

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 26, 2017 - Eighth 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.



“Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span?”

(Matthew 6:27)

Jesus was obviously not thinking about exercise, a careful diet and regular checkups with your primary care physician as means to improve one's longevity. Careful planning and thoughtful action are not to be confused with worry. The kind of obsessive thinking that troubles many of us—maybe all of us at some time or other—worrying isn't a rational calculation. We don't do it because we think it does some good. It heels like a reflex and has been described as “a down payment on problems that may never happen.” Or even if some catastrophe will happen—like one's own death—worrying controls nothing. But it sure can make you miserable.

This, I think, is why Jesus brings it up. Needless, pointless, useless worry does us no good. Meanwhile, it diminishes our enjoyment of simple things like sparrows and flowers and green grass. Jesus is inviting us to trust and let go. Let us give it a try today.

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

Mark Neilsen
Living Faith, January, February, March 2017
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Liturgical Ministry Schedule— March 4-5, 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. Coelho, S.J.	Fr. Amidon, S.J.	Fr. Hamm, S.J.	
LITURGICAL ASSISTANT	Maryanne Rouse	Bob Austria	Ann Cole	
ALTAR SERVER			Erin Lemar	
LECTORS	Jane O'Brien	Bob Austria	Christy Fast	No Mass
	Sr. M. M. Hinz	Margo Schmiesing	Tim Cole	Spring Break
PRAYERS	Jim Howard	Margo Schmiesing	Jerry Stender	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	G. Selk D. Keane	B. Austria	J. & F. Berg	
	L. Daly J. Howard	D. Cleary	T. Cole C. Fast	
	S. Braddock	Volunteer	J. Stender	
	C. Kuper		R. Super	
	C. & T. Finney		M. J. Slightam	
	J. O'Brien		P. Martin	

Readings for the week

2/26	Sunday <i>Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Is 1 Cor Mt	49:14-15 4:1-5 6:24-34
2/27	Monday	Sir Mk	17:20-24 10:17-27
2/28	Tuesday	Sir Mk	35:1-12 10:28-31
3/01	Wednesday <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	Jl 2 Cor Mt	2:12-18 5:20—6:2 6:1-6, 16-18
3/02	Thursday	Dt Lk	30:15-20 9:22-25
3/03	Friday	Is Mt	58:1-9a 9:14-15
3/04	Saturday	Is Lk	58:9b-14 5:27-32
3/05	Sunday <i>First Sunday in Lent</i>	Gn Rom Mt	2:7-9, 3:1-7 5:12-19 4:1-11

Mass Intentions February 20-25, 2017

	7:00 AM (Main Church)
Monday	Eugene Katzer— <i>special intention</i>
Tuesday	Tom & Kim May— <i>prayers</i>
Wednesday	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>
Thursday	Tom & Kim May— <i>prayers</i>
Friday	Eugene Katzer— <i>special intention</i>
Saturday	Irene Kawa— <i>deceased</i>

	12:00 Noon (Main Church)
Monday	Mary Kay Hegarty— <i>deceased</i>
Tuesday	John & Barb Hartwell— <i>deceased</i>
Wednesday	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>
Thursday	Dorothy Krist— <i>deceased</i>
Friday	
Saturday (LSJ's)	
	5:00 PM (Fr. Halley Chapel, LSJ's)
Monday	Tom & Kim May— <i>prayers</i>
Tuesday	
Wednesday	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>
Thursday	Ignatian Associates Deceased Members
Friday	Colleen Davis & family— <i>prayers</i>

Prayer Requests



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

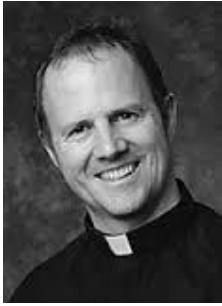
Weekly Offering Report

Weekly Budget Goal	7,067.31	Annual Budget Goal	367,500.12
Weekend 2/18-19/2017	7,010.00	Fiscal Year-to-Date Goal	240,288.54
Above (below) weekly goal	(57.31)	Amount Collected YTD	257,011.06
		Above (Below) YTD Goal	16,722.52


The Second Collection this weekend is for:
St. John's Building Fund
Please be as generous as you are able.

