December 4, 2016 - Second Sunday of Advent

Mass/Reconciliation Times
402-280-3030
Parish Office
402-280-3031
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. Fr. Halley Chapel, LSJ **
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.

“John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand!””

(Matthew 3:1-2)

There are times my children’s faults weigh heavily on me. Why does she procrastinate so? Why don’t they pick up after themselves? Why doesn’t he seem to have a plan for his life? Why can’t he control his temper better?

But there’s a funny thing: it’s called a mirror. For, without exception, I can look in the mirror and see every single one of the flaws that irritate me so in others reflected there. Every one!

How much of my energy is spent in detecting and correcting the faults of others? During Advent, it’s time for me to listen to John the Baptist, to admit my own faults and sins, and to repent of them, to let God’s mercy fill me so that I might become more merciful in turn.

St. John the Baptist, I’m listening to your call. Pray for me.

Amy Welborn
Living with Christ, December, 2016
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**Liturgical Ministry Schedule—December 10–11, 2016**

This schedule can also be accessed at St. John’s website—http://stjohns.creighton.edu

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**Mass Intentions December 5–10, 2016**

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

- Monday: Immaculate Conception of BVM, no intentions
- Tuesday: Immaculate Conception of BVM, no intentions
- Wednesday: Immaculate Conception of BVM, no intentions
- Thursday: Christina Rose Miller – 1st anniversary of death
- Friday: William Ramsey – deceased
- Saturday: Christina Rose Miller – 1st anniversary of death

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

- Monday: Jack & Shirley Doran Marcil—deceased
- Tuesday: Jack & Shirley Doran Marcil—deceased
- Wednesday: Immaculate Conception of BVM, no intentions
- Thursday: William Ramsey—deceased
- Friday: William Ramsey—deceased
- Saturday: Christina Rose Miller – 1st anniversary of death

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

- Monday: Mora Ramirez Layton—deceased
- Tuesday: Deceased Members of Ignatian Associates
- Wednesday: Deceased Members of Ignatian Associates
- Thursday: Immaculate Conception of BVM, no intentions
- Friday: Colleen Davis & Family—prayers

**Weekly Offering Report**

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Advent Series at St. John’s Parish

Monday, December 5:  Advent
Reconciliation Service, 5:30 p.m., Main Church, followed by light refreshments in the Resource Room. Prepare the way of the Lord! The sacrament of reconciliation is a wonderful way to prepare a space for Christ to enter into our lives, and to receive the gift of mercy.

Monday, December 12:  Advent Lessons and Carols, 5:00 p.m., Main Church, followed by light refreshments in the Resource Room. A service of scripture readings and carols telling the story of Christ coming into the world.

Monday, December 19:  Advent Vespers, 5:00 p.m., Main Church, followed by light refreshments in the Resource Room. Please join us!

Thank you for your generous support for:

St. John’s Building Fund
The special collection raised $1,316.10

St. John’s Fall Adult Faith Formation Series:
Faith beyond Belief Spirituality for Our Times
Lower St. John’s: 9:15-10:15 a.m
December 11:  Ch. 17 “Spiritual Growth, or…” Ch. 18 “Roots and Growth, or…” and Ch. 22 “Speaking about Experiences, or…”

The Christmas Giving Tree Project New this year to St. John’s. Please consider wrapping up a gift for a child living in poverty. Simply select an ornament from the tree displayed next to Mary’s altar. Wrap and attach the ornament to your gift. Put the gift under the tree and you have made a child smile! This year, the hope is to collect needed items for:

♦ New immigrant and refugee children of Fontenelle Elementary School who need socks, gloves, shoes and other things
♦ The Children of the Hope Center for Kids. They provide a safe after-school and summer program
♦ Finally, consider a donation for $50.00 toward supporting a child’s education. You will see ornaments for this option.

All gifts should be under the tree before December 19. Questions? Contact Vivian at vivianamu@creighton.edu or 402-280-2786. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

Christmas Environment Donations
At all the entrances of the church you can find envelopes for Memorials for the Christmas Environment. Please return envelopes by way of the collection baskets on Sundays. The last weekend to send in a memorial will be the weekend of December 18th. If you have any questions please contact Kathleen Denne at 402-280-2975 or email kdenne@creighton.edu

Thank you for your generous support for:

Catholic Campaign for Human Development
The special collection raised $876.38

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St. John’s Building Fund
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Seeded at God’s Hand: The Collected Writings of Patrick Malone, S.J. Books for sale ($15.00) in the parish office or online at: http://www.creighton.edu/

Christmas in the Forest
Presented by Knowles Mercy Spirituality Center
Friday, December 9 from 5-8 p.m. and Saturday, December 10 from 3-8 p.m. Pilgrimages into the forest every 20 minutes. Come join us in the woodlands for this annual tradition! A family oriented event that will take you on a journey to...sing at the Christmas tree, visit the shepherd, participate in the manger scene with live animals, gaze at the north star, hear from the innkeeper, and pray at the peace fire. Enjoy festive music, cookies, bars and hot chocolate. (approximately 1 hour) Reservations are required. $5.00 per person, children under 5 free.

To register, call 402.359.4288.

Thursday, December 8, 2016 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of obligation. Please join us for Mass in the Main Church at 7:00 a.m., noon (with music) or 5:00 p.m. (with music)

Please retrieve November Memorial pictures/keepsakes from the sacristy as soon as possible. Thank you.

Campus Ministry Confirmation Program
Creighton Students, are you interested in becoming full members of our Catholic worshipping community? Have you already received the sacraments of Baptism and first Eucharist? Campus Ministry invites you to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation with other college students.

Please register by Tuesday, December 6 through www.creighton.edu/campusministry or contact BethSamson@creighton.edu for more information.

Thank you for your generosity and kindness.
MERRY CHRISTMAS

By Cece Gerard, 5th Grade