ST. JOHN’S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

September 25, 2016 - Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**MASS/RECONCILIATION TIMES**  402-280-3030
**PARISH OFFICE**  402-280-3031
Associate Pastor:  Fr. Phil Amidon, S.J.  402-280-2206

**Eucharist:**

- **Monday—Friday:** 7:00 a.m.  Main Church
- **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**
- **Saturday:** 12 Noon  Fr. Halley Chapel, LSJ
- **Saturday:** 5:00 p.m.  Main Church
  (Anticipatory)

- **Sunday:** 8:00 a.m.  Main Church
- **Sunday:** 10:30 a.m.  Main Church
- **Sunday:** 4:30 p.m.  Main Church**
- **Sunday:** 8:30 p.m.  Main Church**
- **Sunday:** 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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"But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness."

*(1 Timothy 6:11)*

In his letter to Timothy, St. Paul gives his colleague some valuable advice. Paul lists the qualities a disciple of Jesus should possess. Among the qualities is gentleness. Pope Francis has spoken much about gentleness, or tenderness, as he calls it. “Tenderness is not the virtue of the weak,” he said, “but rather a sign of strength.” In his encyclical entitled “Joy of the Gospel,” he even called for a “revolution of tenderness.”

How do we join that “revolution” and demonstrate tenderness in our everyday life? By speaking to others in a kind tone, noticing when someone is hurting, respecting another’s privacy, refusing to label individuals, driving less frantically, closing doors softly and being more inclusive in our loving.

God of Gentleness, help me to join the “revolution of tenderness” by being more tender today—especially in my dealing with others. May my tenderness reflect the way of Jesus, your gentle Son.

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Sr. Melannie Svoboda, S.N.D.
Living Faith, July, August, September 2016
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## Liturgical Ministry Schedule—October 1-2, 2016

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

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### Readings for the week

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### Mass Intentions Sept. 26—Oct. 1, 2016

**7:00 AM (Main Church)**

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday
 Jeff Smith & Miranda Smith—intention

**12:00 Noon (Main Church)**

Monday
 John Sodoro—deceased
Tuesday
 Maria Louisa Sanchez Gaston—3 month anniversary of death
Wednesday
 Steve Woita—intention
Thursday
 Donald & Rosalie Begley—deceased
Friday
 Elizabeth & Howard Schutz—deceased
Saturday (LSJ’s)
 Fr. Joe Kim—intention

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

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
 Colleen Davis & Family—prayers

### Weekly Offering Report

- **Weekly Budget Goal**: 7,067.31
- **Annual Budget Goal**: 367,500.12
- **Weekend 9/17-18/2016**: 11,142.21
- **Fiscal Year-to-Date Goal**: 84,807.72
- **Amount Collected YTD**: 76,459.94
- **Above (Below) YTD Goal**: (8,347.78)

**Colleen Davis**
**Richard Grimit**
**Tyson Candow & family**
**Robert Kelly**

Thank you for your generous support for:

**SCSJ Fall Break Service Trips**
The special collection last weekend raised $1,861.00

The Second Collection this weekend is for:

**St. John’s Building Fund**
Please be as generous as you are able.
COMING SOON!

**St. John’s Fall Adult Faith Formation Series:** November (6, 13, 20) and December (4, 11, 18) from 9:15-10:15 am in LSJ. All are welcome!

**Save the Date!**

ST. JOHN’S PARISH PARTNERS MISSION TRIP TO PINE RIDGE.

St. John’s Parish Partners is preparing for the annual fall visit to the Pine Ridge Reservation on October 29 & 30 in mission with the Lakota Parishes of Sacred Heart and Our Lady of the Sioux. In the past, with generous participation of St. John’s parishioners, we have been able to provide a holiday meal for 80 families, help support the stocking of the food pantry, and provide new and used winter coats and blankets. You are invited to help support this 2016 mission. Starting the weekend of October 8 through October 23, giving envelopes will be available at the front entrance of the church. The envelopes can be returned in the Sunday collection basket or mailed back to the church. There will also be a collection box to drop off donated coats, blankets, hats and gloves.

