23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.” - Lk 14:27
Imagination in Prayer - Deacon Tom Frankenfield

We are imaginative creatures, and St. Ignatius Loyola wrote that God communicates His self to us through our imaginations. Our imaginations join together our reasoning and our feelings. They also allow us to create new possibilities, with God’s guidance. Using our imagination in prayer can help us to grow in relationship with God, self & others. Some ideas....

1. Pray with Scripture. Imagine the sights and sounds of a biblical story, either as an observer or as a participant in the scene. Begin with imagining a particular sound or sight, or how something in the environment might feel, and then let the scene unfold. Let God speak to you through the unique way you experience this scene.

2. Take inspiration from object that sparks your imagination. Allow thoughts and feelings connected to our faith like the environment or Sacramentals spark God’s spirit moving in you.

3. Have a conversation with Jesus or Mary. We not only speak but also listen for replies. Such as well imagining Jesus sitting or walking on the beach with me, or in a boat as we row across a lake. Take any insights to arrive at greater peace, & forgiveness. If so, then I know that God is speaking through this kind of prayer.

4. Imagine another person’s point of view. My own view is not the only one; another person may be experiencing the situation differently. i.e. How did the newest soldiers feel on Calvary?

5. Give thanks. Bring to mind a series of pictures of people, relationships, communities, pets, or others for whom you are grateful. Savor the gifts as you imagine each one.

6. Remember the saints in heaven. Both formally recognized saints and loved ones who have passed before us are supporting us and still in relation to us, whether we feel it or not. We can remember their love for us by imagining moments of past love, as shown through deeds, and so retaining their presence in our hearts.

Adapted from the article “Seven Ways to Use the Imagination in Prayer,” which appeared first on Ignatian Spirituality.

St. John Vianney Altar Server Recognition
WHO: All current altar servers & their families
WHAT: Pizza Party
WHEN: Sunday, Sept. 22nd, 4:30-6:00pm
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!

NEW Altar Server training for all girls and boys (grades 5-12) will be on Tuesday, September 24th from 7:30-8:30pm, Thursday, September 26th from 6:30-7:30pm and Sunday, September 29th from 5-6pm. You only need to attend one training session. New servers are always scheduled with experienced servers in the beginning.

*Parents, please encourage your child(ren) to participate in this ministry.*

Classy Seniors: Make plans and mark your calendar for our annual "Classy Seniors Picnic", which will be held on September 10th. This year we will celebrate Mass in church at 4:30pm and our picnic will be held in the Social Hall. We are trying to make it easier for all our seniors to attend. We will supply the Brats, Italian Sausage, Hot dogs and buns, lemonade and coffee (or you can bring your own drink). Bring a potluck to share. There is no cost to members. For non members, there is a cost of $2.00 as always all senior members of St. John Vianney are welcome. Join in the fellowship. Please call Gloria Jorgensen at 402-895-2248 as we will need a head count of all attending.

**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 21st 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 312-3456.

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**ADULT CHOIR**
If you have been thinking about joining our 9:30 Choir, now is a great time to do it! Stop and talk to us after Mass on Sunday.
Be included
in our upcoming photo directory!
We want EVERYONE in our new book.
Have you signed up for your photo session yet?
If not, you can sign up IN PERSON before or after the weekend Masses - OR - ONLINE between Mondays at 11am and Fridays at 4pm. Just visit our website (sjvomaha.org) and click on the link in the post titled “Parish Pictorial Directory”.

You will receive a FREE 8 x 10 photo AND a FREE photo directory. You will have the opportunity to purchase additional photographs if you are interested but you are not obligated to buy.

We need volunteers who will be here during the photo sessions to greet the parishioners. Please sign up in the Narthex. Thanks so much!

