



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 19, 2017

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PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

ENTER THE MASS! Receive the Lord!

Monday, November 20

8:10 a.m. +James Cook

Tuesday, November 21

8:10 a.m. +All Souls Day Intentions

Wednesday, November 22

8:10 a.m. +Reynette Ah Sam

Thursday, November 23 Thanksgiving Day

9:00 a.m. +Mildred Johnk

Friday, November 24

8:10 a.m. +Mike & Jill Walters

Saturday, November 25

8:00 a.m. +Charles Schreiber

5:00 p.m. +James Schrader, Sr.

Sunday, November 26

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. +Jeanne Gilbranson

CONFESSIONS:

Weekdays: 7:45 AM

Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:45 PM

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

Head Count at Mass last weekend: 671

Contributions for November 12, 2017

General Collection at Mass	\$	6,901.17
General Online Giving	\$	2,125.00
Debt Reduction	\$	895.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	125.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$	25.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	515.00
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

LAST CALL for "Living Faith" pamphlet renewal for 2018

If interested in subscribing, bulk rate (\$5.00 / year), to the quarterly Living Faith pamphlet, contact Sue at the rectory office by *** November 20th ***. As with the Magnificat, these will not be sent to your home; instead, you will need to pick them up at the rectory office. You can turn in the \$5.00 in a clearly marked envelope via the collection basket at Mass.

Thanksgiving Day Mass: Thursday, November 23 at 9:00am.

Thanksgiving Day Offertory procession at Thanksgiving Day Mass. At Offertory, people will process with their donation(s) up front to a designated place near the altar.

– Thanksgiving Day is traditionally when we collect monetary donations that will go to the Cloistered Nuns in the Lincoln diocese. (Pink Sisters, Carmelite Sisters)

– This year we will also collect offerings of food and/or financial donations for the Plattsmouth food pantry.

– If monetary donation are for the pantry, please clearly mark it to be so. All non-designated monetary donations will be for the Cloistered Nuns.

40 Hours Devotion: A Catholic tradition

December 1 – 40 Hours devotion begins with Exposition, Evening Prayer, and talk by Msgr. Daniel Seiker, 5:30pm

December 2 – 40 Hours devotion continues with private prayer, visiting the Blessed Sacrament in the main church area. (Regular adorers, please be there also, and sign in as usual.)

December 3 – 40 Hours devotion closes with Procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the church and Benediction at the end of 10:30 Mass.

Dec. 8, Holy Day of Obligation

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Masses: December 7 at 6pm; December 8 at 8:10am and 7:00pm

Some upcoming dates:

November 19 – Knights' free-will donation breakfast, after the 8 & 10:30 Masses

November 20 – Last day to order "Living Faith" at bulk rate, call Rectory office

November 23 – Thanksgiving – special Offertory procession at Mass, 9:00am

November 24 – Youth Group gift wrapping

December 1 – First Friday devotion

December 1-3 – 40 Hours devotion (see above)

December 2 – First Saturday devotion

December 2 – Official Children's Choir at 5:00pm Mass

December 5 – Christmas concert, grades 5-8, gym

December 8 – Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation, see above

December 12 – CDA Christmas Party, in the Commons, Noon

December 12 – Christmas concert, grades K-4, gym

Be sure to check the front table in the Commons for most current notices' details.

We welcome through the waters of Baptism Theodore Raymund Finn, son of Brandon & Courtney Finn, who was baptized on November 11th. May he always live for the Lord!

Are you new to the parish? ...We love that you are here!!! Maybe introduce yourself to Father!?! Parish Registration Forms are in the Commons – look for green papers at a table! Bring or mail it in, or put it in the collection basket at Mass!

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

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR LAY PRESENTERS

Church of the Holy Spirit Stewardship Committee joins me in thanking Dee Gaeta for participating in the parish stewardship program by offering presentations at all the Masses last weekend. Her message focused on stewardship of spiritual resources.

In summary she said, the light of faith is within our hearts. The gospel is proclaimed by each one of us regardless of our age, work, marital status and religious education level. We become stewards of the gospel when its message takes hold of our hearts, when we realize we are as much disciples in our day as were the apostles in their day. As stewards, the gospel is our greatest responsibility.

COMMITMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Your parish financial commitment is an integral part of your Eucharistic prayer response of gratitude. This weekend you are invited to share with our parish the gift of financial resources. The Stewardship Committee respectfully requests that each registered household of our worshipping community complete at least one commitment form, even if it only entails filling out name, address and telephone number. More forms are available in the Commons and Parish Office. Please base your gift upon conscience, ability and your relationship with God.

