

# PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment

## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 8, 2024



### MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	September 9 <sup>th</sup>	7:50 am	+ All Souls Day Int. of Paul & Dotty Virgl
Tuesday	September 10 <sup>th</sup>	7:50 am	+ Bob Ohnoutka
Wednesday	September 11 <sup>th</sup>	7:50 am	+ Julius Meduna
		5:30 pm Touhy	+ Sharon Spicka
Thursday	September 12 <sup>th</sup>	7:50 am	+ Terry Jo Maly
Friday	September 13 <sup>th</sup>	7:50 am	+ Betty Ann Tvrdy
Saturday	September 14 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 pm	+ Rich Virgil
Sunday	September 15 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am Weston	Missa pro Populo
		10:00 am Touhy	+ Michael Royse

### NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

**Parish Bazaar** – Looking forward to the St. John’s Parish Bazaar (the third Sunday of September). Please feel free to offer a pray for its success and that it brings many together. I mentioned the great article in the SNR on Rick Virgil last week. We shall look forward to carrying on his legacy and doing more good as we work hard this week in preparation for next weekend’s bazaar.

**Missionary Appreciation** – Thanks for your kindness to Fr. Joey Evangelista (Missionaries of Jesus), from the Philippines! We had a great time exploring Saunders County and its history. Fr. Joey loved the area’s beauty, climate, wide-open spaces, and quiet (relative to Los Angeles, his temporary assignment). He appreciated the memorials in both Wahoo and Weston (Cerv field). Hopefully we can send some nice money to support his order’s work as their charism is missionary work, as indicated right in their moniker.

**Reflections on the National Eucharistic Congress, Part 4.** I continue to appreciate Drew Niemann sharing his experiences from the NEC in Indianapolis! **2<sup>nd</sup> Experience of Day 3** - I was walking through the exhibit hall and came across a beautiful, reverent statue of Mary. So, I had to stop and take a picture. When I looked up, I saw a couple of familiar faces. Ken and Mary Ann Duppong were interviewed on the main stage the day prior and told the story of their daughter Michelle Duppong. Michelle was a devote Catholic and very much involved in FOCUS, and according to Monsignor James Shea, “Michelle was a radiant, joyful woman with the heart of a true servant.” Unfortunately, in 2014 she was diagnosed with cancer and later passed away on December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the age of 31. Mary Ann Duppong gestured to me and encouraged me to take a look at the prayer request books they had set on the table next to them, and to write something down if I so choose. I immediately thought of my cousin Shannon who is currently battling breast cancer. So, I wrote down a request for Michelle to pray for my cousin. It was a very heartwarming moment that tugged at my heartstrings a little. A great reminder that we’re all in this life together. Let’s pray for one another and for those battling cancer. Also, there is a documentary on Michelle’s story coming out later this year in if you’re interested.

**Reflections on the Sunday Readings** – “Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God ... He comes to save you.... The ears of the deaf will be cleared.” (Isa. 35). “Jesus said ‘Ephphatha! that is, “Be opened!” – and immediately the mans’ ears were opened... they said ‘He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.’” (Mark 7). When we fear, let us remember that God knows what’s best for us and has power to heal, but will above all will heal the wounds of our souls.

**National Grandparents Day (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Labor Day)** – I was (and am) so blessed by my tremendous grandparents who passed on to me life, love, faith, and much more. I can think of many wonderful things they taught me by word and example. Today is a good day to remember something good about our grandparents, and offer a prayer for their eternal reward.

### WEEKLY TITHING COLLECTIONS

	<u>St. John Nepomucene</u>	<u>St. Vitus</u>
Amount Budgeted per Week (\$3,054.89) in August	\$12,219.56	
Amount Budgeted per Week (\$2,021.94) in August		\$ 8,087.76
Amount Received in August	\$ 7,847.51	\$ 4,939.50
Net Excess (Deficit) for the month August	\$(4,372.05)	\$(3,148.26)
<b>2024 Year-to-Date Total</b>	<b>\$95,618.99</b>	<b>\$55,605.24</b>

### SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

This week please pray for Dylan Beck of St. Joseph, Lincoln, who attends St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

### PRAYERS FOR SISTERS VOCATIONS

Please pray for Mary Kolbe Tichy, Novice, School Sisters of Christ the King.

### READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11	Friday:	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42
Tuesday:	1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19	Saturday:	Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Wednesday:	1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26	Sunday:	Is 50:4c-9a; Ps 116; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35
Thursday:	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38		

### 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—Leonard Chapek. Please let us know if you would like to be added to this list.

## SPIRITUAL CORNER

“Let us bear our cross and leave it to God to determine the length and the weight.” ~St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

## ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

### Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of September 14-15, 2024

<b>Acolyte:</b>	Sat. 9/14 Paul Virgl	Sun. 9/15 Jesse Sabatka
<b>Lector/Reader:</b>	Sat. 9/14 Ginger Laughridge	Sun. 9/15 Marvin Wiese
<b>Servers:</b>	Sat. 9/14 Volunteers	Sun. 9/15 Mason Wiese/Logan Lacey
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sat. 9/14 Joe Janecek/Volunteer	Sun. 9/15 Paul Pleskac/Don Sabatka
<b>Gifts:</b>	Sat. 9/14 Volunteers	Sun. 9/15 Paul Pleskac Family

**Stewardship of Treasure: September 1, 2024** We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$1,795.00 **PLUS: Candles:** \$27.00 Assumption: \$60.00 Guardian **Angel Fund:** \$100.00 **Missionary Coop:** \$201.16

**St. John's Bazaar Reminder** - \*\*There are many things that need to be done prior to the Bazaar. We would appreciate any help that we can get. If you are available for any of the following dates, you are encouraged to help out.

