

# 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

## January 8, 2017 - The Epiphany of the Lord

<b>MASS/RECONCILIATION TIMES</b>	402-280-3030
<b>PARISH OFFICE</b>	402-280-3031
<b>Pastor:</b>	Fr. Lorn Snow, S.J. 402-280-3262
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<b>Eucharist:</b>	
<b>Monday- Friday 7:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Main Church</b>
No Mass during University Breaks	
<b>Monday-Friday 12 noon</b>	<b>Main Church</b>
<b>Monday-Friday 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Fr. Halley Chapel, LSJ</b>
<i>Monday 9:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Main Church**</i>
<i>Tuesday 9:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Fr. Halley Chapel, LSJ**</i>
<b>Saturday 7:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Main Church **</b>
<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>Fr. Halley Chapel, LSJ</b>
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Main Church</b>
<b>(Anticipatory)</b>	
<b>Sunday 8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Main Church</b>
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Main Church</b>
<i>4:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Main Church**</i>
<i>8:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Main Church**</i>
<i>10:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Main Church**</i>

\*\*Academic Year Only—dates @[www.creighton.edu/stjohns](http://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 Staff

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For more detailed information please refer to Parish Brochure, located at all church entrances.



*“The mystery...has now been revealed”*

*(Ephesians 3:3, 5)*

Here's the “mystery”: God was revealed to a particular people—the Jewish people—but all along, God intended to be revealed eventually to everyone. For a long time this plan was a secret, since God told the Jews about it only in an obscure way. Now that Jesus has come, the secret is out.

Yet God's plan remains a mystery. For what about God isn't a mystery: Think of how God is reigning over creation, being revealed in our hearts, sharing love and joy with us. All, all deep mysteries. And God doesn't become less mysterious the more God is revealed. It is a common experience that the more people know God, the less they feel they understand God. When I was in my twenties, I understood some things about God. Now that I'm in my sixties, I'm amazed at how much I thought I understood back then.

Today's feast of God being revealed in Jesus Christ is something for us to celebrate with thankfulness—and also with awe.

*Kevin Perrotta  
Living with Christ, January, 2017  
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## Liturgical Ministry Schedule—January 14-15, 2017

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. Hamm, S.J.	Fr. Simonds, S.J.	Fr. Snow, S.J.	Fr. Snow, S.J.
LITURGICAL ASSISTANT	Maryanne Rouse	Dick Cleary	Jenny Tilleman	
ALTAR SERVER			Katie Hawkins	
LECTORS	Michael Kelley	Bob Carlson	C. Basque Malloy	TBD
	Susan Recker	Mary Carlson	Kerry Tupper	
PRAYERS	Renee O'Brien	Mary Carlson	Christy Fast	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	G. Selk R. O'Brien	G. Krupa	M.J. Slightam	
	M.A. McDonald	M. Carlson	R. Wright C. Fast	
	M.A. Howick	B. Carlson	K. Blecha	
	S. Braddock		J. & B. Schmidt	
	M.L. Brock		K. Tupper	
	L. Hayek		P. Yenko	

### Readings for the week

1/08	Sunday <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	Is Eph Mt	60:1-6 3:2-3a, 5-6 2:1-12
1/09	Monday <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	Is Mt	42: 1-4, 6-7 3:13-17
1/10	Tuesday	Heb Mk	2:5-12 1:21-28
1/11	Wednesday	Heb Mk	2:14-18 1:29-39
1/12	Thursday	Heb Mk	3:7-14 1:40-45
1/13	Friday	Heb Mk	4:1-5, 11 2:1-12
1/14	Saturday	Heb Mk	4:12-16 2:13-17
1/15	Sunday <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Is 1 Cor Jn	49:3, 5-6 1:1-3 1:29-34

### Mass Intentions January 2-7, 2017

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

Monday No Mass  
Tuesday No Mass  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday  
Saturday

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

Monday Adam Bohan—*intention*  
Tuesday Mary Elise Millus—*deceased*  
Wednesday Kathryn Pagani —*deceased*  
Thursday  
Friday Charles William Solomon, Jr—*deceased*  
Saturday (LSJ's)

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

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

### Weekly Offering Report

Weekly Budget Goal	7,067.31	Annual Budget Goal	367,500.12
Weekend 12/24-25/2016	23,683.24	Fiscal Year-to-Date Goal	183,750.06
Above (below) weekly goal	16,615.93	Amount Collected YTD	206,078.55
		Above (Below) YTD Goal	22,328.49

Weekly Budget Goal	7,067.31	Annual Budget Goal	367,500.12
Weekend 12/31/16-1/01/17	3,604.76	Fiscal Year-to-Date Goal	190,817.37
Above (below) weekly goal	(3,462.55)	Amount Collected YTD	209,683.31
		Above (Below) YTD Goal	18,865.94



Mary O'Riley  
Barb Durant  
Renee Kalkowski  
Jack Walsh  
Colleen Davis & Family  
Richard Gruit

The Second Collection this week is for:

**Seminary**

Please be as generous as you are able.

