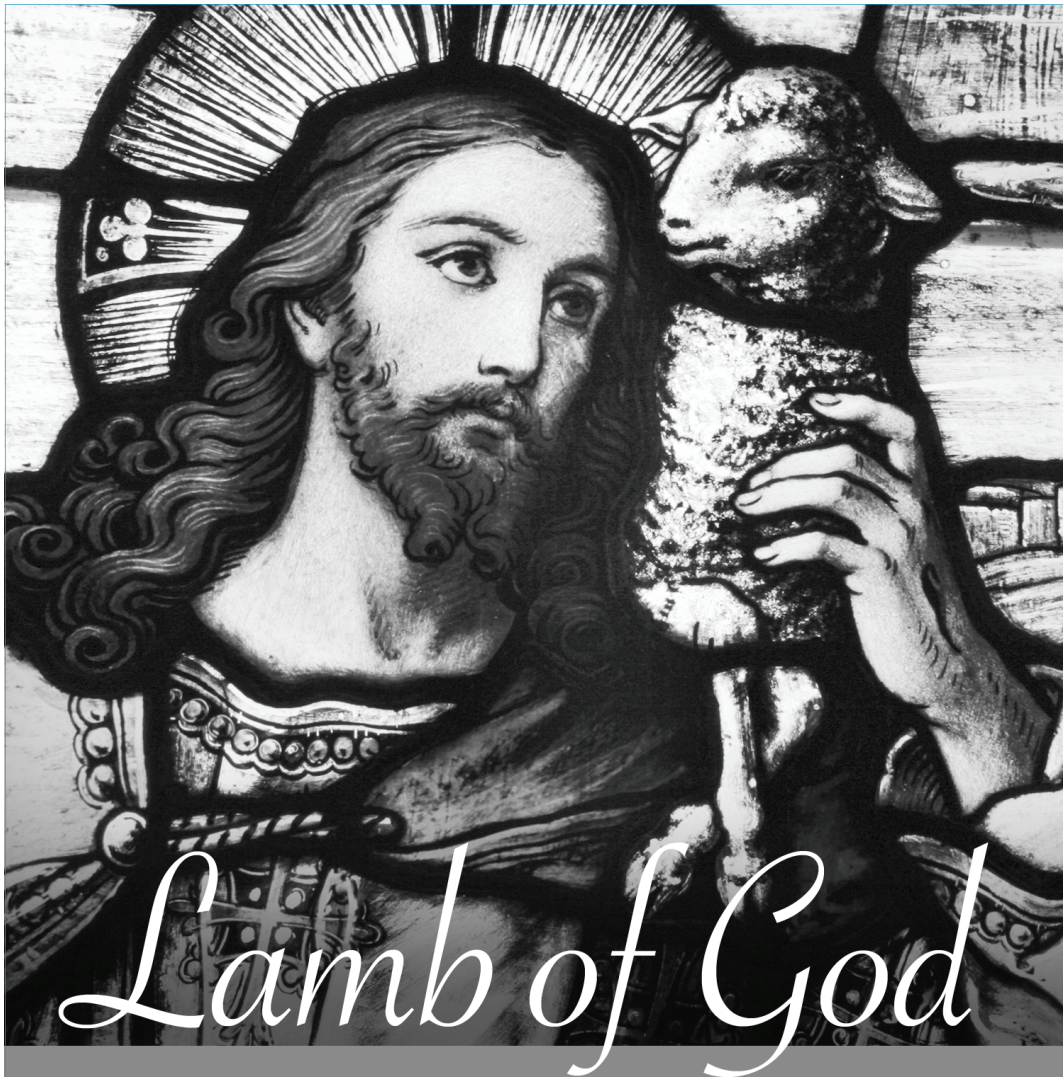


SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JANUARY 15, 2012

# ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH COMMUNITY



- John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus.  
*Jn 1:35-37*

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

“Here I am Lord” is a familiar song for us. We find the source of the line in the Book of Samuel as we read it in today’s first reading. Samuel, you may recall, was left at the temple when he was a child following the tradition of a firstborn male being given back to God. I guess this is literal! We find him sleeping in the temple in our reading and he hears the voice and thinks the prophet Eli is calling him. Eventually he finds out that it is not Eli, but God himself. Samuel is the example of all those who would like to develop their spiritual lives. We use expressions like “doing the will of God” to express our desire to be in accord with what God asks of us.