Our Noah's Ark float took first place in the float competition at the Millard Days Parade! Thank you to everyone who donated candy/cookies.
A big thanks to Gary Babel for his time and labor in reconfiguring the ark to fit on the new hayrack. Special thanks to Vala's Pumpkin Patch and Ken Ringer (hayrack), NE Turf (overnight storage) and Don Klitz for coming to help dismantle the float!
This year’s parade participants were: Father Richard, Gary & Sharon Babel, Pat & Patti Mategrano, Ray & Lacy Cooper family, Deb Ringer family, Chris & Leia Vranes, Beth & Tommy Rapczynski, Darrell Henning, Tom & Suzie Block, Anthony Marrero, Harold & Jan Sawtelle, Nancy Navin, and Sue & Terry Gloe.
CHILDRENS FAITH FORMATION
jgencarelli@sjvomaha.org ~ 402.895.0896

CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD
Children’s Liturgy of the Word is offered year-round during the 9:30 am Mass on Sundays. It is created for children ages 4 through 10. The children of the parish are invited by Father after the Opening Prayer to follow the Catechists to the library where they hear the Sunday readings in words they can understand. They return to the congregation after the Creed.

2019-2020 REL ED REGISTRATION ONLINE
Online NOW! Early Bird Deadline has passed!
Register your children for any of the following:
- Sunday School: Sunday - 9:30 am to 10:30 am
- Catch-Up Class: Sunday - 10:30 to 11:30 am
- Religious Education for Grades 1-8: Wednesdays
- TLM for High School: Wednesday - 7:30 to 9:00 pm
Go to sjvomaha.org to register for any of the above for the 2019-2020 School Year.

PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN SUNDAY SCHOOL
September 15: Sunday School meets at 9:00 am downstairs in the ARS room. Parents are required to attend the first 1/2 hour.

SACRAMENTS CATCH-UP CLASS
October 6: The Catch-Up Class meets at 10:30 am downstairs in the Education Center.

WEDNESDAY EVENING RELIGIOUS ED
September 11: First evening of Religious Education Classes at 4:15 pm and 6:15 pm. Parents MUST attend the classes with their children. Please meet in Church.
September 18: Religious Education Classes meet at 4:15 pm and 6:15 pm. Parents join us for prayer 5 minutes before class ends.
September 18: Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge; One session at 5:30, Another session at 7:30 (after religious ed classes). Meet South of St John Vianney Church and playground at soccer goals. All boys and girls ages 9 – 14 are eligible to play. Winners of each age group and gender will receive a medal and continue on to the next round in Omaha. Hot dogs, chips, and water will be served for participating kickers and families.

HIGH SCHOOL TEEN LIFE MINISTRY
Teen Life Ministry: All high school students are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 pm to 8:45 pm in the Social Hall. Teen Life is focused on bringing youth together in an atmosphere that is safe and comfortable to learn more about our faith.
September 11: TLM begins at 7:30 pm in the Social Hall for some community building games. Let’s get to know all the new youth and each other after the summer.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION
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MARY & MARTHA WOMEN’S MINISTRY
September 9: Mary and Martha Women’s Ministry Group meet at 6:30 pm (2nd Monday each month). Our mission is to encourage spiritual growth and grace filled service within a social Christian environment. For information: Linda Luther at lluther2352@yahoo.com.

SJV MEN OF FAITH
September 22 & 28: SJV Men of Faith meets for the a Communion Service at 7:30 am and at 8:00 am in the ARS room for Jeff Calvin’s Acts-The Spread of the Kingdom. The study will cost $36.00 per person and includes everything you need. Contact John Gencarelli at 402-895-0896 or jgencarelli@sjvomaha.org to register.

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES
Dates TBA: Seeking Truth Bible Study meets in the Youth Room downstairs on Tuesday nights. This year, we’ll study “Isaiah” (23 lectures). Come study the abundance of prophetic fulfillments that scholars have termed the 5th Gospel because of their accurate foretelling of Jesus Christ. Isaiah is often read in liturgical settings but when you understand the historical context, the mass readings take on deeper meanings. Contact John Gencarelli to register at 402-895-0896 or jgencarelli@sjvomaha.org. Cost is $5.00.

MARK YOUR CALENDERS
March 21-22: Archbishop Lucas will be joining us for a parish visit at all the Masses this weekend. He’ll do an extended homily as part of our Parish Mission, and we’ll have a reception in the Social Hall after each of the Masses. You can meet the Archbishop and ask him questions. We’ll also have someone on the following Monday here to discuss living out Mercy in our lives.

