

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - FEBRUARY 20, 2011

ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH COMMUNITY

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“You have heard that it was said,
*An eye for an eye and a tooth for
a tooth.* But I say to you, offer
no resistance to one who is evil.
When someone strikes you on
your right cheek, turn the
other one as well.” ~Mt 5:38-39

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from the
*Lectionary
for Mass*
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

The Lord said to Moses, “Speak to the whole Israelite community and tell them: Be holy, for I the Lord, your God, am holy....” That is the way the Book of Leviticus begins our readings today. Interesting that you and I are called to be holy.

We all grew up reading the lives of the saints, and most of the readings were super pious renditions of how a person lived life. Most of the saints were religious people, not laypersons, and therefore could not be imitated unless one became a priest or a nun. Holiness got left out there somewhere for most of us. Yet our reading today calls us to “be holy.”

St. Paul addresses his readers to the “Saints at Corinth” or other places. If he were writing today to us he would address us: “To the Saints at St. John Vianney.” He would certainly invite us to claim the designation! How be holy?

We have a mind, a body, thoughts and actions. We are called to a way of life. We are wives, husbands, sons, daughters, grandparents, teachers, doctors, plumbers, students, lawyers, secretaries, sons, daughters, and various other possible avocations. Wherever we are, all day, God is with us, quite aware of what we are about. “Not a hair of your head....” And in it all, we are called to be holy.

Two saints of our time, John Paul II and Mother Theresa, are great examples for us, even though they were in religious vocations. They both had “position” yet did very different things in life. The Pope was never on his knees holding people who were dying in the streets of Calcutta, and she never presided over ceremonies attended by millions of people. They were both holy in mind, heart and spirit in what they were called to do. Great as they were, they were simple folk, like you and me.

I do not think holiness is an easy thing to define. Someone told me once that she thought I was a holy man, and I was embarrassed! It runs contrary to my growing up years and being told to be humble. I was, maybe am, confused. Is it okay to speak of oneself as holy?

I remember a little elderly woman with

rheumatoid arthritis that I brought Holy Communion weekly. She had a bad case, with hands and feet very drawn together. She had to be in great pain. It was a privilege to be in her presence because “holiness” glowed out of her. She never complained. She would smile and tell me at the conclusion of our service that she prayed for me and that I should tell the other priests at the parish that she prayed for them too. I looked forward to visiting her because she renewed my spirit every time.

She, not able to walk, ministered to me from out of her simplicity and holiness. She had surrendered to her God. She did not tell God how big her problems were; rather she knew how big her God was to help her with her problems. Most of us want to tell God how big our problems are, rather than to see how big God is in helping us carry the burden.

I think holiness springs from our simple relationship with God, knowing we are worth more than many sparrows, and every hair on our head is numbered by Him. It comes from recognizing that all of life is gift and that we are invited to share the gift with everyone, knowing that God is present and enjoying the sharing.

I heard a good line once: the greatest grace we have to offer another is that of affirmation; the greatest disgrace is to fail to do so. I think that flows from the simple concept that everything and everyone is gift from God for us, to be affirmed and thanked. Conscious of God’s presence in our every thought and action, using the wonderful gifts He gave us, “sharing our bread with the hungry,” and living in love, lead to holiness: God filling our every action. “God is love, and they who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.”

Allowing Jesus to be Lord of one’s life is a very demanding state of being. He is given the control, knowing that HE knows best what is good for us, and trusting that God’s providential care will always provide.

May He lead you to holiness.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Pat McCaslin

CONTRIBUTIONS LAST SUNDAY

December 19, 2010

Sunday Collection: \$ 15,117
Dollar Collection: \$ 573

Matthew 6:43

But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

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, February 27th and Tuesday, March 1st
Sunday, April 3rd and Tuesday, April 5th
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, March 6th at 11:30 Mass
Sunday, April 10th at 9:30 Mass

Expectant Parent Blessing:

Sunday, March 6th at 9:30 Mass

CLASSY SENIORS



Mark your calendars for Tuesday, March 15th. This is the night of our St. Patrick's festivities. We will start with a catered dinner at 5:30 by Be My Guest Catering. We had many good comments about

the food at Christmas, so decided to have them again. They will be serving corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots and for those not fond of corned beef we will have chicken breasts.