The spiritual life is not so complicated that we can’t figure out our own. In simple terms, it is finding God in every aspect of our lives especially the ordinary. The starting point is our “vocation” which means “calling”. A wife/mother with five children who wishes to develop her spiritual life does not have to spend hours a day in prayer. Rather, she needs to simply reflect on how she finds God in the ordinary, significant, actions of her day. Being a good and faithful wife is her primary vocation and therefore is answering God’s call with “Here I am Lord” when she is doing laundry, shopping, preparing meals and dusting (if you know what I mean).

As mother, her “Here I am Lord” is found in the special relationship she has with each child as their mother. For most of us in our childhood there was no one more important than our mothers. Obviously she shared a role with our fathers, whose response to God was being the best husband and father he could be.

Each child develops the spiritual life as a unique and growing experience in his/her education and the friendships that occur in the process of their young lives. What God asks of the child is that he/she uses the God given talent physically, emotionally and intellectually and ultimately grows up.

I like to think when God calls us by name, He wants us to get comfortable in the role He chooses us to have. The comfort level may well begin with the recognition that we have been “purchased at a price” as St. Paul suggests today. A recognition that

our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit whom we have from God and we are not our own is a great beginning to our spiritual lives. Getting comfortable that God is present in the simplest and most complex of human activities. “God loves us no matter what” is a wonderful recognition that even in failure (sin) God still places himself at our disposal. Each of us is uniquely special to God and was cause enough for Him to send His Son in the person of Jesus.

In every relationship communication plays a very important role. Listening to God, whether in the scriptures or in the events that surround our lives is a very important element in the relationship. After we have listened, our response, often called prayer can be a spontaneous part of our communication. Prayer can be such a simple thing. In every relationship the communication comes from a recognition of the beloved, an affirmation of them, an expression of gratitude for their very being, an acknowledgement of occasional failure and a hope that our future will be bright.

Prayer is just like that. We adore God in recognizing His omnipotence. We thank Him for all the various goods we experience. We express our sorrow for sin. And in our dependence on Him we ask for Him to fulfill our needs. Adoration, thanksgiving, reparation and petition are the four ways we communicate our side in our relationship with God.

In the gospel today, Jesus finds the first of the disciples. Having been found, He invites them to come to His home. He wants to share life with them. At our baptism first, and at every celebration of Eucharist Jesus invites us to come and see what it is He calls us to every day. Our expression “Here I am Lord” is as simple or complex as our life. He promises when we come to His home, to spend time with Him, to discipleship that it is “about four in the afternoon” as the gospel suggests as the brightest time of the day or when we maybe can see best what He calls us to. He assures us that our “yes” to him will be rewarded richly in this life and in the life to come.

May God bless you and all those dear to you.  
Sincerely in Christ,  
Fr. Pat McCaslin

## CONTRIBUTIONS LAST SUNDAY

January 1, 2012

Sunday Collection: \$ 14,987

Dollar Collection \$ 606

Pillar Society \$172,743

(commitment to date)

### Deuteronomy 15:10

Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.

## 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 5th and Tuesday, February 7th  
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, January 15th at 9:30 Mass

Sunday, February 12th at 9:30 Mass

### Expectant Parent Blessing:

Sunday, February 12th at 11:30 Mass

## CLASSY SENIORS

REMINDER: Tuesday, January 17 is our potluck luncheon at Noon in the Social Hall.

Bring a dish to share.

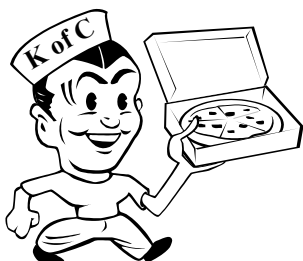
BINGO will follow. 2012 dues will be collected.

## Blood Drive – Saturday, January 21st



Make an appointment today and change a life, starting with your own. Schedule your appointment @ [www.givebloodgivelife.org](http://www.givebloodgivelife.org) or contact Mike Winkelmann, 402-980-5143.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.



