

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 28, 2011

ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH COMMUNITY



- "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life?"

Mt 16:24b-26

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Now that the school year is under way for our children, we are ready to begin our Religious Education year also. We have a new Director, Margaret Iossi, who has replaced Sister Marietta, and we look forward to another great time of sharing faith and practice with our kids.

This Wednesday we will have our opening Mass for the families whose children are in the 1st through 6th grades, 4:15 and 6:00 class times. There will be a "meet and greet" session for a half hour before Mass for the 4:15 crowd, and after Mass for the 6:00 group.

It is always my hope that parents will get very involved with the children in Religious Education. Faith is "caught" much more than "taught." In our secular world, not very concerned about how God might fit into the ordinary stuff of life, our young people face a serious challenge regarding what we have always referred to as faith. Much more than a simplistic "I believe in God," our faith leads us to a community that shares a set of values, beginning with worship and then moving through every element of life.

There is a tendency among all of us these days to fail to recognize authority in anything, including our religious life. As a result of many things that have happened in the church over the past forty years or so, people question the authority and direction given them by Church leaders. It reminds me of the question stated by the Apostles to Jesus when he asked them if they too would leave him: "Master, to whom and where would we go? You have the words of eternal life." Where are we to go for direction? Into our own minds?

Religious formation is not limited to the information garnered from the catechism. It implies a relationship, with God, Jesus, the Spirit, and the Community of Faith. When formed, a person of faith has a good sense of the providential care of God in the most ordinary of circumstances. For us Christians, there is an ongoing awareness of the presence of Jesus who prom-

ised to be with us until the end of time, as well as an appreciation of the gift of grace, especially found in the Eucharist, the very Bread of Life.

There is also a confidence created by the Communion of Saints, a belief that our loved ones who have died are still in a life union with us because of our union with Christ. That belief flows from the central truth of Christianity, namely that Jesus died on the cross as a sacrifice for the sins of all humanity, and that he rose from the dead, destroying both sin and death.

There is a Catholic culture that finds its way into a Catholic home that practices prayer and regular attendance at Mass, reverence for the saints, especially the Blessed Virgin Mary, and a general respect for those in authority in the Church.

It is my hope that this year of religious education will help our families grow in that Catholic Culture so that our kids will have some tools to fight the secular society in which they live.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Pat McCaslin

P.S. I am pleased to announce that we will have another Jesuit Father serving us on weekends, joining Father Jack Cuddigan and Father Dennis McNeilly. He is Father Kevin Kersten who has come to serve as the Jesuit chaplain of the Law School at Creighton U. He comes from Milwaukee and is 68 years young. I am told he served at Sogang University in Seoul, Korea, with my brother Dick for many years. I am very happy to have Fr. Kevin join us here for Masses on a regular basis. Treat him kindly!

P.P.S. You are probably aware of the disaster taking place in Somalia/Kenya refugee camps. There is a huge drought and famine occurring there with 12 million people in dire need for immediate care. Catholic Relief Services is on the ground there with established means to alleviate the horror of this situation. You may want to donate to the Office of Missions and Justice, 100 No 62nd St., Omaha 68132 (Our Chancery Office). Thank you.

CONTRIBUTIONS LAST SUNDAY

August 21, 2011

Sunday Collection:	\$ 11,267
Dollar Collection	\$ 524
Special Summer Mortgage Relief (total to date)	\$ 37,736

Hebrews 13:16

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

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, Sept. 11th and Tuesday, Sept. 13th
 Sunday, October 2nd and Tuesday, October 4th
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.

Cost: \$5 per couple for materials fee.

Upcoming Baptisms:

Sunday, September 18th at 9:30 Mass
 Sunday, October 9th at 11:30 Mass

Expectant Parent Blessing:

Sunday, August 14th at 11:30 Mass
 Sunday, September 18th at 9:30 Mass



**Mark your calendars!
 The annual SJV
 Fall Festival will be
 Sunday afternoon,
 October 9th.**

If you'd like to donate items, we have the following needs:
 Unused toys for the Toy Walk, prize items for the game booths, two-liter bottles of soda for the ring toss game.
 As always, as part of the festival we'll be hosting a silent auction. We're gratefully accepting auction items. Watch for more information in the upcoming weeks.

