

St. John's Church

JANUARY 2, 2022



The Epiphany OF THE LORD

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people
Israel." - Mt 2:6b*

The Church

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Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00 am– 3:00 pm

Sunday Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm;
Sunday 7:30 am and 10:00 am

Weekday & Holy Days

Daily Masses 8:30 am Tue, Thurs, Fri.
9:30 am Weds at Valhaven
See bulletin & website for Holy Day
schedule

Bulletin Deadline Tues. at 1:00 pm

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402-669-7118

New Members: Welcome! Please visit our website or call the office at 402-359-5783 to register and join our faith family.

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

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Archdiocese of Omaha Vision Statement

One Church: encountering Jesus,
equipping disciples, living mercy

Parish Mission Statement

"St. John is a welcoming Catholic faith community with a spirit of generosity, offering nourishment for the body and soul through the Good News of Jesus Christ."

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“...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” (MATTHEW 2:11)

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ’s wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

So many goodies and gifts and cards! Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness and consideration. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, not only at Christmas, but your generous spirit throughout the year. May you enjoy many blessing throughout 2022 Again, many thanks.

Blessings,
Fr. Gnirk



Readings for the week of
January 2nd, 2022

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



The 12 Days of Christmas - Christmas Carol Meaning and Origin

Though a multitude of modern internet sites and magazine articles have tried to reduce “The Twelve Days of Christ-

mas” to a little more than a silly Christmas carol, most scholars of the Catholic Church deem it a very important surviving example of a time when priests used secret codes to disguise their teachings. Originally a poem written around 1780, this poem was transformed into a carol at a time when celebrating the 12 days of Christmas was one of the most important holiday customs in the Catholic Tradition. By understanding the meaning of the poem/song, the importance of the tradition of the 12 days of Christmas can be better understood.

A Partridge in a Pear Tree.

The partridge is Jesus, the Son of God. Christ is symbolically presented as a mother partridge, the only bird that will die to protect its young.

Two Turtledoves.

The Turtledoves are the Old and New Testaments.

Three French Hens.

The French Hens are the three theological virtues of faith, hope, and love.

Four Calling Birds.

The Calling Birds are the four Gospels — Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

Five Gold Rings.

The rings are the first five books of the Old Testament, known as the Torah or the Pentateuch.

Six Geese a-Laying.

Each egg is a day in the creation narrative.

Seven Swans a-Swimming.

The Swans are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Eight Maids-a-Milking.

The Maids are the Beatitudes found in Mt. 5

Nine Ladies Dancing.

The Ladies are the nine gifts or fruit of the Holy Spirit.

Ten Lords a-leaping.

The Lords are the Ten Commandments.

Eleven Pipers Piping.

The Pipers are the eleven original Apostles left after Judas committed suicide and before the election of Matthias.

Twelve Drummers Drumming.

The drummers are the 12 points of doctrine in the Apostles’ Creed.

St John's Church



The next St. John's **First Friday Eucharistic Holy Hour** will be **Friday, January 7th** from **6:00pm until 7:00pm.**

Please come and spend one hour with Jesus at Eucharistic Adoration.

Please plan on bringing your entire family!



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Windows into Heaven: Encountering and Encountered by Jesus in Icons, *January 28 - 30, 2022*, retreat at *Saint Benedict Center*, Schuyler, with Father James L. Secora, MDiv, MEd, Obl OSB, from Ames, IA. It has been said what the written word of Scripture is to the ears, icons are to the eyes. Learn a brief history of icons and then spend a weekend with scripture and these "windows to heaven," which can offer greater "insight" on your spiritual journey." This retreat includes presentations on a variety of icons, personal and group reflection, *lectio divina* and *visio divina*. – Social distancing and wearing a mask is recommended. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to Sunday after lunch. Register now at www.StBenedictCenter.com or call (402) 352-8819.

