



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 22, 2017

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PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

ENTER THE MASS! Heaven on earth!

Monday, October 23

8:10 a.m. +Rita Hamilton

Tuesday, October 24

8:10 a.m. +Andrea Prather

Wednesday, October 25

8:10 a.m. +Edward Jones

Thursday, October 26

8:10 a.m. +Betty Sand

Friday, October 27

8:10 a.m. +Reynette Ah Sam

Saturday, October 28

8:00 a.m. +Stephen Jones

5:00 p.m. +Matthew Schulte

Sunday, October 29

8:00 a.m. +All Souls Day Intentions

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS:

Weekdays: 7:30-7:45 AM

Saturdays, 3:30-4:45 PM

Sundays, 7:30-7:45 AM and 9:30-10:15 AM

Contributions for October 15, 2017

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| General Collection at Mass | \$ | 8,969.20 |
| General Online Giving | \$ | 1,920.00 |
| Debt Reduction | \$ | 600.00 |
| Debt Reduction Online Giving | \$ | 125.00 |
| Propagation of the Faith | \$ | 330.00 |
| Teachers/Staff | \$ | 404.00 |
| Teachers/Staff Online Giving | \$ | 15.00 |

Prayer requests? Please call 296-4404 or 296-3039 or email chsprayerchain@gmail.com

Do you know of anyone who is no longer healthy enough to be able to come to Sunday Mass and would like to be on the Friday Communion list?...

Do you have a new address or phone number?...

...Please let us know at the parish office. 296-3139

Are you new to the parish? Welcome! Come in to the rectory office to register, or...Registration Forms are in the Commons. Bring or mail it in, or put it in the collection basket at Mass!

To be on the Holy Hour of Adoration schedule, please leave a message for Sue at 296-5047.

THE JORGENSEN PLAN ON STEWARDSHIP PART I: "Introducing God's Call to Stewardship"

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE

More than anything else, stewardship is a way of life. It is a way of being church, a way of working and raising our family; it is a way of bringing God into the center of our daily lives. As stewards, Christian-living means that we view all our resources – spiritual, human, financial, material, and natural – as Holy. We are entrusted to nurture their growth and use them wisely, knowing that we are dependent upon God for all life. As you consider stewardship in your family, workplace and Church of the Holy Spirit, the following principles will help lead you to a deeper awareness of the presence of God in your life:

1. Acknowledge that everything is a gift from God.
2. Respond to God gratefully and generously.
3. Share resources in a spirit of service and sacrifice.
4. Use resources responsibly.

MINISTERIAL GATHERING INVITATION

This week you will receive in the mail an invitation from parish leadership and me to attend our first Ministerial Gathering on Thursday, November 2, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Commons. Please read it carefully and prayerfully, and seriously consider joining with others who voluntarily serve the varied ministries of our parish. This occasion will officially launch our stewardship program!

OVERVIEW OF STEWARDSHIP

This week you will also receive in the mail a brochure that presents an overview of stewardship. Please read it carefully and prayerfully, and discuss it with your family. This brochure is the first of several mailings that you will receive on the biblical sharing of faith, fellowship and funding.

I look forward to our celebration of service. God Bless You!
Fr. Houlihan

Wednesday, November 1st : Holy day of Obligation:

All Saints Day We honor ALL saints, canonized or not!

Masses: Monday, Oct. 31 at 6:00pm;
and Tuesday, Nov. 1st at 8:10am, 7:00pm.

...and be a saint ☺!

We welcome through the waters of Baptism

Fern Joann Bergland, daughter of Carl & Allison Bergland. She was baptized October 15th. May she always live for the Lord!

Fall Festival Highlights Video A short video was created that highlights the Fall Festival. To access the direct link to view it, please visit www.holyspiritplattsmouth.com -- our parish website. Once again, thank you to everyone who supported the Fall Festival event.

Next Parish Council meeting will be October 25 at 7:00pm in St. Joseph's Room. All are welcomed to come!

The Bishop's Appeal for Vocations

Update: 179 people have now committed to about \$22,500. We reached and surpassed our goal of a bit over \$18,000! Unbelievably terrific! Our support financially and prayerfully is very important.

Church cleaning reminder: For October 28 (at 9:00am): Ptacek, Rain, Rardin, Rasmussen, Raumaker, Reed, Reicks, Reineke, Reineke, Reinsch, Retelsdorf



The Giving Tree After about 30 years of spearheading our annual Christmas Giving Tree, Bob & Pat Rice (and children and grand-children) are stepping down from this project. The Giving Tree is an anonymous outreach to families of Plattsmouth or even of our own parish, who might be having a difficult time providing Christmas gifts to one another. It is a good and charitable effort which we hope to continue here in our parish. Working with Head Start, and our own parish, it basically consists of: putting up the Christmas tree in our Commons, obtaining names and ages of recipients and preparing tags to put on the tree. People take a tag, purchase the requested gift, and return it wrapped. The spearheading family (and helpers) will sort the gifts and call the receiving families. That's a simplified summary, but it covers the gist of it. So we are looking to find another family to spearhead it this year. The system is already figured out. There just needs to be a set of caretakers for the project. If you are interested, please call either the Rice's, 296-2621, or the rectory office, 296-3139. **And... thank you to the Rice family for their years and years of loving care for this parish project.**

Legion of Mary breakfast Nov. 4th – keep this date! Are you an auxiliary member of the Legion of Mary? If so, you are invited to a breakfast Saturday, Nov. 4, after the 8:00am Mass! We appreciate all your prayers! Just come and enjoy. (We also invite any want-to-be members!)

