



St. John's Catholic Church

Omaha's Jesuit Parish Located at Creighton University

2500 California Plaza Omaha, NE 68178

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Cornerstone laid 1887—Established as a Parish 1897—Designated a City Landmark 1981



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time—January 14, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD.

JOHN 1:36



All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

—Entrance Antiphon (Psalm 66:4)

We have come to know and believe
in the love that God has for us.

—Communion Antiphon (1 John 4:16)

Sunday 8:00 am Music

At this Mass, St. John's chants the responsorial psalm antiphon on this page and the congregational responses at #7, #10, #14, #17, and #824. A cantor chants the proper antiphons.

Saturday 5:00 pm & Sunday 10:30 am Music

Prelude: #566 Christ Has No Body Now But Yours

Gathering: #529 The Summons

Gloria: #93 Mass of Renewal

Psalm 40: (see below)



Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Bernard J. Portz, SJ © 1979, 1988.

Gospel Acc.: #84 Celtic Alleluia

Offertory: #539 Here I Am, Lord

Eucharistic Acc.: #96-101 Mass of Renewal

Communion: #596 Dwelling Place

#498 One Bread, One Body

Sending Forth: #864 Wake the World With Dawning Joy



Special Mass on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

A special Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice will be celebrated on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, January 15th at 9:00am

Since this is a University and St. John's Parish observed Federal Holiday, this will be the only Mass celebrated on January 15th.

The Parish Office is also closed on January 15th.

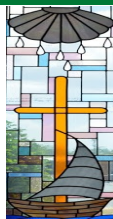
If you have a Sacramental Emergency
please call 531-263-9247

**St. John's parish is a Catholic Ignatian community
committed to welcoming all, celebrating Eucharist, and empowering all to serve
for the greater honor and glory of God.**

COMMUNITY



SAVE THE DATE
February 10th



**Celebrating Sacraments
this week:**
Sacrament of Baptism
Steven Michael Burton
Congratulations!

Annual Marti Gras Dinner
after the 5 pm Mass in Lower St. John's

More information to come.
All are invited!

SECOND COLLECTIONS

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUPPORT FOR
ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF ST. JOHNS PARISH
JANUARY 20–21**

As you know, St. John's no longer has a parochial school. However, some of our parishioners do send their children to area Catholic schools. St. John's has maintained an agreement with two schools, St. Pius/St. Leo and St. Cecilia, that allows our parishioners access to these schools just as their own parishioners would have. The Second Collection on January 20-21 will go for support of our parishioners who send their children to Catholic Schools. Thank you for your generosity!

Prayer Requests

Terry Moore	Julie Crotty-Guile	Colene Byrd
Ethan	Ann	Kathy Savory
Bruce	Dan Dwyer	Helen McGill
Fuller	Mike Blum	Mathew Felion
Faith	Annette	Mary Gautier
Doug Larson	Ollie & Michelle Broderson	Susan Recker Noah

Meeting and Events Calendar

Sunday—January 14

9:00 AM—1:00 PM Coffee & Donuts (LSJ)

Monday—January 15

Office Closed

Tuesday—January 16

4:00 PM Bible Study (CFRM)

Wednesday—January 17

6:00 PM Catechist Formation (LSJ)

Saturday—January 20

9:00 AM 12-step program (CFRM)
St. John's Bible Presentation (CH & LSJ)

Sunday—January 21

9:00 AM—1:00 pm Coffee & Donuts (LSJ)

LEGEND

LSJ—Lower St. Johns CH—Church
RSRM—Resource Room CFRM—Conference Room

EMERGENCY SERVICES

All incidents which require emergency assistance on the campus of Creighton University call
Public Safety at 402-280-2911.
Public Safety will meet and direct all emergency services to the exact location needed.
Non emergent needs call 402-280-2104

Weekly Offering Report for December 31st

Weekly Budget Goal	10,284.80	Annual Budget Goal	555,379.20
Weekend Contributions	12,036.05	Fiscal Year-to-Date Goal	287,974.40
Other	1,094.00		
ONLINE	552.00		
ACH			
TOTAL	13,682.05		
Above (Below) weekly goal	3,397.25	Amount Collected YTD	286,448.75
		Above (Below) YTD Goal	-1,525.65

Thank you for your continued support to
The Building Fund

We received \$12,963.48 in donations
for the month of December.











