



# 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

## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time—November 5, 2023



IN YOU, LORD,  
I HAVE FOUND  
*Peace.*

PSALM 131

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me!  
Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!  
—Entrance Antiphon (Psalm 38:22-23)

Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the  
Father, so whoever feeds on me shall have life because of me,  
says the Lord.

—Communion Antiphon (John 6:58)

### Psalm 131



In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

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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:** #873 In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful  
**Gathering:** #523 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service  
**Gloria:** #93 Mass of Renewal  
**Psalm 131:** (see below)  
**Gospel Acc.:** #84 Celtic Alleluia  
**Offertory:** #441 Restless Is the Heart  
**Eucharistic Acc.:** #96-101 Mass of Renewal  
**Communion:** #874 May You Cling to Wisdom  
#886 In Your Dwelling Place  
**Sending Forth:** #760 Lead Me, Lord

### Sunday 7:00 pm Music

**Prelude:** Unclouded Day  
**Gathering:** #537 The Servant Song  
**Gloria:** #93 Mass of Renewal  
**Psalm 131:** (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:** #573 Christ In Me Arise  
**Sending Forth:** #538 City of God

### Sunday 9:00 pm Music

**Gathering:** #849 Here I Am to Worship  
**Gloria:** #93 Mass of Renewal  
**Psalm 131:** (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  
#875 How Great Is Our God  
**Sending Forth:** #536 Go Out, Go Out

**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

## St. John's to Host Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for Students

St. John's will hold its annual free Thanksgiving Dinner for Creighton students from 5:00-6:30 P.M. on Wednesday, November 22, in Lower St. John's (LSJ). Every year students unable to go home for Thanksgiving enjoy a traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings. No sign up is required to attend.

The dinner is cohosted by St. John's Parish, the Creighton Jesuit Community, and Campus Ministry.

St. John's parishioners willing to roast a turkey, bring a salad/side dish, dessert, or willing to work the dinner can sign up on the sheets located at the church entrances and online beginning November 4-5.

We look forward to celebrating with you.  
The Thanksgiving Dinner Committee



## Prayer Requests



Terry Moore	Julie Crotty-Guile
Ethan	Ann
Bruce	Dan Dwyer
Ollie & Michelle Broderson	Mathew Felion Annette
Faith	Kathy Savory
Jim O'Neill	Nancy Rohatsch
Rachel Ignacio	Colene Byrd

## Meeting and Events Calendar

### Sunday— November 5

9:00 AM—1:00 PM Coffee & Donuts (LSJ)  
9:00 AM Religious Ed (LSJ)

### Tuesday—November 7

4:00 PM Bible Study (CFRM)

### Friday—November 10

6:30 PM AA Meeting (CFRM)  
4:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal (CH)

### Saturday—November 11

9:00 AM 12-step program (CFRM)  
2:00 PM Wedding (CH)

### Sunday—November 12

9:00 AM—1:00 pm Coffee & Donuts (LSJ)  
9:00 AM Religious Ed (LSJ)

### LEGEND

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

## Veteran's Day

Almighty God,  
we commend to your gracious care  
and keeping all persons  
of our armed forces at home  
and abroad.

Defend them day by day  
with your heavenly grace;  
strengthen them  
in their trials and temptations;  
give them courage  
to face the perils which beset them;  
and grant them a sense  
of your abiding presence  
wherever they may be;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

prayer for members of the armed forces,  
BCP, pg. 823

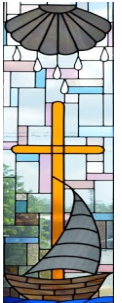


## Celebrating Sacraments this week:

**Sacrament of Marriage**  
Thomas Haggstrom & Emily Newcomb

**Sacrament of Baptism**  
Jack Beske

**Congratulations!**



## Weekly Offering Report for October 22nd

Weekly Budget Goal	10,284.80	Annual Budget Goal	555,379.20
Weekend Contributions	13,122.17	Fiscal Year-to-Date Goal	174,841.6
Other	445.00		
ONLINE	502.38		
ACH	2,903.50		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>16,973.05</u></b>		
Above (Below) weekly goal	6,688.25	Amount Collected YTD	163,502.25
		Above (Below) YTD Goal	<b>-11,339.35</b>

Thank you for your continued support to  
**The World Mission Collection**  
We received \$473.00 in donations.











