

PARISH FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE & ST. VITUS

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CONFESSIONS: One half hour before Masses or by appointment

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 10, 2024



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	November 11 th	7:50 am	+ Vernon Gubbels
Tuesday	November 12 th	7:50 am	+ Ed Stuchlik, Jr.
Wednesday	November 13 th	7:50 am	+ Marcie Stava
		5:30 pm Touhy	Special Intentions
Thursday	November 14 th	7:50 am	+ Fr. Ferd Boehme
Friday	November 15 th	7:50 am	+ Rich Virgil
Saturday	November 16 th	5:30 pm	+ Jarold V. & Joseph S. Bartek
Sunday	November 17 th	8:00 am Weston	+ Wilfred Janecek
		10:00 am Touhy	Missa pro Populo

NOTES FROM FR. VANDEWALLE

Sunday Readings – “A small cupful of water... a bit of bread” (1 Kings 17:10-16) ... “two small coins worth a few cents.” (Mark 12:338-44) These were the modest gifts of two generous widows in our readings. Because their sacrifice was great, their hearts were bigger than their gifts. “Christ did not enter into a sanctuary made by hands, a copy of the true one, but heaven itself.” (Heb 9:24-18). God and heaven are ‘big’ relative to the widows’ little gifts, but the ‘big’ God cares tremendously for the little things and the little people. The ‘little ones’ imitate God’s big-hearted love, and draw from it their ability to love. Though the love of the creature cannot hope to match the love of the Creator – like a cup of water cannot match the Ocean – yet God gladly accepts our efforts of love, big and small, with great delight and can’t wait to give us His Big rewards!

Praise the Lord!!! - 439 was defeated! Thank you Jesus and Mary and Joseph! Thank you so many! Tuesday night, it was ‘nip and tuck’ and 434 was trailing by 20,000 votes; it slowly changed for the good: 439 failed and 434 passed, so that rather than radical abortion as a fundamental right enshrined into the Nebraska constitution it was the safeguards for women and babies in the last 2 trimesters. However, 434, while keeping many common-sense laws for protection still allows abortion in the 3rd trimester. That and the fact that so many still supported 439, means that a lot work – with the power of Christ’s kindness - must still be done to convert hearts and minds to protect babies and mothers from abortion. Let’s continue to think about what that means for us, keep praying, sacrificing, doing what we can to walk with moms in need. I am so edified and thankful for the work so many did to defeat 439: Nebraska Catholic Conference, Nebraska’s Catholic Bishops, Catholic parishes and parishioners, Spirit Catholic Radio, Tom Venzor, Christians, Pro-Life organizations, children’s prayers, and YOU! Let us redouble our efforts in Christ Jesus to radiate the message of the dignity of life in and out of the womb and protect babies and moms. (Tom Venzor’s letter with the joint statement of the three Bishops of Nebraska is attached to the bulletin)

St. Faustina’s Purgatory Vision - During a vision from God, Saint Faustina spoke with souls in Purgatory. She wrote about her experience, saying, “I asked these souls what their greatest suffering was. They answered me in one voice that their greatest torment was longing for God.” [These souls cannot enter heaven until they are perfected]. She also saw Mary tending to these souls, “I saw Our Lady visiting the souls in purgatory. The souls call her ‘The Star of the Sea.’ She brings them refreshment.” Let us pray for the souls in purgatory. We will want others to pray for us if we are there.

St. John’s School Big Raffle has started. Please ask any School Family to purchase tickets. The drawing will take place at the Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 8th. \$20 per ticket, need not be present to win.

435 – While 435 was defeated, perhaps 42% in the polls was some good news indicating that many understand the benefit of helping families choose and afford Catholic and other private schools, from a relatively very small amount. Though it is not a moral imperative (like 434/439) it seems from my research that it would be a fair and helpful thing that would not hurt public schools (which we also wish to thrive), but would rather cause ‘all boats to rise’ and as a good ancillary effect would have a good chance to save taxpayers money in the long run. To see this a person probably has to get beyond the surface rhetoric and mine down to the particular realities, doing some research. If so, perhaps we can have something similar to further help parents in the future.

