demand recordings. Learn more at <u>goodcounselretreat.com</u> or call 402-786-2705.

3-Part Evangelization Series: Matt Simmons, Director of Evangelization & Spiritual Formation, will present talks on October 28th, The Meaning and Value of the Cross and November 18th, Experiencing the Resurrection from 7:00pm-8:30pm on ZOOM. "In the midst of this cultural chaos the simplicity of the gospel is the answer. Jesus is calling us to a deeper repentance in order to experience his resurrection." The workshop is free. Registration is required if you wish to participate on ZOOM. To register, please visit: lincolndiocese.org/evangelization or Email Annette-Wemhoff@cdolinc.net

Calling all Mothers & Grandmothers! The Catholic Moms Summit is a FREE online event this November 13th-15th. Join women from all around the world for this unprecedented gathering! Over 80 presentations and live events will get into the real issues moms and grandmothers face on a day to day basis. Come and be inspired and refreshed! Register for FREE at CatholicMomsSummit.com

Walking With God? Walk with us!—The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Clyde, Missouri, invite single women, ages 18-40 who are considering religious life, to attend a Virtual Monastic Experience via zoom November 20th-22nd. We hope to digitally show discerners around, introduce some of our Sisters, and share some tips on prayer and discernment. The experience will include one hour of input each day. There will also be an opportunity to connect with the vocation director one on one. There is no cost to attend. To learn more, please visit www.benedictinesisters.org. To register, contact Sr. Maria Victoria at (660) 944-2221 ex. 127 or e-mail vocation@benedictinesisters.org.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

Have you heard the story of the Spanish magician? He was on stage one day and said "Uno...dos..." and then he disappeared without a tres.