

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 14, 2016 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS/RECONCILIATION TIMES 402-280-3030
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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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“I have come to set the earth on fire...”

(Luke 12:49)

The message of Jesus is one of peace. Nevertheless, Jesus predicted it would cause division even within families. He also predicted that he, himself, would be put to death. From Lucifer's primordial rejection of God to today's martyrdom of Christians, Jesus' message of peace has been met with rage and violence.

Jesus' peace is not an absence of conflict. Rather, it is a dynamic inner peace of heart given by our indwelling God. We must choose this peace and allow God to enter our hearts. Sadly, some reject this peace, landing them to hatred and hostility.

Take a moment and open your heart to Jesus today. Invite the Prince of Peace to dwell within. You will not be spared conflict in this life. But you will know the eternal joy that only God can give.

Msgr. Stephen J. Rossetti
Living Faith, July, August, September 2016
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Liturgical Ministry Schedule— August 20-21, 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. Carlson, S.J.	Fr. Simonds, S.J.	Fr. Snow, S.J.	
LITURGICAL ASSISTANT	Mary Lee Brock	Bob Austria	Ann Cole	
ALTAR SERVER			Matt Lemar	
LECTORS	Eileen Wirth	Bob Austria	Christy Fast	
	Sean Joyce Whipp	Dick Cleary	Catrina Alexander	No Mass
PRAYERS	Al Gould	Dick Cleary	Anna Nubel	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	G. Selk A. Gould	B. Austria	R. Gritmit T. Berg	
	M. A. McDonald	D. Cleary	J. Chiacchere	
	S. Hansen L. Hayek	Volunteer	C. Alexander	
	E. Wirth		A. Nubel C. Fast	
	J. O'Brien		A. Haddad	
	T. Joyce Whipp		R. Wright	

Readings for the week

8/14	Sunday <i>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	Jer Heb Lk	38:4-6, 8-10 12:1-4 12:49-53
8/15	Monday <i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Rv 1 Cor Lk	11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab 15:20-27 1:39-56
8/16	Tuesday	Ez Mt	28:1-10 19:23-30
8/17	Wednesday	Ez Mt	34:1-11 20:1-16
8/18	Thursday	Ez Mt	36:23-28 22:1-14
8/19	Friday	Ez Mt	37:1-14 22:34-40
8/20	Saturday	Ez Mt	43:1-7a 23:1-12
8/21	Sunday <i>Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	Is Heb Lk	66:18-21 12:5-7, 11-13 13:22-30

Mass Intentions August 15–20, 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	Elizabeth & Howard Schutz—deceased
Tuesday	Pierce Gibson S.J.—intention
Wednesday	Michael C. Culhane—deceased
Thursday	
Friday	Eileen Pille—deceased
Saturday (LSJ's)	

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

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	Colleen Davies—prayers

Prayer Requests

Colleen Davis	Chris B.	Doug Morris
Zach & Family	Barbara B.	Richard Gritmit
Jake & Family	Michael & Family	



We prayerfully remember **Dr. Robert Heaney**, who passed away this past week. May Jesus Christ console his family and friends during this difficult time.

Weekly Offering Report

Weekly Budget Goal	7,067.31	Annual Budget Goal	367,500.12
Weekend 8/6-7/2016	4,849.80	Fiscal Year-to-Date Goal	42,403.86
Above (below) weekly goal	(2,217.51)	Amount Collected YTD	33,461.29
		Above (Below) YTD Goal	(8,942.57)

Thank you for your generous support for:

Human Needs

The special collection last weekend raised \$1,739.50

A Message from Fr. Lorn Snow, S.J.

I need to inform everyone that **Keith Kozak**, Liturgist and Campus Ministry Director of worship is moving on from his responsibilities and position of employment at St. John's Parish and Creighton University. The parish community is deeply grateful to Keith for his years of service to our Jesuit Parish and the University. We wish all the best to Keith in his future endeavors.

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.



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*

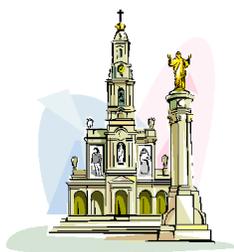
Pilgrimage to Spain & Portugal *Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Apparitions at Fatima*

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



Healing and Anointing Mass

On August 16 at the 5:00 p.m. Mass the Parish will gather in the main church to celebrate a **Healing and Anointing Mass**. The entire community is invited and encouraged to pray and support the sick of our parish. The anointing with the oil of the sick strengthens the person living with illness and the healing and courage to overcome the burdens associated with illness. The community gathered together at Mass and supporting all those who suffer the burdens of life draws us into communion with Christ and unity with one another. Please join us.

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.