## With Gratitude

This Christmas season **Sue Selde** and **Vivian Amu** coordinated the Giving Tree project here at St. John's. The success of this project was beyond amazing. You, the parishioners of St. John's, took care of, and reached out to a total of **108 children** with your kindness and generosity.

**Molly Davies**, an Omaha Public School teacher at Fontanelle Elementary, and longtime parishioner of St. John's, identified the gifts needed by the children who are from poor homes and/or refugee families. Because of your nicely wrapped gifts left under the tree, **35 children** from that school had smiles on their faces during the Christmas season.

Vivian got a list of needs from the Hope center for kids here in Omaha, you responded and **25 children** of all ages got a little something for Christmas. They are grateful.



Parishioners got an opportunity to adopt-a-family for Christmas through some referrals from the community, walk-ins, and requests from parishioners, such as Molly Davis. Various parishioners of St. John's sponsored **6 very large families**: 2 families

from Guatemala, 1 family from the Congo and, 3 American families. All sharing the same weight of poverty here in Omaha, and because of your goodness, they all experienced a bit of love and warmth from your families to theirs.

Finally, some of the ornaments on the giving tree were for Nuevo Paraiso, a home for orphaned and abandoned kids. \$50 pays for a year of tuition, books, and supplies for these kids. Through the giving tree, you donated a total of \$1,600.00 ensuring that **over 30 children** will have an opportunity to go to school this year.

Well done, Parishioners of St. John's!

Thank you.

## St. Johns at Creighton University Consolation Faith Sharing Group:

A Faith based support group for those living with Mental Health illness and those who care for them. The first monthly meeting for those living with mental health concerns will be held on



Sunday January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00PM in the St. Johns resource room upstairs to the right of the main altar. Individuals with mental health illnesses and family members are welcome to participate in this faith based support group. Questions or for more information please contact the Parish Office at 402 280 3031.

Thank you for your generous support for:  
**St. John's Building Fund**  
The special collection raised \$1,052.00

## Parish Leadership, Commissions and Pastoral Council Night: January 10, 2017

Our next meeting will be January 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in St. Kateri Hall (Lower St. John's)

We welcome anyone who is interested in becoming members or serving on a commission to consider dropping by and learning more about leadership in our Parish.



## We Are Updating the Parish Directory

Wouldn't it be nice to be able to match a name with a face, and have something that shows all the beautiful people here at St. John's? Let's take some new photos to show where we are now in our parish.

Where: Lower St. John's

When: **Friday, January 20,**  
1:00—8:00 p.m.

**Saturday, January 21:**  
10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.  
and 6:00—8:00 p.m.

**Sunday, January 22:**  
Noon—3:00 p.m.

**Monday, January 23:**  
10:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.



Go to St. John's webpage, click on the link to schedule a portrait session, select the number of people who would be in the photo, select a day and time, and you will receive a confirmation email in return. **Volunteers will be available before and after weekend Masses January 7 & 8 and January 14 & 15 to assist parishioners who need help signing up for pictures for the NEW parish directory.** Contact Vivian at 402.280.2786 or email Mike Hoover [hooverdds6@gmail.com](mailto:hooverdds6@gmail.com)

*We can't wait to see all the great photos!!*



**YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS**

*Working in Witness for Christ™*

**Join us for the YCP Inaugural Worker Banquet on Thursday, January 12, 2017** at the Living Room in the Mastercraft! (1111 N. 13<sup>th</sup> St.) This event will allow us to come together to celebrate our first year. Please join us to honor members of our community, hear about opportunities that will promote growth within our local YCP Omaha chapter, and network with fellow Young Catholic Professionals. Dress code is Cocktail Attire. Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$50 at the door and include drinks, dinner, and dessert. Find YCP on Facebook at "YCP Omaha".