WESTON 150 NEWS

Fundraiser—Weston 150 is holding a fundraiser in anticipation for the upcoming event planned for June 12th-14th, 2026. They are fundraising now to be able to put this event on for the town/public. The next fundraiser is Sunday, November 24th, with a Bake Sale table at the Prague Craft Fair. They are asking for help baking for this event. Shelly Pleskac will pick up your donations or you can drop them off at her house. Baking needs to be to her by **Saturday evening, November 23rd**. Thank you to all who are willing to help out with this event! For more information, contact shelly at 402-480-3056.

PRAYERS FOR SISTERS VOCATIONS

Please pray for Sr. Kateri Toler, Jr. Sister, Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln.

SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK

This week please pray for Rev. Mr. Isaac Wahlmeier of St. Michael, Hastings, who attends St. Charles Borromeo 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—Leonard Chapek. Please let us know if you would like to be added to this list.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Ti 1:1-9; Lk 17:1-6	Friday:	2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37
Tuesday:	Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10	Saturday:	3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8
Wednesday:	Ti 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19	Sunday:	Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32
Thursday:	Phmn 7-20; Lk 17:20-25		

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for the weekend of November 16-17, 2024

Acolyte:	Sat. 11/16 Pat Carroll	Sun. 11/17 Chris Tvrdy
Lector/Reader:	Sat. 11/16 Deb Carroll	Sun. 11/17 Marvin Wiese
Servers:	Sat. 11/16 Volunteers	Sun. 11/17 Rhett Bouc/Hudson Fortik
Ushers:	Sat. 11/16 Joe Janecek/Volunteer	Sun. 11/17 Charlie Jelinek/Paul Pleskac
Gifts:	Sat. 11/16 Paul Virgl Family	Sun. 11/17 Charlie Jelinek Family

Stewardship of Treasure: November 3, 2024 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$3,021.50 **PLUS: Cloistered Sisters:** \$100.00 **Candles:** \$21.00 **Hurricane Relief:** \$160.00
Guardian Angel Fund: \$300.00 **World Mission Sunday:** \$290.00 **All Saints Day:** \$323.00

St. John's PCCW needs a Vice President for the upcoming year. Please contact Peg Bouc at (402) 480-2962 if you are interested.

SPIRITUAL CORNER

"The greater and more persistent your confidence in God, the more abundantly you will receive, all that you ask."

~St. Albert the Great (Feast Day, November 15th)

ST. VITUS PARISH

Liturgical Ministries for weekend of November 16-17 2024

Acolyte:	Sun. 11/17 Zach Kastl
Lector/Reader:	Sun. 11/17 Steve Bartek
Servers:	Sun. 11/17 Corbyn Kastl/Caleb Kastl
Ushers:	Sun. 11/17 Carl Woita/Greg Walla
Gifts:	Sun. 11/17 Ernie Osmera Family

Stewardship of Treasure: November 3, 2024 We gave back to the Lord in return for all that He has given us...

Total: \$727.00 **PLUS: All Saints Day:** \$145.00 **Guardian Angel Fund:** \$20.00

Thank you to all that supported our Fall Bake Sale last weekend! With the help of those that donated money and baking, we were able to profit \$829.11! We look forward to doing it again next year!

SCHOOL NEWS

Want to win \$500?? St. John School students are selling Big Raffle tickets! Cost of each ticket is \$20. Drawing to be held at the St. John Christmas Program on Sunday, December 8th! Contact a St. John Student or St. John School (402-642-5234) if interested in purchasing a ticket! Can't win, if you don't play!!

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

Leonard & Rita Chapek's 65th Wedding Anniversary—Leonard and Rita were married November 7, 1959 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Bruno. Due to a decline in health this past week, the gathering that was planned for November 10th at South Haven, has been canceled. Please keep Leonard and Rita and their family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Drive-Thru Pork Dinner ~ St. John Nepomucene School, Weston—Saturday, November 9th from 4:00pm-8:00pm. Serving Pork Sandwich, Potato Salad, Chips, Cookie and Water. Free Will Donation. Carry Out Only! Split-the-Pot! Proceeds go to teacher classroom needs & student educational activities. Come grab a delicious meal for supper! Hosted by St. John's PTA.

