

St. John's Church

JANUARY 23, 2022

3rd Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor."
- Lk 4:18a*

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 Valhagen
See bulletin & website for Holy Day
schedule

Bulletin Deadline Tues. at 1:00 pm

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St. Vincent dePaul Assistance Hotline

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."

January 23, 2022 • 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared...” (NEHEMIAH 8:10)

Ezra’s instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here’s the hard part – to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

I would like to express my gratitude to all our parishioners who have participated in the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal. Your willingness to include the archdiocese in your charitable giving enriches us as a parish. We have committed \$42,877 towards our goal of 43,588, with a 20.34% participation. Thank you for your vigilance and allowing the Lord to increase in your lives.

Blessings,
Fr. Gnirk



Readings for the week of
January 23rd, 2022

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/
1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30



Hey Deacon! What is the miracle of the blood of St Januarius?

The bones and blood of St. Januarius -- San Gennaro in Italian -- are preserved as relics in the Naples Cathedral. Januarius was the bishop of Naples and is believed to have been martyred during the Diocletian persecution around 305 AD. His blood was said to have been collected by Eusebia, a local woman, right after his martyrdom. During the miracle, which continues to this day, the dried, red-colored mass confined to one side of a reliquary becomes liquid blood that covers the entire glass. Several investigations have been conducted to find a scientific explanation to this miracle but none has been satisfactory so far. According to documentation by the Italian media *Famiglia Cristiana*, the miracle has taken place since at least 1389, the first instance on record.

The apparent miracle is locally known and accepted, though it is yet to receive official Church recognition. The liquefaction traditionally happens at least three times a year: Sept. 19, the saint’s feast day; the first Saturday of May; and Dec. 16, the anniversary of the 1631 eruption of the nearby Mount Vesuvius when his intercession was invoked and the city was spared from the effects of the eruption. The blood does not always liquefy on these dates and this is seen as an omen of bad things to come. They did not liquefy in September 1939, 1940, 1943, 1973, 1980, nor in December 2016 and 2020. However, it has spontaneously liquefied when American Archbishop of New York Terrance Cook (now deceased) visited in 1978 and when two popes visited, Pope Francis in 2015 and Pope Pius IX in 1858.

Saint Januarius is the Patron Saint of: Blood Banks/
Blood Donors and Naples Italy

St John's Church



The next St. John's **First Friday Eucharistic Holy Hour** will be **Friday, February 4th** 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

The St. Vincent dePaul Society helps those in need. Please call our hotline if you or someone you know needs help.



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5th Sunday of the Month Rosary— January 30th
rosary will begin at 7:05am & 9:35am

~ **Save The Date** ~

**Knights of Columbus 2nd Annual Golf Outing
July 23rd, 2022 ~ 1pm Shotgun Start!**

Contact Vern at 402-372-7830 with your
4 person team information

Knights of Columbus, along with SVdP will be holding a clothing drive for the local homeless shelters.

They are in desperate need of Men's XL, 3XL & 4XL sizes in t-shirts, underwear, socks and Coats. Donations can be dropped off in the blue bin in the gathering area!

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

Women's "Mini-Retreat" Women hold so many "identities"...we are daughters, sisters, friends, mothers & wives. Whether we are parenting young children, caring for an elderly parent or just figuring out marriage...each of these times in our lives can come with blessings & rewards, and... it can, also, be really hard. And demanding & exhausting. It may seem nearly impossible to get away on retreat and RECONNECT with Jesus. Saturday, February 12th - 8:30am to 12:30pm (Doors open at 8am) at St. Bonaventure Parish Center - 1565 18th Ave Columbus, NE Questions? Contact Sarah at sdoerneman@sti.esu7.org

Update
your
Information



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



Please join us for a ten session journey with Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, in ***The Second Greatest Story Ever Told***, as he tells about the dramatic history of Poland, the message of St. Faustina, the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, the witness of St. Maximilian Kolbe, and the papacy of St John Paul II. A book and guidebook are available but not necessary. We will meet in the St. Cecilia's Conference room at St. John's in Valley on Tuesdays from 9-10:15am, from Feb. 1st-Apr. 5th. To register or from more information call Carol at 402-359-2771.

