

ST. JOHN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Omaha's Jesuit Parish located at Creighton University, 2500 California Plaza, Omaha, NE 68178
Cornerstone laid 1887—Established as a Parish 1897—Designated a City Landmark 1981

July 10, 2016 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Eucharist:

Monday- Friday 7:00 a.m. Main Church
No Mass during University Breaks
Monday—Friday 12 noon Main Church
Monday—Friday 5:00 p.m. Fr. Halley Chapel, LSJ
*Monday 9:00 p.m. Main Church***
*Tuesday 9:00 p.m. Fr. Halley Chapel, LSJ***
Saturday 7:00 a.m. Main Church **
12 Noon Fr. Halley Chapel, LSJ
5:00 p.m. Main Church
(Anticipatory)
Sunday 8:00 a.m. Main Church
10:30 a.m. Main Church
*4:30 p.m. Main Church***
*8:30 p.m. Main Church***
*10:00 p.m. Main Church***

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Adult Faith Formation (Fall and Lenten Series)

Sunday 9:15 a.m. Conf. Room, LSJ

Youth Religious Education

Sunday 9:15–10:15 a.m. LSJ

Reconciliation:

Mon—Fri 12:30—1:00 p.m.
Saturday 4:00—5:00 p.m.

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For more detailed information please refer to Parish Brochure, located at all church entrances.



“Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

(Luke 10:25)

You might expect a lengthy answer for such an important question. But the answer Jesus gives is quite short. He simply tells you to love God with all the strength you have, and to love your neighbor as yourself. That's it! That's all you need! Love like that, and you will inherit eternal life.

Of course, it's easy to love when things go well and we're surrounded by people we care about. But how do we love when things don't go well and we're hurt by people who are selfish and insensitive? Perhaps that's the time to say to God, “Lord, I know what you are asking of me, but I find it hard to forgive. Please give me the strength to forgive as you do and to love as you love.” We can trust in a favorable answer to this kind of prayer, for the compassionate Jesus has promised to be with us I all the difficulties of our lives.

*Fr. Kenneth E. Grabner, CSC
Living with Christ, July 2016
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Liturgical Ministry Schedule—July 16-17, 2016

This schedule can also be accessed at St. John's website—<http://stjohns.creighton.edu>

	Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Sunday 10:30 a.m.	Sunday 4:30 p.m.
PRESIDER	Fr. Snow, S.J.	Fr. Kersten, S.J.	Fr. Amidon, S.J.	
LITURGICAL ASSISTANT	Linda Hayek	Dick Cleary	Ann Cole	
ALTAR SERVER			Erin Lemar	
LECTORS	Joan Lanahan	Bob Austria	Anne Lawlor	
	Larry Brennan	Dick Cleary	Steve Scherr	No Mass
PRAYERS	Eileen Burke-Sullivan	Dick Cleary	Catrina Alexander	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	T. Bartek J. May	D. Cleary	R. Gritmit R. Wright	
	J. Lanahan L. Daly	B. Austria	A. Lawlor	
	R. Townley	Volunteer	K. Blecha	
	M. A. Howick		C. Alexander	
	L. & M. Brennan		J. & S. Scherr	
	E. Burke-Sullivan		J. & B. Schmidt	

Readings for the week

7/10	Sunday	Dt	30:10-14
	<i>Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time</i>	Col	1:15-20
		Lk	10:25-37
7/11	Monday	Is	1:10-17
		Mt	10:34—11:1
7/12	Tuesday	Is	7:1-9
		Mt	11:20-24
7/13	Wednesday	Is	10:5-7, 13b-16
		Mt	11:25-27
7/14	Thursday	Is	26:7-9, 12, 16-19
		Mt	11:28-30
7/15	Friday	Is	38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8
		Mt	12:1-8
7/16	Saturday	Mi	2:1-5
		Mt	12:14-21
7/17	Sunday	Gn	18:1-10a
	<i>Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time</i>	Col	1:24-28
		Lk	10:38-42

Mass Intentions July 11–16, 2016

7:00 AM (Main Church)

Monday *No Mass, Summer Break*
 Tuesday *No Mass, Summer Break*
 Wednesday *No Mass, Summer Break*
 Thursday *No Mass, Summer Break*
 Friday *No Mass, Summer Break*
 Saturday *No Mass, Summer Break*

12:00 Noon (Main Church)

Monday Adam Bohan— *intention*
 Tuesday
 Wednesday Fred Lorenz—*deceased*
 Thursday Bob—*deceased*
 Friday William E. Haynes— *deceased*
 Saturday (LSJ's)

5:00 PM (Fr. Halley Chapel, LSJ's)

Monday Elizabeth & Howard Schutz—*deceased*
 Tuesday
 Wednesday
 Thursday
 Friday

Weekly Offering Report

Weekly Budget Goal	7,067.31	Annual Budget Goal	367,500.12
Weekend 7/2-3/2016	5,706.89	Fiscal Year-to-Date Goal	7,067.31
Above (below) weekly goal	(1,360.42)	Amount Collected YTD	5,706.89
		Above (Below) YTD Goal	(1,360.42)



Doug Morris
 Richard Gritmit
 Robert Heaney

We prayerfully remember **Patricia Edson**, sister of parishioner Terry Finney. May Jesus Christ console her family and friends during this difficult time.



