

St. John's Church

MAY 15, 2022

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

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commandment: love one
another. As I have loved you,
so you also should love one
another.” - Jn 13:34

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

Bulletin Deadline Tues. at 1:00 pm

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St. Vincent dePaul Assistance Hotline

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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"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (JOHN 13:34)

"As I have loved you," this is the hard part – Jesus's love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes mercy and compassion to love someone when you feel unappreciated, feel used or feel like your opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage and the grace of God to "love my neighbor" when they may be someone you don't like, someone you don't know or someone that doesn't look like you.

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Hey Deacon! Is St. John's merging with St. Patrick's in Elkhorn?

The short answer is no. Rumors have been circulating all over the Archdiocese that this parish is merging with that parish and so on, we are

no exception. The Archdiocese of Omaha is looking into the future as best they can and creating a pastoral plan for the next ten years and beyond. One of the major focuses is that Archbishop Lucas wants all parishes "to radiate the Gospel by becoming missional communities by 2026".

In planning they have looked at several factors across the Archdiocese. In their research they found that urban areas are growing while rural areas are declining. This was evident when they found that weekend Mass attendance at St. Wenceslaus in Omaha is the same as the archdiocese's 51 smallest parishes combined. They also found that by 2033 we will have 23% fewer archdiocesan priests for parish assignments and this will lead to more priest "burnout problems". Finally, they saw a decrease in Mass attendance. Between 2001 and 2019 attendance declined by 44% and in 2021 it was 23% lower than 2019.

So no to our two parish's merging, but rather they are going to come together in collaboration to see what each of our communities can do to help each other in answering the Archbishop's call to radiate the Gospel and be missional. How will this be achieved? At this point both parish communities have been talking with each via a group of people chosen by each pastor to figure this out and have a plan in place to present to the Archbishop in November. Fr. Forgé has been involved with this process and has already taken over for Fr. Gnirk at Fr. Gnirk's request. More will be shared here in the bulletin and in person sessions in the coming weeks and months.

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 15th, 2022

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

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

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 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

K of C Grand Breakfast: in Parish Hall
TODAY ~ May 15, 2022 ~ 7:30am to Noon

Menu includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, fresh fruit, sausage and biscuits, donuts, juice, coffee and milk. 100% of the proceeds will be donated to the COPE this time. A "Free Will" donation is asked for and please be generous! The Knights appreciate and thank you in advance 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!



Collection jars can be found in both RF Hallways! Drop off your pop tabs & help make a difference!



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

As COPE prepares to open the doors to their new building, they are in need of the following donations:

Bathroom Cleaning Supplies	Trifold Paper Towels	Office
Cleaning Supplies	Window Cleaner	
Toilet Paper	Dry Mops/Dust Wipes	

Donations can be dropped off at COPE's new location by calling 402-616-2330 and making an appointment before they are open

45th Archbishop's Dinner for Education

This year's theme is Gather, Honor, Elevate. We **gather** as communities and friends to celebrate Catholic education. We **honor** our dedicated educators, exceptional mentors, and devout disciples. And we **elevate** Catholic education, promising students, and accessible opportunities.

The Archbishop's Dinner for Education is an opportunity to recognize our educators' dedication, honor those administrators and educators whose actions far exceed their job descriptions, and raise scholarship funds to give more families across the state access to Catholic education.

This year's honorees are:

Andrew Bauer, Principal at Sts. Peter and Paul School
Jackie Adams, Kindergarten Teacher at St. Bernard School
Jennifer Dunn, Principal at St. Francis School
Lynn Schultz, Principal at St. Bernadette School
Erika Winkelbauer, Science at St. Mary School
Jeremy Caniglia, Fine Arts at Creighton Prep
Cathy Hutchinson, Grades 4-6 Language Arts, St. Anthony School
Therese English, First Grade Teacher at St. Columbkille

Join us at the CHI Health Center Area on Thursday, September 22, 2022 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Tickets will be available to purchase in May. Until then, follow us on social media and invite your community to participate in this year's celebration and congratulate our honorees!