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  
**Thursday, November 9th at 3PM for Sunday, November 19th**  
**Wednesday, Nov. 15th at 3PM for Sunday, Nov. 26th**  
**Wednesday, Nov. 22nd at 3PM for Sunday, December 3rd**  
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
11/5 Sun	 <b>31st Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13 Mt 23:1-12	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
11/6 Mon	 <i>The Commemoration of All the Departed of the Society of Jesus.</i>	Rom 14:7-9, 10c-12 John 6:37-40	Noon—Church & Livestream † Mary Ann Krzemien  8–9 PM—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Church 9:00 PM—Church
11/7 Tues	 	Rom 12:5-16ab Lk 14:15-24	Noon—Church & Livestream— † Randy Kollasch  9:00 PM—Church
11/8 Wed	 	Rom 13:8-10 Lk 14:25-33	Noon—Church & Livestream — † Barb Braden  8–9 PM—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Church 9:00 PM—Church
11/9 Thur	 <i>Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome</i>	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22	Noon—Church & Livestream— † Nick Peters  9:00 PM—Church
11/10 Fri	 <i>Memorial of Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church</i>	Rom 15:14-21 Lk 16:1-8	Noon—Church & Livestream— † Gretchen P. Balucanag  9:00 PM—Church
11/11 Sat	 <i>Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop</i>	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 Lk 16:9-15	<b>5:00 PM—Church—Anticipatory for Sunday</b>
11/12 Sun	 <b>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Wis 6:12-16 1 Thes 4:13-18 Mt 25:1-13	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**

#### Prayer for the Feast of All Saints and Blessed of the Society of Jesus

Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, though we are sinners, you have called us to be his companions and to engage in the crucial struggle of our time, the struggle for faith, justice and love.

Bring to completion in us the work you began in Ignatius and so many of his followers.

Place us with your Son, as you placed them, and take us under the banner of the Cross to serve him alone and his Church.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



## OMAHA



# Saint Benedict Center

### CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW

A special two-week opportunity to do Christmas shopping at  
*Saint Benedict Center, Schuyler, NE*  
November 26 - December 10

M-F 2:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Sat.-Sun. 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
A very large variety of crafts and gifts made by area artists will  
be on sale. Book and Gift Store will be open.

For more information, call (402) 352-8819.

<https://christthekingpriory.com/retreats-schedule/2023-christmas-craft-show>

### Ixim: Spirit of Solidarity – Join Us on Mission

Since 2004, parishioners from across the Archdiocese of Omaha have gone to our sister diocese in Huehuetenango, Guatemala to work alongside our sisters and brothers in Christ. Ixim missionaries build bridges of understanding and solidarity by learning about the lives and realities of those in Huehuetenango. Over the years, Ixim missionaries have staffed medical clinics, taught lessons at local schools, applied fluoride treatments to children, assisted with reforestation projects, painted parish and school buildings, and helped implement clean water projects. Our 19<sup>th</sup> trip will be June 13 – June 23, 2024. Learn more about our mission trip at an upcoming information meeting:



**Monday, November 6 at 7:00 PM at St. Stephen the Martyr**  
Gonderinger Center (16701 S St., Omaha, NE 68135)

**Thursday, November 16 at 7:00 PM on Zoom**

**Sunday, December 3 at 12:00 PM at St. Frances Cabrini**  
Cabrini Parish Center (1248 S 10 St., Omaha, NE 68108)

**Thursday, December 14 at 7:00 PM at St. Margaret Mary**  
West Campus (100 N. 62nd St., Omaha, NE 68132)

**Tuesday, January 9 at 7:00 PM on Zoom**

Contact Charlie for Zoom links or to reserve a spot at an in-person information meeting: [cpetro@archomaha.org](mailto:cpetro@archomaha.org) or

**Building Up Your Holy Family**  
December 9, 2023 | 8:30 AM-4 PM

A few of our speakers include Sharon Doran from *Seeking Truth Catholic Bible Study* and Dr. Brandon Harvey from the *Evangelium Institute*.



We will continue to announce speakers as the event gets closer. Mass and Confessions will be available. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. All you have to do is come!

Registration is \$65 per person and is limited to the space we have available.

Register soon to ensure you have a spot!



## OUTREACH

### Forget Me Not

Has Dementia touched your life? Please join us on second Sundays for our St. John's Dementia Support Group after Mass from 12:00-12:45 in Lower St. John's. Hosted by Jonie Sturek and Heidi Dunning with Family Ties. If you have any questions, please call Heidi 402.201.6633 Dementia Practitioner.



The St. John's racial justice learning group invites you to join us. We are each responsible for doing our own work of listening and learning in the world. We gather once monthly to share the fruits of this listening in a Zoom conversation, which allows us to

ask questions and share our curiosity in a nonjudgmental environment. We are currently also exploring "The Spiritual Work of Racial Justice: A month of meditations with Ignatius of Loyola" written by Dr. Patrick Saint-Jean, SJ. This group is ongoing and is always open to new members.