The Knights of Columbus will take Super Bowl pizza pre-orders again this year after Masses on the weekends of January 21/22 and again on January 28/29. The Knights will also be taking pre-orders for Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough. Pizzas and cookie dough will be available for pickup after Masses on February 5th. Cooking on Super Bowl Sunday?? Now all you'll have to do is warm up the oven for great pizza and delicious cookies!

As we remember the atrocious Supreme Court decision 39 years ago, our parish will be responding in a positive way by helping those mothers who have chosen life for their babies. We will be having a baby shower for EPS—Essential Pregnancy Services next weekend. You are invited to bring new and unwrapped gifts and place them in the boxes in the Narthex. The greatest need is for anything and everything for infants up to one year of age.

Monetary donations are always needed and can be placed in an envelope marked “EPS” and placed in the collection basket.

## THAT MAN IS YOU!

Saturdays, 7:30am-8:45am, Ars Room

**Jan. 21st Topic:** What Must I Do

*Story of Failed Leadership \*Saddest Story in the Gospel \*What Must I Do to Inherit Eternal Life \*Personal Invitation from Christ \*The Path of Transformation \*Recap of the Spring*  
Please join us!



**Monday, January 16th is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. To honor Dr. King, please continue to pray for peace and equality in our hearts, our community and in our world.**

## Marriage Enrichment 2012

You are invited to attend an evening of reflection on the beautiful truth of marriage on Thursday, Feb. 9th at Christ the King parish. Mass begins at 5:30pm with Archbishop George J. Lucas, followed immediately by a romantic candlelit dinner, wine and dessert. Following dinner, Damon Owens will speak. The cost is \$50 per couple. Seating limited. To register call 551-9003.

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## 895-0896

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Family Nite

Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Graders and their parent/s (or other adult) participate in activities focused on the 10 Commandments. Activities will be in the Social Hall during both the 4:15p session and 6p Session. Please choose the session that works best for your family.

### Confirmation Workshop

Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, all 8<sup>th</sup> Graders and their parent/s, sponsor or other adult meet in the Social Hall at 2p for Confirmation activities and interviews. Your completed Confirmation Preparation Workbook (red cover) will be helpful in preparing for your interview.

### Cardboard Tubes

Thanks to all who helped us replenish our supply. Through your generosity we are set for another year. Thanks!

### PreKindergarten and Kindergarten

January 22: PreK & Kindergarten Classes at 9:30a

January 29: PreK & Kindergarten Classes at 9:30a

February 5: PreK & Kindergarten Classes at 9:30a

February 12: NO CLASSES

### Wednesday Religious Education:

January 11: Regular Classes for 4:15p, 6p and 7:15p sessions; 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Family Nite at 7:15p for all 7<sup>th</sup> Graders and parent/s (or other adult).

January 18: Regular Classes for 4:15p, 6p and 7:15p sessions

January 25: Regular Classes for 4:15p, 6p and 7:15p sessions; 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Family Nite at 4:15p and 6p for 4<sup>th</sup> graders and parent/s (or other adult). Please choose the session that works best for your family.

February 1: Regular Classes for 4:15p, 6p and 7:15p sessions; 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Family Nite at 4:15p and 6p for 5<sup>th</sup> graders and parent/s (or other adult). Please choose the session that works best for your family.

February 8: NO CLASSES; Religious Ed Ministry Team workshop

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

### The Nurse's Station

#### **How Depression Harms Your Body**

Many people find it difficult to seek treatment for mental health problems. However, if you are depressed, it's important to realize it can affect more than your mood. It can impact your body, too. Here's how:

*In the heart*, depression may be associated with abnormal heart rhythms, increased blood pressure and faster blood clotting.

*In the liver*, it can elevate cholesterol levels.

*In the adrenal glands*, depression may result in chronically elevated levels of stress hormones.

*In the pancreas*, it can elevate insulin levels.

*In the brain*, depression can lead to unhealthy life choices, such as poor diet or lack of exercise.

#### Signs and symptoms of depression include:

Depressed mood, loss of interest in normal activities, sleep disturbances, impaired thinking or concentration, changes in weight, irritability, fatigue, low self-esteem, less interest in sex, thoughts of death.

If you think you might be depressed, it's important to talk to your doctor about it.

