

# St. John's Church

MARCH 20, 2022

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday OF LENT

“He said to the gardener, ‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down.’” - Lk 13:7a

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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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**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.”*

## March 20, 2022 • 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

“...He said to the gardener, ‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.’” (LUKE 13:7)

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts, and return them with increase.

Fish Fries will be March 25 and April 1st.

Rosary and Stations of the Cross will be on Wednesday evenings. The Knights of Columbus will lead the Rosary beginning at 6 PM followed by Stations at 6:15 PM.

Many people like to celebrate Reconciliation during this Holy Season in preparation for Easter. Reconciliation will be available at the usual times and by appointment as well. Please email me for an appointment.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper will be at 7 PM on April 14. Stations of the Cross are on Good Friday April 15 at 3 PM, with the Good Friday liturgy at 7 PM.

The Easter Vigil will be at 8:00 PM on April 16. Masses on Easter will be at 7:30 and 10 AM.

Many blessings during this Lenten season.



**Hey Deacon! In Mark 8:22-26 why did it take two tries to heal the blind man? First time the blind man was able to see people but they looked like trees walking around and the second time**

**he was able to heal him completely.**

This story is very unique for one reason. Consistently, throughout the Gospels, when Jesus cures someone it is done as a result of the faith they have made evident. It's not that Jesus couldn't heal someone without faith; rather, it's that this is what He chose to do. He made healing contingent upon complete faith.

In this miracle story, it appears that the blind man has some faith, but not much. As a result, Jesus does something very telling. He allows the man to be healed only part way so as to illustrate his lack of faith. But He also reveals to us that a little faith can lead to more faith. The man, once he could see a little, clearly began to believe some more. And once his faith grew, Jesus laid hands on him again, bringing his healing to completion.

What a great illustration for us! Some people may have complete faith in God in all things. If that is you, then you are truly blessed. But this passage is especially for those who have faith, but struggle nonetheless. To those who fall into this category, Jesus is offering much hope.

The action of healing the man twice in a row tells us that Jesus is patient and merciful and will take the little we have, and the little we offer, and use it. He will work to transform our little faith so that we can then take another step closer to God and grow in faith.



Readings for the week of  
March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Sunday:** Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

**Friday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

**Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

**Next Sunday:** Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

# St John's Church



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

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



St. John the Evangelist's  
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**Knights of Columbus 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Outing**  
**July 23rd, 2022 ~ 1pm Shotgun Start!**

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

**Smoked Easter Hams** are available again this year by the Knights of Columbus. Place your order for a delicious smoked Easter ham today! Hams average between 18 to 22 lbs. @ \$3.75 per lb. Contact Sam Gottuso at [snjgottuso@gmail.com](mailto:snjgottuso@gmail.com) or 402-560-8536.



On Wednesday, March 23rd, at 7 PM, Fr. Patrick Saint-Jean will be our guest at College of Saint Mary, presenting on the Anti-racism as a Spiritual Practice. This is a hybrid event being held in person at the College of St. Mary's Hillmer Art Gallery and live streamed via Zoom. Pre-registration is required. This event is free and open to the public. Register online at [CSM.edu/events](http://CSM.edu/events) or contact Dr. Andrea Stapleton at [astapleton@csm.edu](mailto:astapleton@csm.edu)

Vita an evening for Bethlehem House! April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 at Downtown Omaha Marriott. Dinner, Drinks, Program & Auction. Cocktails at 5:30pm, Dinner at 6:30pm  
For more information visit: [bethlehemhouseomaha.org/events](http://bethlehemhouseomaha.org/events)

**"NO ONE IS BORN A PRIEST..."**

VOCATION SUMMIT – April 2, 2022

St. Patrick's Church in Elkhorn, NE 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Vocation Office and the Serra Clubs of Omaha. The summit this year will be presented by Greg Schweitz, of Serra International, and Mark Bonkiewicz of Omaha. "Igniting the faithful begins with a Spark"



Help Needed:

**Ushers, Greeters, Families to take up Gifts & Servers!!**

Please contact the parish office to add your name to the rotating list!

