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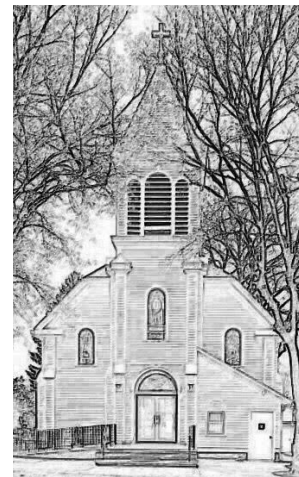
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January 18, 2026

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Schedule

19	Monday	NO MASS		
20	Tuesday	7:00 AM	@ St. Joseph's	Joseph Proskovec †
21	Wednesday	7:00 AM	@ St. Joseph's	Bryce & Elizabeth Lund Family both Living and Deceased
22	Thursday	7:00 AM	@ St. Joseph's	Richard Gilliam
23	Friday	7:00 AM	@ St. Joseph's	Juan Sigala
24	Saturday	5:00 PM	@ St. Joseph's	Special Intention
25	Sunday	8:00 AM	@ St. Joseph's	Holy Souls in Purgatory
		10:00 AM	@ St. Mary's	For the people of the parishes

CONFESSIONS: Weekdays: 20 minutes before Mass
 Saturday: 4:30—4:50 pm @ St. Joseph's
 Sunday: 7:30—7:50 am @ St. Joseph's
 9:30—9:50 am @ St. Mary's
 or call the office for an appointment.

BAPTISM: Please contact the Pastor to schedule a date and time.

MARRIAGE: Please contact the Pastor **AT LEAST 6 months** before the planned marriage.

ADORATION/EXPOSITION: St. Joseph's will have exposition on Saturdays from 4:00-4:50pm and Sunday 7:00—7:50am. Also from 7:00am - 1:00pm every Wednesday of the

We are grateful you are here! All families and individuals are welcome in our parish community!

If you are new to St. Joseph's or St. Mary's, please reach out to Kara Lombardo (St. Joseph's) at (402)480-1395 or Mary Tenopir (St. Mary's) at (402)720-3491. Kara and Mary would love to introduce themselves and answer any questions you may have regarding the registration process, men's and women's groups, and our annual church dinner.

If you are returning to the faith, interested in becoming Catholic, want more information, or just dialog with someone. Please contact the Pastor or Ryan Mascarello at rjmascarello@gmail.com.

Father's Re"Fleck"ions:

Saint of the Month, St. John Bosco!

