

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 26, 2017 - Fourth 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.

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



“It is so that the works of God might be made visible through him”

John 9:3

Jesus performed a great work in healing the man born blind. What a difference he must have made in that man's life. We may feel our work has little or no impact on others. When I am tempted to think that way, I recall the last day of my first semester teaching high school. My students had been less than enthusiastic to learn freshman theology. By the time of the final exam I began to doubt that my teaching made any difference. Then, on the way out of class, my quietest student handed me a letter from my class in which they listed all the ways their faith had grown throughout the semester. I was stunned! How could I have been so blind?

From that moment on, I understood that my work does make a difference when I realize it's ultimately God's work being done. Jesus acknowledged this as well. Before curing the blind man, our Lord pointed out that he was doing the work of God.

Lord, help me to see that the difference I make is in the work that you send me to do.

*Fr. Paul J. Fasano
Living with Christ, March 2017
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Liturgical Ministry Schedule— April 1-2, 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. Snow, S.J.	Fr. Hamm, S.J.	Fr. Hendrickson, S.J.
LITURGICAL ASSISTANT	Maryanne Rouse	Bob Austria	Jenny Tilleman	Mitchell Casanova
ALTAR SERVER			Christopher Nubel	
LECTORS	Eileen Worth	Molly Carrig	Kathy O'Keefe	Caroline Morse
	Mary Ann Green-Walsh	Dick Cleary	Christy Fast	Erike Ruhnke
PRAYERS	Jane O'Brien	Dick Cleary	John O'Keefe	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	J. May D. Keane	M. Carrig	S. Seifert C. Fast	M. Brueck
	J. Rubalcava	D. Cleary	K. Blecha P. Yenka	A. Dolan
	B. & S. Selde	B. Austria	A. Haddad	N. Gagnon
	S. Braddock		B. Schmidt	P. Fenner
	J. Lanahan		J. Chiacchere	E. Windisch
	C. Pedersen		P. Martin	

Readings for the week

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
3/27	Monday	Is Jn	65:17-21 4:43-54
3/28	Tuesday	Ez Jn	47:1-9, 12 5:1-16
3/29	Wednesday	Is Jn	49:8-15 5:17-30
3/30	Thursday	Ex Jn	32:7-14 5:31-47
3/31	Friday	Wis Jn	2:1a, 12-22 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
4/01	Saturday	Jer Jn	11:18-20 7:40-53
4/02	Sunday <i>The Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	Ez Rom Jn	37:12-14 8:8-11 11:1-45

Mass Intentions March 27—April 1, 2017

7:00 AM (Main Church)

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

12:00 Noon (Main Church)

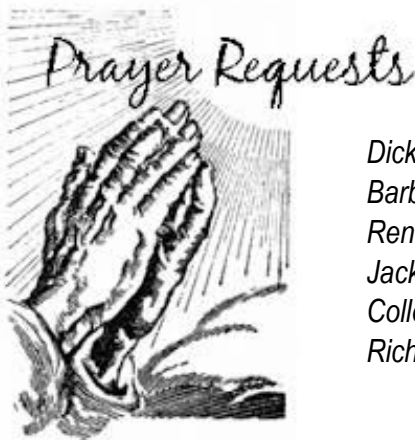
Monday
Tuesday
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Saturday (LSJ's)

Michael Sullivan—*deceased*
Duane Biggs—*deceased*
Josue Jonatan Martinez Cordero— *sp. intention*

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

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

Ignatian Associates Deceased Members
Colleen Davis & Family—*prayers*



*Dick O'Brien
Barb Durant
Renee Kalkowski
Jack Walsh
Colleen Davis & Family
Richard Gruit*

Weekly Offering Report

Weekly Budget Goal	7,067.31	Annual Budget Goal	367,500.12
Weekend 3/18-19/2017	7,043.00	Fiscal Year-to-Date Goal	268,557.78
Above (below) weekly goal	(24.31)	Amount Collected YTD	285,556.20
		Above (Below) YTD Goal	16,998.42

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.**



St. John's Social Justice Committee

St John's is a member of Omaha Together One Community which, for more than twenty years has worked effectively to make the Omaha metro area a wonderful community in which to live and work. OTOC leaders are currently engaged in these issues:

- * Improving housing in older neighborhoods
- * Assisting refugee communities in Omaha
- * Working on behalf of immigrants
- * Environmental sustainability
- * Reasonable regulation of payday lending
- * Medicaid expansion & increased access to mental health care

We at St. John's are proud of the work OTOC has done and are committed to its work. OTOC's fundraiser this year will be held at the exciting **Kaneko Center, 11th and Jones, on Saturday, April 1st from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m.** Please consider buying tickets to this fun event from OTOC leaders as you leave church.

St. Johns Consolation Faith Sharing Group:

Our monthly faith based support group for those living with Mental Health illness and those who care for them will be held on Sunday March 26th at 3PM in St. Johns Resource Room upstairs to the right of the main altar. New people are always welcome to participate and discover this faith based support community. If you would like further information please contact Fr. Snow, SJ at 402 280 3031.



Beginning May 22^d exterior stone repair will begin here at St. John's during the weekdays. Will update later if there will be any parking concerns



St. John's Hospitality Committee will serve WALKING TACOS Sunday, April 2 after the 4:30 p.m. Liturgy as part of our "community building mission." All are welcome!!



Are you a young adult seeking connection with others, an encounter with God and an opportunity for spiritual growth? Coming up on Saturday, April 22 and April

29, St. John's is offering a new Ignatian themed retreat for young adults in their 20s and 30s. The retreat will go from 2:00-7:30 PM both Saturdays. For more information and to register visit <http://charis.website/retreats/find-a-retreat/>. Contact the core team at charisomaha@gmail.com or visit [facebook.com/omahacharis](https://www.facebook.com/omahacharis) if you have any questions.

Save THE DATE

The annual **Spring Brunch in LSJ's will be Sunday, April 23, 2017** immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Liturgy. Parishioners are asked to bring sweets or fruit salads to share. All are welcome! Even if you don't have anything to bring, it's like the parable of the "loaves and the fishes" - there's always plenty!!

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!

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 Recollection 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 Lenten Series 2017-*Backpacking with the Saints*-will meet at 9:15 am in the Conference Room of Lower St. John's (northwest corner). Come at 9 am for coffee and conversation

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 second Scrutiny will be this Sunday, March 26 at the 10:30am Mass, and the third Scrutiny will be at the 4:30pm Mass next Sunday, April 2.

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 this 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.