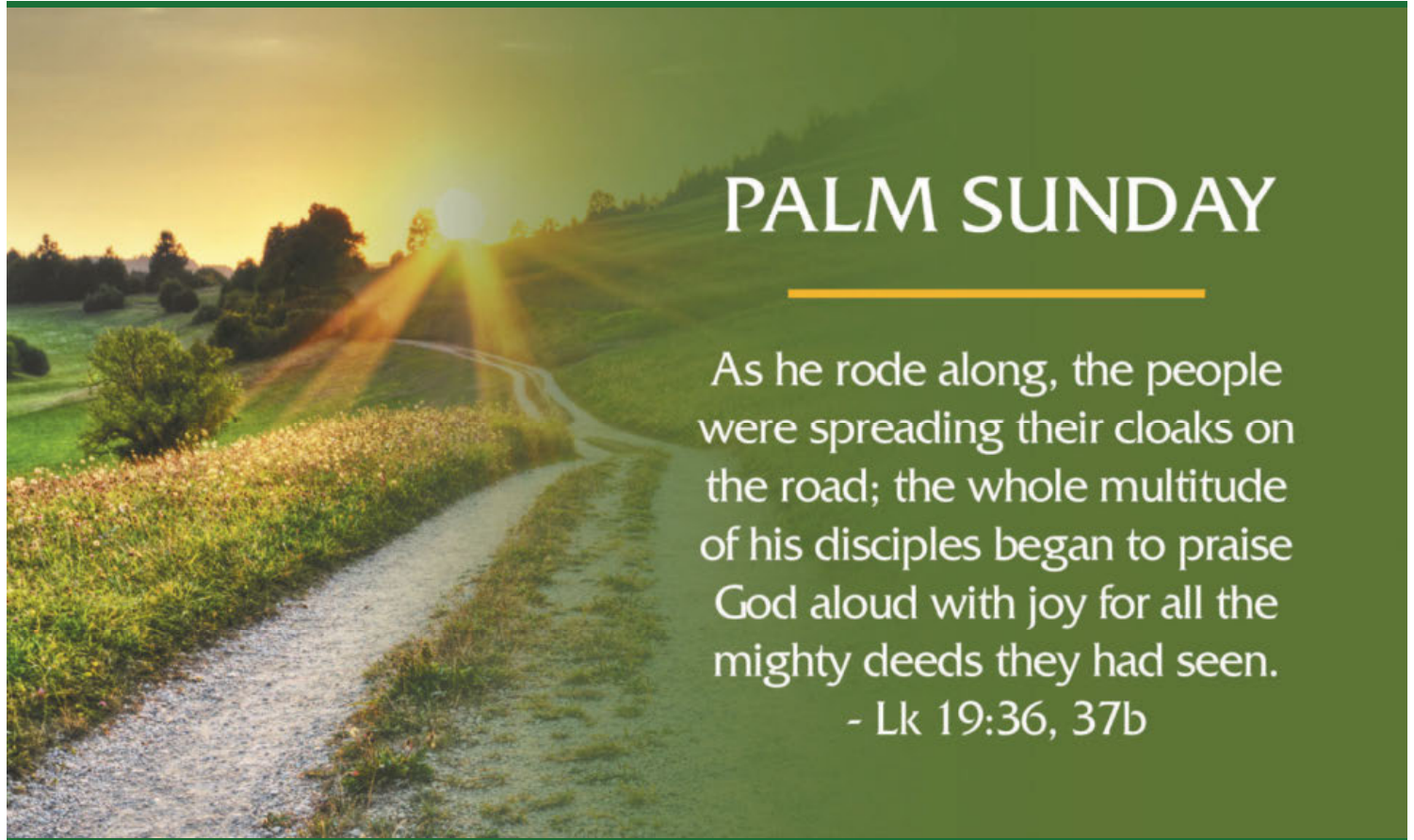


St. John's Church

APRIL 10, 2022



PALM SUNDAY

As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen.
- Lk 19:36, 37b

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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:

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."

April 10, 2022 • Palm Sunday

“...I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me.” (LUKE 22:34)

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about God or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet not to cause a disturbance? Or, because you don't want people to think negatively about you? Or, because you don't think you know enough about the Catholic faith? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful dialogue when the opportunity arises. Joyfully share your faith with others.

As I prepare for retirement, I am also downsizing. I am in need of collectors or flea market or collectors for valuation of sets of dishes, beanie babies, some other potential antiques. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please email me their contact info.

My house cleaning company is ceasing operation so if you have any suggestions, please email me their contact info. Thank you for your consideration.

Rosary and Shadow Stations of the Cross will be on Wednesday evening. The Knights of Columbus will lead the Rosary beginning at 6 PM followed by Shadow Stations at 6:15 PM by our RF students.

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! I have some old palms and was trying to figure out how to dispose of them?

Often folks have the opportunity to bring the palms they received on Palm Sunday to their parish just before we

enter into Ash Wednesday. In some parishes, the tradition is to take those blessed palms, burn them and use them for the ashes that are traced on our heads as a reminder that we “are dust and to dust we shall return.”

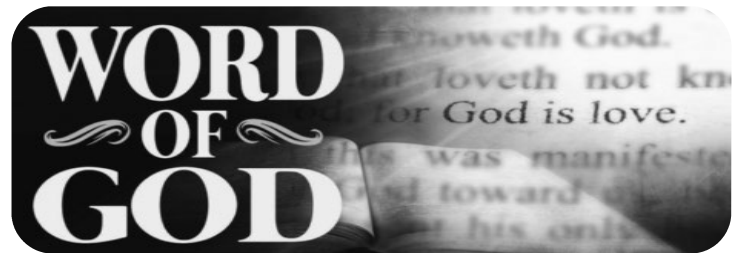
But here it is past Ash Wednesday and past Lent and we have already reached Palm Sunday, what can you do with the old palms. You can do one of three things.

