

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

November 27, 2016 - First Sunday of Advent

MASS/RECONCILIATION TIMES	402-280-3030
PARISH OFFICE	402-280-3031
Pastor:	Fr. Lorn Snow, S.J. 402-280-3262
Associate Pastor:	Fr. Phil Amidon, S.J. 402-280-2206
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

Rick Bellino, Co-Chair	402-699-6380
Laraine Conway	402-558-4105
Martha Lemar, Co-Chair	402-280-3068
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Michael Hoover	402-933-5024
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Alyssa Beasley, CU Student	
Brielle Kelley, CU Student	



"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks"

(Isaiah 2:4)

The prophet Isaiah wrote this verse in the eighth century BC, a critical time in the Israelites' history when they were being invaded by powerful foreign nations. Against this backdrop of bleakness and despair, Isaiah proclaimed his beautiful vision of universal peace. It is a vision we still long for almost 3000 years later in our violent and war-torn world. Wouldn't we love to see our instruments of war used for peaceful purposes; tanks converted into tractors, warships transformed into hospitals and troops deployed solely for humanitarian purposes?

But Isaiah was clear. His vision of peace rested on Israel's fidelity to God's love and commands. The same is true today. We will not have peace in our families, communities, nations, and world until we live lives of love and justice. This Advent, as we prepare for the coming of Jesus, our Prince of Peace, let us ask ourselves: Where might we put more love? With whom can we share our talents and goods?

*Sr. Melannie Svoboda, SND
Living with Christ, November 2016
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Liturgical Ministry Schedule— December 3-4, 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. Lawlor, S.J.	Fr. Amidon, S.J.	Fr. Snow, S.J.	Fr. Hendrickson, S.J.
LITURGICAL ASSISTANT	Laraine Conwaay	Dick Cleary	Danielle Carr	Jacob Chapman
ALTAR SERVER			Erin Lemar	Chris Meehan
LECTORS	Cathy Pedersen	Bob Austria	Richard Super	Grace Wilson
	Jim Howard	Jackie Ramos	Kerry Tupper	Erike Ruhnke
PRAYERS	Michael Kelley	Jackie Ramos	Kathy O'Keefe	B. McElenney
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	D. Keane	D. Cleary	K. Blecha A. Cole	A. Lawlor
	J. Howard	G. Krupa	S. Seifert K. Tupper	C. Pass
	S. Hansen	B. Austria	K. Swenson	V. Jarencia
	S. Braddock		R. Super	J. Summers
	M. A. Howick		J. & F. Berg	
	M. A. McDonald		J. Chiacchere	

Readings for the week

11/27	Sunday <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	Is Rom Mt	2:1-5 13:11-14 24:37-44
11/28	Monday	Is Mt	4:2-6 8:5-11
11/29	Tuesday	Is Lk	11:1-10 10:21-24
11/30	Wednesday	Rom Mt	10:9-18 4:18-22
12/01	Thursday	Is Mt	26:1-6 7:21, 24-27
12/02	Friday	Is Mt	29:17-24 9:27-31
12/03	Saturday	Is Mt	30:19-21, 23-26 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
12/04	Sunday <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	Is Rom Mt	11:1-10 15:4-9 3:1-12

Mass Intentions Nov. 27—Dec 3, 2016

7:00 AM (Main Church)

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

12:00 Noon (Main Church)

Monday Virgil Turner -deceased
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday Dorothy Krist—deceased
Saturday (LSJ's)

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

Monday
Tuesday Judy Ponce —deceased
Wednesday
Thursday Deceased Members of Ignatian Associates
Friday Colleen Davis & Family—prayers

Weekly Offering Report

The Weekly Offering Report for November 19/20 and 26/27 will be printed in next weekends newsletter. **Thank you** for your continued support.

The Second Collection this weekend is for:

St. John's Building Fund

Please be as generous as you are able.