Thank you for your generous support for:
St. John's Building Fund
 The special collection last weekend raised \$430.00

Pilgrimage to Spain & Portugal

Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Apparitions at Fatima

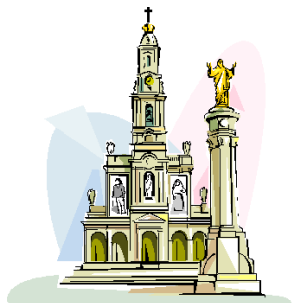
St. John's is offering an exciting opportunity to visit Portugal and Spain. In this unique pilgrimage we will celebrate the lives of St.

Ignatius of Loyola, St. Francis Xavier and St. Theresa of Avila. We begin at the Shrine of our Lady of Fatima in Portugal, then continue to the sacred sites of Avila, Madrid, San Sebastian, Burgos, Loyola and Barcelona. The pilgrimage will prove to be exciting, joyful and fun! There will be plenty of time to explore Portugal and Spain and celebrate our faith in the company of fellow travelers.

11 days, March 3—13, 2017 \$3,099 per person includes airfare from Omaha, taxes and surcharges, first class hotels, most meals, all admissions and comprehensive sightseeing and much more.

Hosted by Fr. Lorn Snow, S.J.

Please contact Julie in the parish office for more information or a complete itinerary. 402-280-3031 or juliecarlson@creighton.edu



28th Annual Ann's Attic Clothing Sale

Huge gym packed full! All sizes, quality clothes, shoes and some linens.

Thursday, July 14 9:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

Friday, July 15 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Sat. July 16 9:00 a.m.—noon

We will gladly accept your clean, used clothing of all sizes, linens, purses and shoes for the Ann's Attic sale, on July 9th, 10th and 11th. **St. Pius X** 69th and Blondo, Enter off 69th St at Decatur.

A tradition of St. John's Parish is to celebrate the Feast of St. Ignatius, patron saint of the Jesuits, with a parish picnic on the Saturday that falls closest to St. Ignatius Day, July 31. This year the picnic will be held on **Saturday, July 30**, in the Jesuit Gardens. This invitation is extended to the entire St. John's community and begins immediately following the Saturday 5:00 pm Mass. Hope to see you there!

In order to make sure the picnic is successful we need a full effort from the parish. The parish provides the hamburgers, sausages, hot dogs and drinks for the meal. Parishioners are asked to bring side dishes and desserts to share.

Sign-up sheets will be available at the church entrances next weekend for those who are willing to help out. Questions may be directed to Mary Alice Howick 402-616-2877, or mary.howick@ops.org.

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This Week at St. John's Parish

Our **Summer Mass Schedule** has begun. There will not be 7:00 a.m. Mass Monday—Saturday. Weekday Masses will be held at noon in the Main Church and at 5:00 p.m. in Fr. Halley Chapel, Lower St. John's.



A Message from St. John's Social Justice Committee

St John's Creighton has invited the Journey of Hope... From Violence to Healing to speak to our parish on July 24th at 11:30 am. The Journey of Hope is an organization comprised of individuals who have been directly affected by the death penalty either as murder victim family members or exonerated death row survivors. On the 24th, they will share their personal stories and why they stand for alternatives to the death penalty. This is an especially important time to hear these powerful speakers because in November, Nebraskan voters will be asked to decide the future of the death penalty in our state.

Volunteer Opportunity!

Creighton University Medical Center is seeking adult volunteers to help in various areas of the hospital. If you like to meet new and interesting people, have the

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heart of a servant, and can spare some time, please go online at www.CHIhealth.com/volunteers and select Creighton University Medical Center to apply and be a volunteer. The rewards are great and our time will be very much appreciated!

Upcoming Retreats at St. Benedict Center in Schuyler, NE

Tongues as of Fire, August 5-7, retreat at Saint Benedict Center, Schuyler, with musician and composer **Father Bob Dufford, SJ (St. Louis Jesuits)**. St. Ignatius of Loyola invites us to use our imagination while praying with Holy Scripture, to picture a particular biblical scene as if we were standing right there: What do I see, hear, smell, etc.? During this retreat, based on spiritual exercises from St. Ignatius, Fr. Bob will use specially composed instrumental music and texts to help retreatants enter into moments in the life of Jesus. Please bring your iPod, iPad, MP3 player, or computer. CD players may also be used but only for a few. Start Friday, 7:30 PM.