Online Giving is available with the use of this QR code to the left.
Thank you for supporting the ministry and mission of St. John's Parish.

DEADLINES FOR NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Below are the deadline dates for upcoming Parish Newsletters
Friday, Jan. 19th for Sunday, Jan. 28th
Friday, Jan. 26th for Sunday, Feb. 4th
Friday, Feb. 2nd for Sunday, Feb. 11th
Please submit all requests to LourdesEsquivel@creighton.edu
AND stjohns@creighton.edu with the subject line: NEWSLETTER.

Masses at St. John's This Week

Date		Feast	Readings	Mass Time—Location—Intention
1/14 Sun		2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42	8:00 AM—Church 10:30 AM—Church & Livestream All Sunday liturgies are offered for the people of the parish
1/15 Mon			1 Sm 15:16-23 Mk 2:18-22	9:00 AM—Church & Livestream
1/16 Tues			1 Sm 16:1-13 Mk 2:23-28	Noon—Church & Livestream— Healing Mass 9:00 PM—Church
1/17 Wed		Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Mk 3:1-6	Noon—Church & Livestream — Maristella Balucanag Kiff 8 –9 PM—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Church 9:00 PM—Church
1/18 Thur			1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Mk 3:7-12	Noon—Church & Livestream— Joseph B. Conahan 9:00 PM—Church
1/19 Fri			1 Sm 24:3-21 Mk 3:13-19	Noon—Church & Livestream— † Dallas Francis Hemenway 9:00 PM—Church
1/20 Sat			2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Mk 3:20-21	5:00 PM—Church—Anticipatory for Sunday
1/21 Sun		3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jon 3:1-5, 10 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20	8:00 AM—Church 10:30 AM—Church & Livestream 7:00 PM—Church 9:00 PM—Church All Sunday liturgies are offered for the people of the parish

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated:

Mon. — Fri. from 12:30PM to 1PM, Saturdays from 4PM to 5PM, Sundays 8PM to 9PM

Academic Year Masses Resume for Spring Semester

As we welcome our Creighton students back to campus on Tuesday, January 9 after their Christmas break, our academic year Mass schedule resumes for the Spring Semester. In addition to our regular, year-round parish Masses, the following liturgies will resume as we begin the new semester:

- Beginning Tuesday, January 9
 - Resumption of 9:00pm Monday-Friday Mass
 - Resumption of 8:00pm Exposition on Monday & Wednesday
- Sunday, January 14
 - Regular Parish 8:00am and 10:30 am Masses
 - No 7:00pm or 9:00pm Masses (MLK weekend)
- Monday, January 15
 - 9:00am Mass ONLY (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
 - No scheduled confessions
- Beginning Sunday, January 21
 - Resumption of 7:00pm & 9:00pm Sunday Masses
 - Resumption of 8:00pm Sunday Confessions

THANK YOU to Environment Helpers!

A huge THANK YOU to all who assisted in decorating and un-decorating the church for the Christmas season! We heard many positive comments about how the liturgical environment assisted people in entering more deeply into the season. So many hands made light work and we're grateful for your generosity of time and labor!



St. John's Music Ministry is looking for new members!

Musicians of all ages are invited to both **weekly** ensembles and special ensembles for **Triduum & Easter**. We especially need vocalists for weekly ensembles: all voice parts for the Saturday 5pm Mass, and especially sopranos for the Sunday 10:30am Mass. Rehearsals are the hour before Mass for those weekly ensembles. Rehearsals for Triduum & Easter liturgies will begin Feb. 18 and continue through Lent. Come join us! Contact MollyMattingly@creighton.edu.

Historic 24th Street Family of Parishes

As a continuation of the Journey of Faith Pastoral Planning process of the Archdiocese of Omaha, the Historic 24th Street Family of Parishes—St. John's, St. Benedict the Moor, and Sacred Heart—will engage in a discernment process beginning on January 21st, 2024.