THANK YOU! The SJV teens attending NCYC want to thank you for purchasing Tupperware and raffle tickets to help support their trip.

Raffle winners: NU tickets: Brian Elsasser, Nativity Set: Kelly Schlick, Rosary: Bill Rosman, Autographed football: Teddy Drewes

St. John Vianney Altar Server Recognition

WHO: All current altar servers & their families

WHAT: Pizza Party

WHEN: Sunday, September 11th, 4:00-6:00pm

WHERE: Sortino's, 7880 "L" St.

WHY: To thank you for your service to the parish the Knights of Columbus will provide pizza, pop and video games to all current servers & their families. Come join us!

Ministry of Praise

September Prayer Intention

We pray for all those unemployed and underemployed, that they may find work to fill their needs.

Vigil for Life Procession with Archbishop Lucas

Please pray for and give public witness to our pro-life values with Archbishop George J. Lucas at the annual Pro-Life Prayer Vigil Mass and Procession on **Saturday, September 10th** at 8am at St. Mary Church (2302 Crawford) in Bellevue. The Mass will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a prayerful rosary procession to the abortion facility on Mission Street under the supervision of the Bellevue Police Department.

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank you for your generous support toward our Haiti fund. To date, we've raised \$10,000 and several thousand dollars of donated supplies. Win Lander and Michael Downey will report back to the parish following their trip. Please keep Win and Michael in your prayers.

INTERESTED IN CHECKING OUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

Then we have a group that might be for you, called RCIA. Whether you have never been baptized, were baptized in another denomination; have had lots of formation or none at all-everyone is welcome. Call Marcia at the parish office, 895-0808 for more information. We begin meeting in September and would really like to hear from you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

895-0896

Pandamania Singers

Children who participated in Pandamania VBS are invited to sing at our RE Family Mass on **Wednesday, August 31st** at 6p. **Please gather in the Choir Area at 5:45p.** Youth Crew Leaders and Station Leaders are asked to come help lead the children in song and action.

Opening Mass for Religious Education Program

Family Mass for children and their parents in the 4:15p and 6p sessions will be held on August 31st at 6p. Children in the 4:15p session meet their catechists at 5:30p in the classrooms; children in the 6p session meet their catechists after Mass at 7p. Room assignments and Family Handbook will be available in the Narthex on August 31st. Family Mass for the 7p session is September 7th.

Co-catechists and Adult Leaders Still Needed

4:15p ~ 3rd & 5th; 6p ~ 3rd, 5th & 6th. Please call Margaret at 895-0896 for more information. Thank you to all who have answered the call to ministry with children. Your gifts are appreciated by all.

Upcoming Dates:

August 31: Family Mass on August 31st at 6p for 4:15p & 6p sessions. Meet & Greet for 4:15p session in classroom at 5:30; for 6p session following Mass.

September 7: Regular Classes for 4:15p and 6p sessions begin on September 7th.

Family Mass for 7:15p session (at 7:15p). Meet & Greet following Mass

Sunday, September 11: PreK and Kindergarten Classes begin September 11th.

September 14: Regular Classes for 4:15p, 6p and 7:15p sessions

September 18: PreK & Kindergarten Classes at 9:30a

September 21: Regular Classes for 4:15p, 6p and 7:15p sessions; Confirmation Meeting for 8th Graders and Parent/s at 7:15p at 7:15p in the Social Hall

September 25: PreK & Kindergarten Classes at 9:30a

CLASSY SENIORS

On Wednesday, September 14th we will be going to the German American Society, 3717 S. 120th St. for a German dinner of Jagerschnitzel (pork loin breaded and browned, mashed potatoes and gravy, sauerkraut, salad, vegetable, rolls, butter, dessert and coffee) followed by entertainment by the "Singers" and "Dancers" in traditional dress. Plan on approximately 2 hours for the entire evening. Cost of this event will be \$26.95 per person. Cost will include dinner, tip, tax and drinks of coffee and tea along with the entertainment. Any alcoholic beverages or pop can be purchased and are NOT included in the cost. Dinner will be served at 6:30 with entertainment to follow. Please arrive by 6:15. Please have your money to Dee Hobza, 12357 Orchard Ave., 68137 by September 2nd if you plan on going so that I can make reservations. Any questions, call Dee at 402-895-3546.