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



Holy Family Fest - Sunday, September 4 at the Pro Sanctity Retreat Center

Come and enjoy a day of family fun without leaving God behind! The day will commence with Holy Mass with Deacon Tom McNeil as the homilist. Speakers include: Father Chris Kubat and Father Scott Hastings with Father Michael Voithofer conducting a program for the teens. There will be children's programs for those 4-12 years old and family fun time in the afternoon. Music will be provided by the Danny Leger Music Ministry throughout the day. There will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with praise and worship music in the afternoon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available during the day and the day will conclude with a campfire Rosary. Meals are included in the registration. To register go to Eventbrite.com and enter Holy Family Fest in the search box or visit our Facebook page, Omaha LET. Sponsored by the Omaha Apostolate for Family Consecration, the Pro Sanctity Movement with appreciation to Spirit Catholic Radio. For additional information e-mail us at omahalet@gmail.com.

From the St. John's Social Justice Committee

Elders for the Earth: A Retreat in the Spirit of Chautauqua is October 3-6, 2016 at Mahoney State Park. Folks 50 years and over are especially encouraged to participate in this multi-disciplinary gathering including fellowship, lectures, music, the arts, being in nature and even some fun in the midst of the climate crisis. Community and state leaders will address our changing climate and there will be a variety of workshops/playsshops including: Nebraska Life magazine's Alan Bartels teaching nature photography, mindful walking on the earth, green business practices and more. Details about registration, costs and schedules are at Elders4theearth.com or call [402/431-2338](tel:4024312338).

Food For Thought

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10

Heb 12:1-4

Lk 12:49-53

Down-in-the-mud Jeremiah has been at it again. There is a war going on and Jerusalem is surrounded with the army of Babylon. Jeremiah, in our First Reading, is experiencing the consequences of the burning-word of God within him.

He has been telling everybody to surrender and all will go well. This does sound strange to the soldiers and officials who complain to King Zedekiah who turns Jeremiah over to them. They put him out of commission temporarily as a prophet by dropping him into a dried-up well. Upon hearing this, an official of the court relates to the king that the Prophet will die therein. So the king relents and has Jeremiah raised and brought to him for a chat. We do not hear this conversation in today's reading, but I can tell you now that Jeremiah tells the king exactly what he has been saying in the city. Surrendering to the enemy will result, not in death, but life to the king, his family, and the city of Jerusalem. The king, well you read the rest of the story yourselves.

The Gospel is the conclusion to the chapter from which we have been listening these past few weekends. We have heard about the dangers of greed and about the followers of Jesus who must stay awake, attentive, and responsive as servants of the serving-Lord. These verses have been dramatic and hard to hear. Well, get set for the dramatic climax.

Jesus, again speaking to his disciples with the crowd hanging around, tells them that he, who proclaimed the blessedness of the peacemaker, has come "not to establish peace on earth." "Division" is his blazing, heart-driven desire. He refers to this as a "baptism" with which he wishes to immerse the earth.

Our reading concludes with examples of family unity which will be split. This does not sound very appealing and who would want to follow such a prophet as Jesus. As with Jeremiah, Jesus is calling for a decision to surrender which might —no will— cause separation even within loving families.

I know of a family whose teenage member has declared that he is an atheist. Atheism is a God-given right. What is probably going on is that the mother and father are no longer to be considered gods and lords of this young person's life. Jesus is asking for a little more thought and a decision to follow him and his ways. King Zedekiah had to make such a decision and the followers of Jesus have all had to do the same. The big decision is to move outside the city-walls of our senses and the security of those walls. Trusting, walking into the dark, going without knowing; these are tremendous violations of our present-day cultural ways.

Making decisions is the natural process for us humans; we make thousands of them each day. Our senses take in all kinds of information some of which we accept, some discard and much, we are not aware of. Our minds move us to a yes or no that is what the will does. We can eat peanut butter and our minds would still say that peanut butter ice cream is a big "no". So our imaginations can present data to our minds for a choice as well. So a faith-decision to walk the ways of Jesus needs some information which Jesus gives his disciples, but some information has to be provided by our memory and imaginations. We are invited to live less dominated by greed and possessiveness. This is pretty clear, but we would have to imagine what that would mean and our memories would remind us of times when we had nothing. Faith is not easy. Deciding for the unknown future is not easy. Being an atheist is not easy either, because it also demands an act of faith.

It is a puzzlement why some believe in a God and others find that impossible and even humorous. The faith to which Jesus invites his followers moves them past the impossible to lives which reflect the very person and mission of Jesus. It is much easier to follow from a safe distance and not have our lives changed by his relationship with us. The good things about this is that Jesus keeps attentively calling all outside the comfort-walls and into the life of real living, which in truth can be quite humorous. Marital love and commitment is a tremendous leap of faith. Love is a faith act, and faith is a love act. It is the **commitment** that costs and results in insecurity; and who desires that?

Fr. Larry Gillick, S.J. 2013

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