

St. John's Church

APRIL 17, 2022

EASTER SUNDAY

The other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. - Jn 20:8

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 8:30am Tue, Thurs, Fri.
10:00am Wednesday 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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“...He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.” (ACTS 10:38)

We can't give what we don't have. Open your heart to receive God's love, mercy and forgiveness. Then, show the same to others. As God's adopted sons and daughters, we are made in His image and likeness. As Pope Benedict XVI says, “we are made for greatness.” Let our lives reflect His light to others. Pray to live a grateful and generous life. Strive for greatness! We are made for more! We are made for God!

During this Easter season, we rejoice in the new life of the Risen Lord. Our world has suffered, and continues to suffer, great loss because of the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the other conflicts around the world, also refugees and seeking asylum from war and oppressive governments. We stand in need of God's gift of new life and his healing and his gift of peace. We fervently pray that God will bless our earth with His peace, His love, His healing during this Easter season and throughout our lives. May He continue to hold us in the palm of his hand.

My wishes to all of you for a healthy and blessed Easter season!



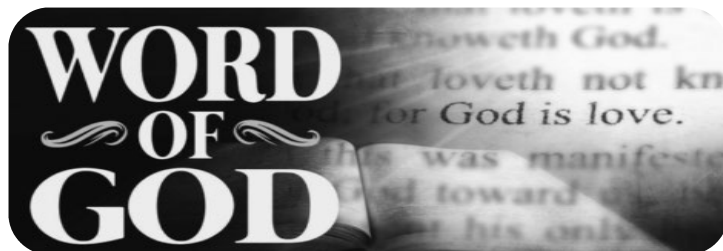
Happy Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord!

When Mary Magdalene came to the tomb on the first day of the week and saw that the stone had been rolled away she thought that someone had stolen Jesus' body. She runs and tells the Apostles that “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him”. Of course this sets Peter and John on an all-out sprint to the tomb to see for themselves. But take notice of what John finds to be of utmost importance. He spends time describing the burial clothes, where they are laid, how the head cover is not with the rest of the burial linens but rolled up separately and in another place. This seems very strange at first. For John, this means that the body of Jesus was not stolen, as thieves would have taken the linens as well. Because of the linens, he saw and “believed” that Jesus had been raised from the dead. While he believes that Christ had been risen from the dead he does not yet fully understand the meaning of the Resurrection.

Understanding will come later that evening of the Resurrection when the Lord will come and stand among them in the Upper Room. It is through this personal encounter with the Risen Lord that all of those in the Upper Room will come to understand the Resurrection. And so it is with us.

How do we enter into a personal relationship with Christ? Much like we enter into a personal relationship with our spouse, or with our boyfriends or girlfriends, by spending time with them. Getting to know them. Can you imagine being introduced to someone and then saying “ok nice to meet you see you on our wedding day?” or “great wedding, I will see you next year when we celebrate our anniversary?” Neither of these situations would lead to an optimal end. There are several TV shows that attest to that. Getting to know Christ through prayer, Adoration, spiritual direction and the Sacraments are a few ways to deepen our relationship with the Risen Lord! This will lead us to a personal encounter with Christ, which will lead us into a relationship with Him. It is then that we will fully come to understand what this great day of rejoicing means.

Happy Easter from Char and I!



Readings for the week of April 17th, 2022

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

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

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 highchairs 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

Thank You!

Thank you to the Liturgical Environmental Committee for all your hard work during Holy Week and Easter!





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> Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church parishioner	 Dale Bauermeister <i>Suffering, Faith, and Forgiveness</i>	 Fr. Michael Voithofer <i>Merciful Witness of God's Love</i>	 Archbishop Emeritus Elden Curtiss <i>Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Celebrant</i> at 5:00 PM
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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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Supporting organizations:
Nebraskans Embracing Life
website: NebraskansEmbracingLife.org
Sancta Familia Medical Apostolate
website: OmahaCatholicDoctors.org
Pray the Rosary! Event information: 402-498-9871 Omaha LET on Facebook

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-4:00pm.
Register now at www.StBenedictCenter.com

