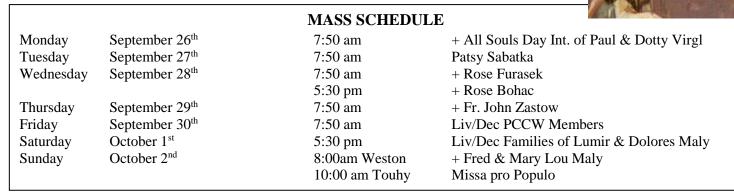
PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 25, 2022



NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Weston St. John's Bazaar - Thanking all who made this year's Bazaar a success! I saw lots of happiness and joy spread around through many generations helping out! Special thanks to our chair couples Charlie and Rita Pleskac, Chris and Paula Bouc and Devon and Kelsey Zitek, and ALL who helped with the bazaar in any way, physically, monetarily, or spiritually. **If you would still like to make a monetary donation for the Fall Bazaar,** you may do so by simply dropping an envelope

labeled 'Fall Bazaar' in the Sunday Offering or mail to PO Box 10, Weston, NE 68070. Thank You.

Gospel Reflection – In Sunday's readings we see persons condemned because they are living for themselves only, even though they have the means to help those in need. In the Gospel, the rich man, Dives, does not help Lazarus even though he is at his very doorstep, begging. Matthew 25 reminds us that part of what we shall be judged upon is how we care for others: "What you did for the least, you did for me." We can ask God the grace to help us see where we are called to serve. Simone Veil said: I am not called to make me happy – that is God's job; my job is to love God and others. Ironically, in loving and serving God and others (this does not mean we neglect ourselves) the side effect is our own peace.

Padre Pio – September 23rd was the Feast of St. Pio of Pietrelcina (familiarly known as Padre Pio). He died as recently as 1968. My favorite line of his is "Pray, hope, and don't worry!" Isn't that awesome. I recommend learning more about him. A short book is by Fr. Gabriel Amorth. St. Pio wrote: "Peace is the simplicity of spirit, the serenity of conscience, the tranquility of the soul and the bond of love. Peace is order, it is the harmony in each one of us, it is a continual joy that is born in witnessing a clear conscience, it is the holy joy of a heart wherein God reigns. Peace is the way to perfection, or, even better, in peace dwells perfection.

The joy of seeing others live for God – Though there is a sadness when I see some not practicing the Faith, yet I do see those who do, including the next generation as they enter adulthood. This is a cause for joy. I've seen it through young families with children at mass, through young people taking leadership in the Church. It reminds me that it is God working in hearts and souls.

Magnificat, MagnifiKid and The Word Among Us subscriptions are in the back of church

SPIRITUAL CORNER

"I pray that His Divine Goodness may accompany you, be your consolation along the way, your shade against the heat of the sun, your shelter in rain and cold, your soft bed in your weariness, your strength in your toil and finally, that He may bring you back in perfect health and filled with good works."

-St. Vincent de Paul

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50 Friday Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16 Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56 Saturday Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62 Sunday Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14;

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51 Lk 17:5-10

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of October 1-2, 2022

Acolyte:Sat. 10/1 Pat CarrollSun. 10/2 Matt TvrdyLector/Reader:Sat. 10/1 Deb CarrollSun. 10/2 Jesse Sabatka

Servers:Sat. 10/1 VolunteersSun. 10/2 Brayden Pleskac/Jacob RezacUshers:Sat. 10/1 Joe Janecek/Ron WallaSun. 10/2 Charlie Jelinek/Don Sabatka

Gifts: Sat. 10/1 Joe Janecek Family Sun. 10/2 Ken Meduna Family

Stewardship of Treasure: September 18, 2022 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$1,877.37 *PLUS:* Candles: \$40.00 Mission Coop: \$50.00 Guardian Angel: \$10.00

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, 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

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. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of October 1-2, 2022

Acolyte: Sun. 10/2 Mark Walla **Lector/Reader:** Sun. 10/2 Jeff Walla

Servers: Sun. 10/2 Cody Furasek/Adam Furasek
Ushers: Sun. 10/2 Keith Strizek/Shawn Strizek

Gifts: Sun. 10/2 Dan Furasek Family

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Total: \$1,105.25 **PLUS:** Guardian Angel Fund: \$40.00

St. Vitus' Altar Society Coffee & Rolls—Please join us for coffee and rolls after the 8:00am Mass on Sunday, September 25th at the school house. Group #1 will be serving.

Altar Society is looking for 4 ladies to take on officer roles for the upcoming year. Please contact any one of the current officers if you would like to volunteer!

Altar Society is also looking for an individual in the parish that would be interested in cleaning the church throughout the year. Position would be paid. Please contact Skye Rezac if you are interested!

St. Vitus September Church Cleaning—Chairman: Sarah Strizek. Group: Angela Osmera, Lucille Strizek & Joan Osmera.

AREA NEWS

St. Wenceslaus Church (Wahoo) Annual Fall Festival—Sunday, September 25th at Bishop Neumann High School. Roast beef dinner Serving 10:00am-2:00pm. Adults - \$15, Children (12 and under) - \$7.00; Preschool – Free! Take out available - \$16.

