

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 27, 2008

ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH COMMUNITY



**We are in need of the following teachers for our
Religious Education classes:**

Sunday 9:30-10:30am

1 for Pre-School
1 for Kindergarten

4:15-5:30pm

2 for Grade 1
1 for Grade 2
2 for Grade 3
1 for Grade 4
2 for Grade 5
2 for Grade 6

6:00-7:15pm

2 for Grade 1
3 for Grade 2
1 for Grade 3
1 for Grade 5
3 for Grade 6

7:30-9:00pm

2 for Grade 7
2 for Grade 8
5 for Grade 9

We encourage all parishioners (*adults with children in the program, adults without children in the program, young adults, older adults*) to be a part of this important ministry. We need to be an inspiration to the children of our parish so they can carry out the work of the church. For more information, please contact Sr. Marietta at 895-0896.

Please volunteer.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

One of the great "mysteries" of our faith is that of "Predestination." At the time of the Protestant Reformation, Calvin, a Swiss reformer, preached it as the keystone of what would become Presbyterianism. He said that St. Paul taught it, namely that you are either predestined to heaven or you are not, and that you cannot do anything about it. If you are saved, you are. If you are not, you are not. The Church proclaimed Calvin a heretic, and his teaching on the subject as heresy.

The second reading for this Sunday is the source of the mystery (meaning we can understand part of it, but not all of it). St. Paul says: "For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son....And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified."

There are several things to be considered when looking at the theology of Predestination. St. Paul is the source of many things. In this regard, Paul says two major things: "God wills the salvation of all"; and "Christ died once for all." One could conclude from those two statements that everyone is "predestined" to heaven.

However, the Gospels leave little doubt about the fact that not all go to heaven. The Judgment Day scene in Matthew: "I was hungry and you did not feed me...depart from me you accursed into everlasting fire...." And so on. It seems that a great deal is left up to our free will and choice to respond to what God has done for us. It seems to be a normal human belief that we have a free will and free choices, meaning we are not on strings with God running them.

St. Augustine was one of our Church's greatest teachers in the fifth century and he concerned himself about the mystery. His conclusion was that it is indeed a mystery, not to be fully understood, but to be believed, and that we

pray as though everything about our salvation depends on God, and act as though it all depends on us.

Paul will also say that it is our faith and not our good works that save us. This is also a mystery. Catholic theology has always followed the principle that the first grace of salvation is a gift from God; so is faith; so is every grace throughout life; and the grace of final perseverance is the final gift. Our salvation is entirely a gift of God. It is our faith in Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection that brings about our salvation, both here on earth and ultimately in heaven.

Does our salvation depend on us at all? I return to the Judgment scene: "Come you blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you for I was hungry and you fed me; thirsty and you gave me drink....As long as you did it for the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it for me." You *DID* it. It takes some action on our part of doing actions which are a reflection of that faith that Jesus is found in the least of his brothers and sisters.

In addition to that scene, we have the story of the Rich Man and Lazarus, the beggar at his gate, whose only friends are the dogs that lick his sores. The Rich Man does nothing for the beggar, though he also is not pictured as persecuting him or having him arrested. He just *DID NOTHING*, and as a result ends up in the place of torment forever. The judgment seems to rest entirely on the fact that he did nothing to alleviate the poverty of Lazarus.

It seems clear to me that we must put action to our faith or we fail to respond to the gift of salvation. It takes the simplicity out of saying that we just need to have faith to be saved. "To love God with our whole heart and soul and mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves, these are the greatest commandments."

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Pat McCaslin

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CONTRIBUTIONS LAST SUNDAY

July 20, 2008

Sunday collection: \$9,610
Dollar collection: 493

Luke 8:1-3 "After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, and also some women who...were helping to support them out of their own means."

Baptisms

Our *Welcome Your Child* Baptism preparation program consists of two mandatory sessions, each lasting two hours. All registered parents having a child baptized will be required to attend, even if they have had a child baptized before. Please plan to attend classes **after** your child has been born.

