

St. John's Church

JANUARY 9, 2022

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

BAPTISM

"I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen the
thongs of his sandals. He will
baptize you with the Holy Spirit
and fire." - Lk 3:16bc



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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

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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:

Vince Kirby (President), Jenny Boothe (Vice President), Pauline Pesek, Pat Costello, John Leise, Rachael Urban, Jim Mangimeli, Tom Oehler and Quentin Bliss

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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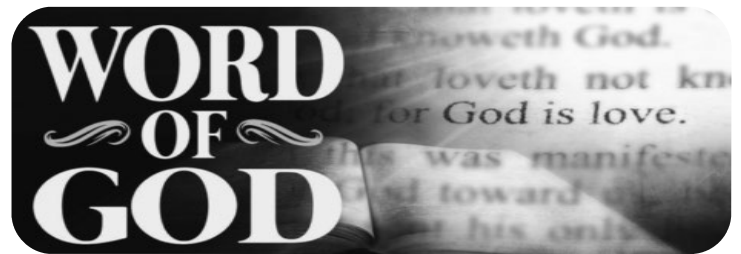
“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...’” (Luke 3:16)

The Catholic Catechism states that “Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.” In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

St. John’s is active in social justice on many levels. To understand how our parishioners are involved in social justice, one needs to be aware of the many organizations and activities available for individuals to perform spiritual and corporal works of Mercy by acts of charity designated by Jesus. Living the Gospel is a daily part of our parishioners and parish organizations.

Over the next five weeks, information on a few of these parish organizations will be presented!

Blessings,
Fr. Gnirk



Readings for the week of
January 9th, 2022

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

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11



Hey Deacon! What does the word Eschatology mean?

The word is derived from the Greek word eschaton, meaning “last”. Eschatology refers to the area of Christian faith which is concerned about “the last things”. These “last things” are our **individual deaths**, when this life ceases for us on an individual basis. **Particular Judgment**, when at the hour of our death we will be immediately judged in accordance with our faith and works, at this time we will know if we are destined for heaven or for hell (CCC 1021). **Heaven** is where we will have Eternal life with God; communion of life and love with the Trinity and all the blessed. Heaven is the state of supreme and definitive happiness, the goal of the deepest longings of humanity (CCC 1023). Heaven could also include the potential for Purgatory which is a state of final purification after death and before entrance into heaven for those who died in God’s friendship, but were only imperfectly purified; a final cleansing of human imperfection before one is able to enter the joy of heaven (CCC 1031; cf. 1472). And **Hell**, the state of definitive self-exclusion from God and the blessed, reserved for those who refuse by their own free choice to believe and be converted from sin, even to the end of their lives (CCC 1033).

Eschatology also concerns itself with the Second Coming of Jesus (the Parousia) on “the last day”, when history and all creation will achieve their fulfillment (CCC 1001; cf. 668, 673). We profess all of this as Catholics as they are final articles of the Creed (CCC 1001, 1020-1050; cf. 2771).

Source: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

St John's Church



The next St. John's **First Friday Eucharistic Holy Hour** will be **Friday, February 5th** from **6:00pm until 7:00pm.**

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

Please plan on bringing your entire family!



St. John the Evangelist's
St. Vincent dePaul Conference

Hotline Number: 402.669.7118

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Knights of Columbus
2nd Annual Golf Outing
July 23rd, 2022!

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.**



Please remember in your Prayers,
Don Peters, husband of
Rita Peter who passed away

Please remember in your Prayers,
Betty Buckley, mother of
Fr. Buckley who passed away



Please remember in your Prayers,
Paul Kuhnel, father of
JuLee Kallenbach who passed away

Update
your
Information



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

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.

YOU'RE INVITED TO PRAY WITH US!