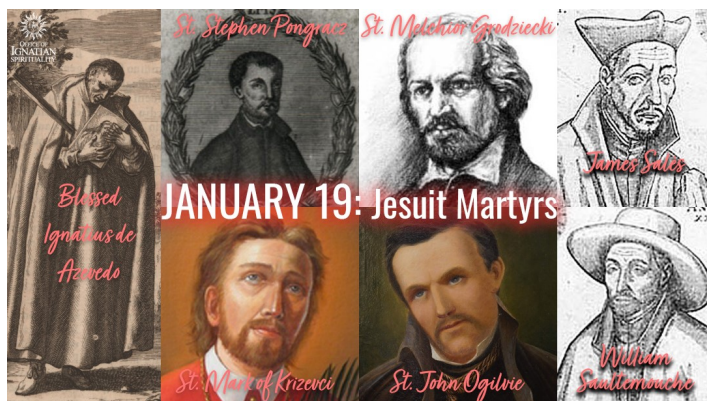


The Historic 24th Street
Family of Parishes

If you are interested in this process, or feel called to participate, please contact Sara sarasb@creighton.edu or Fr. Matt mwalsh@jesuits.org

Please continue to pray for the Journey of Faith Pastoral Planning process in our parishes and throughout the Archdiocese.

FEAST DAYS OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS IN JANUARY



January 19

Optional Memorial of Saints John Ogilvie, Priest; Stephen Pongrácz, Melchior Grodziecki, Priests, and Mark of Križevci, Canon of Esztergom; Blessed Ignatius de Azevedo, Priest, and Companions; James Salès, Priest, and William Saultemouche, Religious, Martyrs

Martyrs killed for the Catholic faith

Today we commemorate Jesuits who were killed for the Catholic Faith in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, after the Reformation. **John Ogilvie**, died 1615, ministered clandestinely to persecuted Catholics in Scotland. **Stephen Pongrácz** from Hungary, **Melchior Grodziecki** from Poland, and **Mark Križevci**, a local diocesan priest, ministered to the abandoned Catholics in Košice (Slovakia), and were martyred in 1619. **Ignatius de Azevedo** and 39 Jesuits he had recruited from Portugal for the Missions were massacred at sea in 1570 by French Calvinist pirates en route to Brazil. **James Salès**, a French Jesuit, ministered to straying Catholics in Aubenas, France, with his companion **William Saultemouche**, a Jesuit Brother. They were martyred in 1593.

OUTREACH

Eyeglass Recycling

Many of you have used eyeglasses and sunglasses that you don't know where to recycle. Mary Lou Carlson is a member of the Omaha Sunrise Lions Club and picks up used glasses from optic shops. Lions Club has a large recycling program and glasses are processed and labeled with prescription strength, boxed, and sent to many poor areas in the world. For example, through this process, sunglasses have been sent to Creighton programs in the Dominican Republic and the Pine Ridge Reservation. To make it easy for you to recycle, a Lions eyeglass recycle box has been placed near the elevator on the main church level.



St. John's Creation Care Team and Creighton's Office of Sustainability Programs will sponsor a Styrofoam collection*.



* No cups, plates, packing peanuts or food containers.



OMAHA

St. Peregrine Mass

The Servants of Mary Sisters invite you to join them for Mass every third Saturday at 11:00am in the Motherhouse chapel located at 7400 Military Avenue to pray for all those who are ill, their families and caregivers.

If you are unable to attend, you may view it on livestream by going to the osms.org website. You may also call (402-951-3092) and ask for prayers for yourself, family member or friend and the name(s) will be added to the Peregrine prayer list.

CREIGHTON



WEEKLY
RENEWAL

Creighton students are invited to stop by Campus Ministry on **Thursdays between 4-6pm** to take a break, slow down, relax, and renew. Themed treats provided.

LITURGY

Healing Mass

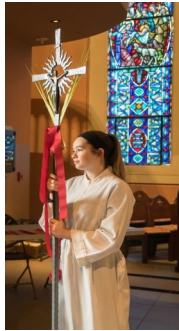
Please join us Tuesday, January 16th at NOON

The Sacrament of Anointing within the Mass is available to all those who are chronically ill, advanced in age, overly burdened with the struggles of life and even children who suffer from illness. The entire community is invited and encouraged to pray and support the sick and encouraged to pray and support the sick of our parish.