Please call the Parish Office at 895-0808 to sign up for classes.

Upcoming Classes:

Sunday, August 3rd and Tuesday, August 5th
Sunday, September 7th and Tuesday, September 9th
Class on Sunday begins after the 9:30am Mass, class on Tuesday begins at 7:00pm.

Please meet downstairs in the Education Center, Rm 9.

Upcoming Baptisms:

Sunday, August 10th at 9:30 Mass
Sunday, September 14th at 9:30 Mass

Expectant Parent Blessing:

Sunday, August 10th at 11:30 Mass
Saturday, September 13th at 5:30 Mass

The Family Life Office, together with the Archbishop, **invites couples who have been married 5, 25, 40, 50, 55, and 60 or more than 60 years of marriage to renew their vows at the annual Archdiocesan Celebration of Marriage with Archbishop Elden Curtiss.** This year's Celebration will be held on September 7th at St. Cecilia's Cathedral in Omaha. To register for this event, please call Amy Wilson at 551-9003 or 888-800-8352 or email her at alwilson@archomaha.org. **Please register by this Thursday, July 31st** in order to receive a special keepsake invitation.



IN MEMORY OF FR. TOM WARD

In memory of Fr. Tom Ward and his love of the sacred scriptures, we are trying to provide 120 hard bound bibles, each of which are \$10.00 for each religious education student to use during class time.

If you would like to honor Fr. Tom Ward's memory and supply the scriptures for the religious education students, an offering may be made at the office, and a note will be placed in the bible with the contributor's name.

We have collected enough money to purchase 86 bibles so far. Thank you for your generosity.

SJV All Parish Cleaning
Saturday, August 9th, from 8 - 4
Come anytime during the day!

There is a lot of cleaning to be done, both inside and outside the building. We can use as many hands as we can get!

Great service hours, great way to donate some of your time to SJV.



CLEANING SUPPLIES NEEDED:
Murphy's Oil Soap, paper towels and small buckets

NEW EM AND LECTOR TRAINING

Training & Mandation dates

Sunday, Aug. 17th at St. Columbkille from 1:30-4:30pm
Tuesday, Aug. 19th at St. Vincent de Paul from 7:00-10:00pm
Thursday, Aug. 28th at St. Leo's from 7:00-10:00pm

YOU ONLY NEED TO ATTEND ONE OF THE ABOVE SESSIONS

YOU MUST ATTEND THE MANDATION CEREMONY ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH AT ST. CECILIA'S CATHEDRAL AT 7:30PM.

There will be a SJV training session held sometime after the Mandation date for you.

If you are interested in becoming a mandated EM or lector, **please call the parish office at 895-0808 to sign up by THIS THURSDAY, JULY 31ST.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

895-0896

While we are waiting for volunteers to fill several teaching positions, we continue to form classes on a first come, first serve basis. If you have not registered your child yet, please do so as soon as possible.

MEALS FOR FR. PAT

There are various containers and a crock pot left from parishioners who have graciously brought Fr. Pat dinner. These items can be found on the counter in the kitchen off the Social Hall.

Y.E.S.S. YOUTH

(7th-12th grade)

SAVE THE DATE!

August 1st: CORE team applications due!!!!!!!!!!!!

August 8th-9th- CORE team retreat @ Sheehan Center

August 17th & 21st discipleship retreat team meeting

August 22-23rd Discipleship retreat!

As always, all High School aged youth and their friends are welcome and encouraged to attend all youth group events! If you are in Junior High and just can't *wait* to join, please come to our events and see what we're about. If you have questions call Anna Baker 895-0808 (or cell 452-6405).