Valley Community Blood Drive

Saturday, February 12th, 7:30am at St. Mark's in Valley.
To sign-up for one of the slots available, visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Valley, Nebraska



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Redcrossblood.org - 800.RED CROSS

Nebraska Walk for Life

Please join us January 29th, Saturday, in Lincoln for our yearly Nebraska Walk for Life. The morning will start with Mass at 9:00am at St. Mary's Church at 14th and "K" Street. The Walk will begin at the Capitol Steps at 15th and "K" Street with a few speeches and then the Walk to the Nebraska UNL Student Union on 14th and "R" Street. The pro-life guest speaker this year will be Ashley Bratcher, the award-winning actress of "Unplanned". Please join us and stand up for life! Questions: Carol Heng 402-968-1767. Maybe we can carpool.

Cathedral Arts Project's 37th Annual Flower Festival will be **LIVE and in person in 2022!** The event is held **January 29-30, from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, and 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Sunday**, with special viewing on Saturday from 9:00-10:00am for those 65 and older.

Each year, over one weekend, people throughout Nebraska visit the beloved and historic Saint Cecilia Cathedral to admire vast floral displays created by area florists and artists, and enjoy live musical performances by area performers and groups. The event is sponsored by area businesses and individual supporters. This year's theme is "**Hope Springs Eternal**". This event is free to the public and many volunteers are needed in order to make the event a success. Make the volunteer experience an occasion by inviting your friends and family to volunteer with you. For all information on the event and questions about volunteering, **contact Magan Smith at (402) 980-4716 or magan368@me.com**

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 different. Then color in all the pictures.

MISSION
I will ask my family to give old eyeglasses to the Lions Club.

GROWING WITH THE Gospel
CYCLE C

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

RF Monthly Outreach: Reaching our for January and February: Essential Pregnancy Services (EPS). Each RF class will have a giant “baby bottle” in their classrooms that will be used to collect Money for EPS. It will be a competition between classes to see who gets the most \$ in their bottle to donate to Essential Pregnancy Services (EPS). Every week we will collect all \$ from students first thing in RF class.

Nebraskans Embracing Life, educational pro-life non-profit, is hosting our 48th Annual Celebration of Life Banquet on January 28th at St Vincent de Paul Church Kampschneider Hall in Omaha, 14330 Eagle Run Drive, 6pm social, 7pm program with keynote speaker Steven Mosher, Director of the Population Research Institute. Registration, sponsorship and advertising information available at www.nebraskansembracinglife.org. In person or LIFEstreamed, call 402-299-0299
"You can save a life today!"

Women's Ignatian Retreat: Prepare for Lent with the Spiritual Exercises. Retreat conducted by Father Andy Alexander, SJ; March 4-6, 2022
Join us for a weekend silent retreat, based upon the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. It will be a time to grow in Our Lord's love for us and to deepen your personal relationship with him, preparing your heart for the journey through Lent with Christ. Held at the Creighton University Retreat Center in Griswold, IA, 1 hour east of Omaha and 2 hours west of Des Moines. Begins Friday at 4:30 p.m. and ends Sunday at 2:15 p.m. Retreat cost: \$225. For more information and to register, visit creighton.edu/curc.

Poland & Eastern Europe Pilgrimage: Come along June 6-17, 2022, to some of the most historical and sacred places in all of Europe. We'll see the home of St. John Paul II, visit the Shrine of Divine Mercy, walk through the Auschwitz Concentration Camp and so much more! We'll have Mass each day in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. Cost is \$4,199 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, St. Mary's Church, 307 – 4th Street North, Humboldt, Iowa 50548 or call 712-899-6870 or email frdanguenther@gmail.com

Siena/Francis Meal

Thank you, Siena/Francis House Volunteers!

