



St. John's Catholic Church

Omaha's Jesuit Parish Located at Creighton University

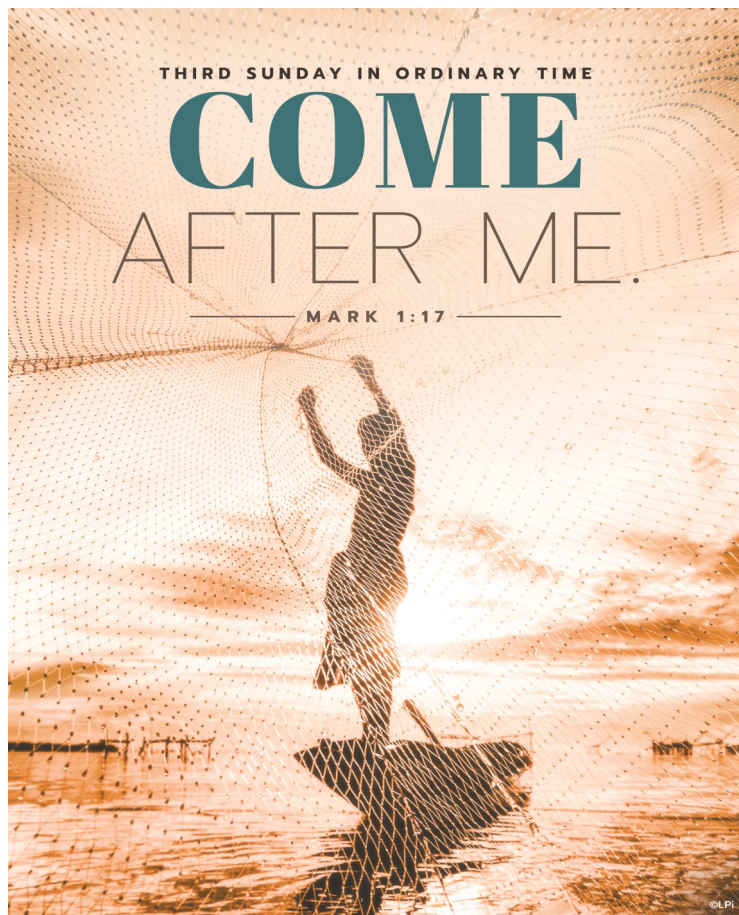
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Cornerstone laid 1887—Established as a Parish 1897—Designated a City Landmark 1981

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time—January 21, 2024



O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendor,
strength and honor in his holy place.

—Entrance Antiphon (Psalm 96:1, 6)

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me
will not walk in darkness, but will have eternal life.

—Communion Antiphon (John 8:12)

Psalm 25



Bernard J. Portz, SJ © 1978, 1991

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: #690 O Word of God
Gathering: #739 Sing a New Song
Gloria: #93 Mass of Renewal
Psalm 25: (see below)
Gospel Acc.: #84 Celtic Alleluia
Offertory: #280 Turn to Me
Eucharistic Acc.: #96-101 Mass of Renewal
Communion: #855 One In the Body of Christ
#566 Christ Has No Body Now But Yours
Sending Forth: #761 Find Us Ready

Sunday 7:00 pm Music

Prelude: #690 O Word of God
Gathering: #529 The Summons
Gloria: #93 Mass of Renewal
Psalm 25: (see below)
Gospel Acc.: #84 Celtic Alleluia
Intercessions: #10 Byzantine Chant
Offertory: #539 Here I Am, Lord
Eucharistic Acc.: #96-101 Mass of Renewal
Communion: #861 Hearts on Fire
Sending Forth: #761 Find Us Ready

Sunday 9:00 pm Music

Gathering: #539 Here I Am, Lord
Gloria: #93 Mass of Renewal
Psalm 25: (see below)
Gospel Acc.: # Mass of Restoration
Offertory: sung by a member of Candlelight Choir
Eucharistic Acc.: #96-101 Mass of Renewal
The Lord's Prayer: #822 Mass of True Devotion
Communion: #892 Sanctuary
#850 O Come to the Altar
Sending Forth: #858 Go Light Your World

**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



Celebrating Sacraments this week:

Sacrament of Marriage

Melissa Hanigan & John O'Donnell

Congratulations!

We prayerfully remember
Robert (Bob) Schumacher,
father of Martha Lemar,
Long time parishioner of St. Johns.
May Jesus Christ console his family and friends, especially
during this difficult time.



SAVE THE DATE February 10th

Annual Marti Gras Dinner
after the 5 pm Mass in Lower St. John's
More information to come. All are invited!