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.

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 group in each row that has more.
Then color in all the pictures.

MISSION
I will take three cans of food to the church for the poor.

GROWING WITH THE GOSPEL
CYCLE C

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

Vacation Bible School: June 20th-24th

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/>.

Holy Hour for Ordinandi and Seminarians
Monday, May 16 at St. Cecilia Cathedral

The Serra Club of West Omaha invites to a *Holy Hour for Ordinandi and Seminarians* on Monday, May 16, at St. Cecilia Cathedral, 701 N. 40th Street in Omaha. Join us in the Narthex at 6:30 PM for a Welcome Reception and at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary for the Holy Hour. The Presider will be Father Frank Baumert, Senior Associate Pastor of St. Thomas More and St. Joan of Arc, and Chaplain of the Serra Club of West Omaha.

This special Holy Hour is in preparation for the priestly ordination on Saturday, June 4, at 10:00 AM at St. Cecilia Cathedral when Rev. Mr. Brett Jamrog and Rev. Mr. Minh Tran will be ordained as priests. Be sure to join us as we pray together from our hearts for Deacon Jamrog and Deacon Tran and all our seminarians before the Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Please show your support and invite your family, friends, and guests to join us. Questions: Contact John Lingo, Serra VP John@JLingoLaw.com or 402-290-4670. For more information visit serrawestomaha.org.

“The end for which God has instituted the priesthood has been to appoint on earth public persons to watch over the honor of his divine majesty, and to procure the salvation of souls.” ~ St. Alphonsus Liguori ~

Siena/Francis Meal

Thank you, Siena/Francis House Volunteers!

Next meal is: June 8th!

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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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** +PAUL & STELLA KUHNEL
- WED 10:00am** VALHAVEN (Residents Only)
- THUR 8:30am** ST. PATRICK'S PARISH
- FRI 8:30am** +ED KOJDECKI
- SAT 5:00pm** +MARK & DON DICKAU
- SUN 7:30am** OUR PARISH FAMILY
- SUN 10:00am** +BILL CAVEYE

Ministry Schedule May 21 st & May 22 nd			
	Saturday 5:00 PM	Sunday 7:30 AM	Sunday 10:00 AM
SACRISTAN	J. LEISE	S. SMITH	E. GOTTUSO
GREETERS	VOLUNTEER	SMITH'S	HENG'S
LECTOR	L. GERGEN	J. MUEGGE	D. SCHNOES
EMHC	DEACON	L. LUKOWSKI	P. PESEK
	T. GERGEN	J. MICEK	P. ZERZAN
	D. KALLENBACH	B. MILLER	VOLUNTEER
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USHERS	B. LASTOVICA	J. CIUREJ	P. CAVEYE
	B. LASTOVICA	J. JOHNSON	E. GOTTUSO
SERVERS	I. ANDERSON	A. WACKER	I. ALZURI
	G. KRINGS	VOLUNTEER	M. RYAN
VALHAVEN	No Valhaven at this time		
VALLEY LAKES	J. MANGMELI		

May's Calendar Dates

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
NO Donut Sunday
Saturday, June 11th
St. Cecilia Conf. Room Private Rental from 8am-3pm
Sunday, June 12th
K of C Grand Breakfast
Monday, June 20th
K of C Meeting at 7pm, Rosary at 6:30pm
Monday, June 20th - Friday, June 24th
Vacation Bible School
Saturday, June 25th / Sunday, June 26th
Special Collection-Peter's Pence Fr. Gnirk's Retirement Celebration after the 10am Mass

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

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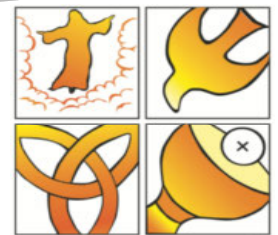
Reconciliation: Half hour before weekend Masses or by appointment

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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