

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

March 19, 2017 - Third Sunday in Lent

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



“We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves...”

John 4:42

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Did you ever stop to wonder why you believe? While we can typically point to human supports for our faith, there is a mysterious, inexplicable quality to it. Reading the gospels, it is remarkable that Jesus simply speaks with people and they come to believe.

But this Word is no ordinary speech. Despite the lack of worldly proof, we sense in a very deep way that it is true. Just as Jesus spoke to the woman at the well and she received the faith, so, too, has he spoken to us.

And this Word in us is not static. It is a dynamic presence. Jesus said it is “a spring of water welling up to eternal life” (verse 14). As the word gushes forth, our hearts overflow with joy and life.

Msgr. Stephen J. Rossetti
Living Faith, January, February, March 2017
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Liturgical Ministry Schedule— March 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. Carlson , S.J.	Fr. Amidon, S.J.	Fr. O'Meara, S.J.	Fr. Osborne, S.J.
LITURGICAL ASSISTANT	Laraine Conway	Dick Cleary	Danielle Carr	
ALTAR SERVER			Julie Nubel	
LECTORS	Catherine Kuper	Bob Carlson	Tim Cole	TBD
	Michael Kelley	Mary Lou Carlson	Tom Berg	
PRAYERS	Connie Finney	Mary Lou Carlson	Steve Scherr	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	M. A. McDonald	M. L. Carlson	R. Gritit T. Berg	
	S. Hansen	B. Carlson	J. & F. Berg	
	T. & C. Finney	B. Austria	C. Nigrelli	
	C. Kuper		A. Nubel	
	M. A. Howick		J. & S. Scherr	
	M. L. Brock		R. Wright	

Readings for the week

3/19	Sunday <i>The Third Sunday of Lent</i>	Ex Rom Jn	17:3-7 5:1-2, 5-8 4:5-42
3/20	Monday	2 Sm Rom Mt	7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 4:13, 16-18, 22 1:16, 18-21, 24a
3/21	Tuesday	Dn Mt	3:25, 34-43 18:21-35
3/22	Wednesday	Dt Mt	4:1, 5-9 5:17-19
3/23	Thursday	Jer Lk	7:23-28 11:14-23
3/24	Friday	Hos Mk	14:2-10 12:28-34
3/25	Saturday <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>	Is Heb Lk	7:10-14, 8:10 10:4-10 1:26-38
3/26	Sunday <i>The Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	1 Sm Eph Jn	16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a 5:8-14 9:1-41

Mass Intentions March 20-25, 2017

	7:00 AM (Main Church)
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	Art Kresse—deceased
Friday	
Saturday	
	12:00 Noon (Main Church)
Monday	Shane Broderick—deceased
Tuesday	Kathy Schutz—deceased
Wednesday	
Thursday	Josue Jonatan Martinez Cordero— <i>sp. intention</i>
Friday	Amy Abbott—prayers
Saturday (LSJ's)	Fred Lorenz—deceased
	5:00 PM (Fr. Halley Chapel, LSJ's)
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	Ignatian Associates Deceased Members
Friday	Colleen Davis & Family—prayers



Dick O'Brien
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 3/4-5/2017	7,862.70	Fiscal Year-to-Date Goal	254,423.16
Above (below) weekly goal	795.39	Amount Collected YTD	271,888.03
		Above (Below) YTD Goal	17,464.87
Weekly Budget Goal	7,067.31	Annual Budget Goal	367,500.12
Weekend 3/11-12/2017	6,625.17	Fiscal Year-to-Date Goal	261,490.47
Above (below) weekly goal	(442.14)	Amount Collected YTD	278,513.20
		Above (Below) YTD Goal	17,022.73

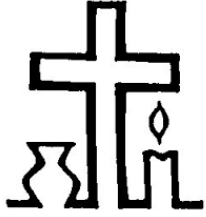
Thank you for your generous support for:
Black and Indian Missions
The special collection raised \$631.65

Memorial Easter Flowers

Envelopes are available at the entrances of the church for those who wish to remember their loved ones at Easter. Please return envelopes, via collection baskets or to the parish office, by **Sunday, April 9** for Easter



Please Join Us!



This month's healing Mass is **Tuesday, March 21 at 5:00** Liturgy. A light soup supper will be served directly after Mass for our healing to continue through our community gathering. All are welcome! No reservations are necessary!

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. We will meet on the fourth Sunday of the month, (next meeting March 26) 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.



From March 1st to March 31st, Creighton Students for Life will be collecting baby/child items to assist the pregnant and parenting students on our campus. If they have more items than our campus needs, they will be donating the extra items to Essential Pregnancy Services. The Baby item drive is for children ages 0-5 years old. The items most in need are the following:

- Walmart/target gift cards
- Diapers
- Diaper bags
- Diaper cream
- Baby wipes
- Onesies
- Clothing
- Shoes
- Pacifiers
- Soft toys and rattles
- Baby bathtubs
- Baby towels
- Baby lotion and shampoo
- Blankets
- Crib sheets
- Maternity Clothes



Please place any donations near the box placed close to the women's bathroom at the church entrance or bring items to the parish office.