If you are willing to offer your life for Jesus' sake, you will find it. By walking the path we come to know Jesus' promise is real. Pray for courage and the willingness to "let go and let God".

(Matthew 16:21-27)

PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

31 Club Members

Monday, August 29: J. Bemis

Tuesday, August 30: M. Ney

Wednesday, August 31: J. Bonnett

Thursday, September 1: H. Schanzer, C. Schanzer, M. Clark, M. Brinkman

Friday, September 2: F. Telich, P. Jezierski

Saturday, September 3: D. Palmer, S. Williams, B. Menks

Sunday, September 4: L. Gutchewsky, H. Cyronek

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, August 29th**
 8:00pm Al Anon-Room 8
- Tuesday, August 30th**
 1:00pm Pinochle-Family Room
 7:30pm AA meeting-Youth Room
- Wednesday, August 31st**
 5:30pm 4:15 classes meet & greet
 6:00pm Family Mass for grades 1-6
 7:00pm 6:00 classes meet & greet
- Thursday, September 1st**
 10:00am Al Anon meeting-Youth Room
 7:30pm Adult Choir-Church
- Friday, September 2nd**
 10:00am Mass at Good Samaritan
- Saturday, September 3rd**
 8:00am Cleaning Crew
 2:00pm **Wedding of
 Cori Perdue & Christopher Schmid**

THAT MAN IS YOU!
 All men of the parish are invited
 to join us beginning Saturday,
 September 17th at 7:30am.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday, August 29th**
 7:00am For an increase in vocations
 9:00am † Carmela Duman
- Tuesday, August 30th**
 7:00am For the protection of the unborn
 9:00am † Gloria Kass
- Wednesday, August 31st**
 7:00am † John O'Hara
 9:00am † Merle Dial
- Thursday, September 1st**
 7:00am † Walt Swanson
 9:00am † Robin Hale
- Friday, September 2nd**
 7:00am † Robert Sus
 9:00am † Ben Blessing
 10:00am † Our friends from Good Samaritan @
 Good Samaritan
- Saturday, September 3rd**
 7:00am † John Russell Pleskac
23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
 5:30pm For the living parishioners
- Sunday, September 4th**
 7:30am † Jodi Weiler
 9:30am † Jerry Stratman
 11:30am † Grace Goldman

 *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.*

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

9/3-4	Saturday 5:30pm	Sunday 7:30am	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 11:30am
Presider	Fr. Jack	Fr. Pat	Fr. Kevin	Fr. Jack
Eucharistic Ministers J. Schovanec to Millard Manor S. & M. Buscher to Good Samaritan	1. B. Ackley 2. J. Choi 3. J. Horner 4. A. Hausman 5. N. Furlong 6. C. Potter 7. S. Block 8. C. Jenkins 10. J. Samson	1. J. Sawtelle 2. H. Sawtelle 3. J. Pollreis 4. R. Milan 5. M. Hayduk 6. S. Blessing 7. M.A. Riley 8. J. Riley 10. N. Mickells	1. B. Drewes 2. C. Luczynski 3. M. Johnson 4. D. Ringer 5. C. Wardian 6. B. Lichter 7. M. Olson 8. C. Schanzer 10. M. Clark	1. P. Rooney 2. J. Kronschnabel 3. J. Bemis 4. R. Peterson 5. B. Brown 6. M. Rooney 7. M. Schneider 8. D. Schneider 10. P. Fisher
Lectors	1. D. Mattox 2. M. Bruckner	1. B. Jones 2. M. Drew	1. D. Denson 2. H. Schanzer	1. K. Brand 2. B. Menousek
Servers	1. N. Barone 2. A. Barone	1. M. Fraass 2. E. Fraass	1. M. Meiners 2. K. Oatman	1. N. Prochaska 2. S. Araya
Gift Bearers	Anthony Barone Family	Al & Linda Inzerello	Gene & Margaret Baier	Rayne & Cheryl Balwanz

Looking Ahead



August 31	RE Family Mass for grades 1-6
October 2	Life Chain
October 9	Parish Festival
November 12	Craft Fair

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
 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
 Margaret Iossi..... Director of Religious Ed.
 Mary Johnson Secretary/Receptionist
 Marcia Potts..... Pastoral Associate/Finance
 Tim Van Roy Development/Property Manager
 Christy 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

4:30-5:00pm 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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