

St. John's Church

APRIL 24, 2022



2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Thomas answered and said to him,
"My Lord and my God!" Jesus said
to him, "Have you come to believe
because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not
seen and have believed."
- Jn 20:28-29

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."

April 24, 2022 • 2nd Sunday of Easter

“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’”
JOHN 20:21)

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our “enemies.” Think of someone in your life who you need to reconcile with. Call them right now or better yet, go visit them.

The fish fries for 2022 were great community building events, parishioners working together, having fun and serving 4,111 people from the community and surrounding areas. Financially, the fish fries netted a profit of \$16,929.20 of which \$3,397.37 goes to the Knights of Columbus, which leaves a net of \$13,531.83 for St. John. We use these proceeds for our parish outreach efforts, including Siena/Francis House, Mass for Shut-Ins, COPE, Catholic Charities, Bethlehem House, Care-A-Van, Western Douglas County Food Bank, YMCA Build Strong Communities, post prom events and many others.

My thanks to all the volunteers whose hard work make the fish fries so successful, including set-up and preparation, clean-up, serving, food prep, providing desserts and all the effort that makes these events fun. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! MANY BLESSINGS!



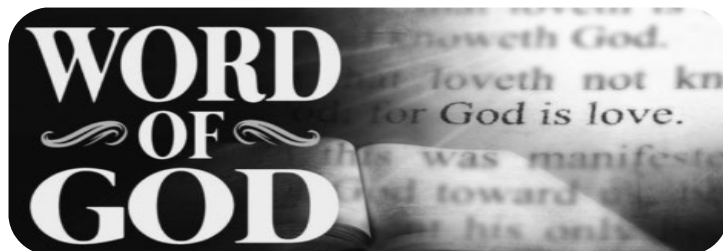
Hey Deacon! What are the four symbols of the Gospel writers and why those symbols?

The four Gospel writers, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, are traditionally represented by the following symbols. St. Matthew, a divine man; St. Mark, a winged lion; St. Luke, a winged ox; and St. John, a rising eagle. These symbols are taken first from the Prophet Ezekiel (1:1-21) where the prophet speaks of a heavenly vision and describes the characters having four faces “Their faces were like this: each of the four had a face of a man, but on the right side was the face of a lion, and on the left side the face of an ox, and finally each had the face of an eagle....”

We read a similar description in the Book of Revelation (4:6-8), “At the very center, around the throne itself, stood four living creatures covered with eyes front and back. The first creature resembled a lion; the second, an ox; the third had the face of a man; while the fourth looked like an eagle in flight.”

These descriptions in both the Old Testament and the New Testament were likened to the four Gospel writers because of the content of their Gospels and their particular focus on Christ. St. Irenaeus (140-202) in his treatise *Adversus Haereses (Against Heresies XI)*, said, “The first living creature was like a lion” symbolizing His effectual working, His leadership, and royal power; “the second was like a calf,” signifying His sacrificial and sacerdotal order; but “the third had, as it were, the face as of a man,” — an evident description of His advent as a human being; “the fourth was like a flying eagle,” pointing out the gift of the Spirit hovering with His wings over the Church. And therefore, the Gospels are in accord with these things, among which Christ Jesus is seated.

Next week I will go into more specifically what the symbols represent. Happy Easter! (Source: Catholic Exchange)



Readings for the week of
April 24th, 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.



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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

Essential Pregnancy Service's Mother's Day Rose Drive will take place Mother's Day weekend, May 7 and May 8. Volunteers from the Knights of Columbus will be handing out roses after all masses in exchange for a suggested \$5 donation per rose in support of EPS. Please consider supporting EPS in their efforts to provide life-affirming pregnancy options and free services for women facing unplanned and under-supported pregnancies. Thank you for your support!

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

Too many travel toiletries...not sure what to do with them? The homeless shelters can use them!!! If you have some you would like to get rid of, drop them off here at church and we will donate them to the homeless shelters!!