CLASSY SENIORS

Friday, August 15th we will visit **Trinity Heights in Sioux City, IA.**, a beautiful religious site. After a self-guided tour of the displays (indoors and outdoors), we will enjoy a **catered lunch** in the **Marian Center** there. Then we will reboard our bus for **Well's Blue Bunny Ice Cream Museum/Parlor in LeMars, IA.** An air conditioned, comfortable seating motor coach will be in our **SJV parking lot at 8:45am (sharp) and return approx. 7:00pm.** The cost is **\$27 for each member and \$31 for each non-member.** The cost includes transportation, driver gratuity, lunch and rental of the Marian Center. Your **NON-REFUNDABLE** reservation is due **Friday, August 8th to Karen Weires (15706 Drexel Circle, 68135).** Come join us for a beautiful, educational, yummy day! Ask a friend to join you!

5th Annual
SJV Golf Outing

****SUNDAY**, September 14th**
Eagle Hills in Papillion, 12:00pm tee off



All proceeds will go to a needy SJV parish family.

We'll need all the support we can get to make this another successful outing.

YOU MIGHT BE ASKING YOURSELF, "HOW CAN I HELP?"

PLAN TO GOLF....**your level of play does not matter, just throw a foursome together (ask your family, friends, coworkers or neighbors to join you) OR register as an individual and we'll place you. ***Registrations are on the table in the Narthex.

***SPONSOR A HOLE....**have your name or your company name at a specific hole OR honor a loved one or your family by sponsoring a hole in their name.

***PLACE AN AD IN OUR GOLF BROCHURE.** We offer inexpensive advertising!

***BE A SJV "PARTner"** by listing your name or honor your loved ones by listing their names in our brochure.

***MAKE A MONETARY DONATION OR PRIZE DONATION.**

Please stop by the table in the Narthex to register, sponsor a hole, advertise, become a "PARTner" or to make a donation.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, July 28th

8:00pm Al Anon meeting-Ed. Center, Room 8

Tuesday, July 29th

7:30pm AA meeting-Youth Room

Wednesday, July 30th

6:30pm **Wedding of Jeannie Sloup & Dan Quinn**

Thursday, July 31st

10:00am Al Anon meeting-Youth Room

6:00pm SAA-Education Center

6:00pm SOSA-Education Center

7:30pm Adult Choir

Friday, August 1st

10:00am Mass at Good Samaritan

Saturday, August 2nd

8:00am Cleaning Crew

2:00pm **Wedding of Kelli Kopocis & Russell Herstein**

Sunday, August 3rd

10:30am Welcome Your Child class-Ed. Center

Ministry of Praise August Prayer Intention

We pray for the safety of our children as they go back to school.



Please continue to pray for our military men and women and their families.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 28th

7:00am † Jane McGowan

9:00am † Deceased members of the Sanford Family

Tuesday, July 29th

7:00am † John Cyronek

9:00am † Lou Piccolo

Wednesday, July 30th

7:00am † Renee Renner Lowe

9:00am † Gloria Kass

Thursday, July 31st

7:00am Intention of the Tony Miller Family

9:00am † Janis Tasler

Friday, August 1st

7:00am Intention of Jeff & Genny Wolf

9:00am † Sharlene Moore

10:00am † Gladyce & Harold Huebert @ Good Samaritan

Saturday, August 2nd

7:00am † John Russell Pleskac

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:30pm For the living parishioners

Sunday, August 3rd

7:30am † Ann Foreman

9:30am † John O'Hara

11:30am † Tony Higgins



Please remember in your prayers all our loved ones who have passed away recently, especially Thomas W. Stanosheck, brother of Patricia Stanosheck and Kathleen & Harold Logan. *If you have a loved one who has recently passed away and would like their names listed, please call the office.*

