

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 4, 2011

ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH COMMUNITY



LABOR DAY

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

One of the most important teachings of Jesus is that God is very near to us and is personally caring for us. When St. Paul considers that revelation, he runs in several directions with it. He will say: "The Spirit has been sent into our hearts, enabling us to cry out: 'Abba, Father.'" He will add: "Do you not know that your bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit and that you are not your own?" And then when he speaks of us as the Church, he says; "We are the Body of Christ; He is the head and we are the members."

In the Gospels, Jesus uses the image of the vine and the branches to indicate the sharing of life and the call to produce good things. In today's gospel he says: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Early in life, I learned about "Sanctifying Grace." I was not too sure what it was or meant. Was it a quantity (get more grace), or something? What eventually I learned is that Grace is a relationship with God that includes God's presence in us. That is what St. Paul meant when he said we are "temples." The Temple was where a good Jew found the presence of God on earth.

In St. John's Epistle he makes the "New Commandment" all the more meaningful: "God is love, and the person who lives in love lives in God and God in them. Clearly we can find God in the midst of our greatest relationships on earth.

Jesus is the Incarnate God. "Incarnation" is a word describing "in the flesh;" in this case, "God in the flesh." God has taken on the human condition, personally. St. Paul: "Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of the slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

"Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the

earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2)

I believe that a principal conclusion we can draw from the Incarnation is that God wants us to be conscious of His presence with us now, in all the ups and downs of life. When Jesus says "I am with you always, even to the end of the world" he means it. "The Kingdom of God is within you!"

When I think about my notion of heaven, I think God will be fulfilling the deepest longing of the human heart, intimacy that does not end, and will be filling all of that human intimacy with Himself. And that will never end. "No more crying, no more death, no more pain." We cannot imagine what that would be like because we do not experience it now. "Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, what God has prepared for those who love him." But we know that God will be at the center of our heaven.

While we wait for heaven, we are given glimpses of what God has prepared for those who love him. The life of Grace, God in us, and human love experience, give some insight into eternity. "God so loved the world that he sent his only Son... And the Son so loved us that he gave himself for our redemption." Love is not just a romantic word, as indicated by the love of the Father and of the Son. Love is the gift of oneself to another without counting the cost.

So we gather to celebrate Eucharist every Sunday. At Liturgy we celebrate the presence of Jesus with us, in community, in the Word, in the Priest, and in the Body and Blood. All of those "presences" are meant to lead us to celebrate what God has done for us in our prayer of thanksgiving, Eucharist. He invites us to dine with him, to be one with him, to love him and be loved by him, and to be transformed into holy people.

My prayer for you this week is that you will be fully aware of how much God loves you and that his presence with you will bring you great peace.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Pat McCaslin

CONTRIBUTIONS LAST SUNDAY

August 28, 2011

Sunday Collection: \$ 10,197

Dollar Collection \$ 533

Special Summer

Mortgage Relief

(total to date) \$ 40,905

Luke 6:38

Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.

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

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.

YOUTH CHOIR

All girls AND boys, ages 8 and up are invited to join our group. We practice every Saturday from 9am-10am in the Church and we will sing one weekend Mass every month. Our first practice will be Saturday, September 24th at 9am in the Church. We hope to see all the kids from last years choir along with some new faces!

Come join us!

Any questions call Arlene 896-3943 or Bob 592-4298.

ADULT CHOIR

If you have been thinking about joining our 9:30 Choir, now is a great time to do it!

We meet on Thursdays from 7:30pm-9:00pm in the Church. Please join us!!



ALL Moms are invited! MORNINGS FOR MOMS first gathering is this Tuesday morning, September 13th from 9:30-11:00 in the Youth Room. Come let us minister to you with a blend of topics, pampering, and sharing in an atmosphere of God's Love. For information call Janis Weaver 402-895-3185.



NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Altar Servers have a place of prominence and distinction in the celebration of Mass. Altar Serving is open to girls and boys in the 5th-12th grade who are committed to learning and to the service of God in the sacredness of the Mass. SJV will have Altar Server Training on the dates listed below.

All training is in the Church and lasts one hour. You attend just ONE training session.

SEPT. 20 TUESDAY 7:30pm-8:30pm

SEPT. 22 THURSDAY 6:30pm-7:30pm

SEPT. 25 SUNDAY 5:00pm-6:00pm

****You are only scheduled about once a month and YOU choose the Mass time you prefer to serve at. ****



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

895-0896

7:15 Session Opening Mass

Family Mass for children registered in the 7:15p session and their parents will be held on September 7th at 7:15p. Children will Meet & Greet their catechists following Mass. Room assignments and Family Handbooks will be available in the Narthex before Mass.

Thank You, Religious Ed Ministry Team!

Thank you to all who have answered the call to ministry with children. Your gifts are appreciated. We have started another great year of formation and education for our children and their families.

PreKindergarten and Kindergarten

PreK and Kindergarten Classes begin Sunday, September 11, at 9:30a. Children and parents will gather at 9:15a in the Ares Room for a brief overview plus an opportunity to Meet & Greet the catechists. Handbooks and room assignments will be distributed.

