

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - FEBRUARY 27, 2011

ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH COMMUNITY

“Look at the birds in the sky;
they do not sow or reap,
they gather nothing into barns,
yet your heavenly Father
feeds them. Are not you
more important than they?”

~Mt 6:26

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

“The Lord has been my strength; he has led me into freedom. He saved me because he loves me.” From Psalm 17, that verse is the entrance antiphon for today’s Mass. It summarizes the theme for this Sunday liturgy.

Isaiah, in the first reading: “Zion said: ‘The Lord has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me.’ Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you.”

Matthew’s Gospel today: “I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not more important than they?”

“Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life span? Why are you anxious about clothes? Learn about the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work or spin. But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was clothed like one of them....

“So do not worry and say, ‘What are we to eat?’ or ‘What are we to drink?’ or ‘What are we to wear?’ All these things the pagans seek. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides. Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil.”

One of the themes for our Parish Mission last week was “surrender.” It ties in well with today’s readings about God’s providential care of His people. So many elements of spirituality flow from the battle we wage with our need to be in control of every aspect of our lives—the opposite of evangelical poverty which is all about giving up control, placing life itself into God’s hands.

“Seeking God’s Kingdom” appears often in the New Testament. Most of us, unknowingly and unconsciously seek our own kingdom. It

probably is the basic effect of Original Sin that we carry, even after baptism. Satan’s offer to our first parents was that if they ate the fruit of that tree they would be “like God, knowing good and evil.” The fruit was very attractive to the eye, and filled with flavor for the tongue, but did it ever mess up our lives!

Prior to that sin, Adam and Eve were cared for by the Provident God who placed them in the wonderful garden and gave them everything they needed. With sin, they were cast out of the garden, into a desert wasteland. But God did promise “redemption” coming by way of one who would crush the head of the serpent.

For us, the struggle to let go, to surrender, is a big task as Jesus says in the gospel today. We are anxious about many things, as though our God does not know our plight. Study a wildflower sometime and appreciate how God watches over even the smallest of flowers to delight our senses.

Our faith leads us to put ourselves in God’s hands, every day. We can expect Him to care for us, as we see in all the promises just in our readings today. Of course, we can also expect that in the process of surrendering God may call us to more. Doing God’s will is not easy, as we see in Jesus, the apostles, and all the great saints. Saying “Yes” to the mystery of the cross in our lives is part of the surrendering. We give up the control that in our fallen state is what we seek the most, our own kingdom.

Our communion antiphon today is “I, the Lord, am with you always, until the end of the world.” We are given reassurances throughout the scriptures of God’s providential care that ought to give us confidence, even in the most trying circumstances.

Again: “The Lord has been my strength; he has led me into freedom. He saved me because he loves me.”

May his special presence with you give you new hope this week.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Pat McCaslin

CONTRIBUTIONS LAST SUNDAY

Sunday Collection: \$12,975

Dollar Collection: \$ 604

Ps. 62

My soul rests in God alone, from who comes my salvation.

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

Sunday, April 10th at 11:30 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.

MORNINGS FOR MOMS will look at the most interesting topic of "Cell Phone Safety. Can radiation from them cause cancer? Please join us this Tuesday morning from 9:30-11:00 in the Youth Room. **ALL** "Moms" are welcome. For information call Janis Weaver 895-3185.

SJV parishioner Sue Meier requests prayers for her oldest granddaughter, Sr. Eileen who has been a postulant and is receiving her habit and religious name this weekend at Benedictine of Mary Queen of Apostles in Kansas City. May God continue to bless Sr. Eileen in her vocation.



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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

895-0896

Wednesday, March 2nd

4:15pm RE Classes-Education Center

6:00pm RE Classes-Education Center

6:00pm 2nd graders Family Night-S. Hall

AT LEAST ONE PARENT MUST ATTEND W/ CHILD

7:30pm RE Classes-Education Center

Ministry of Praise March Prayer Intention

As we begin Lent, let us pray that we will have the courage and strength to get to know HIM better and to love HIM more.

If you have been kind enough to provide food for a funeral, thank you! If you have forgotten to pick up your dish, please stop by the table next weekend to pick it up. Thanks!!

PRE-LENT FISH DINNER NEXT FRIDAY, March 4th

4:30-8:00pm

Drive Thru available

LIVE music with Win Lander!



Bring your whole family and your friends and join us for **baked and fried fish, macaroni and cheese, pancakes, grilled cheese, tomato soup, cole slaw, lettuce salad, tator tots, pop, wine & beer.**

Adults \$9, Seniors \$6, Kids 12 & under \$4 and no immediate family pays more than \$25!

Be sure to stop by the Bake Sale and help support our Religious Education Students with their Lenten project!

Our 8th Grade Religious Education students are raising funds at the Fish Fry on March 4th to support the work of Jesuit Fr. Anand with the poorest of the poor in India. If you want to know more, ask an 8th grader. They met him and heard his story. Please help us support his ministry by bringing and buying baked goods and desserts.