The first is to hang on to them for next year. Many people have small prayer spots in their homes where they place holy images and items used in their personal devotional life. Since blessed palms are a sacramental, they serve as a reminder that what was once nimble, fresh and supple has become fragile and brittle over time. Next year we can bring them in and have them burned.

Another option is to burn them ourselves and return them to the earth. The ideal situation would be to burn the palms by themselves, collect the ashes and bury them in a place that will not be easily disturbed. We do this because blessed palms are a sacramental. These are an ordinary object that has been transformed or elevated to a higher purpose that draws us — through their use — closer to Christ. As such, they should be treated with dignity and respect rather than simply thrown in the trash.

The third option is closely related to the second, but omits a step. Because they are a sacramental and are biodegradable, palms may simply be buried in a place that would not easily be disturbed. Neither option requires a deep place of burial. A few inches below the earth, where one can be reasonably assured they will not be disturbed until they return back into the earth from whence they came, is fine.

Either of the above options is fine, just treat the palms with respect as they are a sacramental.



Readings for the week of
April 10th, 2022

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

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/

Ps 116:12-13, 15-16abc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/

Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or

Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/

Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/

Is 54:5-14/ Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/

Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Lk 24:1-12

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/

Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or, Lk 24:13-35

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.



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

Whenever we get a call from someone in our parish suffering a hardship due to disability, death, illness, fire or job loss, our parish responds! Food, clothing, rent and utility assistance along with kind words and encouragement are offered by our great volunteers!

Please look for the envelope in your packet and consider a donation to The St. Vincent dePaul Society.

Any amount is greatly appreciated because donations from parishioners provide 100% of our funding.

"...whenever you did this for one of these, the least of my brothers, you did it for Me..." Mathew 25:40

If you or someone you know needs assistance, please call our parish St. Vincent dePaul assistance hotline at 402-669-7118.

Thank you so much!!



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\$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, bunkbeds, hand mixers, toasters, kitchen trash cans with lids, bathroom trash cans, mops, brooms/dust pans, toilet plungers, toilet brushes, laundry baskets, baby high-chairs and baby gates!

One mother in the aftercare program is moving into a house, and is in need of a stove, refrigerator and microwave.

If you have any items 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



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

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 4:00p.m. Register now at www.StBenedictCenter.com

Divine Mercy Sunday

Day of Grace Program
April 24, 2022
Christ the King Church
654 S. 86th St, Omaha, NE
2:00 - 6:00 PM CDT

Jesus, I Trust in You! Live Streaming at ctkomaha.org/divinemeracy

Guest Speakers			
 David Woloszyn <i>From Crime to Christ</i> <small>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church parishioner</small>	 Dale Bauermeister <i>Suffering, Faith, and Forgiveness</i>	 Fr. Michael Voithofer <i>Merciful Witness of God's Love</i>	 Archbishop Emeritus Elden Curtis <i>Celebrant at 5:00 PM</i>


Eucharistic Adoration and Divine Mercy Chaplet starting at 2:40 PM


Family led Rosary at 4:30 PM

Please join us at
Christ the King Church
for the
Divine Mercy Novena
April 15th - April 23rd @ 3:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation commencing at 2:00 PM
Due to limited priest availability, we encourage going to Confession shortly before or after Divine Mercy Sunday.

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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!



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**.

Seven Sisters Apostolate - Informational Meeting

on May 5th Are you looking to help the priest(s) at your parish? Learn more about the Seven Sisters Apostolate directly from the founder, Janette Howe! This event will take place at the Sacred Heart Parish Center in Norfolk, NE (2301 Madison Ave, Norfolk, NE 68701) on May 5th from 6:30-8:30pm. A meal will be provided. Please email Katie at sevensistersomaha@gmail.com with questions or to RSVP. More information about the apostolate can be found at <https://sevensistersapostolate.org>

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'

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Mass Schedule and Intentions

MON	8:30am	NO MASS
TUES	8:30am	+EUGENE TRACY
WED	9:30am	VALHAVEN
THURS	7:00pm	MASS OF THE LORDS SUPPER
GOOD FRI	3:00pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
GOOD FRI	7:00pm	LITURGY
HOLY SAT	8:00pm	OUR PARISH FAMILY
EASTER SUN	7:30am	+HARLAN & VERA MUELLER
EASTER SUN	10:00am	+SR. FORTUNATE

Ministry Schedule April 16th & April 17th

	Saturday 5:00 PM	Sunday 7:30 AM	Sunday 10:00 AM
SACRISTAN	J. LEISE	S. SMITH	P. CAVEYE
GREETERS			
LECTOR			
EMHC			
GIFTS			
USHERS			
SERVERS			
VALHAVEN	No Valhaven at this time		
VALLEY LAKES			

Sign-up sheets in the gathering area

April's Calendar Dates

April 10th
SVdP Meeting at 8:15am in the St Cecilia Room <u>Last Sunday RF Class</u> (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 19th
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting at 7pm
April 20th
RF 6:45-8PM
April 23rd & 24th
First Holy Communion at the 5pm & 10am Masses
April 27th
<u>Last RF Class & Awards</u> 6:45-8PM

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

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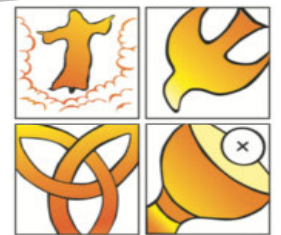
Reconciliation: Half hour before weekend Masses or by appointment

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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