Dave Webber has graciously agreed to entertain us for the evening.

Cost is \$7 per member and \$13 for non-members.

Reservations need to be in a little earlier than usual, so please have your money to Lee Sanford by March 5. Any questions, please call Dee Hobza 895-3546 or Lee Sanford 896-0565.

The Knights of Columbus extends a heartfelt thank you to the parish for its generous support of both the Thanksgiving pie and the Super Bowl pizza sales. The proceeds go to parish charities that are supported by the Knights.



Seeking Spiritual Sanity?



Energize your Spiritual Life during Lent with the message of St. Benedict

Join us for a book discussion lead by Sister Marietta Kerkvliet, OSB

Books available for purchase: Wisdom Distilled from the Daily and The Rule of St. Benedict

COST: \$17

Choose to attend:

Monday evenings, 7:00-8:30pm, March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11

~OR~

Friday mornings, 9:30-11:00am, March 11, 18, 25, April 8, 15

Please pre-register by March 9th to the parish office 895-0808



Lent

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

895-0896

Wednesday, February 23rd

4:15pm RE Classes-Education Center
6:00pm RE Classes-Education Center
7:30pm RE Classes-Education Center

6th Grade Vocation Awareness Evening

St. John Vianney is hosting 158 6th Grade Religious Education students from St. Wenceslaus, St. Robert Bellarmine, Mary Our Queen and St. John Vianney for an evening on Vocations on Wednesday, February 23rd from 5:30-8:30pm. Please keep this event in your prayers. Thank you.



Have you tried what Jesus directs us to do? Love of enemy, no payback, and going beyond what is asked are difficult to observe in our world. Be attentive to these commands and ask for the grace to live them.

(Matthew 5:38-48)

Pro-Life Living Rosary:



The Catholic faithful in the Omaha area are invited to participate in the Annual Pro-Life Living Rosary and Benediction in the month of the Solemnity of the Annunciation

at St. Gerald Church, 9602 Q St, Ralston, on Sunday, March 6th at 3pm. Members of each parish and metro area Catholic high schools will lead prayers of the rosary to end the culture of death. A social will follow the service. Please join fellow SJV parishioners at our neighboring parish as we lead one of the Hail Mary's.

Fundraisers

Religious Education students in grades 2 through 8 have chosen a project that they wish to support by raising money selling desserts and baked goods at the Lenten Fish Frys. You can check their cause each week in the bulletin and support them with bringing and buying baked goods. Thank you for your generosity.



The SJV teen group had a great time making homemade bread and pizza last Sunday night! All teens in grades 9-12 are invited to the SJV teen events. Watch the bulletin for upcoming events!

PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

31 Club Members

Monday, February 21: Mary Johnson, Chuck Thramer

Tuesday, February 22: John Bosco

Wednesday, February 23: Russ Baker

Thursday, February 24: Dan Higgins, Harold Sawtelle

Friday, February 25: Jeri Pollreis, Kelly Korth, Cheryl Faust

Saturday, February 26: Emily Edmunds

Sunday, February 27: Sharon Neal

It's easy to participate. Pick a date and attend an extra Mass each month on that date to pray for an increase in vocations.

For more information on how you can become a member of the 31 Club please call the office at 895-0808 or email mjohnson@sjvomaha.org.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, February 21st

- 6:00pm Table of Plenty-Social Hall
- 6:30pm St. Vincent de Paul meeting-Conf. Room
- 8:00pm Al Anon-Room 8

Tuesday, February 22nd

- 1:00pm Pinochle-Family Room
- 7:30pm AA meeting-Youth Room

Wednesday, February 23rd

- 4:15pm RE Classes-Education Center
- 5:30pm 6th grade Vocation Awareness
- 6:00pm RE Classes-Education Center
- 7:30pm RE Classes-Education Center

Thursday, February 24th

- 10:00am Al Anon meeting-Youth Room
- 7:00pm RCIA-Social Hall
- 7:30pm Adult Choir-Church