*Mayo Clinic Health Solutions*

### PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

#### 31 Club Members

Monday, January 16: K. Horak

Tuesday, January 17: R. Pecha, M. Rooney

Wednesday, January 18: P. Finn, M. Hayduk, V. Spethman, J. Phipps

Thursday, January 19: S. Des Rosiers, Lois Givens, R. Peterson

Friday, January 20: D. Hobza, T. Meyers, M. Steinauer

Saturday, January 21: M. Johnson, C. Thramer


Sunday, January 22: B. Bosco

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](mailto:mjohnson@sjvomaha.org).


## THE WEEK AHEAD

- Monday, January 16th**  
8:00pm Al Anon-Room 8
- Tuesday, January 17th**  
12:00pm Classy Seniors-Social Hall  
1:00pm Pinochle-Family Room  
7:30pm AA meeting-Youth Room
- Wednesday, January 18th**  
4:15pm RE Classes-Education Center  
6:00pm RE Classes-Education Center  
7:15pm RE Classes-Education Center
- Thursday, January 19th**  
10:00am Al Anon meeting-Youth Room  
6:30pm Parish Council meeting-Conf. Room  
6:30pm RCIA
- Friday, January 20th**  
10:00am Mass at Good Samaritan
- Saturday, January 21st**  
7:00am Blood Drive-Social Hall  
7:30am That Man Is You-Ars Room  
8:00am Cleaning Crew  
9:00am Youth Choir-Church

 *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.*

## MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday, January 16th**  
7:00am † Kathleen Baker Martin  
9:00am † Bobby Kirkland
- Tuesday, January 17th**  
7:00am † William Kenkel  
9:00am † Ruth Beilman
- Wednesday, January 18th**  
7:00am † Jodi Weiler  
9:00am † Living & deceased of Pat & Rita Fox family
- Thursday, January 19th**  
7:00am † Pete Des Rosiers Family  
9:00am In Honor of St. Lucy
- Friday, January 20th**  
7:00am † Amanda Castenguay  
9:00am Intention of the Privitera Family  
10:00am † Our friends from Good Samaritan @ Good Samaritan
- Saturday, January 21st**  
7:00am † Emil & Helen Pojar  
*3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time*  
5:30pm † John O'Hara
- Sunday, January 22nd**  
7:30am For the living parishioners  
9:30am † Jerry Stratman  
11:30am † David Francisco Gomez

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

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

1/21-22	Saturday 5:30pm	Sunday 7:30am	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 11:30am
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Kevin	Fr. Jack	Fr. Dennis	Fr. Pat
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	1. T. Gloe 2. J. Choi 3. K. Janousek	1. J. Sawtelle 2. H. Sawtelle 3. R. Polak	1. D. Ringer 2. F. Telich 3. B. Lichter	1. K. Mazur 2. J. Kronschnabel 3. B. Brown
<b>N. Furlong</b> to Millard Manor	4. D. Cosgrove	4. S. Blessing	4. J. Navin	4. J. Bemis
<b>R. Balwanz</b> to Good Samaritan	5. S. Block 6. S. Gloe 7. T. Waller 8. L. Riggs 10. M. Bosco	5. C. Luedtke 6. L. Finney 7. Volunteer 8. J. Savage 10. R. Milan	5. C. Wardian 6. J. Schovanec 7. M. Olson 8. E. Navin 10. M. Carlson	5. L. Sanford 6. R. Peterson 7. S. Buscher 8. M. Buscher 10. P. Fisher
<b>Lectors</b>	1. M. Munro 2. M. Bruckner	1. R. Baker 2. M. Towne	1. L. Wragge 2. C. Slavik	1. B. Menousek 2. K. Brand
<b>Servers</b>	1. A. Barone 2. N. Waller	1. M. Fraass 2. E. Fraass	1. C. Kohles 2. T. Drewes	1. D. Grothe 2. E. Thompson
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Mike Meiners Family	Elizabeth Johnson	Tim Kracher Family	Bill & Sue Menousek

## Looking Ahead



**January 15** Baptisms  
 Monthly Breakfast  
**January 21** Blood Drive  
**February 22** Ash Wednesday

## 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](mailto: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  
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**Web Site ..... [www.sjvomaha.org](http://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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