Respect: The Art of Mutual Appreciation, August 26 – 28, at Saint Benedict Center, Schuyler, with **Prior Mauritus Wilde, OSB, Ph.D.** Values like respect gain new importance today. Many consider it important to deal respectfully with one another. Don't we all seek mutual appreciation, and find respectful behavior lacking sometimes? How can we respect differences, give space to another person attentively and carefully, and become able to sense God's respect toward us? Come and learn about the Christian attitude of respect. The retreat is a great opportunity to reflect on our way of life. Start Friday, 7:30 PM.

Sign up at www.StBenedictCenter.com or call (402) 352-8819.

Food For Thought

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 30:10-14

Col 1:15-20

Lk 10:25-37

In our First Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses is completing his presenting of all the laws, customs and ordinances which the people of Israel are bound, covenanted, to observe. When they fulfill these, then the Lord will delight in the resulting prosperity of their fields, their cattle, and their fruitful bodies.

What we hear in today's First Reading are verses of comfort. Though the laws are many and detailed, they are not strange or disorienting to their minds and hearts. Moses has said that the Lord will continue to circumcise their hearts so that they all will know to whom they belong. These words of the Law are in a head-language and a heart vernacular so that there is no need for certain wise persons to interpret them. They are clear when thought about and comforting when experienced as a way of God's loving them and their responding lovingly to God.

Many Jews have the Word of God affixed to doorposts in a little box called a mezuzah, and can wear the Word of God in little cloth or leather pouches over their hearts and foreheads. These are called "Tefilin" emphasis on the second syllable. Moses declaims that these Laws will keep them close to God as God is close to them. They are not unreasonable, or violent to the human spirit.

The Gospel contains a beautiful and equally threatening parable. A scholar of the law asks Jesus a question, meant more as a beginning of a discussion than a simple request for information. Jesus, in his usual manner, answers a question with a question. The man knows well the dictates of the Law and responds correctly. According to the Book of Leviticus: 19, 18, loving one's neighbor is a sacred responsibility of the faithful Jewish person. So to extend the discussion and perhaps get the upper hand, the scholar asks the obvious question and Jesus takes it out of the scholar's hand and lays it on his heart.

A foreigner becomes the hero by placing himself in the vulnerable position of not being anybody's neighbor. The beaten man sets up the tension. The two religious figures, who do not tend to the man, heighten the heroism of the despised Samaritan. Jesus is telling this story to move from the Law to the Good News. The good news of the parable has several aspects.

Perhaps the two who pass by on the "opposite side" have their religious reasons. Their being faithful to their understanding of the laws of physical purity are righteous in their eyes. The good news of Jesus expressed in the parable is that "unlawful" love of the injured is the new and complete righteousness. Keeping our eyes and hearts open to the robbed is more blessed than keeping our eyes on keeping legal strictures.

A foreigner is moved with compassion flowing from his head and heart. Jesus is the compassionate stranger to our fallen, robbed-of-innocence humanity. Jesus is on "our side" and takes us in to the "inn" of his embrace after tending to our wounds through the Sacraments. "Oil" and "wine" are the healing "bandages" of his touch.

The good news is that we are relieved from our wondering what exactly we are to do when healed and sent back on our journeys. We are to "Go and do likewise." Selfishness in its various forms of protection, personal image, and indulgence, are very close to our minds and hearts. This interior law is not so far away or high above us. We do not need anybody to teach us how to be greedy, egocentric, or lazy. Nobody had to teach me on the day my mother put the frosting bowl between my sister and me, that if I smacked her with my spoon she would run crying to my mother and I could quickly scoop up all my unjust, but delightful desserts.

There are two forms of "good news". One is the selfishly good news that each of us can, by our own determination, walk on the "opposite" side. We can talk ourselves into not ignoring the wounded, the needy, the immigrant, but render our concern from a safe, distance. The other "good news" which we keep hearing and making the center of our lives invites, attracts and frees us is the selfless law of Jesus which is warming to the heart when we hear it. The other "good news" of our ignoring-selves still remains in effect and is also seductive and operative. So again, the Gospel of Jesus puts us in tension. We ask also about just who is our neighbor whom we should care for and whom can we pass by and with whom not have to share our frosting. We would say that our neighbor is the one who will appreciate our gestures of generosity. Our neighbors are those whom we know. Our neighbors are those who are similar to us; think the way we do, act in accordance with our values. This is natural and warming to the heart and mind.

Jesus' teaching is his whole life of including, embracing, and saving us in our being stripped, beaten by the ways of the world within and around us. He has brought us from our own being half-dead back to full life. As my mother had to do, Jesus keeps teaching us to share, to extend His compassion, and work to heal. In doing this, he lives through our stoppings and we really do put ourselves in position to receiving truly our just desserts.

When we hear or read such a parable we would, at times, want to pass by on the other side of Jesus pretending we haven't heard or haven't understood. This is one of those parables about which Mark Twain once commented about the whole New Testament, "That is one of those books you hope everybody else reads."

"The sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for her young; by your altar, O Lord of host, my king and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, for ever singing Your praise."

Fr. Larry Gillick, S.J. 2013

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