John Bosco, also known as Giovanni Melchiorre Bosco and Don Bosco, was born in Becchi, Italy, on August 16, 1815. His birth came just after the end of the Napoleonic Wars, which ravaged the area. At the age of two, John lost his father, leaving him and his two older brothers to be raised by his mother, Margherita. His "Mama Margherita Occhiena" would herself be declared venerable by the Church in 2006. Raised primarily by his mother, John attended church and became very devout. When he was not in church, he helped his family grow food and raise sheep. They were very poor, but despite their poverty, his mother also found enough to share with the homeless who sometimes came to the door seeking food, shelter, or clothing. When John was nine years old, he had the first of several vivid dreams that would influence his life. In his dream, he encountered a multitude of boys who swore as they played. Among these boys, he encountered a great, majestic man and woman. The man told him that in meekness and charity, he would "conquer these your friends." Then a lady, also majestic, said, "Be strong, humble, and robust. When the time comes, you will understand everything." This dream influenced John for the rest of his life. Not long afterwards, John witnessed a traveling troupe of circus performers. He was enthralled by their magic tricks and acrobatics. He realized that if he learned their tricks, he could use them to attract others and hold their attention. He studied their tricks and learned how to perform some himself. One Sunday evening, John staged a show for the kids he played with and was heartily applauded. At the end of the show, he recited the homily he heard earlier in the day. He ended by inviting his neighbors to pray with him. His shows and games were repeated, and during this time, John discerned the call to become a priest. To be a priest, John required an education, something he lacked because of poverty. However, he found a priest willing to provide him with some teaching and a few books. John's older brother became angry at this apparent disloyalty, and he reportedly whipped John, saying he's "a farmer like us!" John was undeterred, and as soon as he could, he left home to look for work as a hired farm laborer. He was only 12 when he departed. In 1835, John entered the seminary, and following six years of study and preparation, he was ordained a priest in 1841. His first assignment was to the city of Turin. The city was in the throes of industrialization, so it had slums and widespread poverty. It was into these poor neighborhoods that John, now known as Fr. Bosco, went to work with the children of the poor. While visiting the prisons, Fr. Bosco noticed a large number of boys, between the ages of 12 and 18, inside. The conditions were deplorable, and he felt moved to do more to help other boys from ending up there. He went into the streets and started to meet young men and boys where they worked and played. He used his talents as a performer, doing tricks to capture attention, then sharing with the children his message for the day. When he was not preaching, Fr. Bosco worked tirelessly seeking work for boys who needed it and searching for lodgings for others. His mother began to help him, and she became known as "Mamma Margherita." By the 1860s, Fr. Bosco and his mother were responsible for lodging 800 boys. Fr. Bosco also negotiated new rights for boys who were employed as apprentices. A common problem was the abuse of apprentices, with their employers using them to perform manual labor and menial work unrelated to their apprenticeship. Fr. Bosco negotiated contracts that forbade such abuse, a sweeping reform for that time. The boys he hired out were also given feast days off and could no longer be beaten. Fr. Bosco also identified boys he thought would make good priests and encouraged them to consider a vocation to the priesthood. In 1859, Fr. Bosco established the Society of St. Francis de Sales. He organized 15 seminarians and one teenage boy into the group. Their purpose was to carry on his charitable work, helping boys with their faith formation and to stay out of trouble. Fr. Bosco died on January 31, 1888. The call for his canonization was immediate. Pope Pius XI knew Fr. Bosco personally and agreed, declaring him blessed in 1929. St. John Bosco was canonized on Easter Sunday, 1934, and he was given the title, "Father and Teacher of Youth." Saint John Bosco is the patron saint of apprentices, editors and publishers, school-children, magicians, and juvenile delinquents. His feast day is on January 31. Saint John Bosco, pray for us!

NEXT SATURDAY, January 24, 5 pm at St. Joseph

Acolyte: John Ell **Lector:** Bernie Borer

Servers: Volunteers needed

NEXT SUNDAY, January 25, 8 am at St. Joseph

Acolyte: Joe Meduna **Lector:** Jesse Dunavan

Servers: Isaac & Levi Dunavan

SUNDAY, January 25, 10 am at St. Mary

Volunteers needed for all positions

St. Joseph's Contacts

Sacramental Emergency: (402) 486-8655

Adoration Hour Chair: Ryan Mascarello (402) 203-0208

Bulletin Request: Ann Borer annreneej@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus: Jeremy Vrana (402) 443-7300

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Men's Group: Adam Quinn (402) 853-2693

St Anne's Funeral Group: Co-Chair: Alice Meduna, (402) 647-4485 or richardmeduna@windstream.net. Co-Chair: Patty Swanson, (402) 480-1771 or pswanson999@gmail.com

Sacramental News and Special Announcements

We are currently in need of an adorers for hours 1pm—7pm. Please see the website for open hours or contact Ryan Mascarello for more information. rjmascarello@gmail.com.

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Knights of Columbus: Jeremy Vrana (402) 853-7300

PCCW Funeral Group: Gladys Wagner (402) 628-5345 or Mary Osterloh (402) 708-0284

	Last Week's Actual Collection	Last Week's Budgeted Collection needed	Year to Date Actual Collections	Year to Date Budgeted Collections needed
St. Mary's	\$ 973	\$ 1,518	\$ 39,539	\$ 42,506
St. Joseph's	\$ 1,145	\$ 3,384	\$ 86,791	\$ 94,758

Local News

St. Joseph's - Cleaning the Church in January: Sodality members responsible for cleaning the church during the month of January are Lynze Cihal, Marie Gruenes, Ali Opp, Shelly Kostal, and Sophie Meduna.