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/>

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

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.

sister to sister



Saint John's sister parish in Northeast India, Mater Dei, will be soon visited by two parishioners. **Maryanne Rouse** and **Joan Lanahan** are traveling there in April as a part of Creighton University's Global Initiative. They will be training the leaders in several parishes in faith sharing and in establishing faith sharing groups i.e. Christian Life Communities. This is the first visit from our parish to Mater Dei. Wendy Maliszewski, from Creighton's Schlegel Center for Service and Justice, graciously volunteered to make a banner as a small gift to the people. All parishioners are invited to sign the banner which will be available on March 11th and 12 in the main entrance of the church. In addition, Joan and Maryanne will carry St John's prayer cards and 2 of our new directories as small gifts to the parish. If you have comments or questions or are interested in Christian Life Communities (CLC), please call Terry and Connie Finney at 402-551-0859.

Ash Wednesday Liturgy Times

Ash Wednesday begins the liturgical season of Lent, when Christians prepare for Easter. It is a season of prayer, repentance, and reflection. Ashes will be offered at all Ash Wednesday liturgies on March 1 at the following times: 7:00am, 12:00noon, 5:00pm, 7:00pm (Ecumenical), and 9:00pm.



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.

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.

Pray the Liturgy of the Hours During Lent

Throughout the centuries, Christians have gathered at the beginning and the end of each day to pray the ancient words of the Psalms and to pray for the needs of the community and the world. Everyone is welcome to join their voices in this Prayer of the Church during Lent as we celebrate Morning Prayer on Sundays at 10:00am and Evening Prayer (Vespers) on Mondays at 5:30pm. Both liturgies will be held in the main church in the Reservation Area.

With Gratitude....

I am overwhelmed and comforted by the kindness I have received from the St. John's Community at the time of my grandson's death.

Janette Maxwell



Adult Faith Formation meets Sunday mornings during Lent from 9:15-10:15 am in Lower St. John's. Please read Chapter 2 of *Backpacking with the Saints* for Sunday, March 5.

New Hardbound Hymnals for St. John's

The St. John's pastoral staff, Liturgy Committee, and Finance Council have discerned moving back to a hardbound hymnal for our parish. They considered sustainability and *Laudato Si*, as well as annual cost, when comparing our current disposable *Breaking Bread* missals to hardbound hymnals. A subcommittee of 17 people will choose a new hymnal for our community this spring. Members of this subcommittee represent every musical ensemble, regular weekend Mass time, the Liturgy Committee, and the pastoral staff at St. John's. They will review sample hymnals from three major publishers (OCP, GIA, and WLP) in the next month.

We know you'll have questions! Before you ask...

All the hymnals being considered fit into the pew pockets

An annual St. John's supplement will include our parish repertoire that is not in whichever hymnal is chosen. This will replace an estimated 4,050 seasonal worship guides per year, saving yet more paper. Song numbers will appear in the weekly newsletter.

Subscriptions to "Give Us This Day" will be available at a discount through the parish for those who wish to have the daily readings and antiphons for prayer.



We have questions for you too! Please take a few minutes to give your input to the hymnal subcommittee as they discern a new resource for liturgical prayer in our community. Scan the QR code below (*image attached*) or visit the parish website to fill out the survey online. (link for the website & facebook: https://blueq.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_eDQnoeCMyoF7D8x) Paper copies of the survey are also available at the main entrance of the church. Please feel free to contact Molly Mattingly with questions.

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. Kjirsten 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 Kjirsten at (402) 312-9955 or KFinnegan@4LPi.com. Thank you!

Join the Mission in 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.



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.

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.