Saturday, February 26th

- 8:00am Cleaning Crew
- 9:00am Youth Choir-Church

Sunday, February 27th

- 10:30am Welcome Your Child class-Ed. Center
- 10:30am NCYC meeting-Social Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 21st

- 7:00am † Pete Des Rosiers
- 9:00am † Robin Hale

Tuesday, February 22nd

- 7:00am † Deceased members of Hyslop family
- 9:00am † Ruth Buerman

Wednesday, February 23rd

- 7:00am † John O'Hara
- 9:00am † Janet Moline

Thursday, February 24th

- 7:00am For an increase in vacations
- 9:00am Intention of Tim Furlong

Friday, February 25th

- 7:00am † Jodi Weiler
- 9:00am For the intentions of our military


Saturday, February 26th


- 7:00am Intention of Joseph Dolton
- 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time*

- 5:30pm For the living parishioners

Sunday, February 27th

- 7:30am † Dennis Novacek
- 9:30am † Robert Paul Renner
- 11:30am † Romana Keenan

 *Please continue to pray for our military men & women and their families, including our SJV military family members who are listed in our glass trophy case. If you have a loved one in the military and would like their name added to our wall, just call the parish office at 895-0808.*

 Please remember in your prayers all our loved ones who have passed away recently. *If you have a loved one who has recently passed away and would like their names listed, please call the parish office.*

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

2/26-27	Saturday 5:30pm	Sunday 7:30am	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 11:30am
Presider	Fr. Jack	Fr. Pat	Fr. Pat	Fr. Jack
Eucharistic Ministers J. Schovanec to Millard Manor C. Volkmer to Good Samaritan	1. D. Cosgrove 2. F. Telich 3. K. Rueschhoff 4. D. Laferriere 5. P. Money 6. J. Samson 7. N. Furlong 8. A. Hausman 10. C. Jenkins	1. A. Inzerello 2. J. Kronschnabel 3. C. Luedtke 4. K. Epp 5. R. Epp 6. L. Inzerello 7. B. Cannella 8. S. Blessing 10. C. High	1. J. Sawtelle 2. H. Sawtelle 3. R. Balwanz 4. M. Olson 5. C. Wardian 6. J. Schovanec 7. S. Sparks 8. S. Korth 10. K. Korth	1. M. Buscher 2. C. Luczynski 3. J. Bemis 4. P. Rooney 5. M. Neal 6. S. Buscher 7. M. Rooney 8. B. Brown 10. R. Peterson
Lectors	1. M. Bruckner 2. M. Munro	1. B. Jones 2. M. Towne	1. T. Bollerup 2. H. Schanzer	1. B. Menousek 2. G. DiDonato
Servers	1. B. Lavelle 2. M. Lavelle	1. Volunteer 2. Volunteer	1. C. Riedmann 2. T. Drewes	1. D. Grothe 2. M. Simjakova
Gift Bearers	Gene & Karen Schaben	Joe & Mary Ann Riley	Jay Partch Family	Mike Nelson Family

Looking Ahead



February 21	Table of Plenty
March 4	Pre Lent Fish Fry
March 6	Baptisms
March 9	Ash Wednesday
March 13	Monthly Breakfast
March 26	KC Blood Drive

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
Facebook search for Official St. John Vianney Catholic Church Omaha Group

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday	8:00am-9:00pm
Friday.....	8:00am-5:00pm
Saturday.....	10:00am-4:00pm

PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Pat McCaslin Pastor
 Fr. Jack Cuddigan, S.J..... Assistant Pastor
 Fr. Dennis McNeilly, 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

Brian J. Corey..... Pastoral Minister
 Terry Gloe Maintenance
 Mary Johnson Secretary/Receptionist
 Sr. Marietta Kerkvliet..... Director of Religious Ed.
 Marcia Potts..... Pastoral Associate/Finance
 Tim Van Roy Development/Property Manager
 Christyne Vranes.... Parish/Religious Ed. Coordinator

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Bill Menousek 895-2627 President
 Karin Martinez 896-4607 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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