

St. John's Church

MAY 8, 2022

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.” -
Jn 10:27-28b

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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“The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.” (ACTS 13:52)

The disciples heard Our Lord’s call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!

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.

Thank you for your consideration.



Hey Deacon! What are the four symbols of the Gospel writers and why those symbols? (Part III)

St Irenaeus assigned the four symbols of the Evangelists St. Matthew, a divine man; St. Mark, a winged lion; St. Luke, a winged ox; and St. John, a rising eagle here is his thinking on Luke & John.

The winged ox represents St. Luke. Oxen were used in temple sacrifices. For instance, when the Ark of the Covenant was brought to Jerusalem, an ox and a fatling were sacrificed every six steps (2 Sm 6). St. Luke begins his Gospel with the announcement of the birth of St. John the Baptizer to his father, the priest Zechariah, who was offering sacrifice in the Temple (Lk 1). St. Luke also includes the parable of the Prodigal Son, in which the fatted calf is slaughtered, not only to celebrate the younger son’s return, but also to foreshadow the joy we must have in receiving reconciliation through our most merciful Savior who as Priest offered Himself in sacrifice to forgive our sins. Therefore, the winged ox reminds us of the priestly character of our Lord and His sacrifice for our redemption.

Lastly, St. John is represented by the rising eagle. The Gospel begins with the “lofty” prologue and “rises” to pierce most deeply the mysteries of God, the relationship between the Father and the Son, and the incarnation: “In the beginning was the Word, the Word was in God’s presence, and the Word was God. He was present to God in the beginning. Through Him all things came into being, and apart from Him nothing came to be” (Jn 1:1-3). And “The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us, and we have seen His glory: The glory of an only Son coming from the Father filled with enduring love” (Jn 1:14). The Gospel of St. John, unlike the other Gospels, engages the reader with the most profound teachings of our Lord, such as the long discourses Jesus has with Nicodemus and the Samaritan woman, and the beautiful teachings on the Bread of Life and the Good Shepherd. Jesus, too, identified Himself as “the way, the truth, and the life,” and anyone who embraces Him as such will rise to everlasting life with Him. (Source: Catholic Exchange)

Happy Easter!

Do you have a question about why we do this or that as Catholics please not hesitate to reach out and say “Hey Deacon” . . . others may be wondering the same thing. You can email at dcntom@stjohnvalleyne.com or 402.359.5783 ext. 216



Readings for the week of May 8th, 2022

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

St John's Church



The next St. John's **First Friday Eucharistic Holy Hour** will be **Friday, June 3rd** 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

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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~ Save The Date ~

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

5th Sunday of the Month Rosary– May 29th rosary will begin at 7:05am & 9:35am

The Knights of Columbus Council #7034 proudly awards the following parish family and Knight that model Christian family values and visibly lives them every day.

Family of the Quarter:
Eric & Teri Gottuso

Knight of the Quarter:
Chris Little

 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!

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!!



Don't forget to drop your Family Fare receipts in the jar (next to the COPE box) in the gathering space!

An easy way to donate to COPE just by grocery shopping!

SAVE THE DATE | Joy of Giving

On Wednesday, May 18th, you are invited to participate in a day of giving and service to benefit Catholic schools, parishes and organizations across the Archdiocese of Omaha.



JOY OF GIVING

Joy of Giving celebrates the blessings we all enjoy as members of the archdiocese and allows us to come together as One Church to multiply those blessings. We are thrilled to participate in *Joy of Giving*, joining organizations across northeast Nebraska.

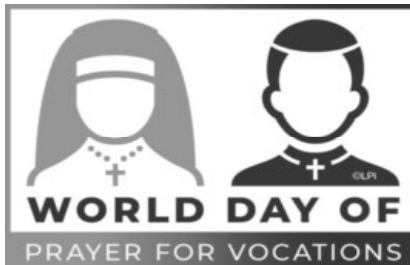


Christian Outreach Program - Elkhorn

Jim Tomanek has announced to the COPE Board of Directors, his plans to retire as the COPE Executive Director at the end of the summer or until a suitable replacement is found. Therefore, a search committee has been formed to start the replacement process as soon as possible.

Jim has been active in Cope starting in 2004 with serving breakfast to the English-speaking classes. He's volunteered 2012-2014, at which time he started serving on the COPE board until he was hired as Executive Director in February 2016.

The board will have very big shoes to fill. Please pray for the committee, board, and the next director of COPE. There will be a celebration for Jim's service in the future.



All women are invited to the **Magnificat-Omaha* Summer Brunch on June 25th, 9:30 AM**, at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church. **Sonja Corbitt, host of the Bible Study Evangelista Show** and author of *Unleashed, Fearless, Ignite, and Fulfilled* books will be the guest speaker. She will share her amazing story of conversion and her love for the Word of God. For Reservations, go to www.MagnificatOmaha.org. *Magnificat-Omaha is an archdiocesan-wide Catholic women's organization focused on evangelization.

TEE IT UP FOR VOCATIONS! MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2022
Golf with Priests, Seminarians, and Consecrated Religious



The Serra Clubs of Omaha and West Omaha will host their **Annual Golf & Tennis Outing**, followed by a cocktail hour, dinner, and awards at The Pines Country Club in Valley on Monday, June 6 (best ball format) with registration beginning at 11:00 AM. Tennis will be at the Miracle Hills Tennis Club at 3:00 PM. All proceeds received support the vital vocations programs of the Archdiocese of Omaha.

