



St. John's Catholic Church

Omaha's Jesuit Parish Located at Creighton University

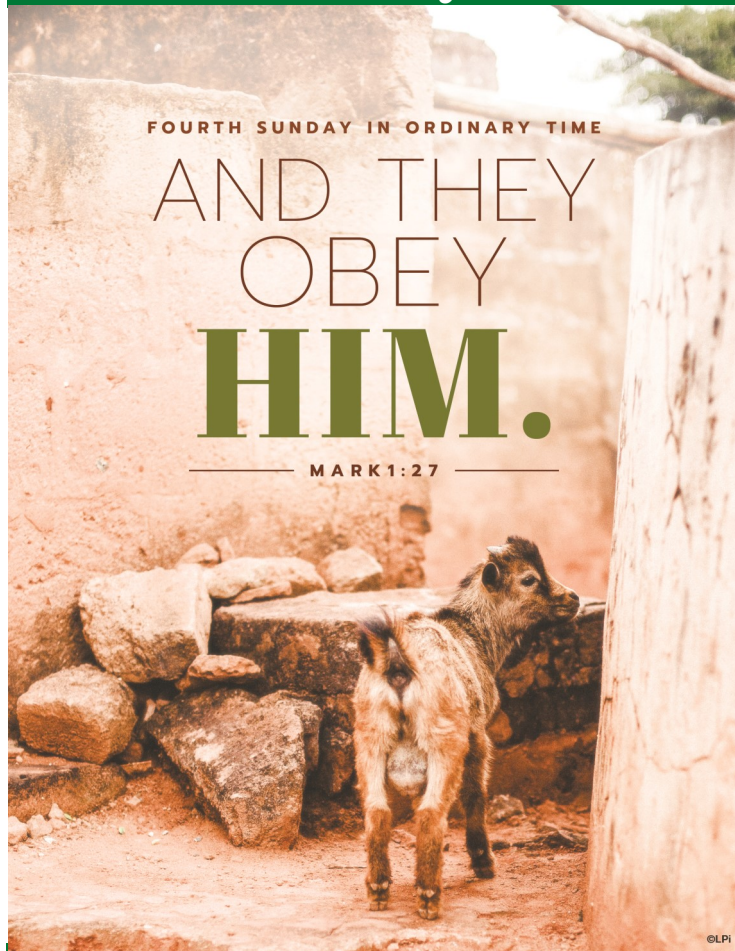
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Cornerstone laid 1887—Established as a Parish 1897—Designated a City Landmark 1981



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time—January 28, 2024



Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you. —*Entrance Antiphon (Psalm 106:47)*

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you. —*Communion Antiphon (Psalm 31:17-18)*

Psalm 95



If to - day you hear God's voice, hard-en not your hearts.

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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: #884 Confitemini Domino / Come and Fill Our Hearts

Gathering: #229 Save Us, O Lord

Gloria: #93 Mass of Renewal

Psalm 95: (see below)

Gospel Acc.: #84 Celtic Alleluia

Offertory: #692 Your Words Are Spirit and Life

Eucharistic Acc.: #96-101 Mass of Renewal

Communion: #881 With You, O Lord

#511 Taste and See

Sending Forth: #864 Wake the World With Dawning Joy

Sunday 7:00 pm Music

Prelude: #887 Take, O Take Me As I Am

Gathering: #465 Gather Your People

Gloria: #93 Mass of Renewal

Psalm 95: (see below)

Gospel Acc.: #84 Celtic Alleluia

Intercessions: #10 Byzantine Chant

Offertory: #573 Christ In Me Arise

Eucharistic Acc.: #96-101 Mass of Renewal

Communion: #419 Be Still, My Soul

Sending Forth: #864 Wake the World With Dawning Joy

Sunday 9:00 pm Music

Gathering: #849 Here I Am to Worship

Gloria: #93 Mass of Renewal

Psalm 95: (see below)

Gospel Acc.: #821 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

#537 The Servant Song

Sending Forth: #867 Blessed Be Your Name

7:00pm &
9:00pm



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

Anointing of the Sick at 5:00pm Mass on February 10 for World Day of the Sick

The weekend of February 10-11 is World Day of the Sick, an observation introduced by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes and is an important opportunity for those who serve in Catholic health ministry to reflect on caring for those who are sick as well as those who provide care to them. At St. John's we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, February 10. Any baptized member of the Christian faithful in danger due to sickness or old age may receive the sacrament of anointing. Examples of individuals who may wish to receive the sacrament include:

- Those facing serious health challenges such as cancer or chronic illness.
- Elderly persons who are weakened, even though no notable illness is present.
- Those who face surgery due to serious illness.
- Those who suffer serious mental illness.

