



All Things Ignatian



St John's Church: Nourishing the Ignatian Spirit since 1887



Doing something magnificent with our gratitude

Liturgies at St John's try to capture the passion of St Ignatius, who placed at the foundation of the spiritual life to give praise, reverence and thanks to God. Intensive preparation and prayer go into the major celebrations, especially the Triduum feasts and the Mass of the Holy Spirit (pictured above) to bring together all members of the Creighton and St John's community in a spirit of gratitude, welcome, and mission.

The Mass at St John's is where the People of God receive the wisdom, sustenance, and fellowship to then go forth and make the world— in G M Hopkins', phrase— "charged with God's grandeur." The celebration of Eucharist at St. John's takes seriously Vatican II's mandate to have "full and active participation of the laity."



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Cultivating an interior life

A pilgrim in deed and prayer, St. Ignatius asks his companions to journey inward with trust and attentiveness. Like our own, he lived at a time of great social upheaval, and stressed the importance of listening to the internal movement of spirits. He believed deep and lasting union with the Creator is everyone's possession—and source of peace. St. John's respects that priority, and ensures that silence is a key part of all liturgies. (Pictured at right is the opening of the Easter Vigil's Liturgy of Light.)

Some of St. John's most eloquent liturgies happen without words. The church is accessible all times for students and all other seeking solace in a chaotic world. The parish also offers a variety of programs, from individual spiritual direction, to adult faith formation, to the meditative chants of Taizé prayer, to encourage soulful reflection. St. John's and other Creighton sponsors host two summer programs that strive to enhance the prayer experience for church leaders: the Institute for Priestly Formation and the Christian Spirituality program.

Working with the greater church

St. Ignatius loved the dynamism and diversity thriving in cities, where his spirituality would blend with and support other church apostolates.. St. John's, as a parish of the Omaha Archdiocese, serves the mission and values of the local church, especially in religious education for youth, and in the Sacramental prep of Baptism, First Communion (pictured at left,) Confirmation, and Holy Matrimony.

St. John's encourages Creighton students to take the examples, training, and leadership they have received from liturgies on campus back to their home parishes, thereby fulfilling one of St. Ignatius' desires, which is to plant seeds of faith so others can be fed.



Being servants for others

Having the gift of faith entails taking responsibility for making this world more humane, more just .St John's parishioners seek to follow faithfully St Ignatius' insistence and focus on action. One way has been their steady involvement and financial support with Omaha Together, One Community, and with the local St. Vincent de Paul's Society. Another is the partnership with people on the Pine Ridge reservation, for an annual exchange of socializing, cross-cultural education, prayer, and giving of gifts (pictured below.)