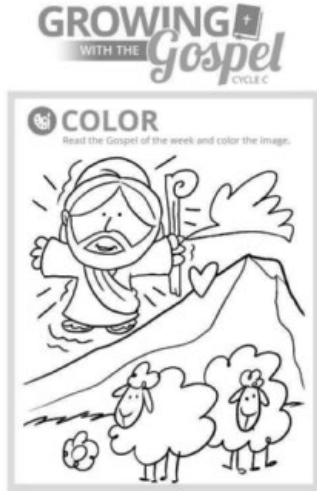
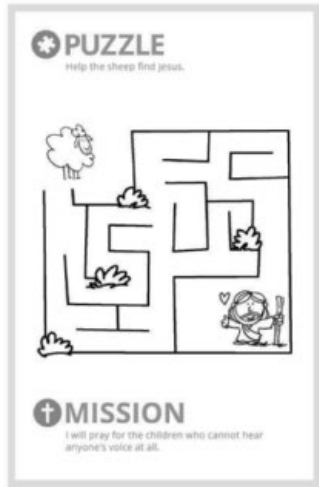
To register as a player and/or a sponsor and to pay online, go to: <https://serrawestomaha.org/golf/>.

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!



Vacation Bible School: June 20th-24th

Congratulations to our First Communion and Confirmation recipients during this Easter Season!

Also, a prayer of thanks for their dedicated teachers that prepared them for these special Sacraments.

First Communion

Teyadora Alzuri
Will Baulisch
Maxon Chittenden
Layla Daly
McKinley D'Angelo
John Dvorak
Ethan Fletcher
Mayella Hansen
Mabry Hoegh
Rylan Horner
Jacob Huntley
Dierk Johnson
Beau Katt
Caleb Kennedy
Hailey Moeller
Blaise Mosby
Reagan Ott
Grady Parr
Michael Peterson
Brooks Rath
Olivia Sehn
Chase Sonnenfelt
Morgan Steffes
Hank Steinbach
Amy Stevens
Knox Tibke
Tanner Tushner
Riley Vencil
Anastasia Zleik

Confirmation

Reese Almquist
Nolan Asher
Elijah Beister
Celeste Carlson
Caiden Hoops
Bodi Knudsen
Kylie Krajicek
Isaac Kulig
Jay McDowell
Lea Naujokaitis
Brady Nichols
Grant Parr
Rease Pearson
Nicholas Stevens
Ethan Taft
Brock Theobald
Cade Thiessen
Mylee Tichota
Nicole Wacker
Aiden Waszak
Cora Weis
Madison Wilson
Jace Windeshausen
Izzabella Zach

Teachers

Erin Alzuri & Sarah Hoegh

Teachers

Carol Lukowski, Janie Peterson & Tom Oehler

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 :

August 7th, 2022

Register by calling the parish office at 402-359-5783 or online at stjohnvalleyne.com, under 'sacraments'

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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~Collection for April 24, 2022~

SUNDAY COLLECTION:	\$	4,274.00
SVdP:	\$	0.00
CHILDREN:	\$	171.25
EASTER:	\$	345.00

~Collection for May 1, 2022~

SUNDAY COLLECTION:	\$	4,248.00
SVdP:	\$	0.00
CHILDREN:	\$	36.56
ASCENSION:	\$	10.00
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE:	\$	600.00

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 +EUGENE TRACY

WED 10:00am NO MASS

THUR 8:30am JUDY WOLFF WEINFURTNER

FRI 8:30am +JOHN MANHART

SAT 5:00pm OUR PARISH FAMILY

SUN 7:30am +GEORGE SCHINKER

SUN 10:00am +ROGENE KORTH

Ministry Schedule May 14th & May 15th

	Saturday 5:00 PM	Sunday 7:30 AM	Sunday 10:00 AM
SACRISTAN	J. LEISE	S. SMITH	E. GOTTUSO
GREETERS	D. PROROK	WASCHEK'S	RATH FAMILY
LECTOR	J. BATTEN	D. KOLEY	N. RATH
EMHC	DEACON	DEACON	DEACON
	J. SCHONDER	D. KOLEY	G. TYLSKI
	M. LOFGREN	S. JOHNSON	C. TYLSKI
GIFTS	GORACKE'S	USHER'S	HOEGH FAMILY
USHERS	F. BORCHARDT	L. WASCHEK	VOLUNTEER
	K. GORACKE	J. JOHNSON	VOLUNTEER
SERVERS	VOLUNTEER	K. McKINNEY	R. WALZ
	VOLUNTEER	BA. GRITTEN	B. WALZ
VALHAVEN	No Valhaven at this time		
VALLEY LAKES	P. PREBLE		

May's Calendar Dates

Saturday, May 8th / Sunday, May 9th

Knights of Columbus EPS Rose Drive after All Masses

Sunday, May 9th

Family of the Quarter Awards after the 10am Mass

Wednesday, May 11th

Siena Francis Meal Drop Off

Thursday, May 12th

Siena Francis Meal Drop Off

Tuesday, May 17th

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

Sunday, May 22nd

SVdP Collection

Tuesday, May 24th

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting at 7pm

Saturday, May 28th

Special Collection-Catholic Communication Camp.

Sunday, May 29th

Special Collection-Catholic Communication Camp.
5th Sunday of the Month Rosary at 7:05am/9:35am

Friday, June 3rd

First Friday Eucharistic Holy Hour at 6pm

Sunday, June 5th

Donut Sunday

Saturday, June 11th

St. Cecilia Conf. Room Private Rental from 8am-3pm

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

SACRAMENTS

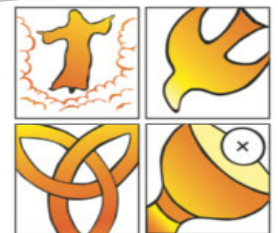
Reconciliation: Half hour before weekend Masses or by appointment

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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