We meet monthly on the 2nd Sunday of each month, for more information please contact Sara at [sarasb@creighton.edu](mailto:sarasb@creighton.edu)

## CREIGHTON



### Spring Break '24 Service & Justice Trips Applications are *now open!*

Schlegel Center for Service and Justice (SCSJ) is excited to offer **Spring Break '24 Service & Justice Trips**. The application deadline for participants is **Nov. 15, 2023**. Learn more about this signature program on Instagram [@creighton\\_scsj](https://www.instagram.com/creighton_scsj). Our program sends 200 students in small teams to serve and learn from community partners across the U.S. The trips occur over each fall and spring break. The work of each team varies (e.g., learning about migration, poverty, homelessness, environmental justice, antiracism, and serving in a variety of ways including hands on service, tutoring and accompaniment, etc.). The program is anchored in seven core pillars: service, justice, solidarity, simplicity, sustainability, community, and reflection. Questions? Contact: SCSJ Assistant Director Cristina Hiddleston [cristinahiddleston@creighton.edu](mailto:cristinahiddleston@creighton.edu)

### SCSJ Weekly Service

Looking to get involved in our Omaha community? Join the SCSJ for weekly service! Serve with other Creighton students at various community partners. Learn more and sign up on our [website](http://www.creighton.edu/scsj) today! [www.creighton.edu/scsj](http://www.creighton.edu/scsj)

Come once or regularly, sign up for each week you are able to attend. Transportation is provided.

Questions? Email [BeccaHuju@creighton.edu](mailto:BeccaHuju@creighton.edu)

Thursdays 4:00-7:30 pm, [Nov 9](#) [Nov 16](#)- Siena Francis House  
Fridays 10:00 am -12:45 pm, [Nov 3](#) [Nov 10](#) [Nov 17](#) - City Sprouts  
Fridays 2:40-5:30 pm, [Nov 10](#) [Nov 17](#) - Refugee Empowerment Ct.  
Saturdays 10:00 am-1:00 pm, [Nov 11](#) [Nov 18](#)- Habitat ReStore

## LITURGY

### Remembering the Jesuit Martyrs of El Salvador November 16<sup>th</sup> – Noon Mass



At the noon mass we will remember those who lost their lives in El Salvador on November 16, 1989

Ignacio Martín-Baró, S.J.  
Segundo Montes, S.J.  
Juan Ramón Moreno, S.J.  
Joaquín López y López, S.J.  
Amando López, S.J.  
Elba Ramos  
Celina Ramos

### Healing Mass

#### Please join us Tuesday, November 21st 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 of our parish.



### Prayer in the Style of Taizé Thursday Nov. 9 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!



## WISDOM ON THE WAY

### Call to Servant Leadership

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Truly, that is how Jesus wants us to call one another for, as the Gospel puts it, we have one teacher and a master, and we all are brothers and sisters. Let me, therefore, greet you once more, "My dear sisters and brothers!"

While the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of today suggests that the chiefs at the time of the prophet Malachi were accountable for leading people astray because of their scandalous deeds, the Gospel test of the day declares that the religious leaders at the time of Jesus were found to lead people away from God rather than to God. The 'Moses' seat' in the gospel, therefore, is a metaphorical expression that Jesus uses to indicate the teaching and administrative authority of the synagogue leadership held by Scribes and Pharisees who were known for their religious knowledge and outward piety. Against this background, Jesus addresses his disciples and the crowds revealing a tripartite flaw in their leadership: (a) they preach but do not practice; (b) they burden others but do not lift a finger to help them carry it; and (c) they act but for wrong reasons – status, honor, pride, and to impress others.

Saint Ignatius of Loyola, in his *Spiritual Exercises*, explains the Matthaean Jesus in his meditation on the Two Standards: The Standard of the Devil (or of the world) and the Standard of Christ (or of the Cross). While those who serve under the banner of the Devil are lured into a vicious cycle of riches, honors, and hubris, leading to all vices and eventual demise, those serving under the banner of Christ are motivated by poverty (both spiritual and material), underappreciation (and opprobrium), and humility—the door to all virtues.

Put together, today's readings serve as a timeless warning especially to those in positions of authority and leadership. Whether within the Church which is currently on its synodal journey or in the wider world which is increasingly plagued with wars of all sorts, the invitation is to embrace a different kind of leadership, a true greatness measured by the depth of one's humility and the sincerity of one's service to others. The humility spoken here is not about thinking less of oneself. Rather it is about thinking of oneself less so that one has more room to become aware of the needs of others. The service, on the other hand, is the way to live our lives as an acknowledgment of the ultimate authority and worth of life that comes from our one and only teacher and the master – Almighty God. Therefore, the greatest among us, as Jesus says, must be everybody's servant. Therefore, let us ask ourselves,

1. To what extent do I consider my life-work and that of others as the greatest honor and privilege received from God?
2. What incongruences do I find today between my life-work and the Standards of Christ?
3. What resolutions do I take today to live my life-work in such a way that I say what I believe and do what I say?

May we strive hard to exemplify servant leadership in all we say and do in our life-work as a living testament to Christ's transformative teaching!

Fr. Rashmi M. Fernando, SJ  
EdD | Mission & Ministry

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

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www.sacredheartchurchomaha.org  
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St. Benedict the Moor  
https://stbenedictomaha.com  
2423 Grant Street

St. John's Church  
www.stjohns-creighton.org  
2500 California Plz.

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