Census numbers For the past two weekends, parishes in our diocese took a head count at its Masses. This year, our count averaged 603 men, women and children, up from last year's average of 565.

Diaper Drive PCCW is organizing a drive to collect diapers to be given to the Pregnancy Centers and Catholic Social Services across the Lincoln Diocese and St. Gianna Women's Home. One of the non-truths in the abortion debate is the notion that pro-life advocates care about the child in the womb and do nothing for pregnant women or for the children once born. The Diaper Drive is a great opportunity to support the women that choose life rather than abortion. See the collection point in the Commons during October. Thank you!

3rd annual Trunk or Treat

**Church of the Holy Spirit parking lot
and school gym**

Saturday, October 28, 6:15-8:30pm.

**Our High School youth group, "The Fountain of Youth",
will be judging trunks and costumes!**

In the parking lot:

- Trunks needed. Set up trunks 5:30-6:15pm.
- Best trunk prize awarded outside at 7:00pm.
- Best costume prize awarded in the gym at 7:30pm.



**Serving in the gym: Chili and Cocoa
Free-will donation**

For more info, contact Cathy at 212-9453.

Some upcoming dates:

- October 21-22 – World Mission Weekend
 - October 21-22, 25-26 and 28-29 – Book Fair in school library
 - October 25 – Parish Council meeting, 7pm in SJR. All are welcome!
 - October 28 – Trunk or Treat, parking lot; food in the gym
 - October 31 – Trick or Treat at the rectory, 7:00-9:00pm
 - October 31 – All Saints Day Holy Day of Obligation tomorrow. Vigil Mass 6:00pm
 - November 1 – All Saints Day, Holy Day of Obligation; Mass 8:10am, 7pm
 - November 2 – All Souls Day, Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
 - November 2 – Ministerial Gathering, 7:00 – 8:30pm
 - November 3 – First Friday of the month
 - November 4 – First Saturday of the month
 - November 4 – Legion of Mary Auxiliary Breakfast after 8am Mass
 - November 5 – First Sunday for Wee Worship for 4yrs-1st grade, & ages 1-3
- Be sure to check the front table in the Commons for most current notices' details.*

Finishing up soon: "All Souls Day Mass

Intentions": At the end of October, we will be finished collecting the names of all those who have died who you want to pray for and who you have written down on the sheets of paper on the table in the Commons. If you want to add names, please do it soon. Further information in typed on the box where you would put a stipend, and in last week's bulletin.

Father Houlihan hosted a light-hearted social gathering to assemble a team, recruit, and plan committee member roles for the *2018 Spring Dinner* leadership team. It went fantastically! We can all look forward to a great Spring Dinner, "Return to the West", April 28, 2018. Thank you for your vision and volunteerism!




Our Most Precious Treasure **Eucharistic Adoration**

Are things really as they're perceived? Is the door to your home, or the chair you sit on truly solid...the clothing fresh from the laundry truly clean...does each day have 24 hours? If closely investigated, the answer to each is no! The atomic structure of the door and chair have voids between each proton and neutron...microscopic mites survive the laundry...the atomic clock is regularly recalibrated! However, looked into through both scripture study and scientific studies, our faith in the consecrated bread and wine becoming the Body & Blood of Christ is affirmed. Is any other reason needed to visit Jesus alone anytime, here at CHS?

Holy Spirit Catering Sign up to help!

Next Event:

Friday, November 17, Plattsmouth Trivia Night
Thursday, December 7, Cass County Bank Appreciation Dinner

 •To help, look for all Holy Spirit Catering events at SignupGenius.com Click on the search icon in the upper right. Search by email: holyspiritcatering@gmail.com



WEE WORSHIP:

Children's Liturgy at Church of the Holy Spirit

Do your little ones have trouble sitting through the entire Mass? This might be the answer you have been looking for! Beginning November 5, during the Sunday 10:30am Masses, we will offer a hands-on children's liturgy program in the Commons area of the church. This is a great way to have the readings proclaimed and explained to the kids in a way they can understand. They will learn about the Catholic religion while getting to participate in hands-on activities. The children are dismissed from Mass after the Opening Prayer, participate in Wee Worship for about 20 minutes, and are then brought back into church at Offertory to finish up the Mass with you. Who is this for? Children ages 4 years old through First Grade. Mass Daycare is also available! Located in the St. Joseph Room for the entire length of Mass. Ages 1-3 years only. Questions? For additional information about bring your child(ren), or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jill, 297-9486, or email chsweeworship@gmail.com

This week's featured Sisters in Formation: From the School Sisters of Christ the King: Sr. Mary Grace, a novice from Lincoln, and Sr. Teresa Marie from Columbus, Sr. Peter Marie from Overland Park, KS, and Sr. Mary Immaculata from Gresham, NE, who have professed their 1st Vows. Please pray for all our sisters in formation, and also for our seminarians, especially Adam Bohan and Michael Katalenich from our parish.



Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House

INVITES YOU TO:

Upcoming retreat - **October 27 - 29, 2017**

Retreat for Men or Women directed by Fr. Mark Cyza

"Total Consecration: A Pilgrimage to Jesus with Mary"

Fr. Mark Cyza is pastor at St. Benedict Parish in Nebraska City and Chief Administrative Officer at Lourdes Central. Ordained in 2004, Fr. Cyza was an assistant pastor at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln and at St. Mary Parish in Nebraska City. Some of his homilies and retreats can be found at www.comehometojesus.com.

Don't be left out --- don't delay— sign up today!

You can register at www.goodcounselretreat.com and receive immediate confirmation or call Good Counsel Retreat House at 402-786-2705 to register now. Legion of Mary members will especially love this retreat, but it is for anyone. Our Retreat Center is a superb setting to truly pray, learn, hear and understand, and to receive insight from God!

PASTOR'S NOTES:

It is my intention to have a Forty Hours celebration during the first weekend of December, which is also the weekend of the First Sunday of Advent. For those of you who are not familiar with this, it is simply a chance to remember the great act of love that the Father showed us in sending us His only-begotten Son, Who died on the Cross for us, but was raised up from the dead in the Resurrection in the power of the Holy Spirit. I have heard various explanations of the number “forty,” such as the number of hours that the Lord was in the tomb, but maybe a better one would be the time between the Crucifixion or Death of the Lord and the Resurrection, which seems to state better the fullness of what is called the “Paschal Mystery,” the events of Holy Week that brought about our redemption. The Holy Eucharist, so well appreciated by our parish already, is the sign of that great outpouring of love from heaven. In many parishes, the families are asked to sign up for adoration in the church during this special time of exposition, but since we already have our Perpetual Adorers, we already have all of the times covered by at least one person. We would be looking at some kind of talk by a visiting priest on Friday evening (to begin the devotion) for those who can come, with the Eucharist being kept on the altar in the church (except for Mass times, of course), with that same visiting priest speaking at all of the regular weekend Masses, and finishing with a solemn closing on Sunday, probably at the end of the 10:30 Mass. Those who do not have regular adoration hours during the weekend time would be more than welcome to join those who do, in the church proper. Perhaps some would even be moved to become active in our regular 24/7 adoration program, if they are not already involved in it. Many parishes used to have this devotion during Lent (although it can be at any time), but Advent has always worked well for many of us in the past. Advent is not hurry-up-and-get-our-celebrating-done-so-we-can-take-down-the-Christmas-tree-on-Christmas-Day-afternoon, but a time of watching for the Lord, Who will come not only in the manger, but in the sacraments now and in glory and judgment at the end of time (He comes in history, in mystery, and in majesty). It will be an opportunity to slow down

and to practice patience, even though there is much going on around us. It will help us to remember the most important things, especially the “reason for the season.”

I want to thank Mrs. Monahan, our principal, for her leadership during the “threat” that was discovered a few weeks ago from a student in the public school. Although many chose to keep their children home that day (as was their parental right), our school was not considered under threat at any time, and the police (who were actively present throughout the day) reminded us that we were under watchful care. It was based upon their information that we had a “regular” school day, something that I most heartily recommended (as did Msgr. John Perkinton in Lincoln, our superintendent of schools). If we act only out of fear, the “bad guys” do win. Because of social media, which can help convey good information, there was probably also a lot of rumors being conveyed as well. We will always try to act with the safety of children as a primary concern, and there was no safer place, as it turns out, than St. John the Baptist School on that day. The most tragic situations that we witness all too often in the media, such as the very recent Las Vegas shootings (which definitely poisoned the atmosphere with fear), should remind us that most tragedies of this kind have little or no warning—that is why they are so tragic—but other than normal prudence, we sometimes have little control over them. It has been said that most things that we fear either will never happen, or they will happen anyway—so fear is wasted. Fear can be an important emotion that can help us at times, but we should remember the words of the Lord: “Fear is useless. What is needed is trust” (Mk. 5:36b). Thanks also to all of our school families as well for their wonderful concern and involvement in the lives of their children. That is what makes things great.

We want to thank all of our school students and staff for their wonderful Grandparents’ Day. A most wonderful tradition to have at our school! It also helped, apparently, with the already-wonderful Fall Festival as well on that weekend. We are proud of our families!

Father Houlihan