402.359.5783



**ST. JOHN'S 53<sup>rd</sup> FISH FRY**

March 25<sup>th</sup> & April 1<sup>st</sup>  
from 5:00-8:00pm

**YOUR HELP is NEEDED!!!**

This is a great opportunity for new or other parishioners to get involved. **Look for sign up sheets on the table in the gathering area!** Please consider being a weekly chairperson  
**Any questions call Paul Magiera 402-881-5980.**

JOIN THE PARISH CHOIR

Choir has begun to gather from 9-9:55am in the St. Oscar Romero Room to begin preparations for the Lent and Easter Seasons, come join us.

*New members are always welcome.*

'Singing is praying twice' and a great way to enrich your Lenten journey.

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Valley Community Blood Drive on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:30am at St. Mark's in Valley. To sign-up for one of the slots available, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: Valley, Nebraska



**American Red Cross**

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Call or email Molly Zach with questions  
402-359-5783 or [molly@stjohnvalleyne.com](mailto: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**  
Help your mother pull the weeds out of her flower garden.

**GROWING WITH THE GOSPEL**  
CYCLE

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

RF Monthly Outreach: March Reaching out project will be the Parish Prayer Tree

### Parish Wide Prayer Tree

The purpose is to get our Parish praying for each other in the most powerful way this Lent. Each individual person (no age requirements) can fill out a prayer tag in the gathering space with their own personal need for prayer. Be as specific or as simple as you wish, when filling out these prayer tags. You can decide if you want to include names or remain anonymous on your tag.

After you hang your completed tag on the Prayer Tree, make sure you take a tag off of the tree with someone else's need for prayer. Hang this Parishioner's tag somewhere in your life that you frequently are reminded by. For example: in your car, your bedroom, a special shelf or bulletin board at home. Every time you see this Parishioner's tag, say a prayer for the intention on the tag.

If we all share a prayer and take a prayer, I believe we will see its power right here at St. John's Church! There is no better gift to give. A gift for everyone. A gift that has no age limitations, no cost or judgement. A gift given by sharing just a little of your time and love.

Feel free to share tags and take tags from the St. John's Prayer Tree throughout all of Lent. Together we can all pray for each other to create our own **BREAKTHROUGH**.



The Encounter Series are guides for small groups to pray together with Scripture (lectio divina). They rely on Jesus to do the heavy lifting of leading the group, and aim for transformation of heart (not just transfer of information). Your small group can include friends, neighbors, co-workers, or even your children and their friends. Join us on Wednesday evening beginning March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:45-8pm in the St. Cecilia Conference Room, here at St. John's. Please RSVP to Tom [dcentom@stjohnvalleyne.com](mailto:dcentom@stjohnvalleyne.com) or Molly [molly@stjohnvalleyne.com](mailto:molly@stjohnvalleyne.com)

## Siena/Francis Meal

Thank you, Siena/Francis House Volunteers!

***Next meal is: April 14<sup>th</sup>!***

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](mailto:lindajank44@yahoo.com)

or

Beth Kudlacz: [msmek1@gmail.com](mailto:msmek1@gmail.com)

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

**May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

Register by calling the parish office at 402-359-5783 or online at [stjohnvalleyne.com](http://stjohnvalleyne.com), under 'sacraments'

**From childhood to adulthood, abuse takes many forms and occurs in families, churches and communities. The Archdiocese of Omaha invites anyone impacted by abuse to come together and pray for the healing of wounds. Archbishop George Lucas will preside. This is not a Mass. We welcome people of all faiths, walks of life and backgrounds to join us on: Monday, April 4, 2022 , 7:00 p.m. at St. Leo's, 1920 N. 102<sup>nd</sup> St., Omaha Reception to follow**