"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 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
Live Streaming at ctkomaha.org/divinemeracy

Guest Speakers


 David Woloszyn From Crime to Christ Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church parishioner	 Dale Bauermeister Suffering, Faith, and Forgiveness	 Fr. Michael Voithofer Merciful Witness of God's Love	 Archbishop Emeritus Elden Curtiss Celebrant 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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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

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

Walk with Hope: Be Open to Surprise, June 4, one-day retreat at *Saint Benedict Center*, Schuyler, with *Margaret Hoarty*. In 2012, Margaret and her husband Tom walked the Camino de Santiago (The Way of St. James), a 500-mile path through northern Spain that pilgrims have traveled since the year 1000. She experienced the Camino as a metaphor for life, with many life lessons that presented themselves along the way. Listen to her Camino journey! – Social distancing and wearing a mask is recommended. Program fee: \$35. Lunch is available at the Center for \$ 12.08 (includes tax). Register at www.StBenedictCenter.com or call (402) 352-8819.



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The Full RF Calendar can be found our website!

PUZZLE
Find the matching shadow.

MISSION
When I am afraid, I will ask Jesus to come and help me.

GROWING WITH THE GOSPEL
CYCLE C

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

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>

Holy Family Reunion! Save the Date & Invite Friends!

May 7th, 2022 from 9am-Noon. Fr. Pat McCaslin, celebrant.
10am brunch & memories.
Call the SVdP Office to RSVP at 402-779-8499

Special Mass Honoring Mothers and Book Signing with author Mary E. Buckley on Saturday, April 23rd, 2022 at Holy Family Shrine, Gretna, NE. Mass at 10:00am, Book signing after mass. Purchase your copy of I Knew You Before You Were Born Payment: Venmo, cash or check (no credit cards, please)
Enter to win a \$25 Mother’s Day Corsage Gift Card when you make a donation to the Holy Family Shrine Website: www.righdtobeborn.com

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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Creation-Destruction in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola, May 19 – 22, retreat at Saint Benedict Center, Schuyler, with Father Larry Gillick, SJ. The three days of prayer and reflection will consist of six presentations and three homilies and will focus on the central realities of the *Exercises*. There will be abundant time for personal prayer, reflecting and the experiencing of the invitation to enter into the relationship that God constantly offers to the human race. – Social distancing and wearing a mask is recommended. Thursday, 6:00 p.m. to Sunday after lunch. Register now at www.StBenedictCenter.com or call (402) 352-8819.

Thank you for your generosity!

~CORRECTION for April 3, 2022~

SVdP:	\$	1,865.00
~April 10, 2022~		
SUNDAY COLLECTION:	\$	12,754.00
SVdP:	\$	655.00
CHILDREN:	\$	29.00
BUILDING FUND/CAP. CAMPAIGN:	\$	1,135.00
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE:	\$	100.00
EASTER:	\$	500.00
BLACK & IDIAN MISSIONS:	\$	25.00
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES:	\$	220.00

~April 17, 2022~

SUNDAY COLLECTION:	\$	7,720.00
SVdP:	\$	110.00
CHILDREN:	\$	98.00
BUILDING FUND/CAP. CAMPAIGN:	\$	2,496.88
EASTER:	\$	16,829.06

Mass Schedule and Intentions

MON	8:30am	NO MASS
TUES	8:30am	+WILLIAM KIRBY
WED	10:00am	VALHAVEN (Residents Only)
THUR	8:30am	+SHARON FREEMAN
FRI	8:30am	+MARK SUTTON
SAT	5:00pm	THE KEVIN GORACKE FAMILY
SUN	7:30am	OUR PARISH FAMILY
SUN	10:00am	+LOU & NANCY CONOVER

Ministry Schedule April 30th & May 1st

	Saturday 5:00 PM	Sunday 7:30 AM	Sunday 10:00 AM
SACRISTAN	J. LEISE	S. SMITH	P. CAVEYE
GREETERS	VOLUNTEER	WASCHEK'S	HENG'S
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	VOLUNTEER	C. MICHEL	R. PETERSON
SERVERS	R. WILSON	H. HUNTER	M. ZACH
	M. WILSON	VOLUNTEER	M. RYAN
VALHAVEN	No Valhaven at this time		
VALLEY LAKES	T. & C. Manhart		

April's Calendar Dates

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
May 17th
K of C Meeting at 7pm, Rosary at 6:30pm
May 22nd
SVdP Collection
May 24th
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting at 7pm
May 28th/29th
Special Collection-Catholic Communication Camp.

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

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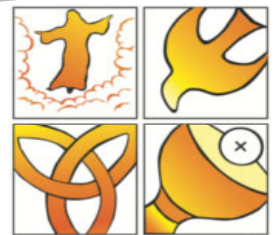
Reconciliation: Half hour before weekend Masses or by appointment

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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