\*\*Monday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00pm: Dumpling Night \*\*Friday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00pm: Set up gym at 4:00pm & 6:00pm wash chicken at Neumann. \*\*Saturday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00am: Set up tent and final preparations. Thank you to all of the committee members and parishioners that put in so many extra hours planning and preparing for the Bazaar. We are grateful for your commitment and dedication.

## ST. VITUS PARISH

### Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of September 14-15, 2024

<b>Acolyte:</b>	Sun. 9/15 Mark Walla
<b>Lector/Reader:</b>	Sun. 9/15 Jeff Walla
<b>Servers:</b>	Sun. 9/15 Simon Strizek/Caleb Osmera
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sun. 9/15 Tom Bouc/Larry Masek
<b>Gifts:</b>	Sun. 9/15 Ted Bohac Family

**Stewardship of Treasure: August 25, 2024** We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: 1,266.00 **PLUS: Guardian Angel Fund:** \$20.00 **Missionary Coop:** \$809.00

\*Knights of Columbus Meeting Change\*—Thurs, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm at Sts. Mary & Joseph Parish Hall, Valparaiso. (Lunch at 7:00pm)

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Support Our School with Scrip Gift Cards— We have scrip cards for sale in the office year round.** To purchase immediately: **RaiseRight app** Enrollment Code for St. John's- **259F58BL632L1** Every business gives a percentage back to St. John School! Thank you for purchasing! If you have any questions, about Scrip, or want it explained more, just ask!

**Please Keep Saving Your Labels/Box Tops—**Please continue to scan receipts for Box Tops for Education labels, Our Family UPC's, and Best Choice UPC's. There is a basket in back of church to drop off all your labels.

## AREA NEWS

**Immaculate Conception Church-Ulysses, Chicken Dinner & Auction—**Annual chicken dinner & auction Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am–2:30pm. Mass at 10:00am. Chicken, ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, our “famous” coleslaw, and desserts.

\*Free will donation!\* Hope to see you there!

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Wenceslaus Mum Sale—**St. Wenceslaus Rectory parking lot. Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm-2:00pm Senior Citizen Sale, 2:00pm-6:00pm; Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 8:00am-5:00pm; Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 8:00am-12:00pm. (Sales could end sooner if all mums have been sold) Mums are \$25. Cash or Check accepted. Money raised from the mums will go towards the St. Wenceslaus School Family Association/G.A.L.A. Questions call, Carol Barry: 402-480-3180 or Lori Alm: 402-214-0658.

**The Magnificat—**An annual celebration dinner to benefit Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House. Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, Wilderness Ridge Country Club, 1800 Wilderness Woods Place, Lincoln. Cocktails-5:00pm, Dinner-6:30pm. Purchase tickets to reserve your spot at, <https://goodcounselretreat.org/dinner>

**St. John Nepomucene (Weston) Church Annual Chicken & Ham Dinner—**Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00am-2:00pm in the school gym. Kids' Games, Raffle, Bake Stand. Mark Vyhldal Polka Band. Beer Garden. Serving Pan Fried Chicken, Ham, Dumplings, Kraut, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Gravy, fresh vegetables, fresh baking! Adults: \$20; Children 5-12: \$10; under 5: Free.

**Nebraska Catholic Conference Pro-Life Presentation—**You're invited to a special parish presentation by the Nebraska Catholic Conference on combating the pro-abortion ballot initiative. Learn why this initiative threatens women and babies in Nebraska and how we can defend life together. Invite friends and family to come with you on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Cathedral School Gym. Mark your calendars and spread the word!

**Healing Hearts Grief Program—**September 17<sup>th</sup>-October 22<sup>nd</sup> at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. A 6-week session helping Catholics navigate through the grieving process after experiencing the loss of a loved one. Sessions are led by Sandy Danek and family therapist Holly Burns. Suggested donation of \$25 to cover materials. Contact the Office of Family Life to register, 402-473-0620.

**Christus Foundation Golf Tournament,** Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am at Crooked Creek Golf Club (134th & O St), Lincoln - a benefit for the ministries of *Regnum Christi* - see [thechristusfoundation](http://thechristusfoundation) for more information or to register.

**The Marian Sisters and Serra Club-Father/Daughter Retreat—**Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:00am-2:30pm at 6765 N. 112<sup>th</sup>, Waverly. Girls grades 2-5 and their dads are invited. There is no charge for this event, just bring a sack lunch and a water bottle. RSVP to [fatherdaughterlincoln@](mailto:fatherdaughterlincoln@) by September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Mother/Daughter Program—**Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> for 9-13 year old girls (Must be accompanied by their mother or other supportive female). 1:30pm-4:30pm at John XXIII Diocesan Center and virtually. Register at [lincolndiocese.regfox](http://lincolndiocese.regfox)

**Come & See—**Might Jesus be calling you to be a priest? There are two Come & See events at St. Gregory the Great Seminary this year that are open to Juniors in High School and older for a Weekend Discernment Retreat. This is a chance to join with other young men to visit the seminary for a day to see what it is like and what goes on, and to hear a few words from one of the priests there that guides formation, and talk to other young men like yourself who have entered the seminary to see if indeed Jesus is calling them to be a priest. (1) September 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>: Young men can register here: <https://www.sggs.edu/come-and-see> and (2) March 7<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup>. Registrations will be sent to you at a later date. If you have questions, you can ask Fr. Vandewalle or Fr. Alec Sasse (vocations director) [fr.alec-sasse@huskercatholic.com](mailto:fr.alec-sasse@huskercatholic.com)

## A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

Why did the boy go to school with his pants tucked into his socks? To protect himself from mathema-ticks.