YOUNG ADULTS
The Young Catholic Professionals chapter in Omaha has a mission of spreading the message of “Working in Witness for Christ.” We are young adults in their 20s & 30s. See our Facebook page: facebook.com/YCPOmaha/
September 17: YCP Omaha’s ES Series featuring Matt Boever. Topic: “Trusting Your Faith Through Life’s Changes” Matt Boever serves as the Government Affairs Director at Home Instead Senior Care, an Omaha company founded in 1994 to keep seniors safe and sound at home instead. Meet at Duchesne Academy, 3601 Burt St; Schedule: Mass at 6:00; Social Hour and Games at 6:45; Speaker at 7:45 pm. Ends at 9:15 pm.
Theology on Tap: For more information and upcoming events, visit our Facebook group at: www.facebook.com/groups/omahatot/.
THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, September 9th
6:30pm  Mary & Martha group-Social Hall
7:00pm  Al Anon-Youth Room

Tuesday, September 10th
1:00pm  Pinochle-Family Room
4:30pm  Classy Seniors Mass & picnic -Social Hall
7:30pm  AA-Ars Room

Wednesday, September 11th
4:15pm  RE Classes-Meet in Church
6:15pm  RE Classes-Meet in Church
7:30pm  TLM-Youth Room

Thursday, September 12th
10:00am  Al Anon-Youth Room

Saturday, September 14th
2:00pm  Wedding of Molly Pantzlaff & Doran Johnson

 MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 9th
9:00am  Communion Service

Tuesday, September 10th
9:00am  Comm. Svc. (Livingston moved to 11/17)

Wednesday, September 11th
9:00am  Intention of Lianne Kraemer

Thursday, September 12th
9:00am  † Julie Binder

Friday, September 13th
9:00am  † Joe & Lillian Vitek

Saturday, September 14th
24th Sunday of Ordinary Time
5:30pm  Intention of Margaret Thexpon

Sunday, September 15th
7:30am  † John T. Baker
9:30am  † Anthony & Milina Culotta
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 office display.

If your loved one has returned home, please let us know in the office so we can update the display.

Please remember in your prayers all our loved ones who have passed away recently, especially Dorothy “Joann” Falcone. If you have a loved one who has recently passed away and would like their names listed, please call the office.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**Eucharistic Ministers**
- Brian Lichter, emforsjv@yahoo.com
- Cher Slavik, cher.slavik1@gmail.com
- Lynn Gaston, legast47@gmail.com

**Lectors**
- Brian Lichter, emforsjv@yahoo.com
- Cher Slavik, cher.slavik1@gmail.com
- Lynn Gaston, legast47@gmail.com

**Servers**
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**Gift Bearers**
- The Raddish family
- Sean & Sarah Moore
- Beth Martens

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PASTORAL DIRECTORY

MASSES
Monday-Friday ................................................. 9:00am
Saturday ......................................................... 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 .............. mj Johnson@sjv Omaha.org
Web Site .................................................. www.sjv Omaha.org
Facebook....... https://www.facebook.com/SJVOmaha

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Daytime Hours ...Monday-Friday.....8:00am-5:00pm
Evening Hours ..Wednesday, 6-9pm
Saturday ............................................................... 8:00am-4:00pm

PASTORAL STAFF
Fr. Richard Reiser ............................................ Pastor
Joseph Choi .................................................... Deacon
Tom Frankenfield ............................................ Deacon
Chris Hanson ..................................................... Deacon
Ron Hesson .................................................... Deacon
Ron Horner .................................................... Deacon
Harold Sawtelle ............................................ Deacon
Frank Telich .................................................... Deacon

PARISH STAFF
Brian Corey...... 402-810-9589.......Pastoral Minister
John Gencarelli...402-895-0896....... Director of Faith Formation
Sue Gloe........ Receptionist/Parish Office Support
Terry Gloe .. Facilities & Maintenance
Dcn. Chris Hanson...402-502-7089...Parish Life Director
Mary Johnson ............... Communications Director
Cliff Potts ........ 402-502-0862........... Finance
Christyne Vranes....... Events/Volunteer Coordinator

PASTORAL COUNCIL
Dcn. Chris Hanson........402-502-7089........ Contact

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.

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 sjv prayerline@hotmail.com
Nat’l Suicide Prevention Lifeline..1-800-273-8255

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