Thank you so much!

Lenten Prayer Opportunities in St. John's

Monday, March 20 - 5:30pm Vespers, Main Church
Thursday March 23 - 5:30-7:00pm "The Light is On" extra confession time, main church
Friday March 24 - 4:30pm Stations of the Cross, main church
Sunday March 26 - 10:00am Morning Prayer, main church
Regular daily Masses and confession times as well.

Prayer & Discernment for Creighton Students

Tuesday March 21 - 9:00pm "Navigating Dating," Skutt 104
Wednesday March 22 - 5:00pm Lenten Series "Fasting: When Less Leads to More," Skutt 104 with dinner
Thursday March 23 - 8:00pm Lenten Taizé Prayer, Swanson Hall Chapel *Check out more at www.creighton.edu/ministry/campusministry*

Triduum & Easter Ensembles

Rehearsals have begun for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday! All ages are welcome to join any of the ensembles. Kids are especially invited for the Easter Morning 10:30am Ensemble. This week the; music and 8-9pm Holy Thursday music. Please contact MollyMattingly@creighton.edu for the full rehearsal schedule if you're interested! This week's rehearsals are below:

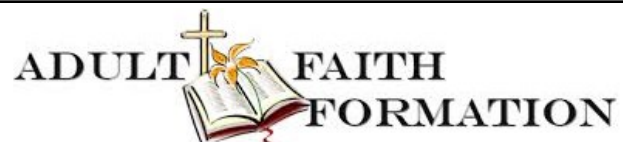
Monday March 20 rehearsal, 7:00-8:30pm - Easter Vigil music
Wednesday March 22 rehearsal, 7:00-8:00pm - Easter Sunday music
Wednesday March 22 rehearsal, 8:00-9:00pm - Holy Thursday music

An Invitation

Two opportunities to share hospitality and welcome to our RCIA catechumens and candidates:

1. Help prepare and serve lunch for the RCIA Day of Reflection Saturday, April 8th, 11 am to 1 pm in LSJ's
2. Set up and serve for the Reception after the Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 15th.

Please contact Tom Everson @ Tom@kkad25.org or 402-334-1391



Adult Faith Formation meets Sunday mornings during Lent from 9:15-10:15 am in Lower St. John's.

Bell Ringers Wanted!

Throughout Christian history, church bells have been used to communicate with the community by calling people to worship and by announcing times of both celebration and sorrow. Church bells are blessed in an elaborate ritual and even given names, since they are truly the “voice” of the church building. The “voice” of St. John’s Church has been silent for many years, replaced by an electronic recording of bell sounds.

We are now forming a band of ringers who will ring our tower bell for 5 minutes prior to every weekday and weekend liturgy that takes place in the main church. If this ministry is of

interest to you, please attend a brief informational and training session, available after each Mass the weekend of March 25-26. Anyone high school age and older, including Creighton students are warmly invited to participate in this ministry. If you have questions, please contact Chase Becker at chasebecker@creighton.edu



The regular ringing our tower bell will contribute to the sound of the Creighton campus and serve as a beautiful reminder that our church building is open and alive, inviting people in to a life of love and service.

Bell Ringing to Signal Solidarity with Immigrants & Refugees

Speaking of bell ringing, the St. John’s tower bell will ring to signal our community’s solidarity with immigrants and refugees after the 10:30am and 8:30pm Masses this Sunday. This bell ringing initiative is spearheaded by Christ Church Cathedral in Waterford Ireland on the weekend nearest to St. Patrick’s Day. Patrick himself was a stranger brought to Ireland as slave, but who returned later in life to transform Irish history, bringing the Gospel of Christ, the gospel of love to the people of that country. By joining the “voice” of the St. John’s tower bell to others being rung throughout the world on this day, we are proclaiming that every woman and man is equal in dignity, beloved of God, and welcome among us.

The Scrutinies

During the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent, the Church celebrates The Scrutinies of the Elect. The Elect are those in our midst who are preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil. Part of their journey to the font is that they have been received among us in the Rite of Acceptance, and they have been enrolled in the Book of the Elect in the Rite of Election at the Cathedral.

The ancient rites of the Scrutinies are profoundly rooted in our human experience. Just like the Elect, we need to examine (scrutinize) the areas of our lives where we are tempted, or where we sin by what we do and what we fail to do. In the Scrutinies, the Elect ask for healing and the strength that can come from the support of our sisters and brothers.

The first Scrutiny is this Saturday at the 5:00pm Mass. The second Scrutiny will be next Sunday, March 26 at the 10:30am Mass, and the third Scrutiny will be at the 4:30pm Mass on Sunday, April 2.