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 Broderon	Susan Recker Noah

Meeting and Events Calendar

Sunday—January 28

9:00 AM—1:00 PM Coffee & Donuts (LSJ)

Monday—January 29

Tuesday—January 30

4:00 PM Bible Study (CFRM)

Saturday—February 3

9:00 AM 12-step program (CFRM)

Sunday—February 4

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



SAVE THE DATE
Annual Parish Mardi Gras Dinner
February 10th 6:00 pm
More information to come.
All are invited!

SECOND COLLECTIONS

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 14th

Weekly Budget Goal	10,284.80	Annual Budget Goal	555,379.20
Weekend Contributions	959.00	Fiscal Year-to-Date Goal	308,544.00
Other	1,795.00		
ONLINE	1,300.00		
ACH	0.		
TOTAL	3,784.00		
Above (Below) weekly goal	(-6,500.80)	Amount Collected YTD	300,818.50
		Above (Below) YTD Goal	(-7,725.95)

Jesuit Parish Pilgrimage: Northern Italy to Rome

Milan * Italian Lake District * Venice * Bologna *

Florence * Siena * Assisi * Orvieto * Rome

11 Days: November 5–15, 2024

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) Info? sueselde@creighton.edu 402-680-7449

SAVE THE DATE INFORMATIONAL MEETING ABOUT THE TRIP
MARCH 13TH 5:30-6:30 PIZZA IS PROVIDED

DEADLINES FOR NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Below are the deadline dates for upcoming Parish Newsletters









Friday, February 2nd for Sunday, February 11th

Friday, February 9th for Sunday, February 18th

Friday, February 16th for Sunday, February 25th

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
1/28 Sun	 <i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	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
1/29 Mon		2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 Mk 5:1-20	Noon—Church & Livestream—† William Pogge 8 –9 PM—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Church
1/30 Tues		2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30–19:3 Mk 5:21-43	Noon—Church & Livestream— Jim Grot 9:00 PM—Church
1/31 Wed	 <i>Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest</i>	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 MK 6:1-6	Noon—Church & Livestream — † Tom Driscoll 8 –9 PM—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Church
2/1 Thur		1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 Mk 6:7-13	Noon—Church & Livestream— † Stephen Bloodworth 9:00 PM—Church
2/2 Fri	 <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	Mal 3:1-4 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40	Noon—Church & Livestream— † Jeanne Wilson 9:00 PM—Church
2/3 Sat	 <i>Memorial of Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr</i>	1 Kgs 3:4-13 Mk 6:30-34	5:00 PM—Church—Anticipatory for Sunday
2/4 Sun	 <i>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 Mk 1:29-39	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

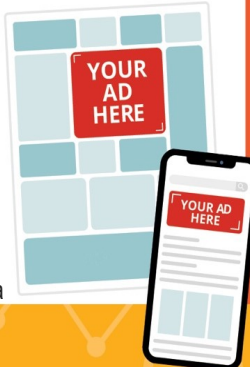
The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated:

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

AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Shelly Ferrante from LPI, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks]. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a



 **Shelly Ferrante**
402-690-0079

OUTREACH

Calling anyone interested!

The Outreach Commission of St. John's Parish is seeking anyone interested in growing our new outreach with Pascal's Pantry. **Pascal's Pantry** (www.pascalspantry.org) seeks to accompany the Haitian migrants of Batey 2 in the Dominican Republic as they work to improve their lives, their health, and their own human agency. As a new mission of the Parish, St. John's Pascal's Pantry Committee will accompany and assist the families of Batey 2 in all areas of human development through resource procurement, planning and collaboration. We invite St. John's parishioners to join a life-changing pilgrimage trip to the Dominican Republic to visit Batey 2 from April 29-May 3 on a first come first serve basis (limit 6 people). Accommodations for participants of this mission trip will be provided at the Institute for Latin American Concerns (ILAC). The trip will include time each day for group prayer and reflection at the ILAC. Anyone interested in joining Sara Schulte-Bukowinski and fellow parishioners on this pilgrimage, please e-mail Professor Tom Kelly at thomaskelly@creighton.edu.

Outreach—St. John's Parish Partners

Our Lady of the Sioux and Sacred Heart Parishes—part of the Oglala Lakota Catholic Community of Holy Rosary Mission on the Pine Ridge

As we approach the end of 2023, let us take a moment to reflect on all that we have accomplished as a church and community. Despite the challenges we faced this year, we came together with positivity and determination to make a real difference. We should be proud of the way that our church has reached out to the community, especially to those in need, as we embraced our differences, and actively worked towards building a better future for all. It is in times like these that we are reminded of the importance of coming together and supporting one another.

As we move into the new year, let us all remember the good that we have accomplished and to carry that positivity with us into the future. We have the power to make a real difference in the lives of those around us, and there is no doubt that we will continue to do so in the years to come. Thank you for your unwavering dedication to our church and for all that you do to make it a better place, God bless you all.