Please join our parish TODAY for the Pro-Life Rosary at St. Gerald Church, 96th & Q at 3pm as we lead one of the Hail Mary's.

Lord Teach Me to Pray is a three part prayer series for women based on Ignatian spirituality. It is the only approved prayer series of the St. Cecilia Institute for Laity Formation in the Omaha Archdiocese.

We will meet at Mary Our Queen in the Family Room on Thursdays, from 1-3pm, March 3rd-May26 to cover Part 1. A donation of \$20 covers the cost of materials.

Call to register with Marjorie at 778-0226 or Marilyn at 333-6114.

PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS 31 Club Members

Monday, February 28: John Hannagan, Chris Vranes

Tuesday, March 1: Howard Schanzer, Monica Clark, Mary Jo Brinkman

Wednesday, March 2: Frank Telich, Pat Jezierski

Thursday, March 3: Jim Steier, Darlene Palmer, Susan Williams, Bonnie Menks

Friday, March 4: Linda Gutchewsky

Saturday, March 5: Sue Korth

Sunday, March 6: Yvette Steier, Betty Bonner

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 28th

8:00pm Al Anon-Room 8

Tuesday, March 1st

1:00pm Pinochle-Family Room
 7:00pm Welcome Your Child class-Ed. Center
 7:30pm AA meeting-Youth Room

Wednesday, March 2nd

4:15pm RE Classes-Education Center
 6:00pm RE Classes-Education Center
 6:00pm 2nd grade Family Night-Social Hall

AT LEAST ONE PARENT MUST ATTEND WITH CHILD

7:30pm RE Classes-Education Center

Thursday, March 3rd

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

Friday, March 4th

10:00am Mass at Good Samaritan
 4:30pm Pre-Lent Fish Dinner-Social Hall

Saturday, March 5th

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

Sunday, March 6th

11:30am Baptisms

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 28th

7:00am Intention of Jacob Stein
 9:00am † Gloria Kass

Tuesday, March 1st

7:00am † Thomas Joseph Baker
 9:00am † Rita Mach

Wednesday, March 2nd

7:00am Intention of Sharron & Earl Millsap
 9:00am For an increase in vocations

Thursday, March 3rd

7:00am † Sam & Dorothy Masters
 9:00am † Rita Mach

Friday, March 4th


7:00am † Anne Marie Janiszewski
 9:00am † Frank Mestecky, Jr.
 10:00am † Our friends from Good Samaritan @
 Good Samaritan


Saturday, March 5th

7:00am † John Russell Pleskac
9th Sunday of Ordinary Time
 5:30pm † Ellen Murphy

Sunday, March 6th

7:30am † Hildegarde Ullrich
 9:30am † Mary Seidenglanz
 11:30am For the living parishioners

 *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

3/5-6	Saturday 5:30pm	Sunday 7:30am	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 11:30am
Presider	Fr. Pat	Fr. Jack	Fr. Pat	Fr. Pat
Eucharistic Ministers	1. B. Ackley 2. J. Choi 3. J. Horner	1. B. Cannella 2. F. Telich 3. J. Pollreis	1. M. Clark 2. C. Luczynski 3. M. Johnson	1. J. Sawtelle 2. H. Sawtelle 3. J. Bemis
N. Furlong to Millard Manor	4. Y. Steier 5. M. Schaaf	4. R. Milan 5. M. Hayduk	4. D. Ringer 5. C. Wardian	4. R. Peterson 5. B. Brown
J. Navin to Good Samaritan	6. C. Potter 7. S. Block 8. A. Hausman 10. J. Samson	6. S. Blessing 7. M. A. Riley 8. J. Riley 10. N. Mickells	6. B. Lichter 7. M. Olson 8. C. Schanzer 10. D. Henning	6. M. Neal 7. M. Downey 8. P. Rooney 10. M. Rooney
Lectors	1. P. Mategrano 2. P. Geary	1. M. Pierson 2. R. Baker	1. C. Slavik 2. P. Fuller	1. K. Gurnett 2. K. Brand
Servers	1. J. Reuter 2. C. Reuter	1. M. Fraass 2. E. Fraass	1. C. Fuller 2. A. Fuller	1. N. Prochaska 2. J. Thompson
Gift Bearers	Vince & June Pravecek	Chip Riedmann Family	Bob & Elaine Neid	Nancy Navin Family

Looking Ahead



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
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Web Site..... www.sjvomaha.org
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Pat McCaslinPastor
 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

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 Terry GloeMaintenance
 Mary JohnsonSecretary/Receptionist
 Sr. Marietta Kerkvliet.....Director of Religious Ed.
 Marcia Potts..... Pastoral Associate/Finance
 Tim Van RoyDevelopment/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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