Prayer Requests

Terry Moore	Julie Crotty-Guile	Kathy Savory
Ethan	Ann	Helen McGill
Bruce	Dan Dwyer	Mathew Felion
Fuller	Annette	Mary Gautier
Faith	Ollie & Michelle Broderon	Doug Larson Noah

Meeting and Events Calendar

Sunday—January 21

9:00 AM—1:00 PM Coffee & Donuts (LSJ)

Tuesday—January 23

6:00 PM Finance Council Meeting (RSRM)

Thursday—January 25

6:30 PM Social Justice Committee Meeting (CFRM)

8:00 PM Prayer in the Style of Taizé (CH)

Friday—January 26

4:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal (CH)

Saturday—January 27

9:00 AM 12-step program (CFRM)

2:00 PM Wedding (CH)

Sunday—January 28

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

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!

Building Fund—January 27-28

*Why is there still a building fund collection?

The building fund addresses capital expenditures not accommodated by the regular operating budget.

- Rebuild two glass windows in resource room, completed in spring 2023, balance remaining \$5,270.00 –
- In this upcoming year and projected future projects:
 - * 35,000 ear marked for an updating of the lighting system in the church to be done in 1-2 years.
 - * Restoration of Holy Water fonts at the side entrances 1 \$1,500.00
 - * Installation of donated Pieta Statue 23-24 \$6,000.00
 - * Work in parish offices, installation of phone lines 23-24 waiting on cost
 - * Painting of the interior of St. John's potentially 2025, in conversation with Creighton about this. 5 years ago estimated cost was \$350,000.00
 - * Approximately 50 chairs in the church need repair, waiting on an estimate.
 - * additional maintenance expenses.

Weekly Offering Report for January 7th

Weekly Budget Goal	10,284.80	Annual Budget Goal	555,379.20
Weekend Contributions	3,372.30	Fiscal Year-to-Date Goal	318,828.80
Other	2,883.00		
ONLINE	1,845.00		
ACH	2,485.00		
TOTAL	10,585.30		
Above (Below) weekly goal	300.50	Amount Collected YTD	297,034.05
		Above (Below) YTD Goal	-1,225.15

Thank you for your support to

The Seminary Collection

We received \$ 388.00 in donations.

DEADLINES FOR NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Below are the deadline dates for upcoming Parish Newsletters









Friday, January 26th for Sunday, February 4th

Friday, February 2nd for Sunday, February 11th

Friday, February 9th for Sunday, February 18th

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
1/21 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
1/22 Mon		Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 Mk 3:22-30	Noon— AM—Church & Livestream—† Jim Hughes
1/23 Tues			2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 Mk 3:31-35	Noon—Church & Livestream— † Lorraine Anne Hemenway 9:00 PM—Church
1/24 Wed		Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	2 Sm 7:4-17 Mk 4:1-20	Noon—Church & Livestream — † Dr. Cecile Zielinski 8 –9 PM—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Church 9:00 PM—Church
1/25 Thur		Feast of The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle	Acts 22:3-16 Mk 16:15-18	Noon—Church & Livestream — Vegas Nelson 9:00 PM—Church
1/26 Fri		Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops	2 Tm 1:1-8 Mk 4:26-34	Noon-Church & Livestream— † 9:00 PM—Church
1/27 Sat			2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 Mk 4:35-41	5:00 PM—Church—Anticipatory for Sunday
1/28 Sun		4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Dt 18:15-20 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28	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



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.

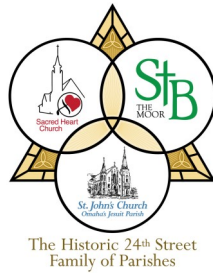


St. John's Music Ministry is looking for new members!

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.



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.

FAITH FORMATION

Parish Bible Study

Saint John's will continue to offer a Scripture study resuming January 16, 2024, from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM. The group meets in the conference room in lower St. John's, twice a month on the Tuesdays listed below unless weather does not permit and then we will meet on Zoom. The focus of this Spring study will be the Letter to the Romans. Dr. Eileen Burke-Sullivan will facilitate the group and members are encouraged to bring any contemporary translation of the Bible. If any participants first language is other than English they are welcome to bring their copy of the Scriptures in the language that is their first language.

The meeting dates, as currently scheduled, are:

Jan. 16, 30 Feb 13, 27 March 12, 26 April 9, 23 May 7, 21

CREIGHTON

Prayer in the Style of Taizé
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Thursday Jan. 25 at 8:00pm
around the altar at St. John's

It can be difficult to set aside time to be quiet and present to the Lord with our busy schedules. We invite you to spend 40 minutes in meditative prayer through songs, scripture, candlelight, and an illumination from the St. John's Bible. This is an ecumenical Christian prayer service. Everyone at St. John's, at Creighton, and in the greater Omaha community is invited!