Renee Kalkowski
Jack Walsh
Colleen Davis & Family
Steve Morris
Dan
Richard Gritit

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

St. Johns Parishioners,

At this time of Thanksgiving and Advent we count our blessings and gifts. I want to personally give thanks to everyone at St. Johns for your outstanding generosity and service. St. Johns is able to reach out to those most in need and accompany the poor through-out Omaha. We touch the lives of the sick and home-bound. We celebrate Eucharist and engage a living faith with all ages and cultures. Our Jesuit Mission is sustained by your generosity and kindness. We are aware of the many obligations that confront your lives and still you contribute to the wonderful mission of St. Johns. We are deeply grateful for your generosity of time talent and treasure. Everything that you give and your very presence makes a profound difference and strengthens our Parish Community. Peace and thank you,

Fr. Lorn J. Snow, S.J.

Christmas Environment

Donations

At all the entrances of the church you can find envelopes for Memorials for the Christmas Environment. Please return envelopes by way of the collection baskets on Sundays. The last weekend to send in a memorial will be the weekend of December 18th. If you have any questions please contact Kathleen Denne at 402-280-2975 or email kdenne@creighton.edu



"Our Story of Faith" Each of us is called to respond in faith, knowing and trusting that God recognized your willingness to live out the message of the Gospel. Our parish goal is \$11, 89.00. You can either mail in your gift intention envelope or make a gift online at give.archomaha.org Thank you for opening your hearts to the love of God and allowing the Lord to increase in your lives.



We are in need of a point person in connection with the printing of our new parish directory. The company has been selected and this person will be the communication person between the company and St. John's. Any interested individuals should contact Mary Alice Howick at 402-934-2004 or maryalice.howick@gmail.com.

Seeded at God's Hand: The Collected Writings of Patrick Malone, S.J. Books for sale (cost: \$15) after the 5 pm, 8 am, 10:30 am, and 4:30 pm Masses this weekend! All other times books may be purchased in the parish office .

Join *Eileen Burke-Sullivan* in the main church for a presentation on **Jesus in Matthew's Gospel** at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 28. Vespers will follow at 5:00 p.m., with light refreshments to follow.



Thursday, December 8, 2016 is the ***Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Bless Virgin Mary*** and is a Holy Day of obligation. Please join us for Mass in the Main Church at 7:00 a.m., noon, or 5:00 p.m.

St. John's Day of Service: December 3, 2016

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, couples and families to take part in service projects with the organizations such as Siena/Francis House, Juan Diego Center, Quality Living, Inc. (QLI), Notre Dame Sisters, Servants of Mary, and Sisters of Mercy. We will also gather for Mass at St. John's followed by dinner in the Skutt Student Center. Questions? Contact Mary Ann McDonald at: mamwriter@gmail.com. **Assignments will be arriving to your inbox shortly! Please remember to check your emails.**

November prayer from the Pope Francis Prayer Network: *"That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement."*

