

St. John's Church

APRIL 3, 2022

5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said, "Neither do I
condemn you. Go, and from
now on do not sin any more."
- Jn 8:11b

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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

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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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“...For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ...” (PHILIPPIANS 3:8)

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts - our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the Church helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us from becoming a slave to our possessions. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for the glory of ourselves.

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! Why does the Catholic Church use the Old Testament if it believes that the New Testament is the teachings of Jesus, who died for our sins?

You are on the right track in the sense that what Jesus revealed in the New Testament is the fullness of what God wanted to teach us. It is where God reveals his highest word: his own Son.

Among the reasons the Catholic Church keeps the Old Testament are: Jesus himself quoted from the Hebrew Scriptures; Jesus said that he came, not to abolish, but to fulfill the (Mosaic) law; and the Old Testament sheds light on the New, and vice versa. “As an old saying put it, the New Testament lies hidden in the Old and the Old Testament is unveiled in the New” (Catechism, 129).

This dynamic supports the idea that the story of salvation is *one story*, starting from Creation (Book of Genesis) and ending with the second coming of Jesus (Book of Revelation). The Old Testament events were preparing for the coming of Jesus, and the New Testament tells the story of the unfolding of that grace.

The things Jesus did and taught can be understood better against the background of the Old Testament. Jesus, being a true man, was born and raised in a specific culture with its own language and history and literature. And the Old Testament helps us understand his cultural background.

The Old Testament helps us understand the closeness between Christianity and Judaism, including the sacraments instituted by Christ. Two books that are helpful in understanding this are Scott Hahn's *A Father Who Keeps His Promises* and Brant Pitre's *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist*.



Readings for the week of
April 3rd, 2022

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6/Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/

Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

St John's Church



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

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



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July 23rd, 2022 ~ 1pm Shotgun Start!

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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 or 402-560-8536.



\$500 Scholarship The Knights of Columbus are now accepting scholarship applications. Applications must be completed and submitted by April 15th, 2022 and \$500 scholarships will be awarded to four students of a college, university, or tech school after a successful semester. For complete details and to apply, visit www.kofc7034.org and click on the *News and Announcements* link.

The Bethlehem House is in need of full & queen size mattresses! There is also a need for bunkbeds! If you have any mattresses and/or bunkbeds that you would like to donate, contact Vern at 402-372-7830

“On the Third Day He Rose Again.” (Apostolic Creed), *April 13 – 17*, retreat at *Saint Benedict Center*, Schuyler, with *Father Tom Hillenbrand, OSB, STL*. This retreat will focus especially on the Holy Thursday liturgy and the impact of the Holy Eucharist on our daily life. Times of silence, meditation and talks will help us participate in the mystery of Christ's passion and resurrection. We invite you to join the Benedictine monks in their prayer and worship during the ‘Three Holy Days.’ Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. to Easter Sunday after brunch. Register now at www.StBenedictCenter.com or call (402) 352-8819.



ST. JOHN'S 53rd FISH FRY

Thank you to all of the parishioners who helped make our 53rd Fish Fry Season another great success. There are too many names to mention but in particular all the folks who were here every Thursday and Friday. We couldn't do this without you!

Thank you from the St. John's Parish Family

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.

Valley Community Blood Drive on Saturday, April 16th, 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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Teaching Discernment A 3-day seminar to prepare individuals *The Teaching of Ignatian Discernment* with Fr. Timothy Gallagher, at St. Stephen the Martyr on May 19th-21st, from 7am-5pm. Space is limited! Register at: Stephen.org/teaching-discernment

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. Friday, 7:30pm - Saturday, ending with Mass at 4:00p.m. Register now at www.StBenedictCenter.com or call (402) 352-8819.

St. Frances Cabrini Parish will hold its famous Spaghetti Dinner on April 10th from noon until 6:00 pm. Adults are \$10 and children \$5. Take out or dine in available. All proceeds go to support All Saints School. Come hungry!



Prayer before a Crucifix

Good and gentle Jesus, I kneel before You.
I see and I ponder Your five wounds.

My eyes behold what David prophesied about You:
“They have pierced my hands and feet;
they have counted all my bones.”

Engrave on me this image of Yourself,
fulfill the yearnings of my heart:
give me faith, hope, and love,
repentance for my sins, and true conversion of life.
Amen.

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 facing the wrong way.
Then color in all the pictures.

MISSION
When I get angry with others, I will pray first,
then I will talk to them.

GROWING WITH THE GOSPEL
CYCLE C

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

RF Monthly Outreach:

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**.

Adult Faith Formation Wednesday Night Series: Father Gnirk will be doing an Adult Formation Session on April 6, 2022 from 7:00-8:00pm, in the Church sanctuary. He will be speaking on The Acts of the Apostles. This formation is free and open to all Adult Parishioners & Religious Formation Parents. What a wonderful opportunity for any of our RF parents to drop off your student(s) for religion, and in return, take an hour for yourselves, growing in your Faith as well. We are hoping, by bringing this opportunity to St. John's during Wednesday RF classes, that we can meet our Parish Community where they are at in their busy, day-to-day lives.

Siena/Francis Meal

Thank you, Siena/Francis House Volunteers!

Next meal is: April 14th!

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 :

May 1st, 2022

Register by calling the parish office at 402-359-5783 or online at 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. 102nd St., Omaha Reception to follow

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- ~ I went to Church
- ~ Helped my dad put together furniture
- ~ I played nice with my friends

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

Mass Schedule and Intentions

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|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| MON 8:30am | NO MASS |
| TUES 8:30am | +LeROY HANSEN |
| WED 9:30am | VALHAVEN (Residents Only) |
| THUR 8:30am | +DECEASED BENIFACTORS OF ST. BONIFCAE |
| FRI 8:30am | +BOB MESCHER & ELIZABETH FREESE |
| SAT 5:00pm | +PAUL & STELLA KUHNEL |
| SUN 7:30am | +HYNNIE & HELEN WINKLER |
| SUN 10:00am | OUR PARISH FAMILY |

Ministry Schedule April 9th & April 10th

| | Saturday 5:00 PM | Sunday 7:30 AM | Sunday 10:00 AM |
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Sign-up sheets in the gathering area

April's Calendar Dates

April 6th

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

April 10th

SVdP Meeting at 8:15am in the St Cecilia Room
Last Sunday RF Class (Pre-K & K) at 10am
Sunday RF sings at 10am Mass

April 13th

Siena Francis Meal Drop Off
Rosary at 6pm, Shadow Stations of the Cross at 6:15 & 7pm

April 14th

Siena Francis Meal Drop Off
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm

April 15th

Stations of the Cross at 3pm
Good Friday Liturgy at 7pm

April 16th

Easter Vigil at 8pm

April 17th

Easter Mass at 7:30am & 10am

April 18th

K of C Meeting at 7pm, Rosary at 6:30pm

April 20th

RF 6:45-PM

April 23rd & 24th

First Holy Communion at the 5pm & 10am Masses

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

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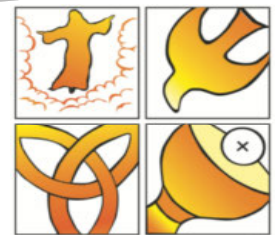
Reconciliation: Half hour before weekend Masses or by appointment

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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