Weekly Events

Monday
9:00 p.m. • Holy Hour • Main Church

Tuesday
9:00 p.m. • Chi rho Bible Study • LSU Old Kitchen
9:30 p.m. • Rosary Club • Martyrs’ Chapel

Wednesday
3:30-4:20 p.m. • Song of Praise Choir • Music Room

Thursday
3:30-4:20 p.m. • Song of Praise Choir • Music Room
12:00-1:00 p.m. • Chi rho Lunch Fellowship • Warsham Court

Sunday
4:00 p.m. • Vespers • Martyrs’ Chapel
8:00-9:00 p.m. • Student Ministry Team • Jack & Ed’s

St. John’s Worship Schedule

Monday-Friday
7:00 a.m. • Martyrs’ Chapel
 Noon • Main Church
5:00 p.m. • Lowler (Fr. Walter) Chapel

Tuesday
9:00 p.m. • Protestant Evening Worship, Main Church

Saturday
5:30 p.m. • Main Church

Sunday (Main Church)
8:00 a.m. • 10:00 a.m. • 4:30 p.m.
9:00 p.m. • 10:00 p.m. (Candlelight)

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I Will Sing and Make Music:
Jewish Music and Musicians Throughout the Ages

Sunday, October 10:30 a.m. • 5:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
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Keynote Presentation: Sunday, 7:30 p.m.
Dr. Joshua Jacobson
"Jewish Music: What Is That?"

Political Holiness:
The Search for Saints for Our Time
Robert Elberg
Thursday, November 2
7:30 p.m. • Student Center Ballroom

Campus Ministry Thanksgiving Feast
Wednesday, November 22
4:30-6:00 p.m. • First Presbyterian Church
34th & Farnam
Transportation is provided. Meet in Degman Circle.

Visit us on the web!

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Faith for a Clearer Vision

By Lyndie Pfeifer

The story of Jesus healing the blind man, Bartimaeus, in the Gospel according to Mark relates directly to our experiences as college students. As young adults, the majority of us will go through a period of feeling blinded by the overwhelming possibilities that lie ahead. We often cannot see past our fears, challenges, stresses, and impending choices. In addition, we are often so wrapped up in these fears that we neglect to educate ourselves about what is happening outside our little bubble, such as the war and the upcoming election.

So how do we overcome these blind spots in order to better ourselves and the world at large? According to the story of Bartimaeus, it’s simple: ask for help, state your specific need, and have faith. The key is to be persistent. When Bartimaeus was trying to get Jesus’ attention in the crowd, he was shouted several times, but he kept trying because he had faith that the Lord would give him his sight.

It is important to note that even though the Lord knew that Bartimaeus wanted to see, he still asked Bartimaeus, “What do you want me to do for you today?” The Lord wants us to be able to admit that we are lost and to be aware that we need him always and in everything.

In a simple act of prayer, we are surrendering ourselves to the Lord, putting our faith and trust in him, and asking him to help us see clearly what we cannot yet make out.

Ultimately, our faith will be our saving grace. No matter how confused or hopeless we may feel during our college years and beyond, we mustn’t give up. The Lord knows our needs, yet it is up to us to seek help and have faith in Him always.

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Today’s Readings

Jeremiah 31:7-9
God’s people will be gathered from all the ends of the earth.

Psalm 126:1-6
“The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.”

Hebrews 5:1-6
“You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”

Mark 10:46-52
“Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus heals Bartimaeus.
Faith and Justice: Responding to the Word

The Transcendence of True Compassion
By Seamus Regan

A lthough at first I struggled to find personal meaning in the sermon, I was soon struck by the passage that egged the blind and the lame as also deserving God’s salvation. I found this passage somewhat offensive, why wouldn’t the blind and lame be worthy of God’s salvation? I soon realized the line was not meant as a sympathy vote for the marginalized, but rather a reminder of how we tend to value ourselves or certain groups over others. By affirming the dignity of the blind and lame, God was advocating on behalf of all those who are seen as inferior or expendable in the eyes of others.