Christmas in the Forest

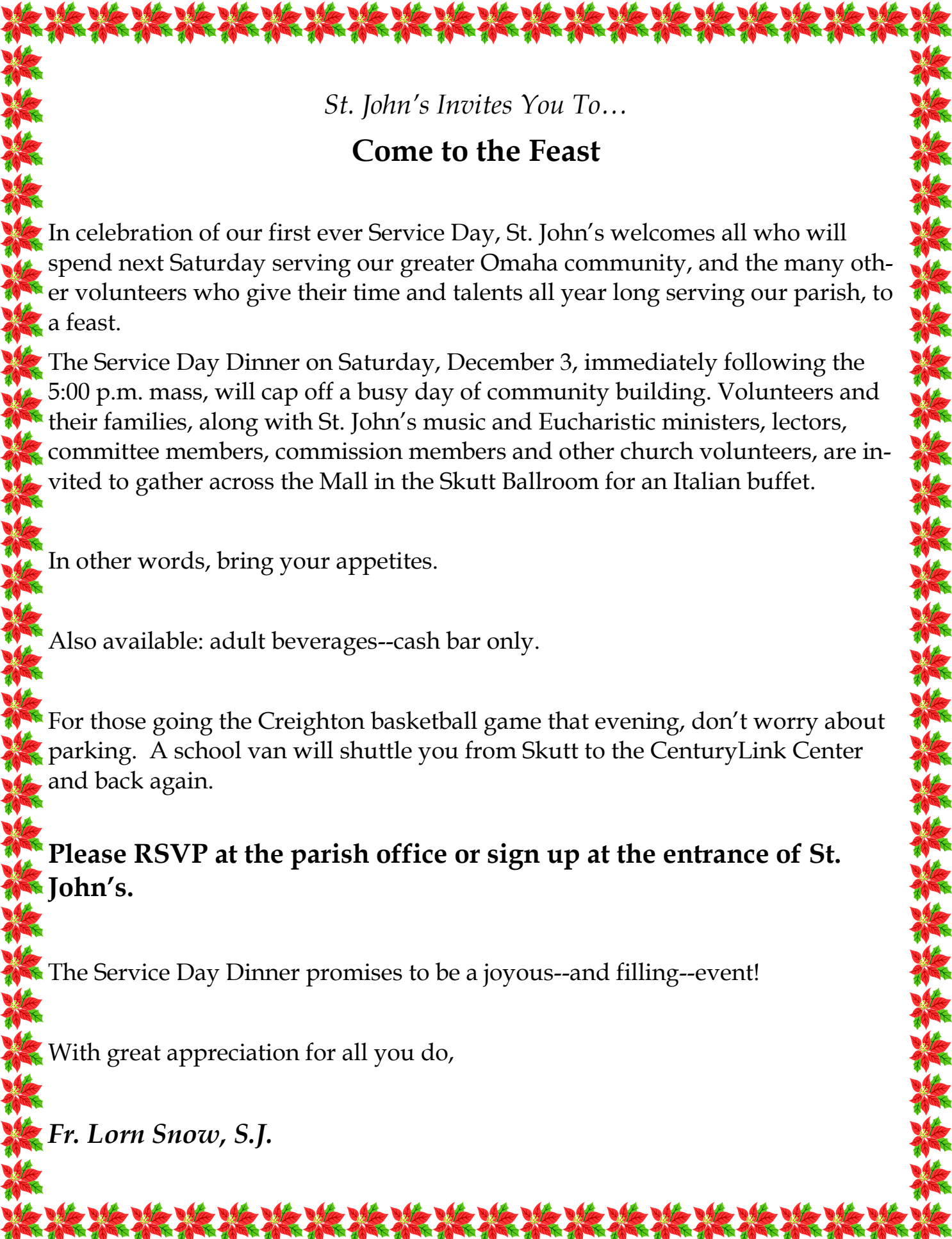
Presented by Knowles Mercy Spirituality Center
Friday, December 9 from 5-8 p.m. and Saturday, December 10 from 3-8 p.m. Pilgrimages into the forest every 20 minutes. Come join us in the woodlands for this annual tradition! A family oriented event that will take you on a journey to...sing at the Christmas tree, visit the shepherd, participate in the manger scene with live animals, gaze at the north star, hear from the innkeeper, and pray at the peace fire. Enjoy festive music, cookies, bars and hot chocolate. (approximately 1 hour) Reservations are required. \$5.00 per person, children under 5 free. To register, call 402.359.4288.



St. John's Fall Adult Faith Formation Series : **Faith beyond Belief Spirituality for Our Times** **editor Johannes Kaup**

Lower St. John's: 9:15-10:15 a.m

December 4: "Three and One? Or..." and "Suffering and Reconciliation, or..."



St. John's Invites You To...

Come to the Feast

In celebration of our first ever Service Day, St. John's welcomes all who will spend next Saturday serving our greater Omaha community, and the many other volunteers who give their time and talents all year long serving our parish, to a feast.

The Service Day Dinner on Saturday, December 3, immediately following the 5:00 p.m. mass, will cap off a busy day of community building. Volunteers and their families, along with St. John's music and Eucharistic ministers, lectors, committee members, commission members and other church volunteers, are invited to gather across the Mall in the Skutt Ballroom for an Italian buffet.

In other words, bring your appetites.

Also available: adult beverages--cash bar only.

For those going the Creighton basketball game that evening, don't worry about parking. A school van will shuttle you from Skutt to the CenturyLink Center and back again.

Please RSVP at the parish office or sign up at the entrance of St. John's.

The Service Day Dinner promises to be a joyous--and filling--event!

With great appreciation for all you do,

Fr. Lorn Snow, S.J.