The Omaha Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (OACCW) and its Deaneries are accepting scholarship applications from high school senior girls who are Catholic and plan to attend a public or private college or university. Each deanery may award a scholarship, and the application and essay of the winner of each deanery scholarship will be sent to the OACCW Scholarship Chair to compete for a \$500 OACCW scholarship. Requirements and mailing addresses for each deanery contact are available from high school guidance counselors. Scholarship application forms are available on the OACCW Facebook page in "Photos" in the menu bar on the left side of the page. All documentation should be submitted to the applicant's Deanery Council of Catholic Women contact and be Postmarked by **January 15, 2022. Late applications will not be considered.**

Big Thanks to the environment committee for decorating the Church. All the behind the scene people and anyone I may have left out who helped make the Holiday season brighter.



Thank You

January 28, 48th Annual Nebraskans Embracing Life Celebration of Life with Steven Mosher of the Population Research Institute, St Vincent de Paul Parish Center, 14330 Eagle Run Dr, 6p social, 7p dinner and program. *"You can save a life today!"*

SAVE THE DATE!! Essential Pregnancy Services 26th Annual GLOW Benefit Dinner on Sunday, February 27th, 2022 at the Mid America Center in Council Bluffs, IA. For more information visit bidpal.net/glow22.com



Set Your House in Order: A Program to Organize Finances and Plan Estate, *February 5*, one-day retreat at *Saint Benedict Center*, Schuyler, with Columbus attorney *James A. Fehringer*. If you have possessions, you have an estate. Their orderly care during your lifetime represents financial management. Their disposition after your lifetime is called estate settlement. Deciding in advance how this will be done is known as estate planning. Capitalize on this opportunity to learn how to plan your estate. A thorough analysis of asset ownership, Wills, Trusts, Asset Management Powers of Attorney, Health Care Powers of Attorney, Long-Term Care Protection and Charitable Gift Planning will be presented. – Social distancing and wearing a mask is recommended. Program fee: \$35. Lunch is available at the Center for \$ 12.08 (includes tax). Register at www.StBenedictCenter.com or call (402) 352-8819.

Update
your
Information!



Have you moved this year? Changed phone numbers? Contact the office at 402-359-5783 to update your information!!




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Call or email Molly Zach with questions
402-359-5783 or molly@stjohnvalleyne.com

The Full RF Calendar can be found our website!

PUZZLE
What letter begins each picture name? Circle the beginning letters. Then color the pictures.

	C	C	A	M
	K	I	K	G
	H	S	T	H

MISSION
I will do three favors to help someone in my family today.

GROWING WITH THE Gospel
CYCLE C

COLOR
Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



RF Monthly Outreach:

Registering on FORMED is easier than ever!

1. got to FORMED.org/signup
2. Enter your parish zip code (68064)
3. Enter your name and email

Visit Nativity Scenes: Jan. 2 – 7, 2022, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at St. Benedict Center. Everybody is invited to make a pilgrimage to St. Benedict Center, view God's Love made visible in nativity scenes from the Holy Land, from Africa, Asia, South & North America and Europe and pray for the peace which our world so urgently needs. No admission fee. For more information visit www.StBenedictCenter.com or call (402) 352-8819.



Keep in touch with us
VIA EMAIL OR TEXT MESSAGE

To join simply text: *StJohnValley* to 84576 or connect online at stjohnvalleyne.flocknote.com

Siena/Francis Meal

Thank you, Siena/Francis House Volunteers!

Next meal is: January 13th!

We will continue to provide one meal a month to the Siena/Francis House and are temporarily making changes to the collection process. Boxes and coolers will be available OUTSIDE the South entrance of the Church on Wednesday from 8 am until 4 pm; and on Thursday from 8 am until Noon.