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

8/2-3	Saturday 5:30pm	Sunday 7:30am	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 11:30am
Presider	Fr. Pat	Fr. Dennis	Fr. Jack	Fr Pat
Eucharistic Ministers	1. B. Ackley 2. J. Choi 3. D. Cosgrove	1. J. Sawtelle 2. H. Sawtelle 3. R. Epp	1. B. Drewes 2. F. Telich 3. B. Lichter	1. R. Balwanz 2. C. Luczynski 3. B. Brown
C. Grossman to Millard Manor M. Clark to Good Samaritan	4. A. Hausman 5. C. Walstrom 6. Y. Steier 7. K. Martinez 8. S. Block 10. K. Rueschhoff	4. K. Epp 5. P. Finney 6. L. Finney 7. K. Korth 8. C. Luedtke 10. S. Korth	4. M. Olson 5. J. Pollreis 6. C. Wardian 7. M. Clark 8. C. Jenkins 10. D. Ringer	4. B. Gurnett 5. K. Beran 6. R. Peterson 7. P. Rooney 8. M. Rooney 10. L. Sanford
Lectors	1. T. Bosco 2. P. Mategrano	1. C. Smith 2. M. Drew	1. T. Bollerup 2. H. Schanzer	1. B. Menousek 2. G. DiDonato
Servers	1. N. Barone 2. A. Barone	1. Volunteer 2.	1. W. Karschner 2. B. Karschner	1. C. Thramer 2. A. Thramer
Gift Bearers	Tom & Michelle Costello	The Boden Family	Bill & Maureen Coacher	Devin Brisco Family

Looking Ahead



July 27	KC Pancake Breakfast
August 9	SJV Summer Cleaning Day
August 10	Baptisms
August 13	Teacher Workshop
September 14	5th Annual SJV Golf Outing

Help Lines

Alcoholics Anonymous.....	556-1880
AL-ANON.....	553-5033
Domestic Abuse.....	558-5700
Gamblers Anonymous.....	978-7557
Parents Asst. Line.....	397-9909
Project Rachel.....	1-800-964-3787
Prayer Request Line...call the parish office or email sjvprayerline@hotmail.com	

PASTORAL DIRECTORY

MASSES

Monday-Friday.....	7:00am & 9:00am
Saturday.....	7:00am & 5:30pm
Sunday.....	7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am

PARISH OFFICE

Parish Office.....	(402) 895-0808
Religious Education Office.....	(402) 895-0896
Fax.....	(402) 932-1336
E-mail address.....	mjohnson@sjvomaha.org
Web Site.....	www.sjvomaha.org

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday.....	8:00am-9:00pm
Friday.....	8:00am-5:00pm
Saturday.....	8:30am-1:00pm

PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Pat McCaslin.....	Pastor
Fr. Jack Cuddigan, S.J.....	Assistant Pastor
Fr. Paul Vasquez.....	In Residence
Joseph Choi.....	Deacon
John Kronschnabel.....	Deacon
Chuck Luczynski.....	Deacon
Harold Sawtelle.....	Deacon
Frank Telich.....	Deacon

PARISH STAFF

Anna Baker.....	Youth Minister
Brian Corey.....	Pastoral Minister
Cecelia Grossman.....	Business Manager
David Grossman.....	Bldg/Property Manager
Mary Johnson.....	Secretary/Receptionist
Sr. Marietta Kerkvliet.....	Director of Religious Ed.
Marcia Potts.....	Pastoral Assistant
Tim Van Roy.....	Development Director
Christyne Vranes ...	Parish/Religious Ed. Coordinator

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Kelly Korth 895-9665.....	President
Bill Menousek 895-2627.....	Vice President

REGISTRATIONS

In the Narthex by the Family Room

HOSPITAL VISITS

If you or a family member are admitted into the hospital and would like to be visited by a priest, **please call the parish office at (402) 895-0808.** Hospitals no longer contact us with names of patients.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

4:00-5:00pm Saturday, and by appointment.

BAPTISMS

See schedule in bulletin for dates of Baptism Classes and Masses.

WEDDINGS

Contact church at least six months in advance.

MOVING

Contact parish office (402) 895-0808

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Tuesday by 12:00 noon.

All bulletin information submitted will be subject to review for content and editing due to space availability.

LECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

All announcements to be read at Masses need to be into the parish office by NOON on Friday and are subject to review for content.

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