When considering your financial commitment, please remember the following points:

- The primary funding source for all our parish operations is the weekend offertory collection. It impacts all parish programs.
- Parish expenses have risen because of the need for increased ministry.
- We offer a parish where many opportunities exist for parishioners to share in the ministry of the church.
- It takes roughly \$15 to buy what \$5 bought 25 years ago. Have you adjusted your weekly gift to accommodate inflation?
- Consider a portion of your income to the Lord, rather than a fixed amount.
- Place your financial gift to the parish in your budget like your house payment. Consider it your spiritual house payment.

In order to give everyone an equal opportunity to respond, parishioners will begin telephoning each parish household that did not return a financial stewardship commitment form. Contact the parish office, (402)296-3139, if you would like to volunteer to telephone parishioners about stewardship of God's gifts. Please respond generously if you are called to help.

The Inquiry/Inservice session for phone-a-thon volunteers is Monday, December 4, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Commons. You are welcome to attend.

There is still time to return your human and spiritual resources forms if you are still deciding to make stewardship commitments of voluntary service and prayer-giving. Please mail completed forms or hand deliver to the Parish Office or place in the Stewardship Resource Collection Box located in the Commons.

Thank you for your generosity!

Fr. Houlihan

Jail ministry Thank you for your support with bringing in Southern Nebraska Registers and National Catholic Registers for our jail ministry. We do not need any more of the SNRs, but if you subscribe to the NCR, and would like to donate your already-read copy, they would appreciate it. ...Another item they could use are any no-longer-needed copies of "Life in Christ – A Catholic Catechism for Adults". Thank you!

This week's featured Sisters in Formation: From the Carmel of Jesus, Mary & Joseph: Sr. Carmencita of The Child Jesus from Perryville, AR, Sr. Celine Marie of The Infant Jesus of Prague from N. Barrington, IL, and Sr. Maria-Emmanuel of Merciful Love from Veronia, OR, who are all Jr. Professed Novices. **This week's featured Seminarians:** Dale Alder from Lincoln, who entered seminary in 2014 and is now in Theology 1 at Mount St. Mary. We pray, too, for Adam Bohan and Michael Katalenich from our parish. Adam entered seminary for the Society of Jesus in 2015, and Michael entered seminary for the Dominicans in 2017. Please keep all our seminarians and sisters in formation in your prayers.

Holy Spirit Catering

Sign up to help!

Next Event:



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

Pancake Breakfast: The Lourdes high school students who will be going to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. in January will host a pancake feed on Sunday, November 19 in the St. Mary's Church hall (Nebraska City) from 8:30-11:45a.m. The students will be serving pancakes and all the fixings. Free-will offering. Proceeds will offset the costs. We appreciate your support!

Christmas Shoppe Next weekend (Nov. 25/26) will be the last weekend the Christmas Shoppe will be open. Please stop by one last time to see if we can help you with your Christmas Shopping. New items have been added each week, and prices on many items will be reduced. We are extending the raffle on the Blue or Pink quilt through Dec. 10th. Drawing will be after the 10:30am Mass. Thank you to everyone who donated items and thank you to the many parishioners who shopped at the Christmas Shoppe. All proceeds are going towards church support.

CDA has a beautiful Nativity Set up for raffle. Check it out in the Commons near where they are selling the Georgian pecans.

CDA is collecting hats, gloves, scarves and socks to give to organizations helping the needy. Look for a large basket in the Commons during the month of November.

SCRIP You can pick up cards for Black Friday shopping! See the SCRIP table after Mass on Thanksgiving Day. We also still have some low-denomination cards available. Heads up: Dec. 18 will be the last order day for SCRIP cards in time for Christmas.

Church cleaning reminder: For Nov 25 (at 9:00am): Schlichtemeier, Schlichtemeier, Schlueter, Schmidt, Schmidt, Schmidt, Schneider, Scholl, Scholl, Schutz



WEE WORSHIP:

Children's Liturgy at Church of the Holy Spirit

Little ones are loving it!

During the Sunday 10:30am Masses, we are offering a hands-on children's liturgy program with activities. **The children are dismissed from Mass after the Opening Prayer**, participate in Wee Worship for about 20 minutes in the Commons, 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 bringing your child(ren), or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jill, 297-9486, or email chsweeworship@gmail.com



Baptismal Preparation: Please call the rectory office, 296-3139, preferably before your child is born, to schedule baptism prep with Father Houlihan. If you have waited beyond new baby time, still please call and arrange preparation for this important sacrament for your child!