**“Our Story of Faith”**

Your gift to the 2016-2017 Archbishop’s Annual Appeal reaches out to countless people in need throughout 23 counties in northeast Nebraska. No matter where you turn, you find someone who will benefit from your kindness. Please prayerfully consider supporting this year’s Archbishop’s Annual Appeal. May we grow rich in the sight of God by being merciful to those in need.

**Volunteers Needed**

On Saturday, December 3, the parish will celebrate the feast day of St. Francis Xavier, who co-founded the Jesuits, with a Day of Service. We invite individuals and families to participate in service projects followed by five o’clock Mass and dinner. We need VOLUNTEERS to plan the December 3rd Day of Service. If you can help, please attend our first meeting on October 18 at 7:00 PM. If you have questions and/or to RSVP for the meeting, please contact Mary Ann at mamwriter@gmail.com. Thank you!

**Harvest Happening**

Saturday, October 8, 2016 after 5:00 p.m. liturgy. Meat and Cheese appetizers will be provided. Parishioners are asked to bring veggies, fruits and desserts to share. All are welcome!

October 1 & 2, we will hold a collection for the Flood relief for Immaculate Conception Church in Baton Rouge, a Jesuit Parish. 100 homes will need to be rehabilitated in this parish and very few have flood insurance. The Pastor of ICC is trying to provide each needy family with a $200.00 gift card to tide them over as they move towards recovery.

**The St. John’s Bible**

Come see the Heritage Edition of The Saint John’s Bible in the Rare Books Room at Reinert-Alumni Memorial Library, just west of St. John’s Church. Sunday Open Hours: 11a.m-3 p.m.

**IXIM: Spirit of Solidarity**


Under the leadership of Fr. Damian Zuerlein in organization IXIM: Spirit of Solidarity has led 13 groups of volunteer missionaries to Guatemala. We work side-by-side with the Guatemalan people to build relationships and grow together in faith. The 14th trip is planned for early July of 2017. Are you being called? Please attend one of the upcoming info sessions. For details about times and locations, look on www.ixim.org or contact Mark Zimmer at 402.452.4980.
Faithful Citizenship Opportunities

Catholic Social Teaching and Local Issues
**September 25** (Sunday) at 9:05 AM in Lower St. John’s
with Roger Bergman, Director, Justice and Peace Studies Program
and Joe Higgs, Organizer at Omaha Together One Community

**OTOC Accountability Session**
**September 29** (Thursday) at 7:00 PM at the OPS TAC Building at 3215 Cuming St.
(Enter on the east side. Session will be held in the Board Room.)
Hear from the Unicameral Candidates listed below:
District 7 - John Synowiecki and Tony Vargas
District 9 - Sara Howard and Larry Roland
District 13 - Jill Brown and Justin Wayne

**Immigration: Fear, Fiction and Fact**
**October 2** (Sunday) at 9:05 AM in Lower St. John’s

**Global Peacemaking**
**October 9** (Sunday) at 9:05 AM in Lower St. John’s
with Mary Lee Brock, Instructor and Chair of Clinical Programs at the Werner Institute

**Racism**
**October 16** (Sunday) at 9:05 AM in Lower St. John’s

**OTOC Accountability Session**
**October 17** (Monday) at 7:00 PM at St. Leo’s Church (102nd & Blondo)
With the following candidates:
OPPD Board – Craig Moody and Tom Mulligan
Congress (District 2) – Brad Ashford and Don Bacon

**Climate Change: What Science and the Church Say about It**
**October 23** (Sunday) at 9:05 AM in Lower St. John’s
with Mary Ruth Stegman, Retired epidemiologist and medical school instructor
and Dennis Hamm, SJ, Professor emeritus of theology

**The Death Penalty: Our “Developing” Catholic Tradition**
**October 30** (Sunday) at 11:45 AM in Lower St. John’s
with Julia Fleming, Professor and Chair of the Theology Department

Please download *A Revolution of Tenderness: A 2016 Election Pope Francis Voter Guide*, or pick up a copy at our Sunday morning sessions.