

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

August 7, 2016 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS/RECONCILIATION TIMES 402-280-3030
PARISH OFFICE 402-280-3031
Pastor: Fr. Lorn Snow, S.J. 402-280-3262
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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***

***Academic Year Only—dates @www.creighton.edu/stjohns*

Adult Faith Formation (Fall and Lenten Series)

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

Youth Religious Education

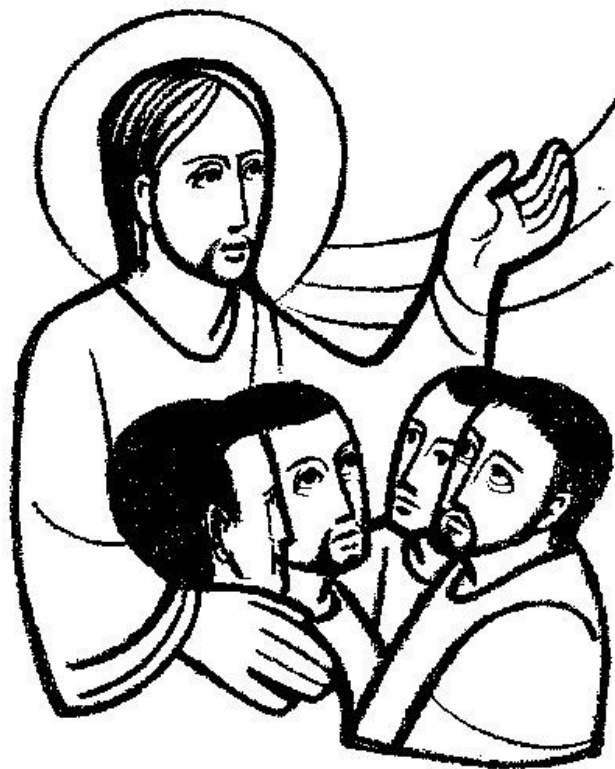
Sunday 9:15–10:15 a.m. LSJ

Reconciliation:

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

St. John's Parish Pastoral Council

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*“Our soul waits for the Lord,
Who is our help and our shield.”*

(Psalm 33:20)

So much of life revolves around waiting: in traffic, in line at the supermarket, for the birth of a child, for the last breath of a loved one, for test results, for hoped for or dreaded news.

Perhaps we might see in these words of Psalm 33 an invitation to reflect on just what it is or who it is for whom we wait. Then, perhaps, we could make a “waiting list” that describes our personal, individual desire as well as our collective, communal waiting. What is it for which our world longs and hopes in our shared waiting time? What is the corporate ache and yearning of our global community that we might give over in prayer to God, who is our help and our shield?

*Sr. Chris Koellhoffer, I.H.M.
Living Faith, July, August, September 2016
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Liturgical Ministry Schedule— August 13-14, 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. Kersten, S.J.	Fr. Amidon, S.J.	Fr. Snow, S.J.	
LITURGICAL ASSISTANT	Maryanne Rouse	Dick Cleary	Joe Lippert	
ALTAR SERVER			Christopher Nubel	
LECTORS	Mary Ann Greene-Walsh	Nancy Brady	Richard Super	
	Joan Lanahan	Sam Crowley	Kathy O'Keefe	No Mass
PRAYERS	Larry Brennan	Sam Crowley	Angie Lesiak	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	J. Lanahan L. Daly	D. Cleary	P. Edney J. Stender	
	R. Townley	Volunteer	P. Martin	
	M. A. Howick	Volunteer	C. Nigrelli	
	L. & M. Brennan		A. Lesiak	
	M. A. Green-Walsh		R. Super	
	L. Conway		J. & B. Schmidt	

Readings for the week

8/07	Sunday	Wis	18:6-9
	<i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	Heb	11:1-2, 8-19
		Lk	12:32-48
8/08	Monday	Ez	1:2-5, 24-28c
		Mt	17:22-27
8/09	Tuesday	Ez	2:8—3:4
		Mt	18:1-5, 10, 12-14
8/10	Wednesday	2 Cor	9:6-10
		Jn	12:24-26
8/11	Thursday	Ez	12:1-12
		Mt	18:21—19:1
8/12	Friday	Ez	16:1-15, 60, 63
		Mt	19:3-12
8/13	Saturday	Ez	18:1-10, 13b, 30-32
		Mt	19:13-15
8/14	Sunday	Jer	38:4-6, 8-10
	<i>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	Heb	12:1-4
		Lk	12:49-53

Prayer Requests

Colleen Davis	Michael & Family
Zach & Family	Doug Morris
Jake & Family	Richard Gemit
Chris B.	Robert Heaney
Barbara B.	