Father/Son Campout—November 15th-17th at Camp Kateri Tekakwitha with Spiritual leader, Fr. Chad everts, LC. For boys in 3rd-8th grade and their fathers. For more information contact Joseph at jmeduna@yahoo.com or Michael at donlanmichaelj@gmail.com Sponsored by Regnum Christi.

Upcoming 4-Day or 8-Day Retreats—November 17th-21st, November 21st-25th and November 17th-25th at the Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly with Fr. Barak, Fr. Coulter, Matt Simmons or Sarina Stokes. To register, visit www.goodcounselretreat.org

Bishop's Pro-Life Banquet & Conference- "I Fear Nothing": Pro-Life Evangelization in a Modern Age—November 22nd and 23rd in Lincoln. This year's keynote speaker and a favorite of ours at the NCC is, Greg Schleppenback. This year's pro-life banquet and conference will be a chance for a deeper commitment to our pro-life battles ahead and to be better formed to evangelize others in our modern age, so that we can change laws and save lives in our state. Contact Angie Korus at nebrc@necatholic.org or 402-477-7517 for more information or how to register.

St. John the Baptist ~ Prague 2024 Craft Fair—Sunday, November 24th at the church hall, 9:00am-2:00pm. Shop a wide variety of beautiful holiday decor and gifts, handmade items, vintage items, and so much more! Lunch stand and bake sale will be available!

Advent Vespers and Carols Solemn evening Prayer—Friday, December 6th at 7:00pm and St. Gregory the Great Seminary in Seward, with Bishop James D. Conley.

"There's Always More with God"—December 6th-8th. A retreat for women ages 19-99 and all vocations, led by the Marian Sisters. Held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly. For more information or to register: www.goodcounselretreat.org

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

A sister and brother are locked out of their house. They can't find any way in, so the girl leans forward and starts talking to the front door lock. "Hey door lock, you're looking nice today, why don't you go ahead and let us in," she says. The door magically unlocks itself. The boy is shocked, "How did you do that?!" The girl replies, "Communication is KEY."



Dear Advocates,

It is with the utmost joy and gratitude that I get to share wonderful news with you: **we did it!**

Today, we celebrate the **critical rejection of Initiative 439** and the **passage of Initiative 434**—a victory that marks a monumental step forward for life and dignity in Nebraska.

The three Bishops of Nebraska have issued a joint statement on this inspiring outcome, and we want you to see it:

“Praise be to God for an inspiring victory for Nebraska women and children! We are overjoyed at the defeat of Initiative 439 and the success of Initiative 434.

Nebraskans have sent a clear message to the rest of our nation: Nebraska is a pro-life state that will stand up for its most vulnerable citizens.

We are grateful for the thousands of Nebraskans who worked tirelessly to ensure that their neighbors understood Initiative 439’s flaws. Their dedication and hard work are reflected in this victory, and we rejoice with them.

As we celebrate this important victory for life and the dignity of the human person, we reaffirm our longstanding commitment to every mother, father, child, and family in our state, to work for their support, and to be, in the words of Pope Francis, ‘islands of mercy in a sea of indifference.’

We call on every Nebraskan to join us in this mission of mercy, love, and unyielding resolve.”

This win is the fruit of a year-long efforts filled with your **prayers, countless conversations, and a tireless commitment** to sharing the truth. Because of your **courage, passion, and faith**, Nebraska has reaffirmed its dedication to protecting both women and children, a beacon of hope in challenging times.

Together, we have preserved 50+ years of work to protect women and babies, securing another generational victory that will echo across the nation and far into the future. **Thank you, advocates**—for every prayer, conversation, email, text, and act of courage. We could not have achieved this without your relentless support, and we are humbled to celebrate this win with you.

While we celebrate today, we also look ahead, inspired and emboldened. We still have so much important cultural work in Nebraska to ensure that every person in our state understands the beauty, dignity, and gift of human life. We envision a Nebraska where every baby in Nebraska is fully loved and every mother is completely cared for and supported.

We look forward to walking alongside you as we work together to make Nebraska a place where every human life is celebrated, respected, and protected.

In Christ,

Tom Venzor
Executive Director