

# St. John's Church

MAY 22, 2022

## 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” - Jn 14:27

### 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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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.”*

## May 22, 2022 • 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

“...Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” (JOHN 14:27)

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we often think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you. Make God your first choice and not your last resort.

*Ascension of the Lord*

Thursday, May 26th is the  
Ascension of the Lord.

It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be May 25th at 5:30PM and May 26th at 8:30 AM and 7:00PM. Ministry Sign-Up Sheets can be found in the gathering area!



### A continuation of the Journey of Faith conversation.

As St John's and St. Patrick's in Elkhorn continue to plan for our response to the Archbishop, we have

been asked to look at certain areas and respond as necessary to enhance our Parish Family in the years to come. These areas are;

1. Both nationally and in the archdiocese church participation is declining. What can we do in response to this decline?
2. Demographics are changing with populations increasing in larger populations and declining in the least populous areas. How can we as a parish family respond to this reality?

Over the next 10 years we will have a decline of almost 25% of our priests in this diocese as well. What can our parish family do to increase awareness and the desire to vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

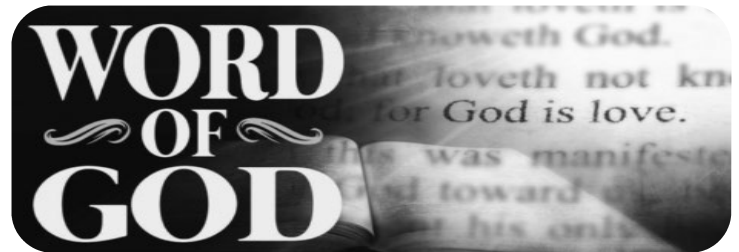
The upcoming meeting this week will begin looking at these ideas in collaboration to look at how we can support each parish and their priest's through staffing, liturgical celebrations, support for when either parish has a priest away from the parish, and ministry coordination. All of this will not be discussed this week or implemented until after the Archbishop approves our Parish Family's plan.

If you would like to be kept up to date, we will be providing more in the weeks and months to come but you can also follow what is going on at

[www.journeyoffaith.org](http://www.journeyoffaith.org). What will be of utmost support to this process, is prayer during this time. Please pray for the success of our Journey of Faith.

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](mailto:dcntom@stjohnvalleyne.com) or 402.359.5783 ext. 216

6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



Readings for the week of  
May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

**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

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:** Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 16:16-20 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/

Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18/ /Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Jn 16:20-23

**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28/ Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

**Next Sunday:** Acts 7:55-60/

Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26

# St John's Church



The next St. John's **First Friday Eucharistic Holy Hour** will be **Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>** from **6:00pm until 7:00pm.**

Please come and spend one hour with Jesus at Eucharistic Adoration.



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Hotline Number: 402.669.7118

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Any amount is greatly appreciated and needed to help the poor and those suffering a recent misfortune.

*"...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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~ Save The Date ~

**Knights of Columbus 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup>**  
rosary will begin at 7:05am & 9:35am

The Knights of Columbus want to thank the parishioners of St. John's for their support of the Mother's day rose sale. We donated the proceeds of \$572 to EPS. We appreciate 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!!



Please remember in your Prayers,  
Marianne Nielsen, mother of  
Scott Nielsen who passed away



Let's celebrate  
the Retirement of  
**Fr. Lloyd A. Gnirk**

**Sunday June 26, 2022**

**10:00 am Mass**  
**Reception to follow**  
**11:00 am - 2:00 pm**

### 45<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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!



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
Toilet Paper	Window Cleaner	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

**Valley Community Blood Drive**  
Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:30am at St. Mark's in Valley. To sign-up for one of the slots available, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: Valley, Nebraska



**American Red Cross**

[Redcrossblood.org](http://Redcrossblood.org) - 800.RED CROSS

All women are invited to the **Magnificat-Omaha\* Summer Brunch on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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](mailto:molly@stjohnvalleyne.com)

*The Full RF Calendar can be found our website!*



**Vacation Bible School: June 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>**

## Valley Community Churches Presents: "Monumental" Vacation Bible School

Where: Hosted @ St. Mark's Lutheran Church-Valley, NE  
When: June 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 9:00am-Noon  
Who: Open to ages 3yrs through children entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall \*\*Fee: \$15 includes VBS T-shirt\*\*  
Registration forms can be found on the tables in the gathering area at St. John's Church.