Mass for Vocations on January 17 at St. Joseph, Springfield



The Serra Club of West Omaha invites you to join us for a special Mass for Vocations at 5:30 PM on Monday, Jan. 17, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 100 9th Street in Springfield, to pray

for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life within the Archdiocese of Omaha. Mass will be celebrated by Rev. Frank Baumert, Chaplain of the Serra Club. Mass will be followed by a brief *Meeting & Mixer*. Our speaker at the meeting will be Deacon Terry Ficenc of St. Joseph. He will share his vocation story and his experience of serving as a deacon. Light refreshments and sweets will be provided. If you are interested in helping to build the Church locally through vocations support, contact John Lingo, Serra VP, 402-290-4670 or John@JLingoLaw.com.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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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
Circle the picture that is the same as the first one. Then color in all the pictures.

MISSION
I will talk to God when I first wake up each morning.

GROWING WITH THE Gospel
WITH THE Gospel CYCLE C

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

RF Monthly Outreach:

A big thank you to the St John Knights of Columbus for sponsoring this year's "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. We have a bunch of powerful posters spreading the importance of Christmas, hanging in the gathering area at Church. Congratulations to our contestants awarded winner and runner-up in each age division.

- 11-14 year old division: Izzabella Zach -Winner
Aniston Hoegh -Runner-up
- 8-10 year old division: Olivia Rehder -Winner
Ella Baulisch -Runner-up
- 5-7 year old division: Riley Knight -Winner
Will Baulisch -Runner-up



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.

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.



Collection jars can be found in both RF Hallways! Drop off your pop tabs & help make a difference!



Thank you for your generosity!

~Collection from 12/26/21~

SUNDAY COLLECTION:	\$ 7,754.50
SVdP:	\$ 100.00
BUILDING FUND/CAP. CAMPAIGN:	\$ 5,192.50
IMMACUALTE CONCEPTION:	\$ 20.00
EASTER:	\$ 250.00
CHRISTMAS:	\$ 16,807.64
RELIGIOUS PENSION:	\$ 225.00

~Collection from 1/2/22~

SUNDAY COLLECTION:	\$ 3,793.00
SVdP:	\$ 100.00
CHILDREN:	\$ 0.05
BUILDING FUND/CAP. CAMPAIGN:	\$ 1,395.00
CHRISTMAS:	\$ 7,145.00
SOLEMNITY OF MARY:	\$ 90.00
REPAIR & MAINTENCE:	\$ 565.00

Mass Schedule and Intentions

MON 8:30am	NO MASS
TUES 8:30am	+HARLAN & VERA MUELLER
WED 9:30am	NO MASS
THUR 8:30am	+MARK SUTTON
FRI 8:30am	+BILL KIRBY
SAT 5:00pm	OUR PARISH FAMILY
SUN 7:30am	+GEORGE SCHINKER
SUN 10:00am	+BILL CAVEY

Ministry Schedule January 15 th & January 16 th			
	Saturday 5:00 PM	Sunday 7:30 AM	Sunday 10:00 AM
SACRISTAN	J. LEISE	S. SMITH	P. CAVEYE
GREETERS	VOLUTNEER	KOLEY'S	HENG'S
LECTOR	C. WILSON	C. O'BRYAN	T. PALADINO
EMHC	DEACON	DEACON	DEACON
	M. MALY	D. KOLEY	T. SCHROEDER
	G. HARR	P. ZERZAN	J. LOFTIS
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	B. LASTOVICA	C. LEO	VOLUNTEER
SERVERS	R. WILSON	K. MCKINNEY	L. ZACH
	M. WILSON	BA. GRITTEN	M. RYAN
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January's Calendar Dates

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

January 26th

RF-6:45-8pm

January 30th

Sunday RF- Sings at the 10am Mass

February 2nd

RF-6:45-8pm

February 6th

Donut Sunday
 Baptism Class at 11am-St Cecilia Conference Room
 Sunday RF (Pre-K & K) at 10am
 4th Grade Mass at 10am

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

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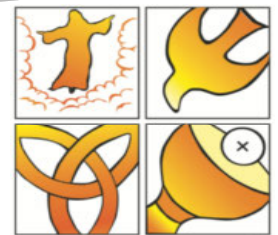
Reconciliation: Half hour before weekend Masses or by appointment

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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