St. Anne Sodality is still looking for a volunteer for Sodality Vice-President!

PreKindergarten Registration Meeting for the 2026-27 school year - **St. Wenceslaus School in Wahoo** will be hosting an information meeting for Parents on Monday, February 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Parents are encouraged to call 443-3336 ahead of time and register for this meeting. We will discuss a typical day in PreK and options for part time and full time PreKindergarten as well as Summer Care and Before/After School Care. Prospective students must be four years old by July 31, 2026. This is a one year program to prepare students for Kindergarten the following year. Enter the school through the main north doors.

Kindergarten Round-Up for the 2026-27 school year - **St. Wenceslaus School in Wahoo** will be hosting its Kindergarten Round-Up on Monday, February 9, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Parents will hear about a typical day in kindergarten and what the upcoming year will be like while students are meeting the teachers, getting acquainted with future classmates and having fun in the classroom. Please call the School office at 443-3336 ahead of time to register for this meeting. There will also be information available for Summer Care and Before/After School Care. Prospective students must be five years old by July 31, 2026. Enter the school through the north main doors.

Join us at St. John Nepomucene FEBRUARY 14TH for the debut of Pizza, Puzzles, and Pivos/Pop! With 2 challenge categories available, this is sure to be a night of fun and competition!

>> Adult Challenge (age 21+)—Teams of 4 will finish a 500-piece puzzle, 1 large pizza, and a 12-pack of beer. Cost \$100/team.

>> Teen Challenge (age 12+)—Teams of 4 will finish a 300-piece puzzle, 1 large pizza, and a 2-liter bottle of pop. Cost \$60/team.

Each team will race to finish their puzzle, pizza, and drinks. Prizes go to the top 2 teams!

6PM check-in, puzzling starts at 6:30PM—Additional drinks and pizza will be available for purchase

Register your team here: <https://forms.gle/5S1mBM5HrTAsfZX6> or call (402) 646-0592. Pay at the door.

St. John Nepomucene Parish is hosting a Confirmation retreat on Saturday, March 21, 2026 from 9 am to 1 pm. A team of students from Benedictine College's Ministry Retreat Team will be coming for the retreat. Father Vandewalle would like to open this retreat to any students in the Wahoo Deanery who might need an alternate to what their parish is offering. If you have a confirmand who would like to attend, please share this online registration form with the family: Confirmation Retreat--St. John Nepomucene Church, Weston NE; Saturday, March 21, 2026 – Fill out form We need to have the final number in early February, so the due date is Monday, Feb. 2. The cost is \$10 per student and checks should be made payable to St. John Nepomucene Parish.

Catholic Daughters will meet Mon. January 26 at 2:00 at St Wenceslaus in Wahoo. We will start with either mass or rosary. There were no education contestants to recognize at an evening meeting so the meeting time has changed from the evening to the afternoon. We'd love to have some guests join us, we are in need of new members. Dues (\$22 plus \$5) for 2026 can be paid to Alice Pecka (20303 NW 56th St, Raymond, 68428). Please note the 2:00 meeting time.

St. Vitus (Touhy) Catholic Church Soup Dinner - Sunday, February 8, 2026 at St. John School Gym in Weston - 11am - 1:30pm Serving Chili, Chicken Noodle and Ham & Bean Soups; Free Will Offering! Live Polka Music! Silent and Live Auctions; Raffle; Baked Goods! Fun for All!!

Diocese and National News

SEMINARIAN PRAYER CALENDAR: Please pray for seminarian Leo Bykerk attending St. Gregory the Great Seminary, son of Michael Bykerk & Amy Clark from St. Ann Parish in Doniphan.

Marriage Encounter Experience At North American Martyrs Church Feb. 20-22 in Lincoln "Communication enhancing our Marriage" Register right-away to save a place Call/Text 402-370-5839



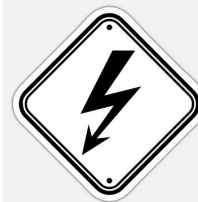
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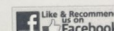
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