

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

February 19, 2017 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.	Main Church**
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.

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



“When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well”

(Matthew 5:39)

A Scripture scholar's insight transformed this line for me. In first-century Palestine, left-handedness was seen as evil. People never used their left hands for any public task, even slapping a person. The only way to strike a person on the right cheek, using the right hand, is with a backhand. One could only strike “inferiors” backhanded: slaves, women, and children. Striking an equal, a free man, with a backhand could incur legal punishment. Hence, Jesus' message: if someone treats you as an inferior by backhanding you on the right cheek, turn the other cheek to them and challenge them to treat you as an equal, a form of nonviolent resistance. It is an instruction about using inner strength in a noble way.

This call to respond with dignity is greatly needed in this time when verbal backhanding erupts in every forum. We need Jesus' call to stand up to contemptuousness not by striking back, but by challenging to respect.

Patricia Livingston
Living with Christ, February 2017
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Liturgical Ministry Schedule— February 25-26, 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. Snow, S.J.	Fr. Snow, S.J.	Fr. O'Meara, S.J.	Fr. Shea, S.J.
LITURGICAL ASSISTANT	TBD	Dick Cleary	Danielle Carr	Jacob Chapman
ALTAR SERVER			Katie Hawkins	
LECTORS	Larry Brennan	Erika Schwanke	Kerry Tupper	Grace Wilson
	Eileen Wirth	Mark May	Steve Scherr	Abigail Bodeau
PRAYERS	M. A. Greene-Walsh	Mark May	Silvia Nweze	Erika Ruhnke
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	T. Bartek S. Hansen	D. Cleary	S. Seifert C. Nigrelli	S. Toalson
	M. A. McDonald	B. Austria	J. & S. Scherr	C. Meehan
	B. & S. Selde	E. Schwanke	A. Haddad	V. Jarencio
	E. Burke-Sullivan		R. Wright	J. Quinlin
	L. & M. Brennan		K. Tupper	C. Pass
	R. O'Brien		J. Chiacchere	

Readings for the week

2/19	Sunday <i>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Lv 1 Cor Mt	19:1-2, 17-18 3:16-23 5:38-48
2/20	Monday	Sir Mk	1:1-10 9:14-29
2/21	Tuesday	Sir Mk	2:1-11 9:30-37
2/22	Wednesday	1 Pt Mk	5:1-4 16:13-19
2/23	Thursday	Sir Mk	5:1-8 9:41-50
2/24	Friday	Sir Mk	6:5-17 10:1-12
2/25	Saturday	Sir Mk	17:1-15 10:13-16
2/26	Sunday <i>Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Is 1 Cor Mt	49:14-15 4:1-5 6:24-34

Mass Intentions February 20-25, 2017

7:00 AM (Main Church)

Monday	Eugene Katzer—special intention
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	Arthur O'Dell—deceased
Friday	Eugene Katzer—special intention
Saturday	Irene Kawa—deceased

12:00 Noon (Main Church)

Monday	
Tuesday	John & Barb Hartwell—deceased
Wednesday	Michael Sullivan—deceased
Thursday	Joshue Jonatan Martinez Cordero—sp. Int.
Friday	Larry Rohatsch & Family—prayers
Saturday (LSJ's)	

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

Monday	Ivel Reed—1st anniversary of death
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	Ignatian Associates Deceased Members
Friday	Colleen Davis & family—prayers

Prayer Requests

Mary O'Riley	Chris
Dick Miller	Jim
Deb P.	Connie
M. & J.	Veronica
S. & S.	Barb Durant
J. & S.	Renee Kalkowski
Julie L. & Connor L. & Family	Jack Walsh
Barb M.	Colleen Davis & Family
Lisa M.	Richard Grit
Peggy J.	

Weekly Offering Report

Weekly Budget Goal	7,067.31	Annual Budget Goal	367,500.12
Weekend 2/11-12/2017	8,885.30	Fiscal Year-to-Date Goal	233,221.23
Above (below) weekly goal	1,817.99	Amount Collected YTD	250,001.06
		Above (Below) YTD Goal	16,779.83

The Second Collection this week is for:
SCSJ Spring Break Service Trips
 Please be as generous as you are able.

Healing and Anointing Mass

Every third Tuesday of the month at the 5:00 p.m. Mass in the main church (February 21, 2017) the Parish will gather to celebrate a **Healing and Anointing Mass**. The Sacrament of Anointing within the Mass is available to all those who are chronically ill, advanced in age, overly burdened with the struggles of life and even children who suffer from illness. 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.



St. Johns at Creighton University Consolation Faith Sharing Group:

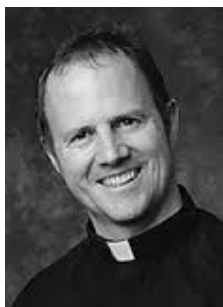


Our monthly based support group for those living with Mental Health illness and those who care for them will be held on Sunday, February 26 @ 3:00 p.m. in the St. Johns resource room upstairs to the right of the main altar. New people are always welcome to participate or discover St. Johns support for those living with mental health issues and the family members who care for them. Questions or for more information please contact the Parish Office at 402 280 3031.

Seeded at God's Hand: The Collected Writings of Patrick Malone, S.J.

Need a great gift for someone special?
Need an excellent book for
Lenten reflection? All money
from the sale of the book
goes to the parish.

Books for sale (\$15.00) in
the parish office or online at:
<http://www.creighton.edu/ministry/stjohns/>



With Sincere Appreciation



The parish would like to thank **Mary Ann Greene-Walsh,** **Jane O'Brien and Vivian Amu** for their work on the new parish directory. Their time, effort and coordination of this project are greatly appreciated.