A year to remember 2023

BUILDING BRIDGES, BUILDING LIVES FAITH IN ACTION, LOVE IN MOTION

On behalf of our donors, let us take a moment to extend our heartfelt appreciation for their unwavering support and generosity throughout the year. Their donations have made a significant impact on the lives of many individuals and families in need, and we are truly grateful for their continuous commitment to our cause. For Thanksgiving we distributed a multitude of Thanksgiving bags, packed with essential food items for a Thanksgiving meal, all thanks to Saint John's parish for their kindness and contributions.



We extend our deepest gratitude to all of our donors who have selflessly contributed to our cause. It is because of their support that we have been able to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those who need it most. Their compassion and generosity serve as an inspiration to us all, reminding us of the power we possess to positively impact our community.

October Trunk or Treat was a tremendous success, thanks to your support and the active involvement of our wonderful community members. We would like to express our sincere appreciation for all those involved in creating a fun and safe environment for children and families to enjoy a memorable Halloween experience. The trunk decoration



tions were exceptionally creative, and the treats provided an abundance of joy to all that had attended the event. The positive feedback that was received from the community members present at the event reaffirms the significant impact we made together as a community. Our commitment to making this event a memorable one did not go unnoticed. Our hard work exemplified our shared values of community involvement and nurturing a welcoming atmosphere within our church. By coming together, we were able to provide a safe place for children to trick or treat, fostering a sense of belonging and togetherness.

As the new year dawns upon us, we would like to extend our warmest wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year. May this year bring peace, joy, and happiness. Let's start fresh with a renewed sense of purpose, positivity, and gratitude. Go in peace, and may God bless you abundantly. ~ Our Lady of the Sioux.

Dear Larry Brennan,

It is with great joy and excitement that I write to inform you of the wonderful changes taking place within our parish community. Firstly, I am thrilled to announce that we have recently witnessed a transition in leadership, resulting in the formation of a vibrant and dynamic parish council, Their fresh perspectives and enthusiasm promise to usher in a renewed sense of active involvement among our members.

I wanted to take a moment to share some heart warming observation that have recently caught my attention. It seems that in light of recent changes, people are coming forward to lend a helping hand, engage with one another, and foster a sense of community. In times of uncertainty, we often witness the true character of individuals shine through their action. Within the course of these past months, we have witnessed countless examples of neighbors reaching out, sharing resources, and caring for one another with unparalleled kindness.

One inspiring aspect that cannot go unnoticed is the way people are eagerly embracing the opportunity to contribute and make a difference. Through recognizing their contributions, we validate the importance of their action, amplifying the impact and inspiring others to follow suit.

I wanted to highlight the incredible transformation our church and community has undergone in recent times. It is heartening to see people stepping forward, engaging one another, and sharing their kindness without hesitation.

Sincerely, Vana Roubideaux

Our Lady of the Sioux-parish council member

LITURGY

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 ChaseBecker@creighton.edu.

WISDOM ON THE WAY

Every teacher has their own "thing" when it comes to writing. One of my teachers never allowed us to use absolutes (which, of course, is an absolute). Another teacher despised adverbs, believing they were redundant (who doesn't "yell loudly" or "quietly whisper"?). Personally, I cringe when my students qualify their thesis statements with "I believe" as in "I believe the Mongols were brilliant..." Today's gospel reminds me of my high school English teacher Mrs. Rempe's motto that: "punctuation matters."

Jesus' silencing of an unclean spirit leaves the people astonished, asking one another. "What is this?" The answer to which is not a hesitant guess made with shrugged shoulders, as in "a new teaching with authority?" It is a declarative statement of truth, punctuated with a period, not a question mark. It is "a new teaching with authority." Period. This authority is not derived from any human source but comes directly from Jesus' identity as the Son of God. The authority of Jesus is a clear sign of the Kingdom breaking into our world. It drives out darkness and brings liberation. This new teaching with authority is an active encounter with the Divine.

Today marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. During this week, we celebrate the critical role that Catholic education plays in nurturing young hearts that resonate with the Divine, fostering academic excellence, and forming individuals who are committed to serving others with compassion and justice. This year's theme, "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community" highlights the value of Catholic schools in our communities. In Catholic schools, classrooms are not just as repositories of knowledge but are sanctuaries where students encounter the Divine. Teachers are not only instructors, but also companions on each student's personal journey of spiritual growth. Students are not only learners, but beautiful instruments of God's transformative power in the world. Catholic schools empower students to recognize the authority of Jesus and respond with openness and generosity.

This week, let us pray with joy and gratitude for the gift of Catholic schools and that we embrace our call to discipleship and strive to be men and women for and with others who are committed to building God's Kingdom of justice, love, peace, mercy, and compassion. Let us pray for all Catholic school students, families, faculty, staff, administrators, and benefactors, that we, like the people of the synagogue, find ourselves astonished by the transformative power of faith and learning.

By Jackie Schulte

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Winter Encounter Retreat

Mar. 15-17, 2024. Registration open until Feb. 9

This retreat is for CU Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors looking for a weekend to deepen their relationship with God, self, and others. Cost: \$90. Financial assistance is available.



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

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