Adult Acolytes Formation Sessions

St. John's is seeking parishioners to serve the parish as adult Acolytes. Since Pope Francis opened the ministry of acolyte to women as well as men in 2021, the ministry of Liturgical Assistant at St. John's will now become that of Acolyte. Acolytes assist the presider at Mass in various ways including carrying the processional cross, holding ritual books, and assisting with the preparation of the altar. The formation and training for this ministry is a three-part series of lunch and-learns for prospective acolytes on the following dates:



- Sunday, February 4 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm
- Sunday, February 11 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm
- Sunday, February 18 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm

Formation sessions should be attended sequentially. Please register on the parish website so we can get an accurate count for food. Once a person has attended all three sessions, they will be scheduled to serve. Additional formation sessions will be held later in the spring.

For questions, please contact Chase Becker.

Training for New EMHCs, Lectors, and Hospitality Ministers

St. John's continues to need liturgical ministers to serve at all parish Masses, particularly at 8:00am and 10:30am on Sunday. Those who have discerned a call to serve in the ministries of Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC),



Lector, or Hospitality Minister are invited to attend a formation and training session on Sunday, January 28 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm, beginning in the Lower St. John's Conference Room. Please register on the parish website so that we can get an accurate count for food. If you are already currently serving in a particular ministry, you do not need to attend a session. These sessions are for new ministers and those wishing to serve in a new ministry.

For questions, please contact Chase Becker.

WISDOM ON THE WAY

This Sunday, we begin the first portion of Ordinary Time. Though the Gospel today is taken from John, we will hear mostly from Mark during Ordinary Time, as we are now in Year B.

Mark's is the briefest of the Gospels; it is also considered the most ancient by scholars. At the same time, Mark's Gospel lacks an infancy narrative (as does John's); it also has very little on the Resurrection. Brendan Byrne, SJ, in his "theological reading" of Mark, points out that "There is very little in Mark that is not repeated in Matthew and Luke..." In addition, "Mark also lacks content appearing in the other two [synoptic] gospels that has become distinctive of the Christian faith: The Beatitudes (Matthew 5: 3-12a; Luke 6: 20-23), The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6: 9-13[Luke 11: 2-4), the parables of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 29-37), and the Lost Son (Luke 15: 11-32), the evocation of the great judgment (Matthew 25: 31-46)." On this point, Fr. Byrne notes, "Without these Christianity would surely be something else; without Mark, it might not have been very different at all..."

A shocking statement, at least to my mind. However, he continues by noting that "without Mark's likely 'invention' of the gospel genre we would probably not have the gospels of Matthew and Luke, to say nothing of John." Apart from the fact that it is included among the four canonical gospels, Fr. Byrne highlights other aspects of our current context for which Mark may offer particular light and insight.

Mark's telling of the stories "seem particularly attuned to address the darkness of unbelief and despair afflicting many human lives today." In addition, Mark exhibits "a readiness to confront absence and, in some sense, chaos, something that comes across to many people as a distinct gift." Fr. Byrne continues by pointing out that Mark's gospel, "...seems particularly designed to address failure in community leadership, and the wider disillusionment and hopelessness to which that failure can give rise."

Mark's gospel is rife with encounters with evil. Handling these appropriately—in reading, preaching and living the gospel—takes discernment and skill. "...the encounters with the demonic in Mark's gospel..." Fr. Byrne continues, "...challenge us to look at our own society...[and consider the] forces exercising a dehumanizing control over people's lives today." I can, at times, become fixated/focused on evil and the bad news of our world; the challenge is to confront these with Jesus and to allow him to gently call me and lead me to peace, light and freedom.

I look forward to walking the pilgrim path through Year B with the St. John's community. Mark will be our special guide, and, as always, Jesus will be our teacher and light.

By Fr. Matt Walsh, SJ

****All quotations are taken from "A Costly Freedom: A Theological Reading of Mark's Gospel" by Brendan Byrne, SJ**

St. John's Church is a member of the "Historic 24th Street Family of Parishes"

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