As a society our priorities seem to be awfully inconsistent with this reading. We tend to categorize people in different degrees of importance. One’s social class, economic status, or origin of birth play a large role in determining importance. The sad state of affairs is evident in our society’s obsession with the personal lives of Jennifer Aniston and Britney Hilton, while there are thousands of people starved to death or end up dying of diseases due to lack of medical treatment.

As Christians we must hold ourselves to a higher standard and recognize the sacredness of all human life whether it be a close relative, or a participant who has decided to choose to live a different path. As Christians we must hold ourselves to a higher standard and recognize the sacredness of all human life whether it be a close relative, or a participant who has decided to choose to live a different path.

Upcoming Events

Monday, 30 October
Opus Hall Dedication 4:00 p.m. • 200th California  Reception to follow.

Wednesday, 5 November
CCSJ’s Family to Family Meeting: 11:30 a.m. • Student Center 104

Major/Minor Exploration Fair 11:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. • Student Center Ballroom

Thursday, 6 November
Center for Student Integrity’s Series “What is Right?”
12:30 p.m. • Student Center 104

Friday, 7 November
Encounter #20 Retreat

Sunday, 8 November
CCSJ’s Family to Family Meeting 8:00 p.m. • Student Center 104

Tuesday, 10 November
CSU General Elections

Dr. Arin Mikaelian 

“Imitating God and not Pharaoh: A Rabbinic Reading of Justice and Redemption in the City”
7:00 p.m. • Student Center 103

Thursday, 12 November
Pharmacy and Health Professions Career Fair & Interview Day 9:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m. • Student Center Ballroom

Mark Your Calendar

What’s Your Issue?

Join the Peace and Justice Cooperative, along with several other organizations around campus, in educating ourselves and working for justice. This annual event, formerly known as “Hunger and Homelessness Week,” includes education, advocacy, and action. Be a part of the energy, join with students who are passionate, and let the campus know what your issue is!

Several events are planned for the week of November 9–16.

One easy way you can participate and help those who are hungry, both domestically and internationally, is by donating a meal at Brandeis or Becker Dining Halls.

Be watching for more information about other opportunities in the immediate future.

Resources...

Creighton Center for Service and Justice (CCSJ)
The CCSJ offers many opportunities for students to work for justice, including weekly service sites, Fall Immersions and Spring Break Service Trips, and opportunities to connect with service sites around Omaha. The website also provides links to numerous other resources.

Website: http://www.creighton.edu/ccsj/index.html
E-mail: ccsj@creighton.edu
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Peace and Justice Cooperative
Creighton’s student organization working for justice in order to bring about peace in the Creighton community, Omaha, and the world.
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Omaha Archdiocese Social Mission
The Social Mission of the Omaha Archdiocese works to raise awareness of social justice issues and to promote action. Website: http://www.arch Omaha.com/SocialJustice/
Society.html
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Cardoner Corner

Fresh Eyes
By Rachael Hoffman

What’s your issue? What, or rather Whom, are you devoting your life to? How do you spend your time, your energy, your money, your compassion?

Justice through Solidarity Week is a week of action and education November 9–16. This week-long effort of many student organizations seeks to engage students in the big issues: hunger, homelessness, conflicts abroad and peace worldwide. However, what the organizers of this week are really trying to do is let students realize that we are part of a much larger world than ourselves, our roommate, or Creighton University. Our lives are part of something much greater than our classes, meetings, and everyday worries.

This week, during Justice through Solidarity Week, I will try to act like the blind man did in Jesus’ parable. “Jesus stopped and said, ‘Call him.’ So they called to the blind man, ‘Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you!’ Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ Jesus asked him. The blind man said, ‘Rabbi, I want to see!’” (Mark 10:50–51).

Will we allow ourselves to have fresh eyes and remember the preciousness of life? Can we let ourselves cease to worry about that homework assignment due and live the lives we are called to lead?

Vocation is much more than our jobs after graduation— it is who we are and what we do in the world. How we care for our roommates, as well as our neighbors across the world, is part of our vocation. Living in Spirit of Peace Community, a community of ten undergraduates seeking to live simply and faithfully, reminds me daily of how we can express love to one another. We care for each other by making beds for a sick roommate, and we care for our brothers and sisters throughout the world by working for peace. Who will you devote your life to through your everyday actions of love?

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