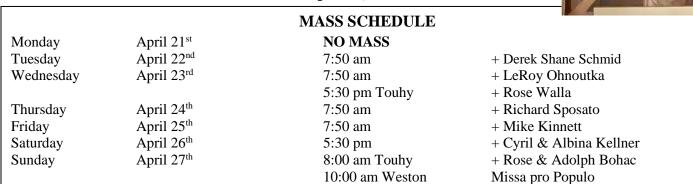
## PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord April 20, 2025



#### NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ron Machacek and for the consolation of his family. Ron was a good man, devout in his Faith, often attending daily mass. He had a great devotion to getting the special indulgence that goes with this Jubilee year – by visiting one of the Jubilee year Church pilgrimage sites - and offering the indulgence prayers for the souls in purgatory. He valued the charitable work of praying for the souls in purgatory and I am sure he will appreciate our prayers for him and his family. His services will be on Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at St. John Nepomucene Church, with visitation at 9:30 a.m., Rosary at 10:00 a.m., and funeral mass at 10:30 a.m., followed by burial and lunch.

### Happy Easter! Jesus is Risen! Alleluia!

On Monday of Holy week, the 146 priests of our diocese had our annual Day of Reflection and Chrism Mass (along with over 500 people), where we renewed our priestly promises and celebrated the priesthood. The priest speaker who gave our reflections told us (that the most important thing for a priest in order to share the Gospel well, is to know he is really loved by the Father. He told us) the story of two priests, both of whom serve and believe, but quite different than each other. The one priest is of great intelligence, organized, and eloquent. The other a bit more scattered. They both saw the bible a bit differently. The second priest saw the bible as a Great Poem ..... and wonder of wonders, it is TRUE! The first, more organized, priest saw the bible as a collection of rules and regulations; and, unfortunately, it is true! Now which priest would you rather hear a homily from? Easter is the most amazing, most important, true story! But to really appreciate it, it is about relationship. - your relationship with Jesus, who wants to prove to you the love of the Father. The way Jesus died (to forgive our sins so we could go to heaven) was to show us how much he and the Father love us. His resurrection shows that Good defeats evil. A man in prison had been physically abused by his father from a young age, still having scars, and he had never heard of the Gospel. When he recently learned from the priest chaplain the story of the Good Shepherd who sought the one sheep who wandered away from the ninety-nine, and that Jesus loves him like that, it seemed too good to be true. He'll be joining the Church this Easter, along with 13 other guys in that prison! May you also know the love of the Father! Happy Easter!

**First Communion next Sunday** – Please join me in praying for and celebrating with our Second Graders from St. John's and St. Vitus, seven and one respectively, who will receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion next Sunday on Divine Mercy Sunday. They are so excited!

**Divine Mercy Sunday is next weekend** – When I learned the story of St. Faustina to whom Jesus appeared to in Poland in the 1930s and whom he told about his tremendous Mercy, I was amazed! **What a story! Jesus told her "No one is excluded from my mercy!"** The Divine Mercy Novena (prayed over nine days) began Good Friday and concludes next Saturday, but you can start the novena any time. The burgundy tri-fold Novena of mercy is in the back of Church.

**Jesus said to Faustina:** "My Heart overflows with great mercy for souls, and especially for poor sinners. If only they could understand that I am the best of Fathers to them and that it is for them that the Blood and Water flowed from My Heart as from a fount overflowing with mercy." —Diary 367

**Easter Water** - There are bottles of Holy Water blessed at Easter for you to take home in the back of Church. It's great to bless yourself with Holy Water, even daily. Some people obtain a holy water font(s) for their house in which to put the Holy Water.

# ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH COUNCIL

The St. John Nepomucene Parish Council meets the 2nd Wednesday of even numbered months at 6:30pm at the School. Public comment period is from 6:30pm-6:45pm. Anyone can use that time to make any comments to the council. Immediately after public comment, the meeting will take place. Anyone who is not a member or have an item listed on that meeting's agenda will be asked to leave at that time. To request a specific item be placed on the agenda please email <a href="mailto:stjohn-weston@cdolinc.net">stjohn-weston@cdolinc.net</a> and provide details on your request.

## READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15 Friday Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35 Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48 Jn 20:19-31

### SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

This week please pray for Eli Reiter of St. Peter, Bellwood, who attends St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

#### **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—Lucille Strizek. Please let us know if you would like to be added to this list.

#### ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of: April 26-27, 2025

Acolyte:Sat. 4/26 Pat CarrollSun. 4/27 Milton BoucLector/Reader:Sat. 4/26 Deb CarrollSun. 4/27 Volunteer

Servers: Sat. 4/26 Volunteers Sun. 4/27 Easton Kavan/Brooks Lanik
Ushers: Sat. 4/26 Joe Janecek/Volunteer Sun. 4/27 Ron Brazda/Marion Bartek

Gifts: Sat. 4/26 Joe Janecek Family Sun. 4/27 First Communicants

Stewardship of Treasure: April 13, 2025 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$3,008.00 PLUS: Candles: \$24.00 Guardian Angel Fund: \$1000.00 Southern Nebraska Register: \$16.00

#### ST. VITUS PARISH

# Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of: April 26-27, 2025

**Acolyte:** Sun. 4/27 Dan Furasek **Lector/Reader:** Sun. 4/27 Adam Furasek

Servers: Sun. 4/27 Cody Furasek/Justin Furasek
Ushers: Sun. 4/27 Gerald Osmera/Phil Rezac
Gifts: Sun. 4/27 First Communicants

Stewardship of Treasure: April 13, 2025 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

**Total:** \$1,112.00 *PLUS:* **Water Lease:** \$20.00 **Easter Flowers:** \$50.00

**St. Vitus Altar Society Meeting**—After 8:00am mass on April 27<sup>th</sup> at the back of church. Please plan to attend!

**Church Cleaning Job Opening** ~ **St. Vitus Church**—We are looking for someone to clean the church weekly. Hours to fit your schedule. Hourly wage is negotiable. Please contact Fr. Vandewalle at 402-642-5245.

#### **SPIRITUAL CORNER**

"At the side of each of you there will always be Mary, as she was present among the apostles, frightened and confused at the time of trial. And with her faith she will show you, beyond the night of the world, the glorious dawn of the Resurrection."

~ St. John Paul II. 2004

#### **SCHOOL NEWS**

St. John's and Bishop Neumann—School resumes on Tuesday, April 21st.

**St. John's School Spring Concert**—Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm in the school gym.

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**

The Bishop Neumann Kitchen will have an opening beginning next school term. Hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30am-1:30pm. All school holidays are off. Perfect for mothers with school-aged kids. Duties include meal preparation and general cleaning, must be able to life 50 lbs. If interested, please contact Bishop Neumann 402-443-4151, ask for Carolyn or email: <u>kitchen @cdolinc.net</u> The position is also posted on the Bishop Neumann website: <a href="https://saunderscatholic.com/saunders-catholic-schools/careers/">https://saunderscatholic.com/saunders-catholic-schools/careers/</a>

**Healing Hearts**—A six-week session helping Catholics navigate through the grieving process after experiencing the loss of a loved one will be held April 22<sup>nd</sup>-May 27<sup>th</sup>. Sessions are led by Sandy Danek and Holly Burns. Contact the Office of Family Life to register at 402-473-0620. (Suggested donation of \$25 covers materials.)

Forget to register for Magnificat's Spring Prayer Meal with Speaker Anna Sullivan, there's still time!—It's Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am, Dawson Hall, John XXIII Diocesan Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd, Lincoln. Text 402.525.6396, by Tuesday morning, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, with your reservation and go online at: <a href="https://www.osvhub.com/magnificatmorningstarchapter/forms/april-prayer-meal-featuring-anna-sullian">https://www.osvhub.com/magnificatmorningstarchapter/forms/april-prayer-meal-featuring-anna-sullian</a> Adults are \$22 and students \$15. *Be a friend and bring a friend, as we share our Joy in the Spirit of Gratitude and Praise of Christ Our King!* "Glorify the Lord with me. Let us together extol His Holy Name!" Ps 34:4

**Tall Tall Redwoods Acoustic Show**—Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:00pm-11:00pm at St. John School Gym. \$15 cover charge. Come enjoy a great night of wonderful music and socializing. Please enter the gym on the east side.

**St. Wenceslaus Parish** ~ **Bee**—Spring Chicken Dinner on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am-2:00pm at the States Ballroom in Bee. See flyer in the back of church for more information.

Catholic Daughters Meeting—Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at St. Wenceslaus in Wahoo starting with **Mass and the Reception of 2 new members.** Meeting will follow. We encourage members to attend and ask a friend to join them for the meeting. We'd enjoy having guests attend. If you have questions about Catholic Daughters, contact a member in your parish, or Alice Pecka (402-450-7590). **Please note the meeting time of 6:30.** Anyone wishing to pay their 2025 dues (\$22) and (\$5) Bakeless Bake sale can be mailed to Alice Pecka 20303 NW 56th St, Raymond, NE 68428. Dues need to be paid by the end of June. THANKS to those who have paid the \$27.

New Film on Carlo Acutis in Theaters April 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> ONLY—Discover the incredible life of soon-to-be Saint Carlo Acutis in *Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality*. This powerful new documentary film explores his life, legacy, and the impact of technology on young people today. Through firsthand accounts from family and friends, plus insights from Catholic leaders and tech experts, the film tackles urgent questions about technology's impact on humanity, holding up Carlo as a model for young people as they engage the digital world. Watch for time and date in your local theaters.

### A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

What do you call a mischievous Easter egg? A practical yolker

What do rabbits say before eating? Lettuce pray