Thank you for your generous support for:

St. John's Building Fund

The special collection last weekend raised \$2002.16.

Mass Intentions August 8—13, 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—intentions
Tuesday	Pierce Gibson & other Jesuits taking vows
Wednesday	Jane Smith—deceased
Thursday	Heather Crotty—intention
Friday	
Saturday (LSJ's)	Matthew Pazderka—special intention

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

Monday	Elizabeth & Howard Schutz—deceased
Tuesday	Heather Crotty—intention
Wednesday	Sr. Charlene Mader, OSF-3rd Ann. of death
Thursday	Luke & Shirley Coniglio—60th Wedding Anniversary
Friday	

Weekly Offering Report

Weekly Budget Goal	7,067.31	Annual Budget Goal	367,500.12
Weekend 7/30-31/2016	6,400.84	Fiscal Year-to-Date Goal	35,336.55
Above (below) weekly goal	(666.47)	Amount Collected YTD	28,611.49
		Above (Below) YTD Goal	(6,725.06)

The Second Collection this weekend is for:

Human Needs

Please be as generous as you are able.



Parking on East Side of St. John's

Beginning August 1 – August 15 the Swanson lane will be closed for repairs. The drive running north and south between Swanson and Kiewit Fitness Center will completely closed to all traffic. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



I want to thank all of the volunteers who helped to make our Parish Picnic a success. It takes a lot of help from the entire parish and once again we had a tremendous outpouring of volunteers. I hesitate to name people knowing that so many will be left out, however, there are a few I would like to especially thank. Bob Austria, and his contingency of helpers: Christine Malloy, Heidi Beckwith, Larry Brennan, Rose Haas, and Ron Short, thank you for your assistance in helping with set up. To our Master Grillers: Rick Bellino, Richard Super, and Sean Malloy once again, you can cook for me anytime. Thank you also for delivering leftovers to the Sienna Francis House. To Kathleen Denne, Molly Mattingly, Keith Kozak and all of the other office personnel, thank you for ordering food, making posters, and making the weekly announcements. Thank you, Lil Rossiter for ordering the bread from Rotellas. To everyone who brought desserts, breads, tomatoes, corn, and salads, everything was delicious. To the Clean up committee: Amye Aggen, Al Howick, Barbara Tripp, and Kerry Tupper, my heartfelt thanks for all that you did. St. John's is such a wonderful place to be. I hope everyone enjoyed the community time visiting with one another or just enjoying the beautiful weather while listening to music. As you can see there are a lot of people needed to make a successful picnic. For those who I have omitted, I apologize. The parishioners of St. John's have once again proven that they are Men and Women for Others, a primary reason why so many of us consider St. John's our home.

Mary Alice Howick, St. John's Picnic Committee

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

A Faith Journey for those discerning the call to become a member of our Catholic Church family.

Please join us on September 11, 2016 @ 11:45 a.m. in Lower St. John's

Inquiries—please email Tom Everson at Tom@kkad25.org or call 402-334-1391



We've Moved!

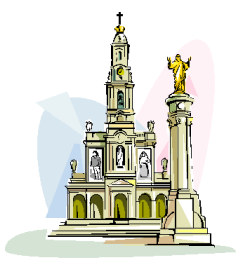
The Parish Library of St. John's Parish at Creighton University has been moved to the Conference Room in LSJ from the room west of the church sanctuary. We hope this will be convenient for easy use. There is a small green box for the check-out cards and basket containers for returned books



Thanks to all who have donated to the library. *At the present time we are not able to accept donations because the available shelving space is full.* Enjoy this added resource for your growth and entertainment.
Sr. Barb Markey, Pastoral Minister

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



Live Streaming 10:30 a.m. Mass from St. Johns beginning late August. More information to follow.

Parking Permits

Parking Permits for the 2016-17 year were mailed out to parishioners this week. If you did not receive parking tags and are in need of them please contact Kathleen Denne at 402-280-2975 or by email, kdenne@creighton.edu.