Next meal is: February 10th!

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’

Grieving with Great Hope ~ February 1st-March 8th, 2022
The Grieving with Great Hope Workshop offered by Catholic Cemeteries is a path through grieving after the death of a loved one. We connect people with other people on the same path, not necessarily the same journey. There are no stages to grief on this journey, everyone experiences loss in their own way. It is with prayerful reflection, practical learning and personal fellowship we learn to continue this journey in life after the loss of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, grandchild or friend. Please come join us at St. Cecelia Cathedral's Monsignor Graham building on Tuesday evening beginning February 1st through March 8th at 6:30 PM. Space is limited so please call or email Deacon Jim Tardy, 402/391-3711 or jtardy@catholiccem.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. Register at www.StBenedictCenter.com or call (402) 352-8819.



Thank you for your generosity!

SUNDAY COLLECTION:	\$ 8,408.00
SVdP:	\$ 240.00
CHILDREN:	\$ 11.53
BUILDING FUND/CAP. CAMPAIGN:	\$ 0.00
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE:	\$ 25.00
SOLEMNITY OF MARY:	\$ 25.00

- ~ I swept the floor & mopped it.
- ~ I helped my mom.
- ~ I cleaned up my room.

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

Mass Schedule and Intentions

- MON 8:30am** NO MASS
- TUES 8:30am** +ED KOJDECKI
- WED 9:30am** NO MASS
- THUR 8:30am** +JUDY WOLFF WEINFURTNER
- FRI 8:30am** +DIANE LAFEVER
- SAT 5:00pm** +CHRIS ANDERSON
- SUN 7:30am** +HYNNIE & HELEN WINKLER
- SUN 10:00am** OUR PARISH FAMILY

Ministry Schedule January 29 th & January 30 th			
	Saturday 5:00 PM	Sunday 7:30 AM	Sunday 10:00 AM
SACRISTAN	J. LEISE	S. SMITH	P. CAVEYE
GREETERS	VOLUTNEER	KOLEY'S	HOEGH'S
LECTOR	D. KALLENBACH	P. SWOBODA	D. SCHNOES
EMHC	DEACON	DEACON	DEACON
	P. MEJSTRIK	J. MICEK	P. PESEK
	T. MEJSTRIK	P. STAUP	T. PALADINO
GIFTS	THIESSEN'S	KOLEY'S	BAULISCH FAMILY
USHERS	P. THIESSEN	VOLUNTEER	P. CAVEYE
	C. THIESSEN	VOLUNTEER	M. ZACH
SERVERS	D. THIESSEN	A. BOEKHOUT	M. ZACH
	C. HOOPS	BR. GRITTEN	E. BAULISCH
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 26th
RF-6:45-8pm
January 30th
5th Sunday of the Month Rosary at 7:05am & 9:35am Sunday RF- Sings at the 10am Mass
February 1st
The 2nd Greatest Story Ever Told-9am in the St. Cecilia Conference Room
February 2nd
RF-6:45-8pm
February 4th
First Friday Eucharistic Holy Hour at 6pm
February 6th
Donut Sunday Baptism Class at 11am-St Cecilia Conference Room Sunday RF (Pre-K & K) at 10am 4th Grade Mass at 10am
February 8th
The 2nd Greatest Story Ever Told-9am in the St. Cecilia Conference Room
February 9th
Siena Francis House Meal Drop Off RF-6:45-8pm
February 10th
Siena Francis House Meal Drop Off Finance Committee Meeting at 5pm
February 13th
Sunday RF- Sings at the 10am Mass

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

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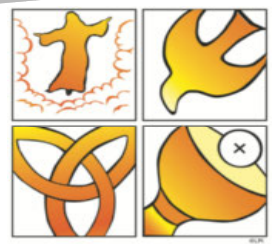
Reconciliation: Half hour before weekend Masses or by appointment

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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