**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/>.



Spirit Catholic Radio invites you to hear The "Dynamic" Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers speak at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Omaha on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm! He is a powerful and passionate evangelist and preacher, whose non-nonsense approach to living and proclaiming the Catholic faith will challenge and inspire those who hear him. The Dynamic Deacon will be speaking on *The Pursuit of Happiness: Finding True Joy in the Catholic Faith*. Register by June 3 for \$5 per ticket. Invite 4 friends to receive "Evangelist Pricing" – 5 tickets for \$20! For more details about this event, visit [spiritcatholicradio.com/dynamic](http://spiritcatholicradio.com/dynamic).

## Siena/Francis Meal

Thank you, Siena/Francis House Volunteers!

**Next meal is: June 8<sup>th</sup>!**

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](mailto:lindajank44@yahoo.com)

or

Beth Kudlacz: [msmek1@gmail.com](mailto:msmek1@gmail.com)

*Planning a baptism?* The next baptism class will be held on be held on :

**August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Register by calling the parish office at 402-359-5783 or online at [stjohnvalleyne.com](http://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](http://www.StBenedictCenter.com) or call (402) 352-8819.

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~ Helping Mom with the garden

*If you would like more information or to visit about parish finances contact Fr. Gnirk*

### Mass Schedule and Intentions

<b>MON</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	NO MASS
<b>TUES</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	DECEASED BENEFACTORS OF ST. BONIFACE
<b>WED</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	VALHAVEN (Residents Only)
<b>WED</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	OUR PARISH FAMILY
<b>THUR</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	+LEO & MARIE BAUMLER
<b>THUR</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	+ED KOJDECKI
<b>FRI</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	+MARY SHALD
<b>SAT</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	THE KEVIN GORACKE FAMILY
<b>SUN</b>	<b>7:30am</b>	+GEORGE SCHINKER
<b>SUN</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	OUR PARISH FAMILY

### Ministry Schedule May 28<sup>th</sup> & May 29<sup>th</sup>

	Saturday 5:00 PM	Sunday 7:30 AM	Sunday 10:00 AM
SACRISTAN	J. LEISE	S. SMITH	P. CAVEYE
GREETERS	VOLUNTEER	KOLEY'S	COSTELLO'S
LECTOR	S. HECK	C. O'BRYAN	M. TUSHNER
EMHC	C. WILSON	P. STAUP	C. TUSHNER
	P. MEJSTRIK	T. BUKOSKIE	T. PALADINO
	T. MEJSTRIK	J. OEHLER	R. ORTMEIER
GIFTS	DORADOR'S	KOLEY'S	BAULISCH FAMILY
USHERS	VOLUNTEER	L. WASCHEK	R. PETERSON
	VOLUNTEER	C. MICHEL	M. ZACH
SERVERS	R. WILSON	N. WURTZ	L. ZACH
	M. WILSON	C. WURTZ	E. BAULISCH
VALHAVEN	No Valhaven at this time		
VALLEY LAKES	P. STAUP		

### June's Calendar Dates

<b>Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup></b>
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting at 7pm
<b>Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup></b>
Special Collection-Catholic Communication Camp.
<b>Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup></b>
Special Collection-Catholic Communication Camp. 5th Sunday of the Month Rosary at 7:05am/9:35am
<b>Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup></b>
First Friday Eucharistic Holy Hour at 6pm
<b>Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup></b>
NO Donut Sunday
<b>Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup></b>
St. Cecilia Conf. Room Private Rental from 8am-3pm
<b>Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup></b>
K of C Grand Breakfast
<b>Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup></b>
K of C Meeting at 7pm, Rosary at 6:30pm
<b>Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> - Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup></b>
Vacation Bible School
<b>Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> / Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup></b>
Special Collection-Peter's Pence Fr. Gnirk's Retirement Celebration after the 10am Mass
<b>Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup></b>
NO First Friday Eucharistic Adoration
<b>Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup></b>
Donut Sunday

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

### SACRAMENTS

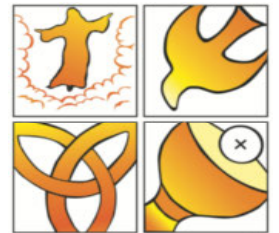
**Reconciliation:** Half hour before weekend Masses or by appointment

**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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