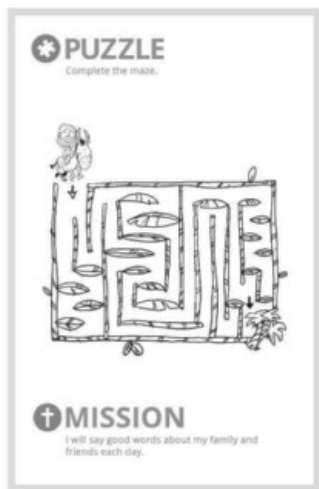
Regina Caeli Academy- Accepting Enrollment Applications for 2022-23! Regina Caeli is a private, independent, *University-Style Hybrid*® operating in the Catholic tradition. Preschool - 12th grade students attend classical academic and extracurricular classes two days a week, and home-school the remaining days following the plans provided by RCA. To learn more, contact our admissions office at admissions@rcahybrid.org or 470.239.0259

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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: Bethlehem House Penny Wars

Bethlehem house Penny wars- We will be doing our infamous “Penny Wars” for the Bethlehem House. This reaching out will be advertised and open to the ENTIRE Parish for fun! I will have an ice cream tub for each class in the gathering area (they will be labeled). Any and all change (coins) go into your own class’s tub to raise money for Bethlehem House. I will post weekly on each tub the ongoing total amounts. If you want to setback a class that is in the lead....just drop dollar bills of any denomination into the opposing (leading) class’s tub. Dollar bills will go negative on their total and ALL change will go positively towards your totals. Make sure you pick the correct tub to either push another class’s total DOWN, and your total UP.

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: May 12th!

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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YOU'RE INVITED TO PRAY WITH US!

The Serra Club of West Omaha invites you to join us for Holy Mass on Monday, April 18, at 5:30 PM at the JP II Newman Center, 1221 S. 71st Street in Omaha, 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. Dan Andrews, Director and Pastor of the JP II Newman Center, assisted by Rev. Frank Baumert, Chaplain of the Serra Club of West Omaha. Following Mass, we will enjoy a one-hour *Meeting & Mixer*. Our speaker at the meeting will be Rev. Padraic Stack, Associate Pastor of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Elkhorn. Light refreshments, appetizers, pizza, and sweet treats will be provided. All are welcome! To ensure we have enough food, kindly RSVP here to attend: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C4FA9AC22A7FD0-serra10> For questions, contact John Lingo, Serra VP, 402-290-4670 or John@JLingoLaw.com. Learn more at serrawestomaha.org.

“The characteristic features of Jesus — the chaste, poor and obedient one — are made constantly visible in the midst of the world...The consecrated life truly constitutes a memorial of Jesus' way of living and acting...a living tradition of the Savior's life and message.” ~ St. John Paul II ~

Thank you for your generosity!
~April 3, 2022~

SUNDAY COLLECTION:	\$	6,253.00
SVdP:	\$	50.00
CHILDREN:	\$	32.24
BUILDING FUND/CAP. CAMPAIGN:	\$	130.00
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CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES:	\$	100.00
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UKRAINE RELIEF:	\$	250.00

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 +BOB MESCHER &
ELIZABETH FREESE

WED 10:00am VALHAVEN (Residents Only)

THUR 8:30am +ED KOJDECKI

FRI 8:30am +JUDY WOLFF WEINFURTNER

SAT 5:00pm +RUTH BORCHARDT

SUN 7:30am +GEORGE SCHINKER

SUN 10:00am OUR PARISH FAMILY

Ministry Schedule April 23rd & April 24th

	Saturday 5:00 PM	Sunday 7:30 AM	Sunday 10:00 AM
SACRISTAN	J. LEISE	S. SMITH	P. CAVEYE
GREETERS	D. PROROK	KOLEY'S	BLISS'
LECTOR	D. KALLENBACH	T. OEHLER	M. McCLEERY
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	E. BAULISCH	C. WURTZ	R. WALZ
VALHAVEN	No Valhaven at this time		
VALLEY LAKES	T. & C. Manhart		

April's Calendar Dates

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

Last RF Class & Awards 6:45-8PM

May 1st

Donut Sunday
High School Seniors Mass at 10am Mass
Baptism Prep Class at 11am in the St. Cecilia Conf. Room

May 4th

Confirmation at 7pm

May 5th

Finance Committee Meeting at 5pm

May 6th

First Friday Eucharistic Holy Hour at 6pm

May 11th

Siena Francis Meal Drop Off

May 12th

Siena Francis Meal Drop Off

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

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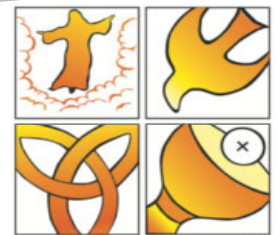
Reconciliation: Half hour before weekend Masses or by appointment

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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