The Beauty of Marriage: Ever Changing, Ever New, April 22 – 23, retreat at Saint Benedict Center, Schuyler, with Deacon Dr. Steve and Catholic Bible Study teacher Sharon Doran, MA. A marriage retreat for couples at every stage of their marital journey. Join Steve and Sharon Doran for a deeper look into the evolving mystery of Marriage. God uses His primordial sacrament in His eternal plan of salvation for all His beloved creatures and entrusts married people to help Him in a unique way. Come and see how God has entrusted you and your spouse to be part of His own redemptive plan through your gift of marriage. – Social distancing and wearing a mask is recommended. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to Saturday, ending with Mass at 4:00 p.m Register now at [www.StBenedictCenter.com](http://www.StBenedictCenter.com)



Join our community-and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States -on a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl from the gathering area or your RF classrooms! During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on global hunger and take action to help our sisters and brothers impacted by the injustice. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.



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



*Thank you for your generosity!*

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~I was polite in the movie theater  
 ~Cleaned room

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



Next weekend is a special collection for the Catholic Relief Services, please give generously!

**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

**MON 8:30am** NO MASS  
**TUES 8:30am** +JUDY WOLFF WEINFURTNER  
**WED 9:30am** VALHAVEN (Residents Only)  
**THUR 8:30am** +BILL KIRBY  
**FRI 8:30am** +LARRY & IRENE COBB  
**SAT 5:00pm** OUR PARISH FAMILY  
**SUN 7:30am** +JoANNE HOHMAN SCHREPEL  
**SUN 10:00am** +LOU & NANCY CONOVER

Ministry Schedule March 26 <sup>th</sup> & March 27 <sup>th</sup>			
	Saturday 5:00 PM	Sunday 7:30 AM	Sunday 10:00 AM
SACRISTAN	J. LEISE	S. SMITH	P. CAVEYE
GREETERS	D. PROROK	KOLEY'S	HOEGH FAMILY
LECTOR	L. GERGEN	C. O'BRYAN	M. TUSHNER
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	VOLUNTEER	J. JOHNSON	VOLUNTEER
SERVERS	I. ANDERSON	N. WURTZ	M. ZACH
	G. KRINGS	C. WURTZ	M. RYAN
VALHAVEN	No Valhaven at this time		
VALLEY LAKES	No Valley Lakes at this time		

March's Calendar Dates
<b>March 21<sup>st</sup></b> K of C Meeting at 7pm, Rosary at 6:30pm
<b>March 22<sup>nd</sup></b> Parish Pastoral Council Meeting at 7pm
<b>March 23<sup>rd</sup></b> RF 6:45-PM Rosary at 6pm, Stations of the Cross at 6:15pm Encounter Prayer Series-6:45-8pm in St Cecilia Room
<b>March 25<sup>th</sup></b> Fish Fry 5-8pm (Take-Out 402-359-5217)
<b>March 27<sup>th</sup></b> Special Collection-Catholic Relief Services Sunday RF (Pre-K & K) at 10am Sunday RF sings at 10am Mass
<b>March 30<sup>th</sup></b> NO RF Rosary at 6pm, Stations of the Cross at 6:15pm Encounter Prayer Series-6:45-8pm in St Cecilia Room
<b>April 1<sup>st</sup></b> Fish Fry 5-8pm (Take-Out 402-359-5217) NO First Friday Eucharistic Holy Hour
<b>April 3<sup>rd</sup></b> Donut Sunday Sunday RF (Pre-K & K) at 10am
<b>April 6<sup>th</sup></b> RF 6:45-PM Rosary at 6pm, Stations of the Cross at 6:15pm Children's Rosary & Stations at 6pm in RF Hallways Adult Formation-6:45-8pm in St Cecilia Room

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

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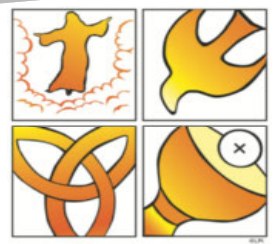
**Reconciliation:** Half hour before weekend Masses or by appointment

**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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