September 18: PreK & Kindergarten

Classes at 9:30a

September 25: PreK & Kindergarten

Classes at 9:30a

October 2: PreK & Kindergarten Classes at

9:30a

Upcoming Dates:

September 7: Regular Classes for 4:15p and 6p sessions; Family Mass for 7:15p session (at 7:15p). Meet & Greet following Mass

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

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

October 5: Regular Classes for 4:15p, 6p and 7:15p sessions

Family Activity Night for 3rd Graders and their parent/s at 4:15p and 6p (Families choose the time that works best in their schedules)

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!



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.

The first breakfast of the year will be next Sunday, September 11th, from 8am to 1pm. If you would like to join our Breakfast Crew, or are already a member of our crew, please call Jeri Pollreis at 402-320-2933.

We are looking for adult men and women to help out once a month.

PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS 31 Club Members

Monday, September 5: S. Korth

Tuesday, September 6: B. Bonner

Wednesday, September 7: C. Smith, D. Klitz

Thursday, September 8: R. Dolton, R. Jeltema, K. Martinez

Friday, September 9: R. Byrnes

Saturday, September 10: E. Jarosz, B. Guilfoyle, R. & M. Pierson

Sunday, September 11: E. Archer, L. Inzerello, C. Schipporeit

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, September 5th Labor Day**
 7:00am Mass
 9:00am Mass
- Tuesday, September 6th**
 1:00pm Pinochle-Family Room
 7:00pm CBS-Ars Room
 7:30pm AA meeting-Youth Room
- Wednesday, September 7th**
 4:15pm RE Classes-Education Center
 6:00pm RE Classes-Education Center
 7:15pm Family Mass for grades 7 and 8
- Thursday, September 8th**
 10:00am Al Anon meeting-Youth Room
 7:30pm Adult Choir-Church
- Saturday, September 10th**
 8:00am Cleaning Crew
- Sunday, September 11th**
 8:00am Monthly Breakfast
 9:30am PreK and Kindergarten classes begin
 10:30am Welcome Your Child class – Ed. Center


MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday, September 5th**
 7:00am † Martha Haniszewski
 9:00am † Janet Moline
- Tuesday, September 6th**
 7:00am † Mary Patricia Rohan
 9:00am † Al Coufal
- Wednesday, September 7th**
 7:00am † Harry Klocke
 9:00am † Alice Stolinski
- Thursday, September 8th**
 7:00am † Poor souls in Purgatory
 9:00am † Ben Blessing
- Friday, September 9th**
 7:00am † Amanda Castenguay
 9:00am † Bob Clark
- Saturday, September 10th**
 7:00am † Charles Schulte
24th Sunday of Ordinary Time
 5:30pm † Peg Zyla
- Sunday, September 11th**
 7:30am † Andrea Sinnett
 9:30am † Bill Clavin
 11:30am For the living parishioners

Monday, September 5th is Labor Day. Daily Mass is at 7am & 9am. Our parish offices will be closed.



 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 Dean Pasewalk, brother of Marilyn Olson. If you have a loved one who has recently passed away and would like their names listed, please call the office.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

9/10-11	Saturday 5:30pm	Sunday 7:30am	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 11:30am
Presider	Fr. Kevin	Fr. Jack	Fr. Dennis	Fr. Pat
Eucharistic Ministers	1. D. Cosgrove 2. J. Choi 3. P. Money	1. B. Cannella 2. J. Kronschnabel 3. J. Savage	1. D. Klitz 2. F. Telich 3. J. Navin	1. M. Buscher 2. C. Luczynski 3. J. Bemis
C. Jenkins to Millard Manor J. Navin to Good Samaritan	4. K. Janousek 5. K. Beran 6. G. Hartquist 7. M. Hartquist 8. L. Bosco 10. M. Schaaf	4. L. Inzerello 5. A. Inzerello 6. R. Laughlin 7. N. Mickells 8. M. Drew 10. L. Finney	4. E. Navin 5. M. Carlson 6. D. Klitz 7. C. Riedmann 8. J. Pollreis 10. J. Schovanec	4. B. Brown 5. P. Fisher 6. S. Buscher 7. R. Peterson 8. L. Sanford 10. K. Mazur
Lectors	1. P. Mategrano 2. M. Munro	1. M. Pierson 2. R. Baker	1. C. Slavik 2. T. Bollerup	1. K. Gurnett 2. B. Hooper
Servers	1. C. Reuter 2. B. Patania	1. Volunteer 2.	1. A. Schovanec 2. T. Drewes	1. S. Franco 2. E. Thompson
Gift Bearers	Jim Bosco Family	Jim & Jean Babcock	Jim & Diann Berzina	Braulio Araya Family

Looking Ahead



September 7	RE Family Mass for grades 7-8
September 12	Knights dinner & meeting
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
Facebooksearch 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 McCaslinPastor
 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 GloeMaintenance
 Margaret Iossi.....Director of Religious Ed.
 Mary JohnsonSecretary/Receptionist
 Marcia Potts..... Pastoral Associate/Finance
 Tim Van RoyDevelopment/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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