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.

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.

EPS (Styrofoam™) Recycling Drive

EPS: Expandable Polystyrene

It's the hard white packaging foam used to transport goods like televisions, appliances, glass items, and perishables (coolers). EPS material may feature ♻️ and does not bend. Recycled EPS can be made into items such as surfboards, picture frames, construction materials, packaging, and more!

- Lower St. John's
- Saturday, January 27th after 5pm Mass
- Sunday, January 28th after 8am and 10:30am Mass



YES!
NO!



JESUIT PARISHES

Jesuit Parish Pilgrimage: Northern Italy to Rome
Milan * Italian Lake District * Venice * Bologna * Florence
Siena * Assisi * Orvieto * Rome



Hosted by Fr. Lorn Snow, S.J.

\$4,199 per person from Omaha
(Air/land tour price is \$3749 plus \$450 gov't taxes/airline surcharges)

*Space is limited—
Sign up today!*

11 Days: November 5–15, 2024

LITURGY

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!

Blessing of Candles on the Feast of the Presentation

On Friday, February 2 the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord. Masses at St. John's will be celebrated at noon and 9:00pm. This event recalls Jesus' presentation in the Temple in Jerusalem forty days after his birth by his parents in obedience to the Law of Moses. It is customary on this day to bless candles, recalling Simeon's reference to the infant Jesus as the "light for revelation to the Gentiles" (Luke 2:32). You are most welcome to bring your own candles to Mass to be blessed. Candles for home use will also be available at the entrance of the church for a donation.



Blessing of Throats of the Feast of St. Blaise

The Memorial of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr is observed on Saturday, February 3. According to tradition, while Blaise was being arrested for being a Christian, a distraught mother, whose only child was choking on a fishbone, threw herself at his feet and implored his intercession. Touched at her grief, Blaise offered up his prayers, and the child was cured. Consequently, Saint Blaise is invoked for protection against injuries and illnesses of the throat. A special blessing of throats will be held after the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, February 3.

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 chasebecker@creighton.edu

WISDOM ON THE WAY

Word of God Sunday Reflection 2024

On September 30, 2019, the 1600th anniversary of the death of St. Jerome, the great biblical exegete and translator, Pope Francis issued an apostolic letter instituting the celebration of Word of God Sunday on the third Sunday of Ordinary Time. Recalling that the risen Jesus opened the scriptures for his disciples on the road to Emmaus, the pope's letter explains: "Christ Jesus is knocking at our door in the words of sacred Scripture. If we hear his voice and open the doors of our minds and hearts, then he will enter our lives and remain ever with us."

In today's readings, God's knock at the door comes to unexpected venues, in surprising interruptions of listeners' ordinary time. God sends the prophet Jonah, not to the Jewish people, but to the pagans of Nineveh, who believe his message and repent. (Conversion comes more easily for the Ninevites than for Jonah, who rebels against the expansiveness of God's mercy). In Mark's gospel, Jesus calls his first disciples from the seashore rather than the Temple. Simon, Andrew, James, and John leave their fishing nets to follow him. For the community at Corinth, Paul distinguishes everyday human activities and statuses—marriage, bereavement, celebration, commerce—from the flexibility Christians must embrace to serve the coming reign of God. There is nothing less predictable, these scriptures tell us, than the invitations of grace.

While I aspire to generous flexibility, my desire must swim upstream against an ingrained cultural emphasis on advance planning. This week, I was asked to confirm an eye exam that I must have scheduled a year ago. In theory, so many of my future hours are already allocated, from recurring monthly or weekly meetings to courses arranged semesters in advance. Even my research projects and reviews have *deadlines*—an ironic name, given the unspoken assumption that I will live to complete them. Planning, while necessary, tends to reinforce the illusion of control. I cannot help remembering what my grandmother, born on the frontier in the early twentieth century, used to say when speaking about the future: "God willing, and the creek don't rise."

Sometimes, the creek rises. What we assumed is no longer possible, and grace becomes a life vest, as we float towards a different future. Sometimes, grace invites us to something we never anticipated, like a journey to Nineveh. Sometimes, grace enables us to respond to the present moment, although something else is already on our schedules. For if we "open the doors of our minds and hearts," grace will give us the flexibility—the apostolic availability—to set aside our nets when the Word of God calls.

By Julia Fleming

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

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Stay tuned to learn about events for the Historic 24th Street Family of Parishes