Knights of Columbus – Council 1966 / Pat Carroll GK (402) 296-4706

Fall Fundraiser Weekly Winner - NE vs Minnesota – Steve Riese.

Thanks, Steve, for your support of KofC Charity Projects.

Officer's Meeting - November's meeting will be held in the gym between Masses this Sunday, November 19th.

November Breakfast – *The Knights will be serving breakfast after the 8:00 and 10:30am Masses on Sunday, November 19th. The proceeds will go to the Church Debt Fund. We will be serving sausage gravy and biscuits, scrambled eggs and fruit salad. Chicken pot pie will be served after the 10:30 Mass.*

Christmas Cards – The Knights will be selling Catholic-based Christmas Cards in the Commons leading up to Advent. Please consider the Knights as you look for your Christmas card needs.

PASTOR'S NOTES:

This week is the great American holiday of Thanksgiving. This day involves turkey and football for many people, of course, but it is, above all, a reminder of our dependence on God for all the good things that we have received in our lives. Nothing that we have is completely “ours” except our sins. All good things come from God. It is fitting that we celebrate it on a Thursday, the day on which God gave us the Mass, also known as the “Eucharist,” which means “Thanksgiving.” In the Mass, we are giving thanks to God the Father for what He has done for us in sending us Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. When we adore the Lord Who has become for us our spiritual Food, we are showing proper thanks to Him Who gives us each day “our daily bread,” which is to say, everything that we need. Before you do anything else that day, I encourage you to attend Mass—there will be one Mass that day, at 9 A.M. At the Mass, I encourage you to take part in a traditional Offertory procession. We will not need any ushers to take up the collection. As at the procession for Holy Communion, you will be encouraged to come up in an orderly way and bring your gift for those in need. If you give a general gift, it will be given to the contemplative sisters who have made a home in our diocese (the Pink Sisters in Lincoln and the Carmelite Sisters near Agnew), in accord with diocesan law, and the sisters have been a great force for good by their prayers, so they should not be forgotten, but if you mark an envelope accordingly, it can be given to our local Food Pantry, which provides for the poor. You might also bring some canned goods or dry goods or paper products which can be used as well, although I have been told that money can be used by pantries to buy more than individuals can—maybe bring both! We show thanks for what we have received by our generosity to others. Thanksgiving is a day to show that we have an “attitude of gratitude.” God bless you!

In three weeks, we will be having a Forty Hours devotion, a kind of Eucharistic parish renewal. Please pray for a renewal of our Catholic Christian mission to the world, stressing our love of God (as shown through our stewardship of His creation) and our love of neighbor (as shown through our evangelization, our sharing the “Good News,” with

our fellow human beings). This is what our stewardship effort is attempting to address. This is what everything we do in our parish should be about—recognizing the Gift (Jesus Christ) we have received, and being willing to share it with other people. This is an excellent opportunity for new people to consider making a weekly commitment to our Perpetual Adoration program as well, or at least to be involved as someone who can substitute. If we want to learn how to “pray always” as St. Paul encourages us to do in the New Testament, the adoration chapel is one of the best places to learn (after the Mass itself) how to pray. We should pray when we are in need (when we are having “foul weather” in our lives) and when we are feeling good and have the time (when we are having “fair weather” in our lives), but not just one or the other. God is always waiting to provide “spiritual radiation” treatments to our souls when we are suffering from the cancers of selfishness, pride, or any sin—which is most of the time for most of us. Msgr. Daniel Seiker, a native of Cass County, will be leading our prayers that weekend. He will speak at 5:30 on Friday, when we begin with Exposition and Evening Prayer in the church, and at all the Masses on the weekend. We will close our devotion with a procession in the church and a Benediction at the end of the 10:30 Mass. If you have a regular hour of adoration that weekend, please go the church (where the Eucharist will be exposed in the monstrance on the altar) when you have your hour, and anyone else is most welcome to come as well, even for a few minutes, and especially during the day (the door will be locked at the usual times). O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine, all praise and all thanksgiving, be every moment Thine!

Special thanks to Dee Gaeta for speaking at all the Masses here last weekend on the stewardship of spiritual resources. If we build our lives from a foundation of prayer, we will be building on solid ground and have the stability to reach out to and deal with other people, as well as to discover the purpose of our own lives, built into each and every one of us by our Creator. God bless you all!

Fr. Houlihan