



St. John's Catholic Church

Omaha's Jesuit Parish Located at Creighton University

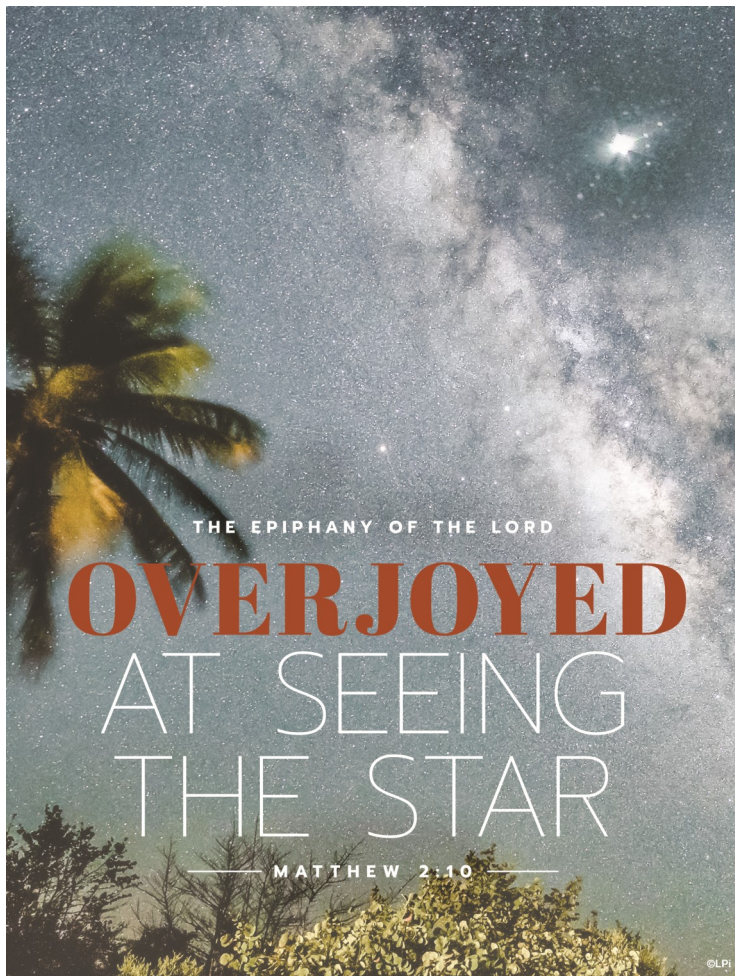
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Cornerstone laid 1887—Established as a Parish 1897—Designated a City Landmark 1981



The Epiphany of the Lord—January 7, 2024



Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and
dominion.

—Entrance Antiphon (Cf. Malachi 3:1; Chronicles
29:12)

We have seen his star in the East,
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

—Communion Antiphon (Cf. Matthew 2:2)

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: #241 Who Has Known

Gathering: #259 The First Nowell (vs.1-3)

Gloria: #93 Mass of Renewal

Psalm 72:



Lord, ev'-ry na-tion on earth will a-dore you.

Bernard J. Portz, SJ © 1979

Gospel Acc.: #810 Mass of the Body of Christ

Offertory: #255 We Three Kings

Eucharistic Acc.: #811-814 Mass of the Body of Christ

Communion: #829 Rise Up, Jerusalem

#256-257 Child of the Poor & What Child Is This

Follow the verse order suggested below "Child of the Poor"
to sing these partner songs together.

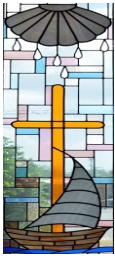
Sending Forth: #259 The First Nowell (vs.4-6)

Prayer Requests

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

**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 Baptism

Charles James Sudyka

Freya Colette Sudyka

Congratulations!

LITURGY

Help Take Down our Christmas Decorations!

As the Christmas Season draws to a close with the Solemnity of the Epiphany, plan to help “undecorate” the church as we return to Ordinary Time on Sunday, January 7 at 11:30am. Many hands make light work. Assisting with the church environment is a great way to get involved with St. John’s and to meet parishioners! Snacks and beverages will be provided for decorators. To help, simply show up in the sacristy at the time listed above. Please contact Chase Becker with questions.

Take Home a Poinsettia!

The Christmas season will conclude with the Solemnity of the Epiphany on Sunday, January 7. All are welcome to take home a poinsettia or two after the 10:30am Mass on this day. If poinsettias remain afterwards, they will be placed in the sacristy for a week, where you may pick one up at your convenience.

Meeting and Events Calendar

Sunday—January 7

9:00 AM—1:00 PM Coffee & Donuts (LSJ)

Monday—January 8

Tuesday—January 9

6:00 PM Leadership Meeting (LSJ)

Wednesday—January 10

Thursday—January 11

Friday—January 12

Saturday—January 13

9:00 AM 12-step program (CFRM)

Sunday—January 14

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

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.

SECOND COLLECTIONS



SEMINARY COLLECTION FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF OMAHA JANUARY 6-7

The seminary collection, along with other gifts to the seminary fund, enables the archdiocese to cover educational costs and pay stipends for living expenses for its students in major and minor seminaries. Your financial assistance will help support our future priests of the Archdiocese of Omaha.

