October 2, 2016 - Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

A pastor recently told me about his visit to a dying elderly person. He spoke to her about our loving God, the saving death and resurrection of Jesus, and the glorious life we will have with God in heaven. She responded sharply, “I don’t believe in such fairy tales!” Sadly, the next day she died.

Christianity puts before us a faith so wonderful that it can be hard for some to believe. As today’s Scriptures tell us, we are “unprofitable servants;” we are only human, made of this humble earth. How can such a beautiful story be real?

Yet, already in our lives we have signs, little “mustard seeds,” of the truth. When we experience the self-sacrificing love of a parent, the majesty of the universe in nature, or the warmth of close friendships, we are given a glimpse of God’s infinite love and grandeur. You and I are surrounded by signs that this beautiful Christian “fairy tale” is true. We are willed into being by a Creator who loves us and invites us to share an eternity of joy.

Msgr. Stephen J. Rossetti.
Living with Christ, October, 2016
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### Liturgical Ministry Schedule—October 8–9, 2016

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

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<td><strong>PRESIDER</strong></td>
<td>Fr. Coelho, S.J.</td>
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<td>Laraine Conway</td>
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<td>Michael Kelley</td>
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<td><strong>EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS</strong></td>
<td>T. Bartek, E. Wirth</td>
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### Readings for the week

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### Mass Intentions Oct. 3–8, 2016

**7:00 AM (Main Church)**
- Monday: Frank & Arlene Godek—anniversary
- Tuesday: Terry Azeltine—deceased
- Wednesday: Janice Kozak—deceased
- Thursday: Phil Durant—deceased
- Friday: Elizabeth & Howard Schutz—deceased
- Saturday: Pierce Gibson, S.J. —intention

**12:00 Noon (Main Church)**
- Monday: Jack & Shirley Doran Marcil—deceased
- Tuesday: Creighton Campus Ministry—intentions
- Wednesday: Janet Kozak—deceased
- Thursday: Phil Durant—deceased
- Friday: Elizabeth & Howard Schutz—deceased
- Saturday (LSJ’s): John R. Sodoro—deceased

**5:00 PM (Fr. Halley Chapel, LSJ’s)**
- Monday: Frank & Arlene Godek—anniversary
- Tuesday: John R. Sodoro—deceased
- Wednesday: Colleen Davis & Family—prayers

### Weekly Offering Report

- **Weekly Budget Goal**: 7,067.31
- **Annual Budget Goal**: 367,500.12
- **Fiscal Year-to-Date Goal**: 91,875.03
- **Amount Collected YTD**: 84,262.51
- **Above (Below) YTD Goal**: (7612.52)

**Thank you for your generous support for:**
- **St. John’s Building Fund**: The special collection last weekend raised $1,964.00

**The Second Collection this weekend is for:**
- **Louisiana Flood Relief–Immaculate Conception of Baton Rouge**: Please be as generous as you are able.
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.

From the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice

The Schlegel Center for Service and Justice (SCSJ) wishes to thank each and every one of you for your incredible display of support for our Service & Justice Trip program. Historically, the parish of St. John’s has been one of our most dependable sources of financial and spiritual support, and this year was no exception. Your donations have allowed for the continuation of our program with more than 350 participants again this year. We are equally thankful for those who have kept us in their thoughts and prayers. It is a great source of comfort to know that we are supported by the greater St. John’s community. From all of us at the SCSJ, and all those participating in the service trips program we offer you our humble and heartfelt thanks to all who support us in our mission to live out our faith through service and justice work. Sincerely, Service & Justice Trip Core Team

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

Thanksgiving Dinner Coordinator
The Pastoral Council is looking for a volunteer to coordinate this year’s Thanksgiving Dinner for Creighton students. This much-loved event promises good food and good fun. If you would like to volunteer to coordinate this year’s dinner, contact Martha Lemar at 402-280-4136 or mathalemar@creighton.edu.

“Our Story of Faith”
The Archbishop’s Annual Appeal is every Catholic’s opportunity within to share in the work of the archdiocese and the mission of the Church.

Our parish goal is $11,189.00. Please prayerfully consider a contribution to help us reach our goal! We are one through our baptism into Christ, and therefore, one with the archbishop and his ministry.

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 in Lower St. John’s. Questions and/or to RSVP 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!

Celebrating the Eucharist and Preaching in the time of Pope Francis

October 7 at 4:00 p.m. at St. John’s
This fall, come hear about the Catholic tradition from Rev. Richard Fragomeni, STB, PhD. He is an internationally renowned scholar, author, priest, and researcher. Interpreting poetry and theology, his work delves into the intersection of symbolic activity and language as it creates insight into the proclamation of grace. The Heaney Lecture in Pastoral Liturgy is FREE and open to the public. The event is sponsored by St. John’s Parish, the Creighton College of Arts and Sciences, and the Barbara Reardon Heaney Endowed Chair in Pastoral Liturgy.

October 8 at 9:00 a.m., Lower St. John’s
Coming to Mercy and Beyond, Eucharist, Celebrating, Life
We are offering an excellent opportunity to retool, reflect and celebrate our ministries with a morning of reflection for all our liturgical ministers. Fr. Fragomeni will present a morning reflection and retooling for our many ministries.

Questions: Contact Pam Yenko at pyenko@creighton.edu
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.