Lenten Leadership Opportunities

The fast-approaching season of Lent includes many additional opportunities for prayer and reflection. We are seeking volunteers to offer a Reflect on Monday Vespers and Leaders for the Stations of the Cross on Fridays. Sign-up sheets will be available in the back of the church the next two weekends. If you have any questions, please contact Liturgy Coordinator, Chase Becker at chasebecker@creighton.edu.

Formation Session for Current & New Liturgical Assistants

A formation session for all current and new Liturgical Assistants will be held on Sunday, February 26 after the 10:30am liturgy. This will be an opportunity to meet other L.A.'s and to go in-depth with the role and execution of this ministry. This time will also include training for new Liturgical Assistants. If you have any questions, or are interested in serving as a Liturgical Assistant, please contact Liturgy Coordinator, Chase Becker at chasebecker@creighton.edu.

Palms Needed for Ash Wednesday

The ashes used on Ash Wednesday are made by burning the palm branches distributed on Palm Sunday from previous years. Beginning next week, baskets will be available at the church entrances for any old palm branches that you'd like to contribute. The Rite of Burning Palms will take place on Sunday, February 26 at 10:15am outside the church

Give Us This Day Prayer Resource Available

A free copy of the March edition of *Give Us This Day* is available at the entrance of the church. This excellent prayer resource provides a simple Morning and Evening Prayer, reflections, and Mass texts for each day of the week. If you are interested in subscribing to this publication, a sign-up sheet is also available. Based on the number of interested participants, we will receive a group subscription discount. Pricing details will be emailed to those who sign up.

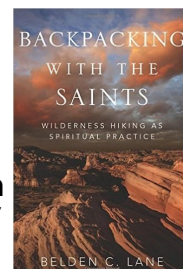
Please see back page for more announcements
and additional important information!!



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Lenten Adult Faith Formation Series begins on Sunday, February 26 and will end on Sunday, April 9. Join us for reflection and group discussion those Sundays from 9:15-10:15 AM in Lower St. John's. We will read from *Backpacking with the Saints* by Belden C. Lane. Please read the Prologue for the first meeting, February 26.

Questions?? Contact Coco at:
cocoosborne@creighton.edu



From St. John's Social Justice Committee
**Omaha Together One Community
House Meetings**

OTOC is asking St. John parishioners to participate in one of the house meetings listed below. This is an opportunity to have a public discussion of the issues that families and individuals are concerned about in our community. Participants will be able to react to existing OTOC issues and to raise additional community concerns.

Please take the opportunity to participate in an OTOC house meeting at one of the following locations.

Lower St. John's, Sunday, February 19, 9:15 AM

Renee O'Brien, Elmwood Tower, 801 So. 52nd St.
2010, Monday, February 27, 7pm

Kathleen Grant, 5006 Izard Street, Thursday,
March 2, 7pm

Connie Kollasch, 6507 Davenport Plaza, Sunday,
March 5, 1pm

Fr. Dennis Hamm, Ignatius House, Wednesday,
March 8, 7pm

To enable everyone to participate, house meetings are typically limited to 10-12 persons. Please RSVP with your preference for date and location to Mary Ann McDonald at (mamwriter@gmail.com) or call Connie Kollasch at 402-551-6516.



Join the Mission in Honduras



HONDURAS All are invited on the mission trip to the children's orphanage of Nuevo Paraiso from June 29-July 7, 2017. Immerse with the Honduran people while providing basic medical care, performing on-site projects and caring for the children. Grow spiritually with daily Mass and reflections. Cost is \$1,500 with first deposit due March 15, 2017. Contact Fr. Snow at 402 280-3262 or Martha Todd at marthatodd@creighton.edu for more information. Sponsored by St. John's Parish. Space is limited.

**BOXTOPS for
Jesuit Academy**



Jesuit Academy is an all boys, Catholic school serving young men in grades 4-8. Jesuit (formerly known as Jesuit Middle School of Omaha) opened in 1996 and has developed into a leader in urban Catholic education.

Thus far this school year, Jesuit Academy has raised \$187.80 from Box Tops for Education. Money raised through the Box Tops program is used for the school's Magis Groups, particularly for their team building activities. Magis Groups are small groups of students, usually 9 or less, that are led by a faculty member. The idea is that these students can connect with a faculty member and have an additional support person in the building. Each student is in the same Magis Group all of his time at Jesuit Academy. The Magis groups set academic goals, personal goals, and do team building activities throughout the year.

Please remember to collect and deposit any BOX TOPS for EDUCATION in the containers located by the St. John's elevator. A list of participating products is also available. It is an easy way to support the Jesuit Academy in Omaha. Thank you!!

Newsletter Advertisers Needed

Do you own a business? Would you like to remember a loved one with a weekly memorial? Are you looking to reach out to your fellow parishioners every week? Would you like to help St. John Catholic Church in a unique way? If so, why not advertise in our new weekly bulletin? Our bulletin needs ads! The ads and sponsorships on the bulletin will allow for us to receive our weekly bulletin at no cost to the church. Kijrsten Finnegan from our bulletin publishing partner, Liturgical Publications, will be in the parish office the weeks of February 27 and March 6 seeking new advertisers for the bulletin. You can reach Kijrsten at (402) 312-9955 or KFinnegan@4LPi.com. Thank you!

Save the Date!

The **Notre Dame Folk Choir** will give a concert at St. John's on May 31 at 7:30pm. We need volunteers to host 2 or more choir members overnight on May 31 and June 1, as well as volunteers to put on a potluck dinner before the concert. Please contact mollymattingly@creighton.edu if you're interested, or if you have questions.

