ST. JOHN’S PARISH NEWSLETTER

January 29, 2017 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS/RECONCILIATION TIMES
PARISH OFFICE 402-280-3030
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.

“God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong...so that no human being might boast before God”

(1 Corinthians 1:27, 29)

We recently took a short trip to a Trappist monastery—short because it wasn’t our final destination, and we had two small boys with us. Two small boys generally means a short time at a monastery.

As we approached, the two-year old spoke: “There’s the monascary!” Well, we thought, no doubt some people would perceive the place in just those terms!

The truth is, what monasteries, and religious life in general, represent to us is a radical “yes” to God. And that can be a little frightening.

It is also a little frightening to read the words of Paul and see how utterly opposed the truth he preaches is to the ways of this world, and how, once we embrace that and say “yes” to living it, it will change our world.

“Yes” is scary. But in its own, powerful way, so is “no.”

“Lord Jesus, give me the courage to say “yes.”

Amy Welborn
Living with Christ, January 2017
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**Liturgical Ministry Schedule—February 4-5, 2017**

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

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<td><strong>PRESIDER</strong></td>
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<td><strong>LITURGICAL ASSISTANT</strong></td>
<td>Maryanne Rouse</td>
<td>Bob Austria</td>
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<td>Joan Lanahan</td>
<td>Margo Schmiesing</td>
<td>Silvia Nweze</td>
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<td>B. Austria</td>
<td>Christy Fast</td>
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<td>J. May</td>
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**Readings for the week**

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**Mass Intentions January 30—February 4, 2017**

**7:00 AM (Main Church)**
- Monday: Mr. & Mrs. Dan Kuhl—intentions
- Tuesday: Mr. & Mrs. Tony Koziol—intentions
- Wednesday: Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Goracke—intentions
- Thursday: Judy Anderson—intentions
- Friday: Dr. Donald Greco—deceased
- Saturday: 

**12:00 Noon (Main Church)**
- Monday: Mr. & Mrs. Tom Engelmeyer—intentions
- Tuesday: Allen Jaco—deceased
- Wednesday: Will & Linda Jeffrey—intentions
- Thursday: Tim & Laura Weiler—intentions
- Friday: Paula Kennedy—deceased
- Saturday (LSJ’s)

**5:00 PM (Fr. Halley Chapel, LSJ’s)**
- Monday: Mr. & Mrs. Jim Stevens—intentions
- Tuesday: Mr. & Mrs. Steve Durbin—intentions
- Wednesday: Deceased Members of Ignatian Associates
- Thursday: Theresa Perry—intentions

**Prayer Requests**


**Weekly Offering Report**

- Weekly Budget Goal: 7,067.31
- Annual Budget Goal: 367,500.12
- Weekend 1/21-2/2/2017: 5,738.31, Fiscal Year-to-Date Goal: 219,086.61
- Above (below) weekly goal: (1,329.00), Amount Collected YTD: 230,319.44
- Above (Below) YTD Goal: 11,232.83

Thank you for your generous support for: **St. John’s Building Fund**

The special collection raised $2,133.92
UPDATE: Meeting Rescheduled

Volunteers Needed—Sick and Homebound
Our parish is in need of volunteers to accompany the sick and homebound. Training for this ministry will be **January 29, 2017 at 11:45 a.m.** Some of the topics that will be covered will include the distribution of communion, how to interact with people who may be unable to communicate, have disabilities or who are in hospice. Or, if you are simply interested in learning more, please stop by to ask questions or gather information. Thank you!

Volunteers Needed!

From St. John’s Social Justice Committee

Join OTOC for discussions of Improving Substandard Rental Housing and Limiting Interest and Fees on Pay Day Lending

OTOC leaders will hold discussion with local experts on two issues affecting many working families. On Thursday, Feb 2, OTOC will discuss with Steve Carmichael of Council Bluffs Housing how they and other cities are requiring regular inspection for rental properties to assure basic safety and habitability. On Tues. Feb. 7, OTOC leaders will discuss with local experts a bill in the Unicameral to limit the interest and fees that Pay Day lenders can charge to those who borrow from them. Both events will take place at Urban Abbey (10th and Jackson) and run from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. For more information, go to www.otoc.org.

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.

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.

Copies of the Lenten Adult Faith Formation book will be available for purchase from Coco Osborne near the main entrance to the church the weekends of February 11-12 & 18-19 after 5 PM, 8 AM, 10:30 AM, and 4:30 PM Masses. Cash or checks only please. Questions? Contact Coco at: cocoosborne@creighton.edu.

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**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.

**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 February 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.
Statement from the Jesuits of Canada and the U.S. on the Feast of the Holy Family

December 30, 2016 — On December 9th Pope Francis offered his annual blessing of the nativity scene in St. Peter’s Square. In his remarks he encouraged the faithful to remember today’s migrants when looking at the crèche. He drew a familiar parallel between the experience of a refugee and the birth of Jesus. “In the painful experience of these brothers and sisters, we revisit that experience of the baby Jesus,” said the Holy Father, “who at the time of his birth did not find accommodation and was born in a grotto in Bethlehem and then was brought to Egypt to escape Herod’s threat.”

Today many immigrant families live in vulnerable situations. Like the Holy Family, they face rejection and often have to flee dangerous threats. Many of us come into contact with these families who live in the shadows, fearing separation, detention, deportation and limited participation in our communities. And on this feast we remember that all families are holy in God’s eyes.

When we hear of the violence and turmoil that a few have provoked around the world, it is understandable why some seek policies and protective measures to calm such fear. But Pope Francis challenges us never to act solely out of fear. Earlier this year he said, “We must not allow misunderstanding and fear to weaken our resolve ... we are called to respect the foreigner, the immigrant and the people of different cultures as worthy to be listened to.” And we witnessed Pope Francis live out this message when he brought three refugee families home with him after a visit to Greece. In so doing, he lived out 1 John 3:18, “Let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.”

The Jesuit parish has always been a home to the immigrant and the foreigner. Many of our churches were built to care for immigrants, and they remain one of the few Jesuit ministries that serve the public on a daily basis.

The provincial assistants for Jesuit Spiritual and Parish Ministry, who serve the nine Jesuit provincials in Canada and the U.S., have convened from across North America to respond to the plight of migrants. On this Feast of the Holy Family they are asking parish communities to take Pope Francis’ message to heart and discern how they can best respond to the plight of migrants, remembering that love must be shown in deeds and in words.

There is so much good that a parish can do for the most vulnerable in our communities – from sponsoring refugee families to lifting our voices in the public square, calling for greater protections for our brothers and sisters who are suffering.

As a family united in Christ, please remember refugees and migrants in your prayers and pray that we grow in our awareness of the issue of migration.

In this Christmas season where we continue to contemplate the mystery of the incarnation, let us never stop looking for the face of Christ, particularly in the faces of the poor and alienated.

Be assured of our prayers for you and your family in the New Year.

The Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States.