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

Weekly Offering Report for December 24th

Weekly Budget Goal & Christmas	20,569.60	Annual Budget Goal	555,379.20
Weekend Contributions	1,529.84	Fiscal Year-to-Date Goal	277,689.60
Other	887.00		
ONLINE	467.00		
ACH	2,903.50		
Christmas	<u>10,256.85</u>		
TOTAL	<u>16,044.19</u>		
Above (Below) weekly goal	-4,525.41	Amount Collected YTD	272,766.70
		Above (Below) YTD Goal	-4,922.90

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
1/7 Sun	 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12	8:00 AM—Church 10:30 AM—Church & Livestream All Sunday liturgies are offered for the people of the parish
1/8 Mon	 <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Mk 1:7-11	Noon—Church & Livestream—Jim Grot
1/9 Tues		1 Sm 1:9-20 Mk 1:21-28	Noon—Church & Livestream— Brzica Family 9:00 PM—Church
1/10 Wed		1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Mk 1:29-39	Noon—Church & Livestream — †Beverly Dillon Crotty & Dr. Richard Quentin Crotty 8 –9 PM—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Church 9:00 PM—Church
1/11 Thur		1 Sm 4:1-11 Mk 1:40-45	Noon—Church & Livestream— Tom Locher (dcsd) 9:00 PM—Church
1/12 Fri		1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Mk 2:1-12	Noon-Church & Livestream— † Rosendo M. Balucanag
1/13 Sat		1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 Mk 2:13-17	5:00 PM—Church—Anticipatory for Sunday
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 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



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. There are no scheduled confessions this day.

The Parish office is also closed on January 15th.

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

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

SOCIETY OF JESUS FEAST DAYS

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Titular Feast of the Society of Jesus

Ignatius of Loyola and his nine "friends in the Lord" from the University of Paris called themselves "Company of Jesus" because they had pledged to follow Christ, their true leader, under the banner of the Cross in loving service to the poor. Later, they adopted the same title for the Order they would found. In Pope Paul III's Bull *Regimini Militantis Ecclesiae* (1540) approving the new religious Order, Company of Jesus was translated in Latin as *Societas Jesu* – Society of Jesus. The title is juxtaposed with the monogram IHS, the first three letters in Greek for JESUS, which is an integral symbol of Jesuit identity worldwide.

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 Saullemouche, 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 Saullemouche**, a Jesuit Brother. They were martyred in 1593.

OUTREACH



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!



WISDOM ON THE WAY

Epiphany, Synodality, and St. John's

The metaphors of today's readings and the current context of our faith lives here at St. John's leap off the page for me. Over the coming year and beyond, we are called both individually and communally to live this epiphany in our faith lives in a way that no one before ever imagined for the Catholic Church: Synodality—the renewed incarnation of God in our way of proceeding.

Imagine the Historic 24th Street parishes as the three kings: St. Benedict the Moore, Sacred Heart, and St. John's. We each bring our unique gifts to the incarnational celebration. What gifts do you believe each brings? We travel this Parish Family road together, trusting each other's wisdom, respecting each other's capacity for leading the caravan and following the star. That is synodality, the shared openness to learning from the other. Like the kings, we do not know where the Star (or in our case the Spirit) will take us, but we discern how to follow It together. Uncertainty is part of the journey. We are all, each member of St. Benedict's, Sacred Heart, and St. John's, searching for our King in this life. Just as the kings saw the sign in the star, we read the signs of our times to transform the way our Church operates, from hierarchical to local, from clerical to shared responsibility, from telling to listening.

The kings are not priests. They were lay leaders representing different tribes or countries. Can we see them as the diversity of the People of God, women and men, lay and ordained, young people and parents and seniors, all responding to a call greater than themselves to embark on this journey?

Even in the Gospel story, some powers that be, like King Herod, are threatened by a new type of king, a baby in a manger rather than a battle-hardened warrior. There is polarization. He says he wants the same thing as the other kings, to honor Jesus. It isn't clear to anyone how this is God's way. Unlike the communal discernment of the three kings seeking to learn from the other, he relies on his priests. Like the three kings, we learn to trust the Spirit within to guide us out of disagreement and conflict.

"And upon entering an unknown house, they prostrated themselves." Synodality requires our humility as we enter the houses of the Historic 24th Street parishes. Like Bethlehem, our Historic 24th Street churches are by no means least. We are well versed in social justice, spirituality, liturgy, and community. One of the unique gifts of our parish is the Ignatian tradition that animates and forms us in discernment. It shapes how we might recognize the Spirit within ourselves and each other.

Our call now is to lead as the kings led, honoring Christ with our combined gifts, showing other parish families the way to practice synodality and communal discernment. Rise up in splendor, St. John's and St. Benedict the Moore, and Sacred Heart! Your light has come and the glory of the Lord shines upon you!

By Lisa Kelly



Christmas Memorials

Rudy & Henrietta Bartek

Konrad Bartels

Dana Berg

Martin Berg

Borgoff & Howick Families

John & Lorraine Car

Jim & Myrtle Clarke

Phil Durant

Marion & Vloyce Felhausen

Lori Gigliotti

Virginia & Tony Gigliotti

Grant Family

Fr. Dennis Hamm, S.J.

Bruce Hansen

Ed & Florence (Lily) Haase

Joseph & Virginia Hemenway

Hermanek and Daly Families

Annette Jerkofsky

Randy Kollasch

Joan & Rudy Lesac

Ann Marasco

Alex McDonnell

John Francis McDonnell

Robert & Mary O'Connor

Leonard & Mary Ann Pernicek

Betty Jane Selde

Jim Shymanski

Margaret & Len Shymanski

Jerry Stender

Sr. Anna Wolfe

Ray Yost

Christmas Honorees

Kevin and Elli Wilhelm, 1st Anniversary

Kristyn & Dan Pilling family



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

Sacred Heart Church
www.sacredheartchurchomaha.org
2218 Binney Street

St. Benedict the Moor
<https://stbenedictomaha.com>
2423 Grant Street

St. John's Church
www.stjohns-creighton.org
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Stay tuned to learn about events for the Historic 24th Street Family of Parishes