For further information, call the parish office or email
Linda Jankowski: lindajank44@yahoo.com
or
Beth Kudlacz: msmek1@gmail.com

Planning a baptism? The next baptism class will be held on be held on :

February 6th, 2022

Register by calling the parish office at 402-359-5783 or online at stjohnvalleyne.com, under 'sacraments'

Men's Retreat: Your Word is a Light for My Path (cf. Psalm 119:112), *January 21 – 23, 2022*, retreat at *Saint Benedict Center*, Schuyler, with Benedictines *Brother August Schaefer* and *Father Thomas Leitner*. With so much happening in our lives, what is really important can get sidelined. This retreat is about putting first things first in this coming year. Saint Benedict and other spiritual masters can show us how to live a life of balance and a life directed toward God. Get to know and practice useful spiritual tools for this journey in 2022 and beyond. The schedule includes brief conferences, silence, Mass, Confession, fellowship, and spiritual direction. Open to all ages. Scholarships are available. – Social distancing and wearing a mask is recommended. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to Sunday after lunch. Register now at www.StBenedictCenter.com or call (402) 352-8819.

MARCH FOR LIFE

January 21st, 2022

Washington, D.C.



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Thank you for your generosity!

~Collection from 12/19/21~

SUNDAY COLLECTION:	\$ 13,369.00
SVdP:	\$ 50.00
CHILDREN:	\$ 31.00
BUILDING FUND/CAP. CAMPAIGN:	\$ 2,396.88
IMMACUALTE CONCEPTION:	\$ 20.00
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE:	\$ 375.00
CHRISTMAS:	\$ 1,050.00

If you would like more information or to visit about parish finances contact Fr. Gnirk



Next weekend is a special collection for the Seminary Fund, please give generously!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

MON 8:30am	NO MASS
TUES 8:30am	+ROBERTA SUTTON
WED 9:30am	VALHAVEN (Residents Only)
THUR 8:30am	ALL SOULS
FRI 8:30am	+SHARON FREEMAN
SAT 5:00pm	+MARK DICKAU
SUN 7:30am	OUR PARISH FAMILY
SUN 10:00am	+DOLORES TOWNLEY

Ministry Schedule January 8 th & January 9 th			
	Saturday 5:00 PM	Sunday 7:30 AM	Sunday 10:00 AM
SACRISTAN	J. LEISE	S. SMITH	E. GOTTUSO
GREETERS	B. DICKAU	SMITH'S	COSTELLO'S
LECTOR	J. LEISE	D. KALLENBACH	V. ORTMEIER
EMHC	DEACON	DEACON	DEACON
	T. LANGER	C. SMITH	R. ORTMEIER
	C. WILSON	L. LUKOWSKI	C. TUSHNER
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	F. BORCHARDT	C. MICHEL	M. TUSHNER
SERVERS	R. WILSON	N. WURTZ	R. WALZ
	M. WILSON	C. WURTZ	B. WALZ
VALHAVEN	No Valhaven at this time	No Valhaven at this time	No Valhaven at this time
VALLEY LAKES	No Valley Lakes at this time	No Valley Lakes at this time	No Valley Lakes at this time

January's Calendar Dates
January 2nd
No Sunday RF No Donut Sunday
January 4th
Parish Pastoral Council at 7pm
January 5th
RF-6:45-8pm
January 7th
Frist Friday Eucharistic Adoration at 6pm
January 9th
SVdP Meeting at 8:15am-St. Cecilia Conference Room Sunday RF (Pre-K & K) at 10am Special Collection for the Seminary Fund
January 12th
Siena Francis House Meal Drop Off RF-6:45-8pm
January 13th
Siena Francis House Meal Drop Off
January 16th
Sunday RF (Pre-K & K) at 10am
January 19th
RF-6:45-8pm
January 23rd
Sunday RF (Pre-K & K) at 10am

St. John's Prayer Line:
Call with prayer requests
Pat 402-359-5336 or Sally 402-660-6702

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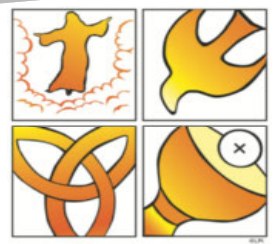
Reconciliation: Half hour before weekend Masses or by appointment

Baptisms: Baptism classes are offered quarterly. Plan to make these classes part of preparing for the birth of your child. Make arrangements with the office

Marriage: Six month preparation for sacrament prior to the event. Contact parish office to make arrangements

Funeral Rites: Please contact Father

Sacrament of the Sick: As needed in individual cases



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