A Thought from the St. John's Social Justice Committee

From Vatican Radio - #PopeFrancis: no crime ever deserves the death penalty: Capital punishment is cruel, inhuman and an offense to the dignity of human life. In today's world, the death penalty is "inadmissible, however serious the crime" that has been committed.

Short Term Host Family Needed! Creighton Intensive English Language Institute is looking for a family to host a male college student visiting from Sakata, Japan. Dates are August 18—September 3. They should receive airport pick-up and drop-off, transportation to campus, private bedroom, meals and inclusion in your family activities. You will receive a wonderful experience along with a \$400.00 stipend to offset cost. For more information, please contact: JillFox@creighton.edu or 402.280.2309.

Food For Thought

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 18:6-9

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

Lk 12:32-48

The Book of Wisdom has many differing sections all centered around God's creation and love for the people of Israel. The Book of Genesis has two creation narratives presenting two differing theological positions current at the time. For the composer of this almost poetic book of Wisdom, the creation of Israel as the People of God was even a greater manifestation of God's love than the creation of the universe.

What we hear today in our First Reading is a short direct address prayer and reflection about just how faithful the people of Israel's history had been. They were in slavery in Egypt, but they kept faith in the Covenanting and faithful God. They kept faithful to their religious traditions and so found courage to persevere during the many years of slavery. God eventually punished the Egyptians and in the later verses, which we do not hear today from the same chapter, the people of Israel did not take vengeance on their former slavers.

These chapters near the end of the Book of Wisdom are a great praise-poem, based in history and as well a national self-celebration of their past. It is a general truth that the victors in a war tend, as time goes on, to exaggerate their own glories as a group. This is the basic theme of today's reading, God was very good and so were we. It is meant to be a history and a reminder of just who Israel was and desires to continue to be.

The Gospel follows Luke's relating how of much more importance each person is than the lilies of the field and birds of the air who are beautiful and known by God. Our reading opens with the affirming embrace that we already belong to God's flock and the treasure has already been given to us, so we need not fear about our eternal futures. What we hear has to do with the implications of our being so precious and cared for. The "kingdom" is being given to us who have faith in the Giver. If we do so trust, then our "treasure" does not rely on or support the temporal kingdom here on earth.

Jesus spends the remainder of our reading discussing implications of belonging to this other kingdom. Our preciousness in God's eyes is contrasted with the preciousness of material treasures. We get our value from the Creator and not the accumulation of other creatures. Our hearts desires will announce to which kingdom we belong. For what do we wait and with what degree of patience and watchfulness?

Jesus is an investment of God's love in us. We are invited to make a similar investment in the holiness of humanity and the dominion of God. As usual a parable makes the tension quite clear.

There is a master who has gone away, promising to return, but the when is indefinite. The servants who remain in the house are to act justly, live soberly, aware, and above all, expect the Master's return at any moment. This is a direct charge to the listening-disciples. The chapter from which these verses are taken opens with Jesus' speaking to his closest followers and reminding them to avoid "the yeast of the Pharisees". The disciples are the servants then in whom Jesus has invested the treasures of his teachings. Unlike the Pharisees they are to be faithful in tending the household and the men and maidservants of the household. The emphasis is on the living the teachings of Jesus until his return.

You might make a financial investment in some company and they might in turn think quite highly of their venture, because of your confidence. The company might conduct themselves by good management and produce a profit for you. On the other hand, it might think you have lost interest, or conduct business in such a way that you do not receive any interest for your investment.

God, in Christ, has bought into the human company. God invested totally in our human recovery. We believe in this and desire to live reverently and gratefully for this infinite affirmation of our company.

We can also live unjustly, unsobberly, unaware of our dignity and so deflate our value and the whole human operation. This is why the section before about the "lilies" is so important. Jesus calls us his flock and possessors of the whole investment portfolio. When we hear who we are through the stories, pictures and deeds of God for us, then we re-member ourselves to the company of Jesus. The real problem for us humans is having the faith that there is a kingdom to come in which we are to invest now and the payoff is in the "then" to come. There is the "here" and the "here-after"; where is our heart!

"O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat."

Fr. Larry Gillick, S.J. 2013

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