Catholic Daughters will meet at 6:30pm on Monday, September 26th at St. Wenceslaus in Wahoo starting with Mass. Immediately after mass we will enjoy our annual potluck supper. This is also our guest night so we encourage all members to invite a friend or two to join us for the evening. We will do split the pot for a little fund raiser. A short meeting will take place after enjoying our meal and social time. Anyone interested in joining Catholic Daughters is invited to attend as a guest.

40 Days for Life Fall 2022 Campaign—Event runs from September 28th-November 6th. Prayer Vigil location is Planned Parenthood, 5631 South 48th Street. Vigil hours are 6:00am-7:00pm daily. Contact Catherine Turner at 402-202-1614 for more information. Learn more, get involved, and sign up for prayer times with link: 40daysforlife.com/Lincoln

Passionate about drawing others to encounter Christ's through retreats and sharing that with others? We are hiring for a part-time Development position at Good Counsel Retreat House. We are also in need of On-Call Housekeeping staff. For more information please email office@goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705

Looking to make prayer more of a priority? Join Fr. Kilcawley for "Rebooting the Interior Life" retreat Sept 30th-Oct 2nd at Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly. Register at www.goodcounselretreat.org, email office@goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705

Celebrating 20 Years, The Holy Family Shrine presents *Life is Beautiful*—A collaboration of Catholic visual & performing artists at the Holy Family Shrine, 23132 Pflug Road, Gretna, NE. Open Sundays thru the month of October, 12:00pm-5:00pm, Monday-Saturday 10:00am-5:00pm. Questions, contact Deb Kubik @ 402-297-6755. Flyer in the back of church.

St. Joseph's in Colon Roast Beef Dinner—Sunday, Oct 2nd at 11:00am. Mass will be at 10:00am with dinner to follow. Cost: \$15 for adults, \$8 for 4-12 years old, 3 and under, free. There is a large family discount, no family pays more than \$75 to attend the dinner. Our raffle prizes consist of a week-long Branson Vacation (October 28th-November 4th), Oak Creek Sporting Clay's 4 Round w/shells, a Quarter Beef, \$100 Savings Bond, \$100 Savings Bond. Tickets are \$5. Need not be present to win.

Annual Life Chain—Join us at 2:00pm on Sunday, October 2nd on the north corner of 12th and Beech Streets in Wahoo. Signs with pro-life messages provided. Please come and pray and stand with peace and joy for life and the end of abortion with us. Parking is recommended on the north side of 12th street. We will be standing along the sidewalk for one hour in vigil for life. The Life Chain happens across Nebraska and the country on the first Sunday of October every year. We will be concluding our prayer with a Chaplet of Divine Mercy in St. Wenceslaus Church at 3:15pm Please join us for one or both ways to pray!

St. John the Baptist, Prague—Duck or Pork Dinner, Sunday, October 9th, 11:00am-2:00pm. Duck or Pork, Dressing, Kraut, Dumplings, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Cranberries, Rolls, Kolaches and Dessert! Dine-in Buffet, Carry-out or Enhanced Drivethru. Number system will be used. Live and Silent Auction! Plus: Polka Music, Raffle, Country Store, and Beer "Pivo" Garden! Adults: \$20; Age 5-10 (Pork Only) \$10; 4 & Under: Free (Pork Only). Mass at 10:00am.

Dwight Assumption Parish Annual Fall Event, Spaghetti Dinner, Craft & Vendor Fair—Sunday, October 9th, serving 10:30am–1:30pm. Dine In or Carry Out. Meat and Meatless Sauces, Alfredo, Salad, Bread, Beverage. Priced as a Free Will Donation. Craft Fair, 9:00am-1:30pm. Mass celebrated at 10:00am.

Divorced? Come find comfort, counsel, hope and healing consistent with Catholic Church teachings. The twelve-week series & facilitator led Surviving Divorce program begins on October 10th, from 6:30pm-8:00pm, at St. Mary's Rectory in David City. A suggested donation of \$50 covers the cost of the program and includes the Surviving Divorce personal guide and all materials. Classes are kept small and may be registered for by contacting the Family Life Office at 402-473-0620 or catholicflo@cdolinc.net

Navigating the Change—Please join Michele Chambers, a Certified FertilityCare Practitioner who has taught the Creighton Model FertilityCare System for over twenty-five years, as she talks about what one can expect throughout the menopause process, from both a fertility and general health perspective. Tuesday, October 11th at 7:00pm, John XXIII Diocesan Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd. or virtually. For more information or to register for this free event visit https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/menopause

St. Mary's in Ashland 3rd Annual Harvest Fest—Sunday, October 16th, serving 11am-2:30pm. It will feature a dinner of smoked pork loin with delicious sides & homemade desserts. \$15 adults; \$8 kids (6-12); kids 5 & under free and drive-thru or carryout \$15. There will also be a Bake Shoppe with homemade, delectable baked goods, a silent auction & games

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

"Who were the first people in the Garden of Eden?" asked the Sunday school teacher. One small child replied, "The Adams family."